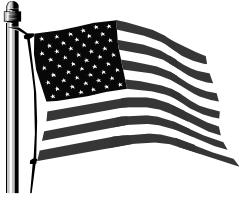


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# HSA News



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

## From the President January 2019

Can you believe it's 2019? Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

I'm sure you have already found the raffle tickets that have been enclosed with your newsletter. Funds from the sale of these tickets are the club's main source of revenue us for major improvements. Over the past few years ticket sales have been steadily dwindling. A number of major improvements are planned for this year but we need the revenue to complete them. The board of directors is asking all club members to sell or purchase all of the enclosed tickets. Your club needs your support.

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League is starting another season. The Sr archery league is also getting started on Wednesday nights. Stop down on Wednesday evening and see what these 2 great activities are all about. You'll have a great time and meet a lot of great people.

It's not too late to add to your News Year's resolution list. Let's all get more involved in HSA this year. Start by attending our monthly meetings. Mark your calendars! January 15<sup>th</sup> is our annual election of officers. I need your support this year if I'm going to hold my office for another year. LOL

See you at the club,  
Jim Bambu

## WANTED MEMBERS TO JOIN

**Action Pistol** Ken Ortbach is our action guy! He has a full schedule running USPSA Style Match, ICORE Match, IDPA Match and a .22 LR rimfire action pistol match. A very impressive group that has room for a new shooter.

**Trap** is always looking for you to dust off the shotgun and bring it out to the range! Lou Repyneck was busy in 2018, he had 1,209 shooters and 620 rounds of trap. Instructors are ready to get you started. There is room for you too.

**LV Police Revolver League** A certified instructor is available to help any new members. Chuck Adams, our President has a very active bunch who help run the range. They want you to become a better shooter each relay!

Our members are a very friendly and helpful group and love to talk about their sport! Come out and meet us. We won't shoot. Just kidding, we always have safety first!

**Junior Archery** is still on Monday's 6-8 pm. But just because they are in the middle of their year, you can still come and try it out. For the winter schedule, if school is closed so is league. Check with instructors for holiday schedule. The banquet will be after the Spring Ham Shoot. Please note all Ranges are closed for this class.

**Hellertown Archery** starts Wed. Jan 2 and Fri Jan 4 and runs for 12 weeks. Don't think equipment is a problem to check it out. A competitive sport but most say they are surprised how good they are naturally!

**Just a reminder;** We will be looking for sponsors for the annual spring Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament. Please consider this for the kids! It's not too late to renew your membership. Go to our website and select the membership tab. We don't want to miss you!

## 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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## Newsletter

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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.*

## 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 - until  
Thursdays 4:00 PM - until  
Lou Repyneck 610-838-7455

## 2019 Firearms Training Schedule Paul Piscator NRA Certified Instructor

## Introduction to the Handgun for Women Only:

2 half day programs for each class from 9 AM to 12 PM. Cost \$100.00

May 18, 2019 and June 1 2019  
October 19 & 26, 2019.

## Conceal Carry Level I:

One and a half day program  
Day one 9 AM-4 PM  
Day two 9 AM-1 PM  
Cost \$175.00

April 20 & 27, 2019  
September 21 & 28 2019.

Please see the H.S.A. website for Registration Application.

## Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

WWW.LVTP.ORG

Monthly Meeting  
1st Thurs of Every Month at 7:00 PM  
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## GEYERS CORNER

While looking over our club's various committees, I became aware that we used to have activities years ago that are no longer considered. Old timers will recall the trout that were raised and stocked in Saucon creek. Ringnecks were purchased and stocked at local farms. There was even a Entertainment Committee that would have hunting and fishing movies. An old famous outdoor writer and photographer, Wally Tabor, would shoe his adventures on 16 mm movies! Of course we are spoiled with fantastic adventure and hunting shows at the click of the button but we have Geyers chance to speak for entertainment at our meetings when Jim Bambu gives him the mike with no batteries.

I mentioned as a sports club we donate to worthy groups that are environmental, Military or others. So I happed to be reading up on the plight of the brown BAT. We all know they are great mosquito eaters AND they do not fly in your hair and they only produce one pup per year. I mentioned a project too build or purchase a BAT HOUSE and our VP, Brock Williams had been thinking along the same lines and had information. A week later he shows up with a nifty black 'Box' maybe 18" square by 4" thick with an open bottom. This one bat box can be used for nesting or hibernating and can house up to FIFTY bats! So if you notice the box on the property, please leave it alone. If you decide to make or buy one, details are available from PA Game Commission.

There is a know it all lady in the Parade magazine who didn't have the decency to answer my letter to her about lead in our water. But this winter I was at the trap range and it was so dang cold that when I got home I opened the refrigerator door and stood there until I warmed up. But in the summer it was so hot at trap that when I got home I did the same thing. I opened the refrigerator door to cool off. My question to Miss Know It All, "Do I need a new refrigerator or is there something wrong with me? Oop I shouldn't have put in the last comment.....too easy.

One of the largest Trap Leagues, LVTL will be starting sometime and several of our members shoot in this 14 week season. You do not have to be an expert! At the end of the season, all scores are divided into 8 or 9 classes and your 50 bird shoot off will be against others in the same range! Decent prizes too. You shoot 25 for score.....not every week.....various clubs are involved.

I heard some news lately with Police and their K-9 Corp dogs and I'm all for it. When some low life is causing trouble and does not seem to understand simple commands, he will soon pay attention when he's looking at a set of gleaming white teeth about an inch long! These German shepherds are loyal, intelligent and devoted to family. I knew a blond who bought two of them and named them Times and Rolex. Some wise guy laughed and asked, "Why did you name them Timex and Rolex?" She said, "These are WATCH DOGS dummy!"

A good friend asked me for advice. He was thinking of buying a dog., that was good with kids He was too young to recall those long ago movies of Rin Tin Tin, who made the German Shepherd famous. Until Lassie came along, now that collie was really something. One episode, the hero kid is in a predicament and needs a rope. "Go home Lassie and get a long rope!" That was when I stopped watching. Anyway my buddy's question, he agreed on a Alsation (the Official name of a German Shepherd) dog. A few months later he asks me to stop over. He says, "Rich I took your advice and got us a nifty good dog, gets along good with the kids and is easy to teach. We are happy with him but there is one problem. Lately some of my lawn ornaments are missing, two of the kids bicycles and a little wagon. All gone. What gives?" I put my hand on his broad but sagging shoulders and said "You DO know you've got yourself a pedigreed German shepherds, right? Well the problem is when he parks, he only barks in GERMAN! And I got to tell you, look around, this isn't really an all German Neighborhood!"

Multivitamins are supposedly beneficial but are wasting our money. Studies with 2 million people followed for 12 years found no scientific evidence that these products help prevent heart attacks, strokes or death from heart disease. Researchers say you can promote heart health by eating diet rich fresh fruits and vegetables, exercise regularly and not smoking. So does anyone want to mow my grass. I have some carrots, tomatoes and corn....oh and if you want to take a smoke, I'll look the other way.



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### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT

If you are a home owner, you can relate to the endless jobs. You might be able to relate to H.S.A. work so when you are at the range, look around and be sure to clean up after yourself. On the pistol range the new conveyor belts are prepared by drilling holes for hanging which get replaced periodically. We are in the woods and found three yellow jacket nests that had to be exterminated. Did you see the tree that fell? Well that's because it was already removed. The speaker and camera systems have to be kept functioning too. Of course the gutters and down spouts were cleaned because you know how leaves get in them. Not to mention the garage and closets that need cleaning out. An electrical outlet was installed for cameras in the garage at the rifle range. Any unit that needs a new filter is replaced. For our safety the exhaust fans in the pistol building were cleaned and lubed.

Thank you Bob Wieder for taking care of H.S.A. for us. Great job!

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

I would like to thank the league members that have volunteered to help clean the club house for the November 10<sup>th</sup> league banquet. The banquet was enjoyed by all, we had great food and fellowship. On the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> work party, league members again volunteered and cleaned the range, installed new rubber at back stops, put in new bulbs and oiled the cables. Great job guys. We appreciate it.

Our 82<sup>th</sup> year of league shooting has start Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Our new sweatshirts and hats have arrived for sale on league night shooting. We'll need range officers and new shooters welcome. Sign up for \$10 and \$2.50 for another gun. You will need your NRA# and H.S.A. membership. Hope all our members have a happy and healthy New Year!

Shoot Safe,  
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

## Spring Ham Shoot

**Block Shoot for  
Ham or Meat Trays**



**Silent Auction**



**Food and Beverages**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019  
From Noon Until 5:00 PM**

*Our main source of fund-raising.  
We need all of our members to participate in this very worthwhile and needed effort.*

**Wheel Spins for  
Ham or Meat Trays**



**Raffle Ticket Drawing**



**Fun for the entire family**

### Gun Raffle Escort Semi Automatic Shot Gun

**There will be a .22 cal Rifle Game in addition to the Block Shoot**

#### 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.

#### 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.

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