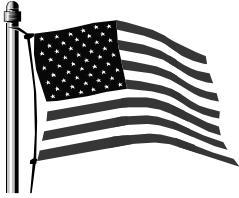


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From the President January 2018

It's 2018! Where did the time go? I have a great News Year Resolution to add to your list. Get involved at HAS. Here's a list of some of the clubs activities.

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League started another season on January 3rd. Their season goes into September. There is no better place to learn to shoot a pistol. If you are a new shooter you'll learn from some of the best shooters in the area. If you tried it before and lost you guns in the basement somewhere, go dig them out and stop down. 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.

Trap shooting still shoots even though it's cold on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 Am and Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. Dig out your shotgun and stop down and give it a try.

Archery starts their new season at the beginning each year. They shoot Monday mornings, Wednesday and Friday nights. Call Lou Bove 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 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. Contact Ken Orbach if you need more details.

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 you families a healthy and prosperous New Year. See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

SECOND AMENDMENT

You are invited to the open public monthly meetings held at The Borderline Restaurant on the first Monday of each month. Tom Campione chairs and it starts at 7:00 PM. If you are interested go to www.2A-LVTP.org. You can also find the newsletter on our website under News, 2nd Amendment News. Bob Wieder will not longer be making a committee report at our monthly meeting.

DEFINISIVE SHOOTING TACTICS

- Advanced firearm training with specific preparation
- Tighten the gap between training and the real world experience.
- Learn a quick and decisive response for survival.
- React and deploy a handgun quickly and accurately against armed suspect.

See Firearms Training schedule for dates.

MEMBER NOTICE

Where were all of the HSA members at the fall shoot on Nov 19th? Turn out was very poor considering we have over 800 members. Ticket sales fell far short of our goal. The two semi annual raffles and shoots are HAS's only fundraisers. Club expenses and improvements are dependent on the money raised at these events. If the shoots fail to make money than Club dues will have to be increased for 2019 which is what we are trying to avoid with these events. Please plan to come to the Spring Shoot on March 25, 2018. As always this event is open to non members so bring the family and friends! See you in the Spring!

Bob Weikert and Jim Kruge

Hellertown Archery League starts Wednesday Jan 3, 2018 and Friday Jan 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm and will run for 12 weeks. Any questions call Lou Bove at 610-865-5857.

JR Archery League has started Monday nights from 6-8 pm for kids 5 to 18 years of age. Students must be a Jr member of H.S.A. **Please note all ranges are closed for this class!**

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
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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.

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

Concealed Carry Level I & II
(One and a Half Day program)
To be determined for 2018

2018 Firearms Training Schedule

DEFINISIVE SHOOTING TACTICS

Defensive Shooting Tactics: April 28, 2018 Day 1 and May 5, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Defensive Shooting Tactics: August 11, 2018 Day 1 and August 18, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Advanced Defensive Shooting Tactics: November 3, 2018 Day 1 and November 11, 2018 Day 2. Day 1 will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Day 2 will be from 9:00 AM until 1 PM.

Introduction to Shooting Women Only: June 2, 2018 and September 15, 2018. The class will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

WWW.LVTP.ORG

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Geyer's Corner

Scads of stuff for this 'ole rag...should report on the loss of some prior members... John Pearson., you should recall that he and his wife for years did the Fruit Basket section for the many spring and fall shoots...I often said that HIS Dad was the unofficial painter for HSA and he was usually there when HSA did some of the trout stocking (not STATE mind you , but HSA) along with Al Hoffert. And I'll bet a good cigar that, given Al five minutes, he could actually tell you just how many little trout HSA put in the Saucon. Harry Fegly was another recent loss...no one could guess just how many rocks Harry, Al Hoffert and Harlon Breisch man handled to build those many defectors in the creek. We should "throw in" Dick Lerch also...well, not really. Right now the creek is a bit low....but you could see a dime in three feet of that clear spring fed creek. The other day I dared Al Horvath to throw one in so I could prove it.

The Wed. night bulls eye league shooting WILL CONTINUE, according to our fine record keeper of such things that matter, Bill Books says we are in fine shape, very likely the second best results financially that he can recall. And Bill is always there for brand new shooters....giving up his shooting time to get them started right. If you have any questions about scores and your records, Bill Lambert has been keeping those records.

Had a bit of the wrong kind of excitement recently....no club name...no person named....would serve no purpose....BUT simply due to a moment's lack of concentration...or attention....(I think we ALL have THAT now and then) this unfortunate fellow dropped a loaded round into his shotgun.....INSTEAD of an empty OR a snap-cap....and as you can well imagine, created a few moments of excitement when "Gun went boom" inside the clubhouse. I will quickly inform you that NO ONE was hurt. And, being as deer season is approaching again....I have true story which didn't happen to anyone I know....BUT....The guide posted the hunters....told them to STAY at that post UNTIL he picked them up. As daylight gradually appeared, the one hunter spotted what he thought was a deer feeding on some apples in a nearby tree...he could make out that the deer was on it's hind legs....the hunter shouldered the rifle...took aim...was about to pull the trigger.....and it was the HUNTER next to him.....his son! Lesson: make SURE of your target! Years ago I was watching what I thought was a four pointer lying down, not far from my stand....every so often that dam head moved just a little but I wasn't SURE! I could see some of the antlers. I must have looked four or five times....in very early light.....it soon became apparent.....it was a small growth of grass that fooled me.....strange how you can imagine stuff that really isn't there. Take time. Double check things.

Guess you know with the news of that really terrible shooting incident recently there will be another clamor for 'gun control'Get this...sales and related STOCK value in co's like Ruger, Colt and of course Smith & Wesson....went up. Potential buyers are concerned that there may be restrictions. And I hate to hear the news people say "This is the worst mass shooting ever"....and some OTHER weirdo is thinking..."Hey, I can beat that" Well, keep a level head and remember there are thousands and thousands of semi-automatic gun owners out there WHO never committed a gun crime!! Did you EVER hear of closing down a brewery after a drunk driver drove 100 miles an hour... how about a drunk driver picked up AFTER the fifth or sixth DUI and STILL got a car!?

I see by the displays of ammo at different gun stores...ammo is ALL over the place....22's included. These still are not really priced where they should be....hang in there shooters.

I've informed readers before....that groove under your nose is called your PHILTRON...and the space ABOVE your nose , between your eyebrows is a GLABELLA (there, that ought to tick Bambu off ...again! He seems to hate it when I educate people'specially HIM.


You may recall back a bunch of months ago that I mentioned John Delre our club treasurer, archery instructor and trap machine mechanic seemed to have that secret ability to know just whenever I had made a new pot of coffee. Then it got to the point he knew BEFORE I made it. Well, things evidently changed since that last time here....maybe it was because he saw me washing cups with a wire brush and Fels-Napha soap I couldn't say, but I sorta miss his visits. Maybe when it gets cold again. John was one of the first customers to get one of STANLEY'S stainless steel thermos's. At the time he was a working truck driver and you know they like their coffee. Anyway on his first occasion to use it he asked the waitress at the diner "How many cups does this thing hold? Lady says "It's a 6 cup thermos" John says " Ok ,Gimme two black, two with cream and two with cream and sugar" He never told me what the waitress said....but he doesn't go there anymore.

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Building & Grounds Maintenance Report

On Nov 3rd a work detail replaced the conveyor belts on the outside pistol range. Extra belting was also cut. We still need to drill holes to hand them. Thank you to Brad Stangil, Pete Jones, Bill Books, Frank Daniel and Jim Coulton for all their help.

On Nov 9th there was a job to strip and repaint the lines in the parking lot that was completed professionally by Rich Geyer and John Tillman. They did such a quickly that Peter Bessman and Matt Palmer who volunteered were not needed. Thank you to all who help and volunteer.

On Nov 20th, Tom McPeck worked to install two outside electrical receptacles on the pistol building. This will help light the area for cleaning lead from the backstop. Thank you to ALL for your work to improve this club.

If you want to get on the email list to volunteer your talents see Bob Wieder at the monthly meetings.

L.V.P.R.L

The 80th annual league banquet was held Saturday, November 11th. We had a large turn out. Awards were handed out, high shooter for the season for .22 caliber is Tim Goszka with a score of 296.938 and also high centerfire score of 295.719. The high Lady shooter is Janet Bishop score of 279.719, the high senior Tim Goszka 296.938, the most improved shooter is Joseph Panto 24.282 points over last 3 years of shooting.

Our 81st shooting season will start Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

I would like to thank the league members that have volunteered to help by being range officers during the practice league in the fall season. Please consider volunteering to run the range during the new 2018 season.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Spring Ham Shoot

**Block Shoot for
Turkeys or Meat Trays**



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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.

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 *FallShoot*.