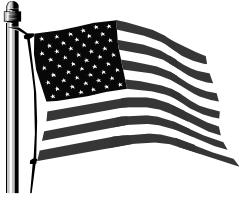


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President November 2019

Deer season is here again. I hope you sighted in your rifle already. Taking your first shot and missing is not the time to find out your rifle is not hitting where you're aiming. Please remember to wear your Safety Orange while hunting. Every year we hear about an unfortunate accident in the woods during deer season. Let's all have a safe hunting season.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Fall Turkey Shoot. Sunday November 24th at noon we start our festivities. We have block shoots and wheel spins all day. This is also your last chance to turn in those raffle tickets for our Fall Club Improvement Raffle. At 5:00 pm we draw tickets to find out who will be our lucky raffle winner for this year. Who couldn't use an extra \$1000.00 this year? We will again have our Silent Auction to raise additional funds for club improvements. Check your basement and garage for those unwanted sporting items. By donating them to HAS you will be helping out the club and cleaning up at home at the same time.

If you need additional raffle tickets come to our November meeting on Tuesday the 19th.

In January the Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League will start their new season. Dig out that old 22 pistol and come down to the club on 1st Wednesday in January. Whether you're a new shooter or have just not shot in a few years you'll have a great time. Remember you do not need to be a police officer to shoot in the league.

See you at the shoot,
Jim Bambu

Training

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

Most schools of shooting are training their students by what is termed "Block Training." "Block Training" is training which makes students feel good, to pass the practical shooting test. Training to qualification rather than teaching to prevail in a gunfight gives a false sense of confidence and security. Intuitional training conducted, in block and silo (training two or more related skills but not connecting how the skills work together in a fluid situation) format is illusionary. Quality training needs to provide you with the ability to effectively run your gun no matter what position you find yourself in.

A further factor which I recognize is that once an option is selected especially in "scenario based" training exercises the student limits his or herself to that one option. Instructor's should be pointing out that maybe another option or options could have applied or integrate variables making the outcome more effective or achievable and reliable. Scenario based training is training to think. Fighting effectively requires thinking and rapid decision making. Ask yourself are you training to make those decisions? Keep in mind that one technique is not going to work in every situation.

Students need to learn and grasp in reality, situations are quite fluid, changing in nanoseconds as circumstances shift and change in a tense, uncertain, and rapidly unfolding encounters.

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HUNTERS

The rifle range has three benches and a roof to accommodate three riflemen at a time with both 50 yard and 100 yard backstops. All rifle shooting must be done from the bench. To prevent any stray shots there are aligned three large horizontal barriers above the shooting lanes consisting of foot deep enclosed troughs. Bob even installed new transparent roof panels on outside rifle range pavilion.

Penn State Veterinary Entomology Lab Deer Tick & Ked Study Update

Project Updates: We have posted updates and additional info on our [parasite hunter website](#). If you check the [News](#) page you will find a few updates on the progress and results of the tick and ked survey so far. We also have an [article that was published in the Journal of Medical Entomology](#). If you cannot access it and would like to, let us know and we will provide you with a PDF copy.

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
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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
\$100.00

Day 1 Saturday, April 25, 2020

Day 2 Saturday, May 2, 2020

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

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

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Training

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Response ability is a matter of significant complexity involving a multitude or myriad of interactive elements, including time, distance, environment, training, adeptness, judgment, perception, the critical factors responding to the aggregated actions of the perpetrator or perpetrators you are confronted with.

Assaults occur very quickly and often without definitive pre-attack cues. When an assault occurs, we need to be taught our limitations as humans in perception and decision making does not absolve us from the responsibility to act within the bounds of our cultural norms, values, and laws. Split-second decisions may have lifelong ramifications. Quick decisions can be problematic when they are a result of inexperience, misguided emotion, implicit bias or inadequate training. The consequences of quick decisions are magnified when they involve the decision to use deadly force. The use of deadly force is a functionality in a variety of skills, judgement, and wisdom.

Again, ask yourself, are your trainers teaching you to think as well as learning skills or are you simply learning choreography? Fighting for your life or you loved one's life producing the intended or expected results effectively requires thinking. Train to assess then react, not simply act without thinking. Processing information, prioritizing and reacting appropriately are the goals of training. Survival is about rapid competent decision making. Keep asking yourself have you trained to make those decisions? Every nanosecond in a deadly fight is an appropriate time for thinking if you want to stay alive and avoid consequential unfavorable results. You need to synthesize the information with your abilities. The objective or goal is capabilities applied throughout adaptation to changing variables. You need the ability to process incoming information, prioritizing responsibly and reacting accordingly. If you are not training in that manner you are walking out of school with a false confidence. Avoid self-delusion. Quality training is the capability to perform the action successfully, by learning how to ultimately observe, assess, correct and adapt to any changes happening in your milieu.

Before leaving class, judge and evaluate have you gained the ability to quickly and intuitively recognized the problems and understand the principles and techniques that will solve those problems. To be successful the essential necessity must be having an immediate, intuitive understanding of problems facing you, the principles of the solutions, and the skills and techniques that need to be applied to those principles. Unfortunately, as Paul Howe stated, "we have become a society that strives for the minimum standard, and this is how we live our lives." Know how good you aren't. Under attack you are going to face high stress, rapidly changing unpredictable conflicting forces. What we face is our perception on being qualified versus actually being prepared to operate a gun in a high stress situation. To our detriment we have succumb to institutional inbreeding of training within.

Many individuals are walking around with completely untested and unproven abilities without any evidence that it is actually ability. You need the ability to assess, think, respond employing learned procedures to solve difficult and interlaced problems. This includes maneuvering safely around no-shoots while under the pressure of engaging in a fight. Uncertainty is your greatest enemy. The experienced criminal/predator knows how to understand you, your cues, your fears. Remember his threat assessment model is highly developed and has no prohibitions. If you error in your thinking and response you could die or go to prison if you choose what is morally not right in judgment, and method. Each decision you make carries consequences of life, death, legal, and psychological ramifications. You will be asked what formulated your decisions, your orientation to extreme violence, and your process for threat assessment. The street has no second place trophies. The gun is 10% of the fight, success or failure is based on solving the problem with clear decision making the execution of those decisions decisively and correctly.

Varg Freeborn stated: "Fighting well requires three basic developments: 1) A well-developed set of fundamental skills, techniques and procedures, 2) The conditioning to physically perform them repeatedly, 3) The mindset to make the correct decisions and push through adversity to be able to utilize those skills."

Remember you are a product of your own standards.



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MAINTENANCE REPORT

Here is a list of some of the major improvements made over the past few years:

- Signs on the clubhouse and indoor range.
- 3 new heating systems 2 in the clubhouse and 1 in the pistol range.
- Central air conditioning for the clubhouse.
- Major repairs to the floor in the clubhouse.
- New rain gutters on the clubhouse.
- Removal of a dozen trees throughout the property.
- New PA system for the clubhouse
- Closed circuit TV cameras.
- Repairs to the driveway.
- Sound insulation for the indoor range.
- New Cleaning Help by Pep Garcia!
- Sealed club house floor.

This list does not include all of the routine maintenance done on a monthly and seasonal basis.

L.V.P.R.L

The league will need volunteers to help call commands as range officer during practice league shooting which will start October 23rd 6pm. The league will begin its 84th year on January 8, 2020. At the last general meeting of the league the membership took a vote to increase relay cost to 2 dollars and the building fund also to 2 dollars.

The League Banquet was Saturday, November 9th. Hope you all have a good time and hope to see you next season!

Dress for success! We also have logo shirts, hats and sweatshirts for sale every Wednesday nights.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

Fall Turkey Shoot

**Block Shoot for
Turkey or Meat Trays**



Silent Auction



Food and Beverages

**Sunday, November 24, 2019
From Noon Until 5:00 PM**

*Our main source of fund-raising.
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**Wheel Spins for
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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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