

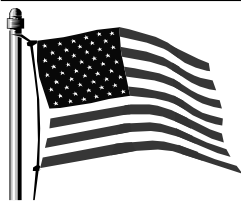
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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President

As I write this column it's Christmas day and it is 60 degrees out. What happened to winter? A reminder to all members at our January meeting we will be holding our annual election of officers. Please plan to attend and cast your vote. Your club needs your support.

The board decided to also raffle off a Tactical shotgun at our Ham Shoot. Raffle tickets for both the shotgun and for our Spring Ham Shoot are again being enclosed with your newsletter this month. Please do your best to sell or purchase all of the enclosed tickets. The board is planning a number of improvements this year and the funds raised from these raffles are the main source of revenue for all of our club improvements. They are considering resurfacing our entrance road which would be a major expense.

January means the start of a new season for the Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League. It is the oldest continuous pistol league in the country. There is no better place for a new shooter to learn the basics of pistol shooting. Give it a try this year.

See you at the club, Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L.

The first night of the 79th year of league shooting for scores in the 2016 season will be Jan 6th 5:00 pm. and will continue until October. Branch Valley Sportsmen s Club will have a practice 50 foot 22cal. 900 match on Saturday January 16th. Talk to Jim Grimes for more information and to sign up for the match. The 50 foot bullseye target is super small and very humbling. When 22cal. ammo is available make sure that you buy Standard Velocity for semi-auto pistols.

Please remember to renew your HSA membership for 2016.

Shoot Safe,

Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

ARCHERY

HSA is open Monday mornings for archery practice from 9:30am to 1pm. Any member can come and shoot in our beautiful indoor range. Leagues will begin Wed Jan 6th and Fri Jan 8th. If anyone is interested contact:

Lou at 610-393-0073

Geyer's Corner

You might be one of the thousands of folks who just got one of those new fangled know-it-all do-it-all phones. I am. Lost my regular one,

no dangit I DON'T know where or I would have found it! Anyway that one still had a bunch of mysteries inside that I hadn't figured out...and now I get a MORE complicated one! Go figger. At last HAS meeting, Bill Lambert, our pistol league statistician for several years as well as a valued member...showed me HIS fancy phone. Sez to me "Rich, I can turn up my thermostat at home from here. Yeah, well, HE has a furnace! By the way, Bill often sits under a really dandy Elk that he took a few years ago...with a bow! Not too many finer ones around. While you are admiring that elk mount, you may also see some of the finest underwater pictures taken and submitted by the Bishops...husband and wife shooting team. These pictures grace our walls...stuff you will not see in the usual shooting range...they are really outstanding and I can tell you they didn't have them enlarged at Walgreens! The Bishops are two of the increasing number of husband and wife teams now enjoying a night

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Club and Range Closings

All Ranges Closed
Third Tuesday of Month 7:30 pm
During Monthly Membership Meeting

Rifle Range Closed
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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During Trap Shooting Sessions

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9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Every Day

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USE PAPER TARGETS ONLY

After shooting, please take off all used targets and pick up your spent brass.

Observe all club/gun safety rules printed on the back of your membership card and also posted at the ranges. You will lose your membership privileges for not obeying the rules.

Calendar of Events

Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM

Action Pistol

1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Ken Ortbach 908-310-2079

L.V.P.R.L. Bullseye

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Chuck Adams 610-252-3169

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Mon. Morning & Evening during Winter
Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Lou Bove 610-865-5857
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Jr. Archers

Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
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Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Rich Geyer 610-838-8908

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(One day program)
Saturday, April 9, 2016
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For further information on any of these courses, contact NRA Certified Instructors:

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Saturdays, June 4 & 18, 2016
Saturday, September 17 &
Sunday, September 25, 2016

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Sundays, November 6 & 13, 2016

Introduction to Handgun for Women
(Two Half Days program)
Saturday, May 7 &
Sunday May 15, 2016
Saturdays, July 23 & August 6, 2016

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out. And I guess you know there is now an all women's team...which by the way BEAT the MEN'S team! Ok, Ok, that was LAST year.

I understand LINE DANCING was started by women waiting to use the bathroom.

You've probably recall some mention now and then about placing rifle targets properly...that is, UNDER the supports that hold the targets...I am HAPPY to report that for last few MONTHS...things are looking up! Either their shooting partner has passed the word or common sense has taken hold...anyway... rifle range is looking great.... No junk or brass lying around! Good! I know Willie Horvath is one of the regulars at the rifle range...and he follows rules to the letter and always takes his targets down.

Imagine someone pick-pocketing a dwarf! How could anyone stoop so low?

I am still getting questioned about what kind of wood do they use when making those great penny matches I bragged about...told him I wooden know. How wood I? Years ago I thought about being a tree surgeon but couldn't stand the sight of sap. Saw a 'shrink' and he sez "We'll get to the root of your problems, leave that idea and branch out." THAT went against my grain. I figger, I'm barking up the wrong career.

*It is not the towering sail, but the unseen wind that moves the ship.
And a rising tide lifts all boats.*

You will probably see the winners of our grand cash drawing published elsewhere, but I couldn't wait to tell you who won the BIG prize! For the SECOND time that I recall, Pres. Jim Bambu was the lucky winner. His name was no sooner announced when at least seven or eight guys volunteered to call his wife Sally to let her know that she could look forward to an extra something for Christmas. Nice to know that other members are so kind that way. But he does WORK for the club! Did you see him and Paul Piscatore working at the 'spinning wheel? That job is so demanding that they actually take turns, standing up and giving it a spin!

I'm not too clear on this, but I was told that the Local MOOSE LODGE of Allentown is getting together with PEP BOYS and they are planning to donate a stuffed MOOSE HEAD to our club secretary Lou Bove! Now, I could explain all this when I give my "report" each month, but Bambu limits my 'mike' time to about four minutes, so I'll let Lou give you "the rest of the story"

Had a new enjoyable first day of deer season....last few years I used a former member's tree stand. Had a little roof over...and was ok, it is now sorta unsafe so I 'took to the ground" at one of my old spots. An hour after getting settled, I turn very slowly and see four deer walking towards me, maybe 75 yards away. They look in my direction but keep advancing. For awhile they look as though they are going to bypass my area, but gradually all four keep coming directly towards me. I'm on the ground! Leaning against an eight inch tree...in FULL orange coat and bright orange woolen hat! One, the farthest away knows things are not right and is ready to stomp her foot, but holds off. The front one...comes within a bloomin' car's length of me. I am not blinking or breathing. I NEVER had deer that close to me in hunting season. Now I wasn't using any type of scent or cover up... no special clothes, so go figger. And when they did leave my area...they were not spooked! And I dare say they were all in fantastic shape and as big as they get! So I had a good day...so to all those anti hunters who think everyone is out to kill....hey, I had a great time and never pulled the trigger!

While we are on 'deer" I cannot vouch for the authenticity of this 'sign', supposedly on a tree. But I did just about laugh out loud. WARNING. BAITING DEER IS ILLEGAL! This corn pile is for chipmunks, squirrels and other such animals. ANY DEER FOUND EATING THIS CORN WILL BE SHOT!

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Came across an old sturdy plastic container that I used to carry along on canoe trips. Dug through it and found; some thread and needles, double edge razor blade, some small band aids, a few safety pins, dental floss, buttons, matches wrapped in saran wrap, small screw driver and a few average sized nails. And the thought came to me, when I looked into this "possible" collection, (named because you might possibly need it) I wondered just how many kids out there could actually sew a bloomin' button on a shirt or pair of pants? Or, for that matter able to make a reasonable meal WITHOUT using the micro wave? Truth is nowadays there are so many prepared meals that just require water and heat...good for the campers. Do they know a square knot from a clove hitch or a bowline?

At last meeting I mentioned that John Delre was in hospital...bronchitis and some other ailments...he's the guy who orders the clay birds, takes the money, keeps the trap machine in tip top order...helps at the kids archery program... so yeah, we miss him! Guy is so dedicated to his job....he called from hospital to tell me his wife is bringing a check for the next shipment

of birds! Happy to report he is in rehab...and should be home before you tread this I sure hope so, Phil Crossley has been a huge help lately, he built that fine looking gun rack and has been taking over 'money wise' for John, but as far as any possible repairs...on that trap machine....hurry home John!

Other day a fellow member comes up to me and asks "Rich, what do you make of all this stuff in the papers lately, our elected officials are being accused of passing pornographic material back and forth!" I sez "Hey, don't look at ME; I don't even OWN a pornograph!"

A few days ago I was standing in the corner, musing (another fancy word for daydreaming) when I was approached by a delightful little girl of maybe 7 or 8 or so (her mother, a striking looking tall blonde was nearby, watching) and she stopped directly in front of me and said ": Knock knock!" Well, dear reader my mind raced back a bunch of years and I recalled those old and at times insane follow-ups, some funny...some goofy. So, being kind to young girls and old women I promptly answered "Whose there?" And then SHE said "Terrify" And then I replied "Terrify WHO? Now it was HER turn again and she said "TERRIFY TISSUE?" Hey, you can't make this stuff up!

And when that mother/daughter pair walked away, the ancient thought came to mind...when choosing a bride, look first to the mother.

Maybe five-six years ago, I wrote and predicted that you will soon need a computer to figure out all the game laws. C'mon, admit it. I was right! Thing is, I HAVE a bloomin' computer and I am still not too sure of a lot of rules. Camo, areas, permits etc etc.

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