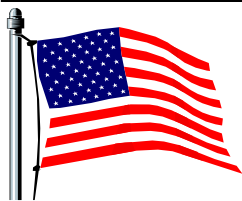


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President January 2022

Wow – another year has gone by; it's 2022 and after almost two years we are still talking about Covid. Who could have guessed that? But due to that China virus, we are again not having our Annual Spring Ham Shoot. Enclosed you will find 2 different tickets for the Spring Improvement Raffles. The first one is our traditional cash raffle and the second one is something new. There are 4 great prizes, including: (1) a Mossberg Shockwave shotgun, (2) Ruger 9mm handgun, (3) 500 rounds of 9mm ammo and (4) 500 rounds of 22 rimfire ammo. Winning any of these will surely make anybody very happy. These tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Please purchase and sell as many tickets as you can to help your club maintain and improve the property to continue serving its members.

As many of you already know, I am stepping down as president of Hellertown Sportsmen Association after 24 years. Looking back, I think we have made many great improvements to the buildings, grounds and operations of the club. I cannot take all of the credit for these accomplishments. Over my long term as president, it has been my pleasure to serve with great officers, board members, and group leaders. We have also been committed to the objectives listed in our by-laws and continued promotion of all types of hunting, shooting, fishing and sportsmanship. In all of our decisions, we have always kept the best interests of the club and its members in mind.

Our elections of officers and board members will be held at our January meeting. As of now, the slate of officers and board members that have been presented for elections are:

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Board of Directors

Susan Piscator
Chuck Adams
Lou Bove
Pam Begovich
Bill Lambert
Tom McPeck
Chuck Adams and
Brock Williams

I feel that if the officers and board members listed above are elected, the club will be in very competent hands for a long time to come. Please try to make the January meeting to support these candidates.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers, board members, and general membership for the confidence and support they have shown me over the past 24 years. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you at the club.
Jim Bambu
President

15th ANNUAL AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

This year's Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday May 14th, 2022

9:00 – 11:00 for 5-8 year olds
1:00 – 3:00 for 9-12 year olds

We will have the registration sheet posted on the website soon and will be mailing out a paper copy in March's newsletter, so keep an eye out for it soon!

We're always looking for sponsors for the back of the t-shirt as well, so give Brock Williams a call if you're interested in this great opportunity to help the kids.

JUNIOR ARCHERY

Students have been shooting since September 2021. New shooters are still welcomed. This year the children show their talents popping balloons even if it's their neighbors. The room is filled with excitement and shooters are happy to see their friends. It's a fun night for the Instructors too. Thank you very much to Lou Bove who takes care of the equipment. We were all happy to have Don Jenny take charge of the program. Don, Lou and Paul have over 50 years service combined at H.S.A.

ARCHERY LEAGUE

Thank you to all who attended the work party in 2021 to get ready for the season. Your help is appreciated. The archery leagues have begun January on Wednesday and Friday nights. There is still time to join.

THURSDAY NIGHT STEEL PLATE SHOOTING

Is on hold for now. We will post on the website when activity resumes.

WANTED

H.S.A. would like to start a new youth class for a .22 rifle shoot at 25 yards. Adult volunteers are needed to run the program. Please come to the Board meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month or the Regular meeting on the 3rd Tuesday to discuss time and days.

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

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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. 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
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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 5:00 PM - until
Mike Semo 302-222-4172

2022 Firearms Training Schedule Paul Piscator NRA Certified Instructor

Introduction to the Handgun for Women 2022:

The purpose of this beginners program is to educate women to understand the basic operation of the handgun, safe handling of the firearm and proper shooting techniques and address the use of the handgun for personal protection. Limit to 8 women per session.

April 23, 2022,
Day One 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
April 30, 2022,
Day Two 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

October 8, 2022,
Day One 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
October 15, 2022,
Day Two 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

See the website on the training page to complete a Registration Application.

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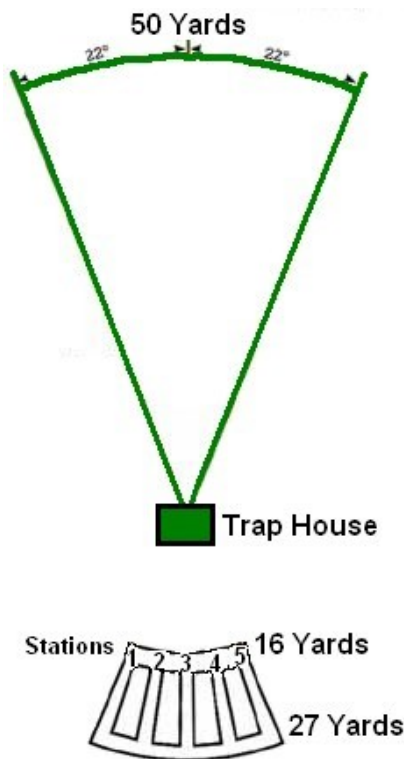
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INTRODUCTION TO TRAP

Some people have asked me about shooting trap and what this sport actually is. This month I'd like to talk about some of the "basics of trap shooting"*. I am basically describing American trap shooting and this article will be "Part 1", with a future article describing some of the "rules of the game".

Trap Field

Trap is shot at a range. A trap range has at least one, and perhaps many trap fields [HSA has 1], each of which has a little structure called the "trap house" that houses the machine that throws the clay birds into the air. This is called the "trap machine," and sometimes just the "trap." The trap machine throws the birds in a random pattern limited to a 44 degree horizontal arc, with the birds exiting the house at about 47 miles per hour and traveling about 50 yards before hitting the ground. The trap range uses either a hand release run by the score keeper, or voice calls that respond to the shooters' voices to send an electric signal that causes the trap machine to launch a bird. Each trap field has five shooting stations in an arc, each station being 11 degrees away from its neighbor. The shooting stations are paths radiating out from the trap house with distances from the house marked from 16 to 27 yards. A round of trap is 25 birds, 5 birds being shot from each station in rotation.



There are three events for trap shooters: singles, handicap and doubles. Singles are what we shoot at HSA and single birds are shot from the closest distance, 16 yards from the trap house. Since the birds are usually about 15 to 25 yards out by the time the shooter fires, even the 16 yard singles are 31 to 41 yards away. You can use any shotgun gauge, up to 12 gauge. Some may feel intimidated by the prospect of trying this sport, but if you'll just go and give it a try, you'll find that you will be welcomed by the participants.

Practicing safe gun handling is a primary obligation of all. Even though trap shooting is a game, it's a game played using deadly weapons. There is absolutely no room for unsafe gun handling. Always practice safe gun handling. Have your gun open and empty from time you leave your car to the time you are on the trap line. Only load your gun when it's your turn to shoot. Only load one shell unless you're shooting doubles. For doubles, you may load two. If, while you're on the trap field, someone has a malfunction, the staff needs to tend to the trap house, to reload the machine or otherwise adjust the machine, unload your gun. Don't rely solely on your gun's "safety". The only "safety" we sanction is an unloaded and "open" gun.

There are several interesting rules about gun failures, broken birds and so on. Your fellow shooters and/or the score keeper will help you with them. Some examples are: If a bird is broken in the process of being thrown, you'll get another bird to shoot at. If you shoot at that broken bird, you'll need a spare shell. If you shoot out of turn, you'll need to reshoot that turn. Just don't get flustered. It's a fun sport, easy to get started in, and can be addicting.



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Our banquet for the 2021 season was held on December 11th. There was good food and good fellowship. Our 85th year of continuous shooting will start January 5th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 until the school shooting team completes their season then we will start shooting at 5:00pm. Stay tuned we will send out an email when this change occurs.

The availability of 22 ammunition is spotty on line and at some gun shops, the prices are creeping down slowly. The league members that do reloading are still having a tough time finding primers. If anyone has leads please let us know.

You can contact me through email if you have any questions or concerns, ecadams53@aol.com.

Thank you for being patient.
Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,
Chuck Adams

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"Lost birds" are birds you didn't break. "Dead birds" are the ones you did break. A dead bird means you definitely broke the bird. Knocking a little dust off it isn't enough. You must at least knock a chip out of the bird. Ordinarily, the score keeper announces the lost birds but not the dead birds.

Trap shooting has some simple, straightforward rules. They will be addressed in a later article.

Pete Jones

*some portions condensed from Carney Rod and Gun Club article

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