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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 2023

Greetings fellow club members: Last March when I wrote my first message as your President, I had no idea what it really meant to represent of you even though I had been involved for twenty plus years as the Secretary and then the Financial Secretary. But with the help of all of you the members, directors and officers we are flourishing. Last year I wrote I could not be prouder of each of you who have agreed to step up to the plate and serve as officers, directors, and group activity representatives – what a team!! And these words mean more to me every single day. Sadly, we lost two of our devoted team members recently, Rich Fenner and Blair Ferguson. Rich was a valuable member of the Junior Archery team from the inception. He also was involved in Hunter Trapper Education for many years. Rich's wife Ellie week after week baked refreshments for the Junior Archers. Many will remember Blair as the membership Secretary for a number of years and then Treasurer for a short time. Blair has been often described as the gentle giant as he quietly carried out his responsibilities. Both Blair and Rich will be deeply missed.

On Saturday, February 18th we closed the club in order for one of our members to host a private fundraiser for a local Hellertown cancer victim. HSA is always pleased to be a good neighbor and help the community in any way that we can. Another community event we will be hosting will be a camp over for the Minsi Trails Council of Boy Scouts. More information will be made available later but tentatively the club we be closed on the weekend of June 3rd and 4th.

Yes, raffle tickets are once again enclosed with your newsletter. Our semi-annual raffles are a main source of income for the club. As the former Financial Secretary, I can tell you it takes a lot of money to

maintain HSA from the utility bills, taxes, insurance, routine maintenance, and the list goes on and on and the prices up and up. With your generosity we were able to upgrade the pistol range and coat and strip the parking lot. Although not as visible to all, we have also upgraded our membership software program. Some improvements to the men's bathroom will be done in the very near future.

You will notice the board has elected to expand the list of prizes for this spring raffle. By offering five guns, ammunition, and fishing gear in addition to the cash and gift cards, each ticket has 17 chances to win. The drawing will take place at the June membership meeting.

In closing I wish to say again it is my honor to serve as your President and I encourage you to share with me your ideas and concerns for our club. HSA is the premier club in the Valley thanks to you and I could not do this job without your support. You may contact me at 215-589-0551 or via email at president@hellertownsportsmen.com.
Susan

**NRA Range Safety Officer
Class Sunday April 30th 8AM
all day at H.S.A. Instructor
Ken Ortbach**

**JR Archery Banquet Monday
3/27/23 6PM**

**Hunter Safety Course-None in
March. Next session August
2023**

We plan to have a member appreciation day with family fun in September.

**THE AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISH-
ING TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS**
Saturday May 6th, 2023
9:00AM-11:00AM Age 5 to 8
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Club and Range Closings

All Ranges Closed

**Third Tuesday of Month 7:30 pm
During Monthly Membership Meeting
Every Monday Night 6:00 pm
During Junior Archers**

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. 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 9:00 AM

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

Plate Shooting

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Bill Hashagen 610-428-2352

2023 Firearms

Training Courses

Upper Perkiomen

Sportsmen's Association

398 East 6th Street, Red Hill, PA 18076

HSA members can attend courses at UPSA at the member rate and UPSA would give courses at HSA if there is enough people to attend. Listed classes for 2023 have not been posted to the website at the time of this newsletter.

FIREARM CLINICS

- Intro to Pistol
 - Pistol Clinic
 - Firearm Cleaning & Social Time
 - Pistol Holstering Clinic
- ### NRA TRAINING COURSES
- Basic Shotgun Course
 - Basic Instructor Training
 - Basic CCW Course
 - Basic Pistol Instructor
 - 1st Aid Training

Contact any of the Officers if you are interested in Hosting a Class at H.S.A. Sign up if your interested in attending at UPSA by registering on their website.

Lehigh Valley Tea Party Project 9/12

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Monthly Meeting

1st Thurs of Every Month at 6:30 PM

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Monthly Meets every 4th Monday
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HSA Trap Report

Welcome to HSA Trap Shooting. We have both male and female participants who range in age from juniors to a shooter in his 90's. We stress safety and safe gun handling at all times and we shoot trap on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:00 am, and Thursday evenings starting at 5 PM. Please try and arrive at least 15 minutes early to sign up and you do not have to be a club member to participate in these organized trap shoots. Based on the number of shooters who show up, we are now shooting for about 1-1½ hours each day and will shoot from our start time until the last shooter there has shot. We offer donuts and coffee and the clubhouse is open for the restrooms. Here's a link to review firearm safety on the trap field: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PIKhjftTI8>

Each relay of 25 shots costs \$5.00 for HSA members and \$6.00 for guests. We throw out a "green" bird randomly once each relay and if broken by the shooter who gets it thrown on their turn, they win a free round.

For any new shooters, here are some points to keep in mind.

All attendees must observe all club/gun safety rules at all times, and must also read and abide by the trap rules which are posted and available at the club.

Guns must be unloaded and open from the time they leave your car until you are on the firing line and ready to shoot, and then open and empty from the line back. Bring the following: shotgun, eye protection, hearing protection, shells (a 25 round box of #7 ½ or #8 size shot per squad you sign up for).

Shotgun requirements (preferably 12 or 20 gauge): MINIMUM of 24" barrel (Exceptions will be made for youth and disabled individuals. Must be approved by club.) Pistol grips, collapsible stocks and/or convertible/combo/box magazine/hybrid semi-auto/pump shotguns are not allowed.

Also recommended is a billed cap or visor, a shooting vest or pouch for holding your ammunition, and shooting gloves if desired.

You can sign up for more than one squad at a time as long as they are not back to back.

New shooters must watch at least one squad shoot before shooting and we will have a regular shooter stand behind you for your first squad shooting both for safety and to show you our local rules.

New shooters: prior to shooting we recommend that you "pattern your shotgun". This is to show you where your gun actually shoots based on gun fit, your aim, and the gun's characteristics and is invaluable to help you get started hitting "birds". Come down ½ hr. early, and bring some extra shells, if you'd like help patterning your shotgun. This can be done here at the club on the pistol range and there are members who are willing to accompany and assist you in doing this.

Please come out and shoot with us and feel free to contact Walt or me with any questions.

Pete Jones - 610-909-0705 or
Walt Shimer - 610-844-7833



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L.V.P.R.L.

Our 86th year of continuous league shooting has been cruising along, make a note on your calendar for the league semi-annual meeting Wednesday May 17th 7:30 pm. The High school rifle team has completed their season of shooting so the league starting time is now 5:00 pm.



I would like to mention that poly plate 22 cal. pistol shooting has started up again, I tried it out and I had a lot of fun shooting at the new targets. Try it out on the first and third Thursday of each month starting at 7 pm.

I have been talking about the lack of primers, they are now available normal price about \$100.00 for 1,000. The 22 cal ammunition also has become available and the prices have come down, the sad side to this story is we are seeing a higher percent of misfires.

Please buy and sell HSA fall club improvement raffle! The money brought in is used for property improvements and maintenance.

You can contact me through email if you have any questions or concerns, ecadams53@aol.com or stop down at the range Wednesday night.

Thank you
Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,
Chuck Adams

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Thank you
Bernard

Geyer's Corner

You might be one of the thousands of folks who just got one of those new fangled know-it-all do-it-all phones. I am. Lost my regular one, no dangit I DON'T know where or I would have found it! Anyway that one still had a bunch of mysteries inside that I hadn't figured out...and now I get a MORE complicated one! Go figger. At last HAS meeting, Bill Lambert, our pistol league statistician for several years as well as a valued member...showed me HIS fancy phone. Sez to me "Rich, I can turn up my thermostat at home from here. Yeah, well, HE has a furnace! By the way, Bill often sits under a really dandy Elk that he took a few years ago...with a bow! Not too many finer ones around.

I am still getting questioned about what kind of wood do they use when making those great penny matches I bragged about...told him I wooden know. How wood I? Years ago I thought about being a tree surgeon but couldn't stand the sight of sap. Saw a 'shrink' and he sez "We'll get to the root of your problems, leave that idea and branch out." THAT went against my grain. I figger, I'm barking up the wrong career.

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