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

From the President October 2017

Raffle tickets, raffle tickets! I'm sure you're wondering why it seems like every time you open your newsletter there are more raffle tickets. To put it bluntly, the club needs revenue. Attendance at work parties is down and because of this we are hiring more contractors to accomplish tasks that in the past were done by members. We have made a number of major improvements to the club in the past year and are planning for additional improvements in the future. Our fall and spring shoots and raffles are our major sources of revenue. Each year we examine the results of the raffles and find that only a small portion of the members return these tickets. Your club needs your support. The board is asking all members to purchase or sell all of the raffle tickets you receive in the mail. This will allow us to continue to operate the club and perform the required maintenance and improvements needed in the future. As always, additional tickets are available at the club. Don't forget – November 19th is our shoot. Please dig up your old sporting items for our Silent Auction.

As many of you have noticed we have made changes to the outdoor pistol range by replacing the cardboard with rubber belting. Please staple your targets directly to the belting. This improvement will keep the ranger cleaner and make it safer by helping prevent back spatter. It was the idea of Bob Weider our house and grounds committee chairman. I would like to thank him for bring up the idea to the board.

If you have an idea for a club improvement please make sure to bring it up at a meeting. Our goal is to continue to improve the club for the benefit of all of our members.

It's that time of the year again. Cool weather, the leaves are starting to turn, and the archers are sitting quietly in their trees every morning and evening hoping for the big buck to stroll down the path. Hopefully we will hear about that nice rack instead of the one that got away.

Deer season will be here before you know it. Don't forget beat the rush sight in your rifle early.

See you at the club
Jim Bambu

DEFINISIVE SHOOTING TACTICS

As a licensed individual carrying a firearm one of the primary requisites is be trained to face sudden close quarter lethal encounter(s). Unfortunately, a serious gap exists between qualification training and what actually works or is employed in the real world. Separating life from death your survival depends on a quick and decisive response and at the same time not effectuating or executing innocent lives. This course teaches how to react and deploy a handgun quickly and accurately against armed suspect(s). The program carries out specific preparation and advanced firearm training. **Immortalize:** "Your performance is directly related to your ability to avoid panicking and trying to think of what to do, instead of doing. Connect and adapt to the situation." This is the course purpose. See the Firearms Training schedule for dates.

Action Pistol

USPSA is the first Tuesday of the month
IDPA is the second and fourth Tuesday of the month

ICORE matches are on the Friday after the general club meeting.

IDPA match is on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

If there is a fifth Tuesday, we run something different such as a pistol caliber carbine match, a 22 rimfire match, a pocket gun match or a falling plate match with Newbold Targets, indoor range safe, polymer targets.

Hellertown Archery League starts Wednesday Jan 3, 2018 and Friday Jan 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm and will run for 12 weeks. Practice for indoor archery shooting will start Monday Nov 6, 2017 at 9:30 am. Any questions call Lou Bove at 610-865-5857.

JR Archery League has started Monday nights from 6-8 pm for kids 5 to 18 years of age. Students must be a Jr member of H.S.A. New archers still welcomed. Come join the fun!

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 kjoine@aol.com

L.V.P.R.L. Bull's-eye
Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Bill Books 610-417-0161
Chuck Adams 610-252-3169

Hellertown Archers
Mon. Morning & Evening during Winter
Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lou Bove 610-865-5857

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
Phil Crossley 610-871-0028

2017 Firearms Training Schedule

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Sundays, November 5 & 12, 2017

2018 Firearms Training Schedule

DEFINISIVE SHOOTING TACTICS

Defensive Shooting Tactics: April 28, 2018 Day 1 and May 5, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Defensive Shooting Tactics: August 11, 2018 Day 1 and August 18, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Advanced Defensive Shooting Tactics: November 3, 2018 Day 1 and November 11, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Introduction to Shooting Women Only: June 2, 2018 and September 15, 2018. The class will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

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1st Thurs of Every Month at 7:00 PM
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Threat Focused Shooting

Paul Piscator, Firearms Instructor

There have been and are many discussions regarding *Point Shooting vs Sighted Shooting*. Before I begin this discussion let me say each has its' application. But first we need to know and master the basics, of which sighted shooting is one of the fundamentals. At the beginning of each defensive shooting class I always insist on sighted fire to be employed, practiced and executed during primary and demonstrable exercises. This is to be unquestionably that the students perform properly the fundamental moves and mechanics. As the class proceeds presentation of *Threat Focused Shooting* or *Point Shooting* or as others call it *Target-focused Shooting* is introduced unknowingly. As the stress level is incrementally increased through various exercises certain characteristics begin to invite themselves unconsciously both physiological and psychological. Humans have three primary survival systems: vision, cognitive processing, and motor skill performance. Under stress, all three break down. Consequently, the sympathetic nervous system independently engages which is part of the autonomic nervous system, stimulating endocrine glands characteristically the adrenal gland and thyroid to produce hormones. The sympathetic nervous system is uncontrollable and automatically engages. This leads to various psycho-physiological effects which includes increases in heart rate, adrenaline and the stress hormones cortisol, epinephrine, and norepinephrine. Performance is affected, tunnel vision occurs and there is a sensory overload with fixation on some aspect of the incident which is usually the instrument of lethality. This results in the loss of analytical processing, ability to execute fine complex and precision motor skills along with occurring visual distortion. The pupils dilate (losing the ability to focus on things close i.e. you cannot focus decidedly on your front sight), and you will become binocular rather than monocular. Also, auditory exclusion and cognitive impairment will occur, while accuracy skills, and precision skills deteriorate. Basically, stress can be described as a physiological, mental, and emotional state of arousal. Under this condition we cannot help but look at the threat, we cannot help but crouch and may even freeze in place or in the worst case, go into a fetal position. Under stress a person tends to zero in on the threat and ignoring the sights.

At the completion of one of the moving exercises in which the threat advances on the student as the student retreats, I always ask – how many of you focused on your front sight? The overall majority indicate, “no I didn’t see my front sights” yet they hit the target accurately without using the front sight. Students request repeating this exercise because it inaugurates entering into real world situations. This is called “Threat Focused Shooting” or more commonly known as “Point Shooting.” When you do not have time, distance, and/or cover, you are going to use some adaptation of point shooting. In essence, your brain and body focus on what is attempting to take your life. Routinely, until the threat is no long a threat, your visual field does not render itself back to normal. Other examples of point shooting are close-quarter hip shooting skills, shove and shoot drills, and weapon retention shooting.

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Improvement to H.S.A. Outdoor Pistol Range

Club improvements have been made to the outside pistol range. In place of the cardboard at the target area, conveyor belt has been installed. This covers completely the height and width of the target area and will need less replacement.

We all would like to thank our H.S.A. members who helped accomplish this project. *Jim Bambu* for supplying tools needed and used hard. *Ken Ortbach* for supplying and moving the conveyor belt material. *Dave Weisbach* and *Frank Daniel* for other necessary materials in addition to the planning and hard work involved for this improvement. Also thanks to *Walt Shimmer* for the hours of welding done on this job. Most of all we thank *Bob Wieder* for making this all possible! This club is grateful. This was a big undertaking which took a lot of coordinating time and hard labor by all involved.

Try the range out! Please be aware of the no target area and please remove your target and staples.

L.V.P.R.L

I would like to thank the 14 league members for cleaning and painting the ceiling and walls at the indoor range waiting room. We were so thankful to have so many give up their night to help!

The last night for scores is Wednesday Oct. 18th. The following Wednesday night we will start the fall L.V.P.R.L. practice league from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Practice league will run until Dec. 27th.

The 80th annual league banquet will be held Saturday, November 11th. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner and awards to follow. Please bring door prizes to chance off after dinner to fund our insurance cost for the next shooting season. Our 81st shooting season will start Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

I would like to thank the league members that have volunteered to help by being range officers. Please consider volunteering to run the range. If you would like to practice being the range office come in during practice league when there are not as many shooters. Shoot Safe, Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Fall Turkey Shoot

**Block Shoot for
Turkeys or Meat Trays**



Silent Auction



Food and Beverages

**Sunday, November 19, 2017
From Noon Until 5:00 PM**

*Our main source of fund-raising.
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in this very worthwhile and
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**Wheel Spins for
Turkeys or Meat Trays**



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Raffle Tickets

In the 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.

Spring Ham Shoot Sunday, March 25, 2018

**Block Shoot for
Turkeys or Meat Trays
Wheel Spins
Silent Auction
Food and Beverages
Raffle Ticket Drawing
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