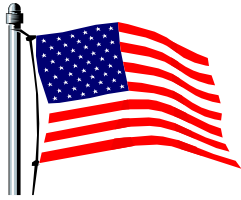


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President November 2020

Hopefully everyone is doing well through this continued pandemic. Personally, I have had just about enough of it. As I write this its late September. Between the ever-changing reports on the virus and the fake news about the election it's very hard to watch the news without shooting the TV. You will be receiving this sometime about the first week of November. The election should over unless it's a repeat of 2000 when we didn't know the results until sometime in December.

Tickets for both our Cash Club Improvement Raffle and Fall Gun Raffle are included in this mailing. The drawing for both will be held at our December monthly meeting. Please help us overcome the revenue shortfall due to the cancelations of both of our yearly major fundraisers. Additional tickets are available at our meetings or by contacting a board member. Think of all the Christmas presents you could buy yourself if you win the \$1,000.00 grand prize!

Hunters, remember to sight in your deer rifles early. It's the time of the year that our rifle range is busiest. Keep an eye out for that big buck! Also, don't forget to renew your membership. All renewals must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 in order to avoid the late renewal fee. Life members must complete a renewal form to keep their membership info up to date.

All of the officers and board of directors of HAS wish you and your family Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

NOTICE DUES INCREASE Effective September 1, 2020

- Senior Member \$75.00
- Initiation Fee \$25.00
- Spousal Member \$25.00
- Junior Member \$25.00

Action Pistol

USPSA Match

First Tuesday of the month, (3rd Tuesday), 7pm to 9pm

www.uspsa.org

ICORE Match

Friday following the general membership meeting, 7pm to 9pm

www.icore.org

IDPA Match

Classifier, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm to 9pm Match, 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm to 9pm www.idpa.com

A special match will be held in months with a fifth Tuesday. Pocket Gun or Pistol Caliber Carbine matches are the norm. An announcement will be made at the club monthly meeting.

Note: USPSA matches and IDPA matches require pre-registration

at www.practiscore.com

For more information contact Ken Ortbach by email: KJOinc@aol.com

Results for all Hellertown matches can be found

at: www.practiscore.com Search for "HSA"

Junior Archery The safety of children and instructors is the 1st issue to opening. Has not started yet but if you are interested or have earned a Trophy from last years session, please contact Don Jenny at dwenjy@aol.com or call 610-691-1903. Please check the website for updates.

ARCHERY

The outdoor bales and the compound target are available for members to practice. The range is open from 9am to 9pm daily. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult member. Please wear your membership badges and sign in on the log book when shooting on the range.

The Pre-Season Indoor Archery Practice begins in the fall & runs through the spring every Monday morning from 9 am to noon. There have not been enough shooters to open. So call Lou if you are interested.

HSA Senior Archery Leagues anticipate to begin in January and are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 pm. The Leagues will run 12 consecutive weeks. The number of members will be determined according to COVID safety.

If you are interested in any of the above archery activities, please contact Lou Bove: 610-865-5857.

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 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
Chuck Adams 610-252-3169

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
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Lecture: Saturday, November 7, 2020
Range: Saturday, November 21, 2020
Register online, Cost \$100.00

The purpose of this program is to educate women who have no knowledge or limited knowledge of handguns and want to become informed and understand the basic operation of the handgun, safe handling of the firearm and proper shooting techniques. The program will address the use of the handgun for personal protection.

Other Instruction; Concealed Carry Level I

As a licensed individual carrying a firearm one of the primary requisites is be trained to face sudden close quarter lethal encounter(s). Survival depends on a quick and decisive response and at the same time not effectuating or executing innocent lives. 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.

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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: situational awareness, sensitivity of baselines and anomalies, critical thinking, and decision-making.

Situational awareness 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 must be able 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.

Critical thinking 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-judgement especially in critical situations.

Decision making 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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HSA Trap Shooting – Guidelines and General Information

All HSA club members and guests, please join us to trap shoot on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons at the club. Shooting starts at 9:00 am on Tuesday but we recommend being there by 8:30 or so to sign up. Similarly for Thursday afternoon, shooting starts at 5:00 pm during daylight savings time, but an arrival time by 4:30 will get you signed up for an early squad. Our shoots are open to the public and both men and women are invited to participate.

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/or available at the club when we shoot. For those of you who haven't shot trap before, come on down, and bring the following: shotgun (preferably 20 GA or 12 GA and not a short barrel or pistol grip), eye protection, hearing protection, shells (25 rounds per squad you sign up for; #7 ½ or #8 shot). Also recommended are a billed cap or visor, a shooting vest or pouch for containing ammunition, and shooting gloves if desired. You can sign up for one squad at a time and re-sign up for another as soon as you finish shooting the squad you were on. 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 for safety and to show you our local rules. Also, new shooters: prior to shooting we recommend that you "pattern your shotgun". This can be done here at the club on the pistol range and there are members who will accompany and assist you in doing this. 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 new shooters get started hitting "birds". Come down ½ hr. early, and bring some extra shells, if you'd like help patterning your shotgun.

Finally, we throw out a "green" bird randomly once each squad and if broken by the shooter who gets it thrown on their turn, they win a free round. Each round (5 shots from each of 5 stations = 25 shots) costs \$4.00 for HSA members and \$5.00 for guests. We practice social distancing and while we shoot and the clubhouse restrooms are open for use.

Come join us,

Pete Jones

L.V.P.R.L

I would like to start out by thanking Chief Range Officer Tom Bailey and Assistant Chief Range Officer Steven Goosley for running the range on Wednesday nights. Also, thanks to all the league members that have been showing up to shoot. We are only shooting every other position, keeping our distance, wearing masks, and have plenty of hand sanitizer around. So stop by if you feel comfortable.

The next time that you come to the Rich Geyer Indoor Range, you will notice some significant improvements if you look around. We have a new roof with new rain gutters. The drainage around the building has been improved. The air handling system has been improved. You will notice new louvers at the front of the building to allow more circulation. The floor has been cleaned and sealed twice. Hellertown Sportsmen spent over \$30,000.00 on the indoor range. It would be a good idea to show up at a board or membership meeting and say thank you to the Hellertown Sportsmen board members.

We will continue shooting for scores until December 9th. Our normal practice league session will be discontinued this year so everyone can complete their scores for the 2020 season. There is a large number of shooters that have not finished or come back to shoot. We invite you to come and see our safe operation and encourage you to take this extended opportunity. There maybe an modification for the team competition because there are not enough shooters for the women vs men competition. We will decide the outcome at the close of the season.

Along with all these COVID changes we have decided to not have our annual banquet this year. Instead of the normal banquet we will hand out awards to the shooters on December 16, Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Bill Books will be mailing ballots to all members to vote for the Officers and Board Members. The ballots need to be received via mail or in person by December 16.

There will be no shooting 11/25, 12/23 and 12/30 due to the holiday. The new 2021 season will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,

Gun Raffle!

Henry 22LR Lever Action Rifle Model H001

Gun Raffle!

Drawing at the General Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2020

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.

CLUB IMPROVEMENT RAFFLE 12/15/20

1ST PRIZE	\$300
2ND PRIZE	\$200
3RD PRIZE	\$100
4TH TO 10TH PRIZE	\$50.00

1 TICKET	\$5.00
3 TICKETS	\$12.00
4 TICKETS	\$15.00
8 TICKETS	\$25.00

**FALL TURKEY SHOOT
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