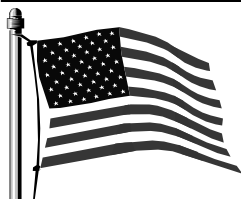


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**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM  
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

## From the President January 2017

It's 2017! Can you believe it! A new year is a great time to try some new activities. And HAS is just the place to do that. Here's a list of some of the clubs activities.

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League started another season on January 4th. 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 Chuck Adams for more details.

The Trap shooters still shoot even though it's cold on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. Contact Rich Geyer for more details.

It's not too late to sign up your child for Jr. Archery. They shoot every Monday night starting at 6:00 PM. Contact Don Jenny for more details. Action pistol shoots the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 member to purchase the enclosed raffle tickets.

We have a number of club improvement projects planned for this year and 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. I also wish each of you and your families a healthy and prosperous New Year.

See you at the club,  
Jim Bambu

## ARCHERY NEWS

The Winter Archery League has begun and is held on Wednesday and Friday evenings. They are looking for new shooters. Contact Lou Bove.

## Geyer's Corner

After my last two fights, a trip to the dentist after biting on a cherry pit, I'm in a little bit of pain, but, hey, I'm saving a bundle on dental floss. For all the new pistol shooters using the outdoor range....and we are getting a bunch, let us make it CLEAR..there has been an ORANGE SAFETY sign ON the building indicating ALL SHOTS to be fired BEHIND that ORANGE LINE! So, now you have been officially notified!

This has been a long recommended safety suggestion for YOUR benefit. Due to the fact that some ^%&% ^\$^& have been firing HIGH POWERED RIFLE ammo into that backstop...putting dents which may, on occasion, deflect a fired bullet...and flipping it or parts of it back towards you! I've picked up several .32 Spec empty brass....so...now you know.

Geyer cont.on page 3

## Articles For Sale

FEG PA-63-9x18 Cal.-GC-\$200.00  
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Beretta, 84FS,.380 Handgun-VGC—\$375.00  
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## 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 908-310-2079

### 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  
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### 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

## 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)  
Saturdays, April 15 & 22, 2017  
Saturdays, June 24 & July, 1 2017  
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)  
Saturdays, May 6 & 13 2017  
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

1st Thurs of Every Month at 7:00 PM  
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**Geyer cont.....**Jan. 3 The Lehigh Valley Pistol League will begin it's 80<sup>th</sup> year! The OLDEST continuous pistol league in the US!! And our numbers are growing...new shooters almost weekly and thanks to Bill Books these new shooters have been getting off to a good start. And behind the scenes much of the time is Bill Kruge who gets the place set up with new targets and holders in place each week. Plus we are extremely happy when Pres. Chuck Adams asked for volunteers to be Range Officers now and then, takes the load off some of the regulars. Reminder to new members, you are NOT required to shoot every week....long time ago it was a rule...no more. And there is NO requirement to be associated with POLICE...this to inform readers of this who may be considering joining. AND, while we are talkin' pistol shooting....it is my pleasure to relate to you that after our last banquet, which by the way was catered by one of our members...I was called 'up front' by Pres. Chuck Adams and received recognition (plus a beautiful John Bauman handmade knife) for having been a member of this fine league for 60 continuous years! Chuck also stated that "When you started in 1955....I was just three years old" Well, I can tell yah folks...being surprised...and having my three daughters there (another surprise) it almost fetched the tears!!! If I added up all the 'back and forth miles' scoring targets, I've covered in those 60 years....and walked in a straight line, it would very likely put me in the middle of the Pacific Ocean! (please...no suggestions...I've had enough made by Jim Bambu!

Want a cheap burglar alarm..Geyer's type? Take some of that bubble wrap and slide it UNDER the rug near your doors....you should hear a loud "pop" when burgler steps on it.....I'm a LITTLE concerned about that stuff when I see just how much air is being taken out of circulation by these millions of bubbles...maybe there should be a law?.

Another funny or strange coincidence...a few months ago I mentioned bringing back the group called CCC (Civilian Cons. Corp) had thousands of young men (initially a QUARTER OF A MILLION) unemployed unmarried 'boys' between 18 and 21....anyway by strange coincidence....a few weeks later there was an excellent story in the JULY/AUG issue of Saturday Evening Post!!! Scary eh? That's not the first time stuff like that happened. Along with some of my political contributions I made suggestions of bringing BACK this former legacy. Think about it...lately there have been millions of dollars lost by forest fires, homes lost, hundreds of acres burnt...huge expense fighting the fires.....ok, YEARS ago, in Calif. YOU WERE NOT ALLOWED to pick up any kindling from the National Forests. That accumulated....now, when YOU start a fire what do you do....get some kindling....a forest fire does NOT start at a big tree! What I'm saying is if they would clear the brush, make larger fire lanes....I'm pretty sure it would cut down on wildfires. CCC would get some "bored" gang types off the streets. Just thinkin'

Some time ago I wrote about the machine shop where Pete Rinaldi supposedly works....he mentioned to me on occasion that some of the guys take this newsletter to the 'john'....then he also told me that his boss had a suggestion. He suggested that we print this with softer paper and put in convenient perforations.

Old sign in restaurant "T-BONE 25 CENTS....WITH MEAT \$3.50"

We've seen some news stories and video of really long range rifle shots...and kills. Well, way back in 1864 Capt. John T. Metcalf using a 30 pound rifle....25 power scope fired a MILE LONG SHOT TO KILL, 5467 feet....MZ percussion target rifle...."To Capt. John T. Metcalf for coolness & courage in the Red River Campaign, Louisiana April 1864."

That story was in TRUE mag. 1961 Jan. by Robert M. Deberrec. (told you I was a pack-rat) Any guesses just how HIGH he would have aimed?

I don't have any youngen's around the house anymore but I can certainly tell you that IF I did, they would NOT be watching that really weird (but evidently popular) "DEAD" show.....those really ugly and scary bodies are enough to give someone a nightmare....or maybe a small pony....

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are enough to give someone a nightmare....or maybe a small pony.... In the meantime I am continuing my research into the difference of the bottom half of a grapefruit and the top half (the stem part) and which half contains the most juice? Is gravity the winner or the proximity to the feed source....my research goes on.

My OWN more serious study and experiment, basic as it seems, proved to me and maybe five trapshooters....there is NO perceivable difference between very OLD RED DOT POWDER.....grain for grain compared to a new batch of PROMO....(from the very beginning, it was printed that these two powders had the same qualities. I have used Promo since it FIRST was introduced.....using it since.....except for an experiment or two with some very old Red Dot! Be informed, there is about \$20. diff between the two in an 8 pound keg. 'nuf sed.

We shut down ONE NIGHT....lately....17 degrees and windy. But we are getting new shooters...come out..get rid of that old ammo...

We close this issue with a sad note.....one of our ardent and long time trapshooters.....Tony Leardi, from Bethlehem, recently passed away. I knew Tony 'way back from Western Electric where he worked and for a time was the trapo committee.....I can truthfully say we gave Tony an honored send off with a 15 gun salute from five trapshhooters.. "Wishing you you all a very Happy 2 sows and seven"

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## Fall Turkey Shoot - Thank You and Congratulations

The HSA Directors and Officers offer a sincere *Thank You* to all who helped in many capacities before, during and after the *Spring Shoot*.

## Spring Ham Shoot

Block Shoot for  
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Silent Auction



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**Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
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Raffle Ticket Drawing



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In the September and October 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.

### 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.

**Fall Turkey Shoot**  
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