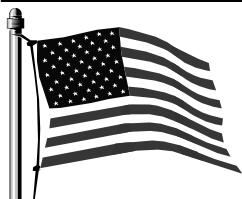


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President August 2017

As you've already seen, we have included raffle tickets in this mailing. This fall we will have our regular Fall Club Improvement Raffle and also a home defense shotgun. The Board is asking that each member sell or purchase the enclosed tickets. All proceeds are used for club improvements to make your day at the club more convenient and enjoyable. Additional tickets are available from any Board member or at a monthly meeting. Please turn in your tickets early. Don't forget – November 19th is our shoot. Please dig up your old sporting items for our Silent Auction.

As I mentioned at our last few monthly meetings, the Board of Directors has reviewed and updated the club's bylaws. The revised version of the bylaws has been posted on the website. The bylaws need to be voted on at two consecutive monthly meetings in order to be ratified. They were voted on and approved at the July meeting. We will be having the second vote at our August meeting. Please review them and come to the meeting.

Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Over the next few months we will be doing some routine maintenance on the outdoor shooting ranges. The work will be done when the volunteers can fit it in their schedules, weather permitting. Because of the uncertain timing, we will not be able to post a schedule of when the repairs will be done and some of the ranges will be closed during these times. We apologize for the inconvenience this might cause if you come to the club to shoot and find the ranges are closed.

**See you at the club,
Jim Bambu**

ARCHERY NEWS

The Junior Archery League will start Mon, Sept 11, 2017 for ages 5 to 16. One parent must attend.

There are new bails on the Archery Range and 3D targets will be put out for your use. Please remember NO broadheads unless you bring your own targets.

HSA offers a Safety Orientation course that is a requirement for all new mem-bers, however all members are invited because it is a great refresher lesson. Members are also welcome at any club activities to see what it is about.

HUNTING SEASON

License for the 2017 hunting season are on sale at www.pgc.pa.gov.

You can also register online for Hunter Safety Education classes at HAS on Sat. Aug 26, 2017. at 7:45 am to 4pm. You have to be 11 years or older.

Use H.S.A. ranges for sighting in and practice. We want to see your pictures of this years 10 pointer buck because you were prepared.

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
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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 - 12 Noon
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Phil Crossley 610-871-0028

2017 Firearms Training Schedule

*NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)*

This course may or may not be available for 2017. We will keep you informed so look for any changes and or dates in the coming newsletters.

*Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)*

Sundays, November 5 & 12, 2017

*Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)*

To be scheduled at a later time

*Introduction to Handgun for Women
(Two Half Days program)*

Saturday, Sept 2 &
Sunday Sept 10, 2017

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

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

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Monthly Meeting
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THE STRESS OF INDETERMINACY **WHEN UNDER ATTACK**

Paul Piscator
NRA Instructor

Previous Certification as Instructor for Smith & Wesson Academy
Member of International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association
Member of International Association for Counterterrorism & Security Professionals

Unanticipated, unrehearsed, and caught off guard you are under violent and physical attack. Absence of experiences learned through tactical or strategic training, paralysis of mind and body may be the consequence and beyond one's control, consequently leading to lack of quick decision making and acquiescing to the circumstances of the situation. Knowing how to effectively respond to a situation is the result of quality and discriminating training, providing for the ability to expediently gain a desired end. As you read this I know what you are thinking, I know how to handle myself. Unfortunately, we tend to exaggerate our abilities which fosters optimistic overconfidence or should I say, "cognitive bias." Without the perspicacious (streetwise) or mental training there is a deep vein of uncertainty running through your mind and body. Suddenly the cortical levels jump when the brain senses uncertainty. This can inhibit rational decision making. Without thoroughly understanding what is occurring everything about the situation is atypical and makes the defender flustered and decomposed causing indiscretion. Under the enormous pressure of attack, the proper format you choreographic, (proper stance, proper grip, correct sight picture, correct placement of finger on the trigger) becomes uncoupled or divorced, and totally decompartmentalized. Unfortunately, due to the un-disciplined situation and the fluid circumstances, uncertainty is the mantra. You are responding to variables you have never been exposed to. You have the tools in your toolkit, but, do you have the mental framework for problem-solving and execution or have you entered, "the experiential mode of thinking"?

How do we overcome this puzzling and unconstitutional situation? Response to any attack rests on integrated predictive analytics based on a strong learning foundation. Remember the anticipated moves become uncontrollable variables based on your opposition's performance. Threats are an un-disciplined entity with no regard for life. Many of these threats live in an environment where death is not the result of old age. Mistaken thinking can bring the situation to a calamitous event, especially one occurring suddenly and causing great loss of innocent lives through incorrect action. Decision making is the resultant framework of contiguous training and experience. As the situation rapidly unfolds and information is incorporated, speed and accuracy, as well as intuition, plays a vital role and becomes the advantage in lieu of a disadvantage. Training which is archived is the thread linking all the variables and uncertainty for a successful outcome. Shots you have ever made and all shots you've ever archived through insightful training will be delivered successfully. You will feed off your training experiences. It's all in the preparation which is decision making, force escalation and force-on-force which are the three relevant areas of firearms training. Marksmanship at this point becomes meaningless.

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ACTION PISTOL

USPSA is the first Tuesday of the month. United States Practical Shooting Association. We usually run for stages. There is a 32 round field course, a 16 round medium course or speed shoot stage and two 8 round short courses. More information can be found at USPSA.org. A video of a HSA USPSA match is here https://youtu.be/O_Ihy0X24QU

IDPA is the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. In all of the shooting sports, there are divisions, which are the type of gun used, and classes, which are the skill level of the shooter. In IDPA, International Defensive Pistol Association, class is determined by shooting a classifier match which is a three stage match with set target and shooting position dimensions. No matter where in the world an IDPA classifier is shot, it will be set up the same way. The score of the classifier determines the shooter's class. IDPA requires shooters to shoot the classifier at least once per year but we run the classifier every month at Hellertown. The IDPA classifier is three 24 round stages.

ICORE, the International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts, matches are on the Friday after the general club meeting. This is usually the third Friday of the month. We run four or five stages for ICORE with a match count of 100 to 150 rounds. In USPSA and ICORE there are dozens of classifier stages and at least one classifier is required per match. Just as in IDPA, shooter class, or skill, is determined by the results of the classifiers. More information can be found here www.icore.org A video of a HSA ICORE match is here <https://youtu.be/6faT1EeJL54>

The regular monthly IDPA match is on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There are four stages and the round count is 40 to 80 rounds for the match. IDPA stages are meant to simulate real life situations in which a concealed carry permit holder would have to defend themselves. We sometimes shoot in the dark with flashlights. More information can be found here www.idpa.com A video of a HSA IDPA match is here https://youtu.be/HV_HhXuqaOE

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.

Thank you, Ken Ortbach

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**

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Raffle Tickets

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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
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Raffle Ticket Drawing
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