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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 March 2020

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Spring Ham Shoot on April 5th. Enclosed are raffle tickets for our Spring Club Improvement Raffle and Gun Raffle. Stop by the club or contact any board member if you need additional raffle tickets. Remember to bring your old and unwanted sports items for our Silent Auction. These items should be in good shape and be outdoor related items. We will use all of the proceeds from this auction for club improvements. Bring your friends – our shoot is always a great time with lots of chances to win prizes.

HSA has a number of pistol activities at the club The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League shoots NRA Bullseye style shooting every Wednesday. Contact Chuck Adams for more info. We also shoot action pistol the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesday nights. It is a combination of IPSC, IDPA and ICORE shooting. Contact Ken Ortbach for more info. Not only will you have a good time and great practice with your handgun, but it will give you a great excuse to get out of the house.

Rich Geyer is starting an indoor 22 pistol plate shoot in the indoor range on Thursday nights. Find your 22 pistol and contact Rich for details.

See you at the club.
Jim Bambu

THE AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS

Saturday May 9th, 2020

Support the T-Shirt Advertisement
Program

Sponsorship opportunities are \$100.00 for Business, organization, or family name & telephone number or e-mail 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 newsletter.

Free Registration, Prizes, Lunch, Raffles, Goodie Bag, T-shirt and best of all.....FISH!

Members can start fishing at H.S.A. on Sunday May 10th.

NEW THURSDAY NIGHT STEEL PLATE SHOOTING

6 pm 22 pistol only, 2 sets; 5 targets at 25 feet. \$2 Building Fund \$1 to shoot all night. Can use 1 or 2 hands, timed is optional. We are also looking for a volunteers to assist with timing, scoring and cleanup. Contact Rich Geyer 610-838-8908 or Jim Kruge 610-417-3666 for more details or to volunteer.

Women on Target Instructional Clinic

Saturday April 18, 2020

Blue Ridge Cherry Valley Rod & Gun Club
2178 Smith Road. Scotia, PA
Register by April 4th, website is
<https://brcv-rodgun.org/wot-2020/>

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.

VALLEY VOICE 1/24/2020 Publication
Rich Geyer article and pictures of the Jr. Archery team! Pick up a copy for \$.75 at Giant in Leithsville or Hellertown Diner today! Thank you Don Jenny and Rich Fenner for helping our youth enjoy the sport!

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!

CWD Seminar by Dr. James Kroll 7/13/19

- No documented cases of CWD transmitted to humans.
- 6/18 There are 23 states & 196 counties out of 1,714 that are positive for CWD deer. 11.4% positive and 88.6% are CWD free. Some positive counties have only 1 case.

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 lose 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
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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

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

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

WWW.LVTP.ORG

Monthly Meeting

1st Thurs of Every Month at 7:00 PM

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GEYER'S CORNER

By the time you get this, the OLDEST continuous pistol league in the US will be starting up their 83rd year. To refresh your memory and the benefit of the increase of NEW members, I would like to remind you that some "Bulls eye" style of competition has been MODIFIED for those who seem to have trouble holding the gun steady (join the crowd).

The new regulations permit the shooter to USE two hands. These scores DO NOT compete with the regulation old style Bulls eye whereby NO PORTION of the gun/shooter may touch the bench. And trust me on this, we have an increasing number of 'two handed' shooters who are having a fun night out, several husband/wife teams....a new pistol shooter asked his doctor "Can you give me some pills that will keep me from shaking when I'm shooting"? Doc told him, if that was possible ALL the doctors would be good shots. New HSA members will go through an excellent NRA instruction course, and we stress SAFETY! SAFETY all the time! Practically every day, somewhere an unfortunate accident occurs, such as playing, cleaning or removing a loaded gun from the car. These safety reminders, taught while competing....are usually stressed to the point...they stay with you! So help me, a long time ago we shot trap up on the hill now that was YEARS ago...ONE of those former shooters recently gave trap another try. I was watching him as he stepped to the line....had the action open...looked down the barrel.....always a good safety check...I mentioned this good procedure to him....and to my real surprise he said, "Well, Mr. Geyer, that's the way you taught me" (wow..what a boost)

After many years and HUNDREDS of 'dead mark' cards fired at our club..and scored by Harlen Breisch and Al Horvath, they showed me a "ONE in a MIL-LION card. The very center, about the size of a .22 hole was completely gone! Must have been 4 or five pellets at same place...a rare winner..no question.

Long time Pres. Jim Bambu about a year ago, pointed out the various groups using our indoor range facilities...among them the several High School .22 rifle teams....boys AND girls. And THAT brings to mind ONE of the reasons I've often promoted the shooting sports. Trust the 'ole guy on this....girls can..and have often taken top scores. Here is where that 6' 6" basketball player has NO advantage....and that 210 pound guard...all shoot from the same distance. That's equality in my book And of course Trap shooting is really no different... and you will see in one of the largest trap leagues around.....some young kid with a shotgun about as long as he is high...blasting away at the same distance..same birds...equality!

Sorry to report but some #@?%&#! person recently shot enough high power ammo into our outdoor pistol steel backstop...he punched a hole through...alongside of maybe eight or ten other big dents! Now we need an expensive welding operation, otherwise a fired bullet may just hit one of those dents...and come back. I was gonna spell 'ricochet' but didn't have my dictionary handy.*

A rancher was persuaded to cross breed his cattle with hyenas. It was a disaster-the offspring were the laughing stock of the county.

A few military words to the wise: Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammunition. Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you. When you pull the pin, Mr. Grenade is no longer your friend. If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush. Flyer's take note: The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

I must mention again about the MANY..MANY beautiful hand made Afghans that have been donated to the Pistol League to help raise money towards our insurance costs. These have been graciously accepted and chanced off for YEARS...by none other than Pat Chontafalsky!! (Husband Dick is the guy with the bundles of wool!)

Thank you. Thank you! Also would like to point out: The DONATION table had a fine bunch of goodies! Ammo, primers...several cartons of 1,000...and the dessert table at our banquet...was enough to put some weight on! By the way, in the pistol league, you can use .22, 9mm, 40's, and surprisingly a good number of .45 auto shooters. That's the pistol that requires some real practice and dedication until you can keep 'em in the black. BUT, I contend that you will learn MORE in three months of regulation target shooting...than you will learn in 'plinking' for three times that. And the ONE shooting aid that has increased good scores...and BROUGHT BACK older shooters....has been the moderately priced "Red Dot Scope" and you'll see plenty of them on the firing line....give this game a try....22 ammo is back at reasonable prices..



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Two Sportsmen Friendship John Delre and I were very close we always got along since we were small. John loved to hunt and for 30 years we went to the same hunting camp, up until 2 years ago. He was a regular outdoors man fishing, hunting and camping. We took trips to Canada, bass fishing for a week at a time. He worked for a place called Corrie Acres for at least 25 years driving truck. They made cardboard boxes and he delivered to different plants in PA and NJ. I got him into archery and we went all over on a Sunday, to compete at different shoots. He also loved trap shooting and competed at many of the local clubs. For many years, John ran the trap league twice a week and also repaired the trap house when the machine broke down. Next time it breaks, he will be missed! He just knew what to fix. He was an Officer on the Board of Directors and Treasurer for many years without missing hardly any meetings. John really got along with everyone that he came in contact with. Like I said, we were very close and would call each other every night around 10 pm just to see how we were doing. Over the years my trade was an auto tech and when something needed to be fixed, I'd always get a phone call, "Hey can you come down and look at my car?" We went to work right in the driveway and got it done. I'll miss those days of helping him and his wife De. Now when I go to HSA meetings, I have an empty chair next to me but Blair has since filled John's place. Well RIP my buddy save me a spot up there. Lou Bove

L.V.P.R.L

The league began its 83th shooting season on January 8, 2020. The league is having a great start, even with cold temps there is 45 min. wait to get a spot on the firing line.

The league needs volunteers to help call commands as range officer. We have two shifts 5:00 to 7:00 and 7:00 to 9:00, during the new shooting season. We offer free training to anyone who would like to be a range officer, just speak with Wendell Ferris or Steve Goosley for more information.

We also have hooded sweat shirts for sale that I recommend you wear during the cold temps on the firing line. The league has dates for members to write on your calendar Sunday May 3rd - 4:00 pm indoor picnic. Wednesday night May 13th - 7:30 league meeting. We always need help with the Spring Ham shoot on April 5th with .22 Rifle shoot in the indoor range.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Spring Ham Shoot

**Block Shoot for
Ham or Meat Trays**



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

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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