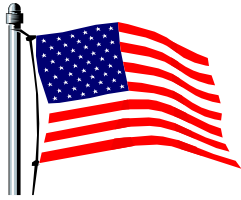


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**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM  
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

## From the President November 2022

Greetings HSA members: With the advent of fall comes the much-anticipated hunting season. As you prep for the upcoming season what better place to practice with your bow or rifle than HSA remembering **safety first, last, and always**. Good luck with your hunting, we would love to hear about your adventures.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to come to the club and see the improvements we have been able to accomplish over the last few months. Most recently we have had to have a number of trees trimmed and removed because of the ash bore. We are hoping to prevent any injury or damage to persons or property. We did have a tree come down on the back corner of the indoor pistol range building but thankfully only minor damage to the roof.

Damage caused by Mother Nature is one thing, but the damage caused by an individual(s) to our outdoor pistol range backstop signs is inexcusable. Thanks to our security cameras the individual(s) purposely causing this damage is recorded. If you are ever at the range and see someone violating our rules, please say something immediately as well as contact me or our Vice President Chuck Adams. Having to repair or replace material uses funds that can be used for future maintenance and improvements.

All of you have been so generous in the past supporting our semi-annual raffles and I want to say a sincere thank you for purchasing our raffle tickets. I know right now inflation is taking a big bite out of everyone's finances but anything you can do for HSA is a big help and allows us to continue to have the best sportsmen's club in the valley! Your support is critical for

us to survive and thrive.

**The board of directors is pursuing developing a BB gun program for our youth. What better way to introduce the young folks to proper gun handling and safety. Our only thing is we need someone to lead this endeavor. I know we have many talented members and hope one of you will contact me for more information and to volunteer to assist with this program.**

Enjoy this beautiful time of the year. Thank you again for your support of the club! What a great group of members we are fortunate to have.

Susan Piscator  
President

## MEMBERSHIP Renewal Time

Starting now for the 2023 year, a renewal membership form is required with your check. **Do not** send in old membership cards for a substitute renewal form. The 2023 membership renewal form is included in this mailing and can also be downloaded from the HSA website. Checks will be returned which will delay your membership and you don't want to pay the \$100.00 late price after 12/31/22. Thank you for your cooperation.  
Membership Secretary

## THANK YOU!

HSA would like to thank Sue and Paul Piscator for the 22 years of gun training at the club! The dedication to the sport and our club has given sportsmen and women a wonderful resource! We wish you both happiness and will always remember the gun safety you have taught us!

## JUNIOR ARCHERY

The balloons are out and the kids are popping them with their arrows. Shooting begins at 6:00 PM on Mondays at the indoor range. You can still join the fun. Just come and we'll register your child. Contact Don Jenny at 610-691-1903. Reminder: If the local schools are closed due to snow, Jr. Archery will also be canceled. All ranges are closed Monday nights at 6pm.

## SENIOR ARCHERY

Archery practice started in October every Monday 9am to Noon and will run through spring. Senior Archery League will start Wednesday January 4th and Friday night Archery will start on January 6th. Starting time is 7pm and will running for 12 consecutive weeks. If you are interested please contact Lou at 610-393-0073.

## 22 PLATE SHOOT

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Rich Geyer indoor range at 7pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The goal is to hit all five targets as quickly as possible. If one of the targets is missed, you may use your sixth bullet to attempt to hit the fifth target. The clock stops if you hit the fifth target. If you don't hit all five targets, there is no score. Don't be fooled the target is not metal but a 3" self healing target at 25 feet. Something the kids would love to compete! They might be better than Mom & Dad!

## 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**

## Board of Directors

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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 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  
Chuck Adams 610-252-3169

### 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

## 2022-23 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

[WWW.LVTP.ORG](http://WWW.LVTP.ORG)

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Monthly Meets every 4th Monday  
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Email: [thetoppings1@gmail.com](mailto:thetoppings1@gmail.com)

## Paul Piscator

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## HSA Trap - November 2022

Welcome - Trap shooting is a great sport and 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 have donuts and coffee and the clubhouse is open for the restrooms.

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 (preferably 12 gauge or 20 gauge - no short barrel or pistol grip), eye protection, hearing protection, shells (a 25 round box of #7 ½ or #8 size shot per squad you sign up for).

Also recommended are 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.

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 of 25 shots costs \$4.00 for HSA members and \$5.00 for guests.

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

Pete Jones - 610-909-0705 or  
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## L.V.P.R.L.

Our 85<sup>th</sup> year of continuous league shooting has been cruising along with our last night for league official scores on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.



Our practice league will run from Wednesday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 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.

Happy New Year!!! January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 will start the new shooting season!

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](mailto:ecadams53@aol.com) or stop down at the range Wednesday night.

Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,  
Chuck Adams

## Geyer's Corner

Being in the 'geezer' group I've been doing a bit of musing. That's a fancy word for daydreaming. You whippersnappers can do it, but usually you have too much other stuff on your mind.

Take for instance the hotbed of conversation lately about cursive being taught in schools. Heck, when I was a kid which was along time ago I lived on a farm and the hired man introduced me to cursive language. I think it was when he was mad at his horses, then at times it was even in Pennsylvania Dutch. Then before I was old enough to shave I got on a Light Cruiser and an old bos'n's mate taught me a whole new batch of cursive. Actually he and a 2nd class bos'n could barely put a sentence together with no cursive stuff. Their total IQ might have topped 45.

Then we have the big question "Do we get these government recommended shots for ourselves, and what about the kids and at what age" It? A lot of decisions could be simplified by simply having a lottery system using government employees getting these controversial shots. It worked for the draft and that would certainly be considered democratic. Plus give confidence to us voters.

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