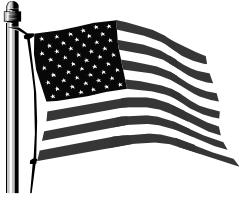


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President August 2018

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Fall Turkey Shoot on November 18th. Remember to bring your old and unwanted sports items for our Silent Auction. We will use all of the proceeds from this auction for club improvements. Bring your friends – our shoot is always a great time with lots of chances to win prizes.

Our Jr Archery program will again start up the Monday after Labor Day. Don Jenny and his crew have been running this program for over 25 years. Bring your kids and their friends. A great time will be had by all. Don you had better start blowing up hose balloons.

See you at the shoot,

Jim Bambu

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find tickets for our two raffles that will be drawn at our Fall Shoot. We are again having a drawing for a Mossberg Shockwave defensive shotgun.

The Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament for Kids

This fishing event took place at Saucon Creek behind H.S.A. and the fishing story goes the littlest girl caught the biggest fish. Children got prizes, t-shirts and lunch for participating. A BIG Thank You!! Goes to our listed sponsors for this event.

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Coming Soon

H.S.A. is working towards online registrations and renewals as well as credit card payments. Details to follow. Check our website for updates.

Archery League Practice

Pre-Season Indoor Archery League Practice will begin on Wednesday nights starting in October and running through December. Pre-Season Indoor Archery Practice begins in the fall & runs through the spring every Monday morning from 9 am to noon.

TRAP

Trap shooters are going strong because they enjoy their sport! Some belong to more than one club but find our hours convenient. The June 2018 trap report has 638 shooters and 336 rounds with a total income \$5,762.00 In 2017 there were 681 shooters 314 rounds for a total income of 4,983.00. There is also support for beginners too. So clean off the old turkey shotgun and join the fun. See page 2 for time and dates.

JR Archery League will begin Monday, September 10th from 6-9 pm for kids 5 to 18 years of age. Students must be a Jr member of H.S.A. **Please note all ranges are closed for this class!**

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
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When using any of our outdoor ranges you must have your membership card visible. Please use sign in book.

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
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Hellertown Archers
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Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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Jr. Archers
Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Don Jenny 610-691-1903

Trap Shooting
Tuesdays 9:00 AM - until
Thursdays 4:00 PM - until
Phil Crossley 610-871-0028

2018 Firearms Training Schedule

Concealed Carry Level I
December 1st and December 8th 2018
(One and a Half Day program)

2018 Firearms Training Schedule

DEFENSIVE SHOOTING TACTICS

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: September 8th and September 15, 2018. The class will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

For further information on any of these courses, contact Paul Piscator, S&W Certified Instructor at 610-847-5396 or padona@epix.net

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Geyer's Corner

I'm honestly finding difficulty with this subject, the loss of one of HSA's long time active member. Albert "Boots" Hoffert of Lower Saucon Twp. Passed away Dec. 5th. He served as president and director for many years. You would have to search far and wide to locate anyone who called themselves a sportsman who didn't know and remember "Boots"

He spent countless hours in our local Saucon improving the conditions, and I do not recall him fishing in its spring fed waters. He was influential during the building of the large indoor shooting range and didn't use it. He planted hundreds of tomatoes and never ate them. The return of a new strain of chestnut trees was another passion, along with bluebird houses. His surviving wife Janet served refreshments during hundreds of monthly meetings. For dozens and dozens of fellow members and sportsmen...I say thank you for your service.....you will be long remembered.

Could be two or three years ago another long time active member Lou Bove came up with a suggestion which was readily accepted and endorsed by Pres. Jim Bambu to provide a worthy plaque showing the names of our former club presidents and those many active members who had dedicated their time, talents and efforts for the betterment of HSA. That plaque is a reality and you should take a few moments to read those names.

The memory fades and names are forgotten....this is HSA's way of keeping some members memories with us for years to come. I might add that Lou has been going to the trouble of maintaining that plaque.

Lady goes to the drugstore and asks the pharmacist for some strychnine. A bit surprised the druggist asks "What would you need strychnine for"? I want it to poison my husband she replies. "Lady, there is NO way I can sell you any strychnine"! She reaches in her purse and brings out a picture. "Here, this is a picture of YOUR wife and MY husband"! Druggist looks at it and says "Oh, I didn't know you had a prescription"!

Sooner or later I just had to make this announcement; At the November meeting of Hellertown Sportsmen I received from Pres. Jim Bambu a FANTASTIC surprise. Jim started his speech about Rich Geyer being a long time member and began telling about how many people and groups have been using the indoor shooting building. He said that there are four police departments, SWAT teams, high school rifle teams, young archers and about here I hesitate to repeat all the good and nice things he said. He summed it up by practically saying that if it wasn't for Rich, that range wouldn't be there! Now about this time he calls me up front and I see one HUGE nice shiny plaque in his arms with my name on it! Lots of nice words...tell yah, just about fetched the tears.....then I noticed my three daughters and my sons-in-law, a granddaughter and her two children! Gad! What a night on my 90th birthday!!! And then to top it all off Jim announced that the indoor range will be named "THE RICHARD K. GEYER building!!!"

To everyone who helped on that project, and there were plenty, I say a sincere thank you. Years before Martin Luther King had his "I have a dream", I had my own whenever I took new members in for, as Chuck Adams would say "Geyer's 25 cent tour." I would tell them "This is a dream come true!" And now I see this paper is starting to get wet and it isn't even raining.

Some really severe weather along with snow put a bit of a crimp on the new pistol season, as well as chasing the trap shooters indoors. It even cancelled the meeting for Dec. But by the third week of Bullseye shooting, things were looking up with Bill Books helping new shooters and Bill Lambert doing the paper work. Jim Kruge gets over there early enough to put up new targets and start the heater each week. The Oldest Continuous League in the USA!

Bill Lambert our Bullseye statistician recently reported that the DCM now has .22 ammo available to DCM members. H.S.A. members qualify, so get in touch with Bill. In years gone by NRA members could buy a case of 5,000 (almost always standard vel.) NO excise tax and now and then you got a 'good' lot. A full case like that probably produced a few hernias.

Rifleman, Dr. Darius Young, pistol champ used CAST BULLETS (lead) for his .45 shooting at 50 yards! He used 4.4 Bulleye with 168 gr. slug. Camp of Michigan, Montana State and Camp Perry to name a FEW! So don't look down your nose cast bullets. Those old time buffalo hunters were likely the very first RE-CYCLERS using their lead bullets.

Secretary told her boss "There's a guy outside who says he wants to see you about some money you owe him" Bass asks "What's he look like?" Sec'y says, "He looks like you better pay him." Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.



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On June 11th Bill Books had a presentation on CWD Chronic Wasting Disease. The lecture was given by Dr. William Andahazy from the PA Game Commission. About 27 interested citizens came concerned about our PA deer population. He gave a current update on the Disease Management Unites and the counties involved.

As hunters we are concerned how it is spread and how to tell if an animal has CWD. There are precautions to take when harvesting animals. An active program is in place to have your deer tested by the Dept. of Agriculture's Chronic Wasting Disease. A Submission Form is on their website www.agriculture.pa.gov. Even meat processors and Taxidermists are asked to contact the Game Commission for proper processing, samples and disposal procedures. So far no human case has been associated with deer but it is suggested to test prior to consuming.

Further information is also on the web

L.V.P.R.L

Our 81st shooting season is in full swing and we have a great turn out each Wednesday night, its hard to believe we are half way through the shooting season.

I would like to thank the league members that have volunteered to help by being range officers. Please consider volunteering to run the range during the shooting season.

League members and their families attended our annual indoor picnic on Sunday, June 10th, a good time was had by all. Mark your calendar for the LVPRL meeting night on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 pm. The last night for scores will be Wednesday October 17th. LVPRL will start the practice league on October 24th.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Fall Turkey Shoot

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HSA Silent Auction

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