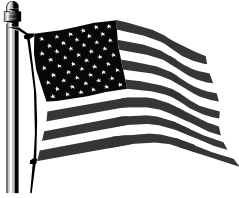


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**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM  
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

### From the President August 2016

I'm sure you already found the raffle tickets that came with this newsletter for our annual "Fall Club Improvement Raffle." All of the proceeds will be used for club improvements that will benefit all members. Shortly you will see some fresh macadam on part of our entrance road along with a wider opening at Meadows Road, making it easier for entering and exiting the club. We really need this fall's raffle to be one of our biggest ever. Please purchase or sell the enclosed tickets to help fund future club improvements. Additional tickets are available from any board member or stop by the club on meeting night.

Archery season will be here before you know it. The archers are still shooting 3D targets on Wednesdays at 6:00. Dig out your bow and give it a try. It's great practice for hunting season. Call Lou for details.

We have recently had a number of reports of members shooting at the rifle range from in front of the firing line. All shooting at the rifle range must be done from behind the railing under the roof. We have also painted a yellow line on the outdoor pistol range at 10 yards. For safety reasons, all shooting must be done from behind that line. When shooting closer, there is a much greater chance of getting hit with splatter from the backstop. **Not complying with these rules may result in discipli-**

### linary action.

HSA offers a Safety Orientation course that is a requirement for all new members. The board is currently having discussions about the possibility of requiring all members to take this course. We encourage all members to consider voluntarily taking this course in order to avoid a rush in the future.

See you at the club,

Jim Bambu

### L.V.P.R.L.

The 4th annual league picnic fun shoot was held Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank John Bauman for running the range during the match and his wife Rose Bauman for ordering all food for the picnic, a good time was had by everyone who attended the picnic. The League is ordering more targets the prices have increased plus the increased shipping cost. I would like to thank the league members that have volunteered to help being range officers, during the summer season we need more help to relieve John D. The NRA 2700 out door match season is in full swing talk to Wendel Ferris for dates and locations.

Shoot Safe,

**Chuck Adams, LVPRL President**

### ARCHERY New to HSA

Intro to Archery Class Open to ages 8 to adult No prior experience needed All equipment will be supplied and Course is taught by a USA Archery Level 3 NTS Coach The date and time of the course is September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1 pm to 5 pm. The Course total cost: \$25 Limited to the first 20 who register. Checks should be made out to HSA. Send all participants' names, along with their age and a phone number where you can be reached

**Send check and info to:  
HSA**

**Attention: Intro to Archery Class  
PO Box 30  
Hellertown, PA 18055**

### Geyer's Corner

It was one of those very early warm spring days at the outdoor pistol range when I happened to nearly step on a harmless garter snake.....

*Geyers corner cont on page 3*

### 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  
Every Thursday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
During Trap Shooting Sessions**

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## Range Hours and Rules

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Every Day

## Use of Ranges Limited to Members Only

When using any of our outdoor ranges you must have your membership card visible.

Due to insurance requirements and liability issues guests are not permitted to use the facilities except for organized events.

Members who permit guests to use the ranges will immediately lose their membership for a minimum of one year.

Guests may observe but under no circumstance may participate or take an active role in use of the ranges.

## USE PAPER TARGETS ONLY

After shooting, please take off all 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. Bull's-eye

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Bill Books 610-417-0161  
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### Hellertown Archers

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  
Don Jenny 610-691-1903

### Trap Shooting

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

## 2016 Firearms Training Schedule

*NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course*  
(One day program)  
Saturday, April 9, 2016  
Saturday, July 16, 2016  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

Bill Books at 610-417-0161 or  
Bill Lambert at 610-417-5005 ~  
wlambert@bellatlantic.net

*Concealed Carry Level I*  
(One and a Half Day program)  
Saturdays, March 5 & 12, 2016  
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

For further information on any of these courses, contact Paul Piscator,  
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## Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

Monthly Meeting  
1st Friday of Every Month at 7:00 PM  
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*Geyer cont.....* I was wearing white socks with just enough elastic.....so I really had no need or use for it and I let it continue on its way, probably looking for a mate. And as an ungrateful display of his gratitude, as I gave him his freedom, that skinny long necked "snake in the grass" ....and I will swear in any court...had the audacity to stick out his tongue at me...several times!

This info may come to you too late, but by this time there will be MORE improvements for members using the club, as you know we're getting more and more traffic down there....and the contractor WALTER'S is doing us a huge favor cost wise...but we have to submit to HIS time table, thus there is NO way we can advise you'll as to the closing for ROAD improvements. And, yeah, you will have another visual and practical use for the money we keep asking for by way of our twice a year ticket sales. I know, I know...I have in front of me at LEAST 42 requests for money. We keep asking for donated hunting/fishing/outdoor items for our silent auction. Before he left for Florida, John Meka donated a like new portable rifle rest....also about a DOZEN sets of rifle dies....this is just a sample of stuff we get.....so check around.

This happened quite a few years ago I had all six grandchildren actually listening to me as I related some of my Indian adventures while out west. You know it was years ago because nowadays it is almost impossible to pull them away or separate them from those confounded eye phones or 'carry all the time game thing' Anyway, they were huddled quite close as I got to the part where "Indians were all around me...Indians to the left, Indians to the right....Indians in front...and in back! I was completely surrounded!" What did you do Grandpa asked one of the younger girls?

"What COULD I do sez I! I bought two of their daggone blankets!"

Within the last year or so we have been quite fortunate to have Valerie Ferguson as she worked and received a grant from NRA....worth a bunch of bucks, then very recently a batch of long-life bales were purchased...Lou Bove and his work party REALLY did a grand job lately....THEN after financial negotiations were made...somehow Val gets 'one the line' and obtains a very worthwhile discount...IF I find the need for another car...so help me, I'm gonna offer her (and her husband Blair) a fine dinner at the conclusion of the deal.....and I'll be way ahead!

Recently two outdoor shooting ranges, that I know of, have made the news and it isn't normally good news....stray shots...from unknown shooters. Stuff like that usually serves no good publicity for ANY club....so a reminder....when using the ranges...KEEP SAFETY IN MIND AT ALL TIMES. It was related by more than one shooter, when bringing your handgun to the target....DO NOT START FROM A HIGH HOLD....rather bring it up from the ground....thus if an early trigger is pulled, there should be no problems. Over and over we say....you just can't drop your guard. Safety! Safety! Bambu's.....he's likely to have some loose cash.

Gee Whiz news Martha....I just heard "they" discovered butter is NOT HARMFULL. That will come as a surprise to a few THOUSAND high level cooks....arctic explorers who practically lived on the stuff for some trips....little 'ole Napoleon actually put out a healthy reward...for anyone who could come up with ...at the time ...an early margarine! Some guy did it too. Then there are the few million older folks that "got that way" by eating butter! Was watching a guy as he took his pocketknife and was scraping the edge of his prescription pills....."getting rid of the side effects"

One of the more interesting TV I've been watching..."Forensic Files" made a few boo boos. One example....they show a revolver with a 'bobbed hammer' supposedly used in a crime....then they take that "identical" pistol to the lab..and it shows them shooting a DIFFERENT revolver....the hammer is 'factory" Some test! 'Another case...they mention 9mm cartridges....and show .22 long rifle ammo! One more....at the crime scene after several shots were fired....they find NO empty cases...one :inspector" says...."the shooter must have taken them with him!" Yeah, Geyer says outloud to the TV....the empties usually stay in the cylinder! Pete Rinaldi...one of our pistol shooters and a crack machinist...says he often takes this newsletter to work...and now and then one of the guys takes it to the men's room.....up until then I thought the place he worked for was sorta modern! And continuing some additional info concerning our indoor league, John Delvechio has been doing a great job as range officer AS well as recruiting additional range officers...he helps 'em get started and by having .

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Geyer cont ...

more helpers is just easier on the 'regulars'. So thanks to the volunteers

Just a few "Gunfight Rules" It is always better to be judged by 12 than to be carried by 6. If you're in a gunfight: If you're not shooting, you should be re-loading, if you're not reloading you should be moving. If you're not moving, you're dead. Cops carry guns to protect themselves, not you. Guns have only two enemies: Rust and politicians. You can say STOP or ALTO or any other word, but a large bore muzzle pointed at someone's head is pretty much a universal language. AND..the most important FIRST rule...is have a gun and know how to use it.

I just cannot 'see' much sense in providing a loved one with a small pistol that is: Too noisy to enjoy...too expensive to practice with regularly...and therefore does not meet the purpose for which it was intended. You need that confidence when using the handgun...and you don't acquire THAT by having it stashed in a drawer! Actually one of the best 'first gun' choices in my opinion, and that is shared by many instructors, would be a revolver! You can see in an instant if it is loaded....does NOT rely entirely on quality of ammunition (like semi autos).

An African was asked why he killed certain animals. "Because they are good to eat" Then why do you kill the OTHER animals he was asked. "Because they are not good to eat" Think on that one.

"Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer" Ronald Reagan. (SK where R U ?)

One REALLY big advantage society has noticed lately, with all these 'smart phones' being used, you don't hear too much about women being strangled by telephone wires!

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## Spring Shoot - Thank You and Congratulations

The HSA Directors and Officers offer a sincere *Thank You* to all who helped in many capacities before, during and after the *Spring Shoot*.

## Fall Turkey Shoot

Block Shoot for  
Turkeys or Meat Trays



Silent Auction



Food and Beverages

**Sunday, November 20,  
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*Our main source of fund-raising.  
We need all of our members to partici-  
pate in this very worthwhile and  
needed effort.*

Wheel Spins for  
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Raffle Ticket Drawing



Fun for the entire family

**There will be an Archery Game and .22 cal Rifle Game in addition to the Block Shoot**

### Raffle Tickets

In the August or September mailing you will find Club Improvement Raffle Tickets. Please sell these tickets to your friends and return the ticket stubs with appropriate funds in the self-addressed envelope. We need all of our members to participate in this very worthwhile and needed effort.

### HSA Silent Auction

Back by Popular Demand

Donate your unwanted items to this very worthwhile fundraiser activity.

Bring your items to the Monthly Membership Meeting or contact one of the Board of Directors to arrange for a drop off.

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