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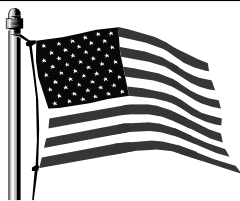
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PA Hunter / Trapper Education Class

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

From the President

I'm sure you have already found the enclosed raffle tickets with this month's newsletter. It's time again for the Fall Club Raffle. This is our method to raise funds for additional club improvements. Please return your tickets ASAP. Additional raffle tickets are available from any board member. Stop by the club on a meeting night or call a board member.

We are also having our annual Fall Silent Auction. Please dig up your old sporting items for this fall's silent auction. This is a way for your old items to be turned into club improvements. Drop them off at the club at our next meeting or contact a board member to make other arrangements.

Junior Archery starts a new season on September 14th. If you have a child interested in archery, there is no better place to have him or her learn. Don Jenny and the rest of the Jr Archery crew have been blowing up balloons for weeks in preparation.

Remember to sight in your deer rifles early. This is the time of the year that our rifle range gets the most use. Beat the rush this year. John Meka has been our newslet-

ter editor and publisher for years. We thank him for his efforts. He is planning to move south to get away from our cold winters. We are looking for a new editor. The work could be shared by two people. Anyone that would be interested in taking the job please contact me.

See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L.

The LVPRL had our family picnic and fun 900 Match shoot on Saturday July 25th. The 1st Place winner with a score of 896 was Tim Goszka, the 1st place winner of the two handed match was William Lambert, his score was 886, the 1st place Ladies winner was Michelle Steiner with a score of 767.

The last night for league scores is Wednesday October 14th. The following week we will start the practice league until January 2016. Mark the date on your calendar for Saturday November 7th, banquet night. The party will start at 5:00 pm at the HSA clubhouse.

The league is having a great turnout on Wednesday evenings. Try to come early so you can sign in to have a spot on the shooting line.

The league has shirts for sale, in both blue and pink at the range. We also have a ladies team to challenge the men's team, so far the ladies are out shooting the men. Good luck to both teams. We had a great work party at the indoor range. I would like to thank the league members for hanging new rubber belting and doing general cleaning.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Club and Range Closings

Club & All Ranges Closed
Saturday, September 19, 2015
8:00 am 4:00 pm

During PA Hunter/Trapper Class

Club & All Ranges Closed
Saturday, October 4, 2015
9:00 am 5:00 pm

During STSK Intro to Pistol

Club & All Ranges Closed
Saturday, October 17, 2015
9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday, October 18, 2015
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

During Cub Scout Fall Event

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 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

Hellertown Archers

Mon. Morning & Evening during Winter
Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lou Bove 610-865-5857
Dave Schweisgut 610-838-0723

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

2015 Firearms Training Schedule

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)
Saturday, November 14, 2015
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For further information on any of these courses, contact John Meka, NRA Certified Instructor at 484-716-0282 ~ john.meka@gmail.com

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Saturdays, September 19 & 26, 2015

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Dates To Be Announced

Introduction to Handgun for Women
(Two Half Days program)
Saturdays, October 3 & 10, 2015

Threat Judgment
(Two Half Days program)
Sundays, November 8 & 15, 2015
9:00 AM to 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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Saturday, October 4, 2015 1 to 4 PM
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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's Corner

"Now let's get this thing straight!" The young game warden was speaking to the well dressed young women who had just been through a harrowing experience with her husband. He could not help but notice her rather expensive attire and mentally noted that it wasn't from Cabela's catalog. His manner was professional and it was almost as though he was talking to a young child. "You mean to tell us that you and your husband were actually hiking here in grizzly bear country, and all you had was a dinky little .380 pocket automatic? Your outfitter is bound by law to inform you of the danger and most of us recommend carrying a .44 magnum for protection. The fact that you survived this ordeal is almost a miracle". As she gave her explanation to the group that had gathered, he couldn't help but notice some rather outstanding jewelry. "Well, we were really taken by surprise by this big bear, and I knew from what I had read that you cannot outrun them, but we couldn't help it, we just ran. I had this little pistol I bought for protection and I can truthfully say it saved my life. I had practiced with it pretty much so all I had to do was shoot for my husband's knee, that put him down and the grizzly stopped chasing me. So you can see that little .380 really saved my life!"

Years ago during my early days of pistol shooting in the league a large percentage of the shooters shot revolvers. Hey, it was named the Lehigh Valley Police Revolver league, which actually to this day causes SOME confusion...for one there is no present day connection with police and you are not required to shoot a revolver. It was started by police and of course at the time they all shot .38 special revolvers on duty. Times change.

Years ago a Lee Juras an outstanding contributor to handgun followers, developed a rather snappy 'hot' .38 spec. load. He called them SUPER-VEL. Had to have special brass of course to accommodate these extra pressures, and soon some commercial stuff was called or referred to as P+ and warnings were printed to use in firearms of good condition. That was back in 60's and 70's. At that time I was enjoying a hobby that almost turned into a business by doing some reloading for police departments, Anyway, I came upon a batch of these nickel plated SUPER-VEL cases. And I bought a bunch. They were and still are great! They helped me prove one of my old and often repeated sayings "If you latch onto a good thing, a good pair of boots...great gloves...whatever...buy some extras, 'cause sure as little apples...you won't regret the move. Sorry to say I cannot reliably say how many times I have re-loaded this batch...but I really and truly got my money's worth. And talking snappy loads, 'way back then, in the league, every now and then you would hear an extra loud 'pop' and the individual would almost always say "Hot Primer" to describe his extra noise. Hot primer?? C'mon! How are you gonna get MORE priming material in that tiny primer cup??? What it was.. a simple double charge....and MOST decent guns would take a double charge of say two and a half grains of Bullseye (an old but still reliable powder) For beginners, and I mean beginners who might take up handloading, if and when you put powder in cases, have them upside down until you put powder in, that way you can't double charge. But, with today's modern progressive loading tools, really, an attentive average 12 year old can be taught to safely produce decent and reliable ammunition. And the added joy of re-loading is that you can produce ammunition that is tailored to YOUR pleasure. Except for the necessity of having a certain powder charge to work the action on an auto, you can make light and comfortable loads to be enjoyed by beginners and possibly your wife who may be turned off by the load noise and recoil.

***THE FINEST THOUGHT RUNS THE RISK OF BEING
IRREVOCABLY FORGOTTEN IF WE DO NOT WRITE IT DOWN.***

Schopen Haver

And I'll add to that a bit...Col. Jeff Cooper "Write it down, if it's not on paper, it didn't happen. Read his excellent book "To Ride, Shoot Straight and Speak the Truth" Sorry to say I loaned my copy and don't know who has it. One of the stories "The Survivor" is outstanding and amplifies what I just pointed out. Really worth the price of the book.

IF YOU CAN'T BITE...DON'T GROWL

I have a bit of disagreement in that book I was showing, along with Dave Schweisgut, who has a few left for sale (great gift) where it was mentioned that a long barrel shoots HARDER and FARTHER than a short barrel. Well, we could

Please see Geyer p.4

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have a long discussion on that, but MY way of thinking is that ALL the POWDER is usually burned within the first 22-maybe 24 inches of barrel. How does a longer barrel help? OK, first off some one will say "Why do most of the duck ducks have 32" barrels?" Well, usually those shots were rather long, plus they were shooting pretty heavy loads...the long barrels along with added weight helped lower the recoil.

Say for example we have 25 foot water hose and 100 foot hose, and we have the SAME water pressure....can you squirt farther with longer hose?

And then again with ALL the various powders available today, plus the combination of wads...we could hash this topic until Jim Bambu increases the allowable time on his metered air hoses.

. PISTOL: Our recent change to allow TWO HANDED shooting has really helped bring in new shooters, and if you or your spouse haven't joined our WED. Night shooting this year, before you know it we will start the new season in Jan. Again, the OLDEST pistol league in the USA! That's saying something!

I like these ads, "buy one, get one free....yeah, that's great for most of us...what about the poor guy with ONE leg?"

Some time ago I mentioned the possible cost of the hunt for the two prison escapees...latest report; ONE MILLION BUCKS with overtime. That's PER DAY!!! Forty-one million for the Corrections Dept. and 17.6 million for State Police! And then they bitch and complain that there is no money for bridges! This report was in Morning Call, not the internet.

I have suggestion to reduce crime, or at least a few. For murderers, where there are dozens of witnesses, like that movie theatre killing...execute them within 30 days. For the third or second time rapist...on children...simple; castration. I guess you know that last suggestion would have saved Pennsylvania several MILLION bucks if they would have used it five years ago.

I still cannot understand some things....whenever I get the chance to give my "trap report" some disrespectful guys are still booing those guys that were ahead of me.

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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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