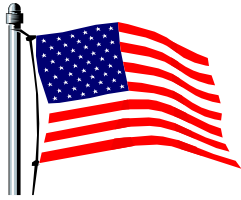


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# HSA News



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

### From the President April 2021

As I write this column it's mid-March. We just had our first 70 degree and it broke a record. Hopefully as you are reading this newsletter winter and the cold weather is well behind us and Spring is here. We all know that means the start of a new fishing season which has already started. Mark your calendar for May 15<sup>th</sup>. That's the date of this year's Al Stair Memorial Fishing contest for all of the kids. It will again be sponsored by the club and be free to all participants. Signup form are available at the club or on the web site. I would like to thank Brock Williams and his crew for their efforts in keeping this event going year after year. Check the web page for more details. Unfortunately, the board has canceled our Spring Club Ham Shoot due to the pandemic. As you all know this is one of the club's main sources of revenue. We are still planning to have our Spring Club Improvement and Spring Gun Raffle. The drawing will be held at our May regular monthly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed you will find tickets for both. Please purchase or sell the enclosed tickets. Additional tickets are available at the club or from any board member. We are looking for a few people to help out on our House and Grounds committee.

### From the President continued.....

Being on the committee doesn't mean you have to do all of the club maintenance. We just need a few people to help coordinate things that need to get done and do some small odd jobs to keep our club in good shape. Call Jim Bambu at 610-442-7193 if you are interested in helping. If anyone has an idea for a new club activity or is interested in helping with a current one, please contact any board member. HSA is here for the benefit of all its members. Let's utilize our facilities to promote any type of hunting, fishing, or shooting activity.

See you at the club,  
Jim Bambu

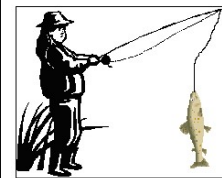
### Bi-Law Update

The board of directors have reviewed the bi-laws and found a few minor items that need to be updated. The proposed changes will be announced and voted on at the April and May regular monthly meetings. They will also be posted on the web site for all members to review.

### U.S. LawShield

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**TEAM WON THE STATE**  
**CHAMPION! GREAT JOB!**



**AL STAIR  
MEMORIAL  
FISHING  
TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY  
May 15, 2021**

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM 5 to 8 year olds  
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM 9 to 12 year olds

Streamside fishing only. Natural baits & artificial lures allowed. There is a three-catch limit per participant. Prizes will be awarded in each of the two age categories for the largest total trout by weight. There will also be prizes awarded for several tagged trout if caught. Lunch (10:00-2:00) provided. Preregister on H.S.A. web-site or call Brock Williams 610-748-1209

### NEW THURSDAY NIGHT STEEL PLATE SHOOTING

6 pm 22 pistol only, 2 sets; 5 targets at 25 feet. \$2 Building Fund \$1 to shoot all night. Can use 1 or 2 hands, timed is optional. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with timing, scoring and cleanup. Contact Rich Geyer 610-838-8908 or Jim Krueger 610-417-3666 for more details or to volunteer.

### 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. 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. Please no .50 BMG.*

## Calendar of Events

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

**Action Pistol**  
1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM  
Ken Ortbach kjoine@aol.com  
**USPSA Member Match**  
3rd Tuesday 7-9

**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

**Jr. Archers**  
Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Don Jenny 610-691-1903

**Trap Shooting**  
Tuesdays 9:00 AM - until  
Thursdays 5:00 PM - until  
Pete Jones 610-909-0705

**2021 Firearms  
Training Schedule**  
**Paul Piscator**  
**NRA Certified Instructor**

## Introduction to the Handgun for Women Only:

The purpose of this beginners program is to educate women to understand the basic operation of the handgun, safe handling of the firearm and proper shooting techniques and address the use of the handgun for personal protection.

### Concealed Carry Level I

As a licensed individual carrying a firearm one of the primary requisites is be trained to face sudden close quarter lethal encounter(s). 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.

**We are all hoping the price of  
ammunition will go down.**

## Lehigh Valley Tea Party Project 9/12

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Call Pam at 610-217-4841 or email: [pambego@gmail.com](mailto:pambego@gmail.com)

## Northampton County Federation of Sportsmen's Club Inc.

**Monthly Meets every 4th Monday**  
**Call Mike Topping 610-867-2137**  
**Email: [thetoppings1@gmail.com](mailto:thetoppings1@gmail.com)**

## Paul Piscator

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## Geyers Corner

Our regular monthly HSA Newsletter has, along with many other NORMAL items, lets say "adjusted". I was always proud to state that we were the ONLY club that mailed out a newsletter each month without tickets. So let's just say 'better late than never'. This has been delayed due to the confounded virus problem.

I'd like to call attention to the loss of one of HSA's former members, a long time valued friend, an officer of the club for years, John Delre. His hunting partner and archer friend Lou Bove gave some fine and memorable comments at one of our meetings but for dozens of members and friends, I'd like to add my thoughts. John Delre was the treasurer for H.S.A. and for the last several years in charge of our Trapshooting on Tuesday and Thursday. This event goes back a long time. You may have noticed the 'old trap house' on your left as you enter the club grounds. This is the ONLY twice a week, all year event being held. Unless it's really severe weather, trap shooters SHOOT! When we were forced to 'go down into the hole (the quarry itself) there were of course some problems. A new house for a huge and nifty machine which with the added help from Paul Piscator was put in use. Now, for quite some time, we shot in a bit of a downhill situation, acceptable but not perfect due to the contour of the area. John gave this quite some thought and contacted Walter's who has done countless jobs at the club and came up with a solution whereby quite some ground was removed and concrete paving for the trapline was arranged. He was also the mechanic and on occasion was at the machine on the phone with the dealer to keep this complicated system going. I'd like to add that I do NOT ever recall him complaining when a malfunction occurred. Perhaps a broken target messed things up but nope, John just said, "Everybody unload" and he went and 'made the machine better". John and I shared many morning cups of coffee discussing all sorts of stuff, world affairs to gas prices, to the cost of trap. I certainly miss those times. During my early days of letter writing, his wife Dee was an outstanding help! She wrote a four page set of directions. I cannot believe John has been gone over a year but you don't find many like him and neither do you forget them. I could continue about John's weekly dedication to the Junior archers, THAT would take another page!

We do our 'distancing' during trapshooting. Guys move forward when they change position. We 'sign up' outside instead of in the kitchen where our new trap rep Pete Jones has a pot of coffee going and maybe Phil Crossly has some doughnuts. These guys are now taking charge of this popular event.

Monthly committee reports are always on the agenda when Pres. Jim Bambu is in charge, going now for 22 + years. There is no longer a "stream report" by our Federation rep. No game report, the creek is ankle deep, what is the future local fisherman going to do? Is the Saucon 'finished' since the dam is gone? All I see now are a few Carp. The Greater Blue Heron is a stranger. How are you going to sell a license to our locals?

I got my 2nd COVID shot and went home. My vision was blurry and I thought maybe this is a symptom. So I called the doctor back and told him that I can't see. He said, "Yea, come in and pick up your glasses." Well now.



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



The new 2021 season this is our 84th year of continuous shooting!

The high school rifle teams have completed their shooting season now we will begin shooting Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, due to the governors orders the league will shooting in 8 person shifts, We need 4 league officers to run the range and 8 people shooting at the each time slot. We will have league members sign up to shoot then wait out in the shooting area behind the yellow safe line where we have folding chairs and tables set up. Many league members are asking me about the availability of 22 ammunition. The league sources that we had also dried up. If any league member has any leads about primers or ammunition, please let us know so we can share the information with other league members.

There is still time to sign up team shooting contact Bill Lambert .The league needs more help with range officers you may sign up for an early session or late session at the desk in the lobby.

You can contact me through email if you have any questions or concerns, ecadams53@aol.com.

Thank you for being patient.

Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,

Chuck Adams

## GUN RAFFLE!

### RUGER 10/22



Gun Raffle!

RUGER 10/22

## HSA TRAP REPORT

We are finally seeing some better weather and this is borne out by our continued increase in trap participation. In January we had 80 shooters come out for the month and we shot a total of 22 rounds. For the month of February, even with a couple of snow cancellations, we saw this number increase to 136 shooters shooting a total of 52 rounds – more than doubling January's attendance. March is already on par to surpass these numbers. Trap shooting is a great sport and we have both male and female participants who range in age from juniors to a shooter in his 90's (who can still shoot more perfect 25's than almost anyone). The rest of us can shoot almost any number – high or low - on a given day.

We shoot trap on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. We start shooting on Tuesdays at 9 AM and on Thursdays at 5 PM and trap shooting is open to both men and women. Please try and arrive a little early to sign up. You do not have to be a club member to participate in these organized trap shoots on Tuesday and Thursday. We continue to comply with applicable social distancing rules, stay outside as much as possible, and the clubhouse is open for restroom use. Based on the number of shooters who show up, we are now shooting for about 1½ - 2 hours each day.

For any new shooters, here are some points to keep in mind.

All attendees must observe all club/gun safety rules at all times, and must also read and abide by the trap rules which are posted and available at the club. For those of you who haven't shot trap before bring the following: shotgun (preferably 12 gauge or 20 gauge (no short barrel or pistol grip), eye protection, hearing protection, shells (25 rounds per squad you sign up for with #7 ½ or #8 size shot). Also recommended are a billed cap or visor, a shooting vest or pouch for holding your ammunition, and shooting gloves if desired. You can sign up for one squad at a time and re-sign up for another as soon as you finish shooting the squad you were on. New shooters must watch at least one squad shoot before shooting and we will have a regular shooter stand behind you for your first squad shooting both for safety and to show you our local rules. Also, new shooters: prior to shooting we recommend that you "pattern your shotgun". This is to show you where your gun actually shoots based on gun fit, your aim, and the gun's characteristics and is invaluable to help you get started hitting

"birds". Come down ½ hr. early, and bring some extra shells, if you'd like help patterning your shotgun. This can be done here at the club on the pistol range and there are members who are willing to accompany and assist you in doing this.

Finally, we throw out a "green" bird randomly once each squad and if broken by the shooter who gets it thrown on their turn, they win a free round. Each round of 25 shots costs \$4.00 for

HSA members and \$5.00 for guests. Please come out and shoot with us and feel free to contact me with any questions. Pete Jones - 610-909-0705

## 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.

## CLUB IMPROVEMENT RAFFLE

Grand Prize \$1,000

1ST PRIZE	\$300
2ND PRIZE	\$200
3RD PRIZE	\$100
4TH TO 10TH PRIZE	\$50

1 TICKET	\$5.00
3 TICKETS	\$12.00
4 TICKETS	\$15.00
8 TICKETS	\$25.00

## SPRING HAM SHOOT

Cancelled due to COVID.

## DRAWING AT THE GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021