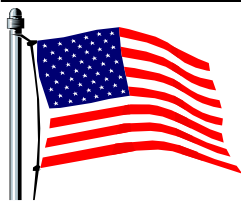


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President February 2021

As I write this column, I just left our January monthly meeting. We had our annual elections tonight. I was re-elected again, what a surprise. Tonight, we also had our fall raffles drawings. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners. Hopefully every is healthy and saying safe.

Below is a list of our regular club activities. Modifications will be made to each activity based on the current Covid regulations. Please check with the group leader for details.

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League will have started another season on January 6th. They shoot every Wednesday starting at 5:00 PM. The nice thing is you don't have to come every week. Give it a try. Contact Chick Adams for more details.

Jr. Archery shoots every Monday evening starting at 6:00 pm. It's a great place to have your child learn to shoot archery by some great instructors. Contact Don Jeny for more details.

The Winter Sr. Archery League shoots on both Wednesday and Friday evenings. They are looking for new shooters. Contact Lou Bove.

Trap shoots on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 5:00 PM. Contact Rich Geyer for more details.

Action pistol shoots the 1st, 4th, and 5th Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM. If you've never tried this stop down and check it out. You've never had so much fun with a handgun. We are looking for new shooters. Contact Ken Ortbach for more details.

The board would like to challenge each

From the President Continued.....

member to purchase the enclosed raffle tickets. Not having either our Spring or Fall 2020 shoots has decreased our income for future club improvements. We would like to make the spring raffle our best one ever. All proceeds will be used for projects that will benefit each and every member.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Santa brought you that toy you've been eyeing up all year. All I wanted for Christmas was to get rid of my mask. It doesn't look like I'll be getting my wish for some time. I also wish each of you and your families a healthy and prosperous New Year. Anything will be better than 2020.

See you at the club,

Jim Bambu

U.S. LawShield Legal Defense for Self Defense

Come see Mike Giaramita teach a two-hour seminar on Deadly Force Decision making in Hellertown PA. Class is going to be held at Hellertown Sportsman's Association on 2/27/2021 11:00am-1:00pm.

Come to this seminar and learn:

1. The difference between "force" and "deadly force";
2. When a person may use deadly force against another to protect themselves or a third person;
3. Whether displaying a weapon constitutes the use of deadly force.

Go the HSA website click on News. Scroll down to register. Discount code is "friend." Keep posted on our website for 3/5 and 3/29 6:30 to 8:30 pm additional classes.

JUNIOR ARCHERY

JA started again in January 2021 and will run until April. We didn't put out the balloons but the arrows are flying. The program participation attendance is working and appreciate our range officers contribution. Join us at 6pm to 8pm on Monday nights.

ARCHERY

HSA Senior Archery Leagues began Wednesday, January 6 and Friday, January 8th at 7 pm. League should run 12 consecutive weeks but can be modified due to closure. A work party took place in December to get the program ready and we thank everyone for their help. If you are interested in archery, please contact

Lou Bove: 610-865-5857.

ACTION PISTOL

Ken Ortbach had designed Hellertown Sportsmen Assoc T-Shirts for Team members to wear on their shoot nights and when they travel. It's great to have their participation show off through their skill and look good at the same time. Thank you for your support!

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
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 - until
Thursdays 5:00 PM - until
Pete Jones 610-909-0705

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

**Look on the website for
future class dates.**

Introduction to the Handgun for Women Only:

The purpose of this program is to educate women who have no knowledge or limited knowledge of handguns and want to become informed and understand the basic operation of the handgun, safe handling of the firearm and proper shooting techniques. The program will 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.

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The Unpleasant Truth

Paul Piscator, NRA Firearms Training Instructor, formally Civilian & Law Enforcement Smith & Wesson Instructor, formally a Stress Fire Lethal Force Instructor

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, but the illusion of knowledge." (Daniel Boorstin) "It's not what you once did, it's what you can do now. On demand." As I watch people shoot at the range, as well as what I see in many requalification courses for law enforcement personnel, I ask myself, are we training for the fight or is it training for self-admiration or self-image and for law enforcement eligibility qualification requirements. The one who determines your fate is what will get you through the lethal encounter. If we look at the vast majority of shootings, they happen at close distances. In retrospect look back at the shootings which take place on our streets. If you have a good shooting stance, you are not shooting fast enough, nor moving fast enough, nor using other force-on-force tactics. Defensive shooting for your life is fast moving. This is not the time for choreography because you will fail. Training for life encounters is how to decide among options under stress.

As we stand stationary shooting, conforming to moral and ethical principles, at the 25' line we exhibit like a row of ducks in a shooting gallery. Our target(s) are stationary as we unshackle those rounds. After you have annihilated your target you stand there proudly thinking to yourself, dam it I am good. Unfortunately, this is not the world as it exists under assault. Involved shootings are fluid situations which most often involve the attacker(s) taking aggressive steps, making advances and progressing to control. Most importantly, you need to be able to shoot accurately while moving yourself and responding to a moving threat. Ask yourself are you capable of being able to shoot accurately while in a mobile environment. Are you able to perform with ability, efficiency, and competency shooting one handed while controlling love one(s) with your support hand in a fluid environment? Do you have the capabilities to control (stopping) the threat(s) without error in action and judgement and not taking an innocent's life? The result will be determined by you and you alone.


The absence of challenges can reinforce your belief that your perception, is indeed conformity with fact and reality. If no challenge is presented, you will continue using the sum of what is known without consideration for its defect or fallacy. Illusory capabilities are infectious. It is not always easy to rid the perceived capabilities from reality and never, never measure your success by the outcome. We must acknowledge the susceptible to illusory truths. I have witness this when training individuals, if this goes unchecked it can be risky, unsafe, and perilous. The belief in one's self powers, abilities, self-confidence, self-reliance, self-assurance, and freedom from doubt is a belief very dangerous/harmful influence characterized by mortiferous confidence.

Lots of things are more important than marksmanship when defending oneself and love ones. You must put the threat at a tactical disadvantage, be capable of functioning under stress, shoot from impossible difficult positions, identify threat(s) in dim light and communicate to others under your responsibility. *"We do not rise to the level of our expectations. We fall to the level of our training."* (Greek philosopher - Archilochus). Keep in mind having confidence but with no skill to back it up makes you a detriment to yourself and to those for whom you may be responsible. Our confidence influences our judgments. You cannot get stronger if you never leave your comfort zone. We are prone to stay inside the limits of what we consider our comfort zone. Once pushed outside those limits, beyond the confines we have earned that real-estate, and the right to be comfortable in it, don't pass up the opportunity to further develop your abilities. Developing your capabilities is a journey, not a destination. Today we live in a world that demands either you control the threat, or the threat controls you. Accept the fact, it could happen at any moment. *"There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in something, you do it when it is convenient. When you are committed, you accept no excuses...only results"* (Kenneth Blanchard). Remember, it's your choice!



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HSA TRAP REPORT

We continue to 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. You do not have to be a club member to participate in our organized trap shoots on Tuesday and Thursday. Please try and arrive a little early to sign up. We comply with social distancing rules, stay outside as much as possible, and the clubhouse is open for restroom use. Due to both our lower winter turn-out and the Covid concerns, we usually end up shooting between three and five squads and shoot for about an hour and a half 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: a 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 1/2 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 1/2 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 (5 shots from each of 5 stations) 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

L.V.P.R.L 84th Consecutive Year

The new 2021 season will begin on Wednesday January 6th at 6:00 pm to 9pm, due to the governors new orders the league will start shooting in 6 person shifts, We need 4 league officers to run the range and six people shooting at the each time slot. We will have league members sign up to shoot then wait out in their cars until it is time to shoot. We will email you as soon as we have the details.

Do not hand in your score cards at the desk. Please take a picture of your score card and email is to wlambert@bellatlantic.net. Try to do that Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Please be legible.

To join you need to sign a new application for 2021 and pay your dues. You can printing and filling out the application found on the LVPRL page of the Hellertown Sportsmen web site. The dues are as follows; The first gun (competition) is \$10.00. The second and third gun (competition) are \$2.50 each. The building fund is \$2.00 and relays are \$2.00 per relay. Everyone in the building will need to wear a mask.

We will be shooting every other position on the line so that will limit the number of shooters to eight at any one time. We ask that you only shoot three relays a night if someone is waiting for your position.

When you arrive in the parking lot, please call Bill Lambert at 610-417-5005. We will tract shooters and assigned to a shooting position or call you back when your position is open. Thank you for being patient.

If you are not receiving emails from the league please email Bill Lambert(wlambert@bellatlantic.net) with your first and last name and email address.

Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,

Chuck Adams



Gun Raffle!

RUGER 10/22

Gun Raffle!

Drawing at the General Meeting Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

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1 TICKET	\$5.00
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8 TICKETS	\$25.00

SPRING HAM SHOOT

Cancelled due to COVID.
We appreciate all member participation on the Fall Tickets and look forward to eventually resuming events. Our next determination for the Fall shoot will be this summer.
Hope for the best!