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From the President January 2020

Happy 2020! It's a new decade. Where did the time go? I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas. I would like to wish each of you a healthy and prosperous New Year. As I write this column it's 2 weeks before Christmas. With Thanksgiving being so late this year, it seems like we'll just be finishing our turkey and it will be time for Christmas cookies.

With the start of a new year it's also the start of a new season for the Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League and the Hellertown Archers League. Check the website for the contact info for each league, dust off your equipment and get involved at HSA this season.

Raffle tickets are again being sent to you with this newsletter. I would like to ask all members to purchase the enclosed tickets and sell the tickets that will be mailed in early March. The Board of Directors has discussed plans for a number of improvements this year. The major expense this year will be the replacement of the roof on the indoor range. The estimate we received is more than \$25,000.00. We really need your support this spring to offset this large expense. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Spring Ham Shoot on April 5th. Stop by around noon, bring your friends and turn in your raffle tickets. Let's make this spring shoot one to remem-

See you at the club.

Jim Bambu

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.

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.

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.

Thank you, Ken Ortbach

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Saturday May 9th, 2020 Support the T-Shirt Advertisement Program

Sponsorship opportunities are \$100.00 for Business, organization, or family name & telephone number or email address displayed on the back of the shirt. All business or organization advertisements will also be displayed on a sponsor board during the tournament and in HSA's summer club news-

letter. Company banners are welcomed for display.

Junior Archery started January 8th at 6:00—8:00 pm at the indoor range building. Every Monday night till the end of March. You can start anytime! All ranges are closed for this event

Trap League is Tuesday 9am-12pm and Thursday 5pm to 9pm at the outdoor trap range. Rifle range is closed for this event. Help is always available for beginners. Members \$4 Nonmembers \$5. The fun is contagious!

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 loose your membership privileges for not obeying the rules.

Calendar of Events

Monthly Membership Meeting Third Tuesday every month 7:30 PM

Action Pistol

1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM Ken Ortbach kjoinc@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
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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

2020 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 Day 1 Saturday, April 25, 2020 Day 2 Saturday, May 2, 2020

Concealed Carry Level I

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.

Day 1 Saturday, June 6th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Day 2 Saturday, June 13th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Required Student Equipment: Eye Protection, Hearing Protection, Billed Cap, Carry Handgun, Holster & 200 – 250 Rounds of Ammunition

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Monthly Meeting
1st Thurs of Every Month at 7:00 PM
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What is Profiling

Paul Piscator, NRA Firearms Training Instructor & former Smith & Wesson Instructor

There is a saying "while your sword and blade is becoming duller, your enemy is sharpening his."

Unfortunately, the majority of people today are existing in a world of unperceiving, unobservant, preoccupied, oblivious to surroundings, and distracted from the prevailing influencing factors. At this point coming under attack the threat now controls and you are tasked with regaining the initiative. Either you control the fight, or the fight controls you, there are no other options. Being in a state of ignorance, state of unawareness, and without a clue, positions you and your family in a disadvantageous development with less time to react. The longer you wait to control the situation, the deeper you fall into the abyss of an unquestionable threatening situation. It then becomes increasingly more difficult to take control. The quicker you control of the situation, the greater your odds are on keeping control and moving to safety. Obviously, you can't control everything, but you need to absolutely control how you react. Always be master of what to expect. A Greek philosopher once said, "Men are disturbed not by things, but the view they take of them."

Profiling is the ability to anticipatorily recognize and identify potential threats, consequent of human behavior. The converse to **Profiling** using a Spanish proverb "*He who does not look ahead remains behind.*" Profiling is a proactive mindset incorporating specific skills which are: <u>situational awareness</u>, <u>sensitivity of baselines and anomalies</u>, <u>critical thinking</u>, and <u>decision-making</u>.

- <u>Situational awareness</u> is the capability, competence, and disposition to mentally process, recognize, and judge your surroundings. This ability affords the aptitude or resourcefulness to quickly recognize sociocultural factors acting within an individual or group of individuals which possibly may be detrimental to you or your immediate family. Unfortunately, today the majority of people circumambulate or are calcified to a disposed state, lacking in mental processing, perception, judgement or reasoning. You <u>must be able</u> to read within the environment the aggregate of social and cultural conditions.
- Sensitivity of standards and deviation from the common rule or normal is the capability or competence to detect or ferret out indicators that are of significance or of consequence which may directly relate to your protection from harm. In other words, you need to identify apparent or observable characterized indications of a person(s) behavior. The other question to ask is the environment indicative of a nefarious situation? It is essential to understand people's manner of conduct, behavior or acting with predictable intentions.
- <u>Critical thinking</u> is the ability to separate unimportant or non-consequential facts from important or consequential facts. We need to be able to determine, judge, and estimate the value of consequential information. This affords judgment, understanding, rationalization, reasoning, and introspection or self-judgment especially in critical situations.
- <u>Decision making</u> is the quality and aptitude for having the competency and skillfulness to act mentally, legally, and morally with sufficient skill, knowledge, and experience appropriately. These are the aggregates necessary for critical sudden decisions. When it is time to act it will be without delay and with the least essential information.

In essence we need to ask ourselves, do we have ability/knowledge to observe acutely, judge accurately, and decide quickly. Have we focused on the most important information to make accurate and authoritatively consequence? Remember the decision to act or not is made in a matter of milliseconds. This determination is based on the knowledge of what to look for, when sufficient information is enough, and what decision to make. The greatest challenge will not be the threat itself, but the ignorance of what it is and how to deal with it. "It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." Henry David Thoreau, learn to read your environment. If you fail to see the oncoming threat indicators, then you have forfeited the opportunity to take active measures.

"Either you control the threat, or the threat controls you." Anonymous



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Bob Wieder Maintenance Report

- 1. Checked the 20 gallon hot water tank in the trailer. The heating element tripped 3 times in 3 weeks and Brian reset it each time. The voltage is good. Tighten all wire connection lugs, the only one loose was the ground wire. I texted Brian and asked if it had tripped since. He has not gotten back to me as of yet. If it continues to trip I will replace it.
- 2. Cameras were out due to modem trip. Cycled the power and everything came back.
- 3. Concreted the sink hole on the outside pistol range.
- 4. Changed furnace air filters.
- 5. Trouble shot way fan on the furnace that serves the shooters line continues to run. Don Jenny informed me that a white push button switch on the furnace is the cause. The switch vibrates in and closes which will turn on the furnace fan. I taped the button to remedy this.
- 6. Cleaned after Fall shoot.
- 7. Cleaned and changed vacuum cleaner filters.
- 8. Remounted door closer that fell off during Fall shoot. (It broke and fell into Bob's face and almost took out an eye. But with his quick reflexes he was unharmed. Remember maintenance can be dangerous but our Bob is the man for HSA! We appreciate you. (Be careful out there people.)

L.V.P.R.L

The league will need volunteers to help call commands as range officer during the year. We began our 83rd year on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. League membership is \$10 a gun and \$2.50 for every additional gun. Remember the cost for one relay is \$2.00 and the building fund is also \$2.00.

The league has a number of NRA certified pistol instructors to help those getting started. A basic pistol shooting and safety orientation is given to new shooters each season. Experienced members are always willing to help new shooters improve their skills.

Dress for success! We also have logo shirts, hats and sweatshirts for sale every Wednesday nights. Hope everyone had a great holiday and healthy new year!

Shoot Safe, Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Spring Ham Shoot

Block Shoot for Ham or Meat Trays

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Silent Auction



Food and Beverages

Sunday, April 5, 2020 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

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

<u>Memorial</u>

It is with great sadness we announce the loss and say good bye to our dear friend **John Del Re** who passed away this month. The H.S.A. community is mourning and thank him in our prayers for the many years of service to our organization! Contributions can be made in John's memory to the HSA Trap League, 1793 Meadows Rd, Hellertown, PA 18055.

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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