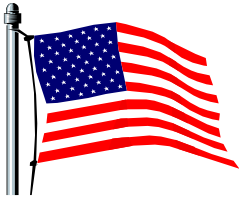


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President October 2021

Enclosed are 3 sheets of raffle tickets. The first is our traditional cash raffle. A great chance to win \$1000.00 in cash. The second is for a Ruger 10/22 semi-automatic rim fire rifle. And the third, is something new. The prize is 500 rounds of Federal 9mm ammo. With the ammo supply shortage and the price of ammo who wouldn't love to win that. Remember all proceeds go towards improvements to the club. Please contact any officer or board member if you need additional tickets.

It's that time to renew your membership. That can be done two different ways.

1. Complete the enclosed form and bring it to a monthly meeting or mail it in along with your payment.
2. Log onto your membership portal online and complete your renewal. This can be done by clicking the link under the membership tab.

All renewals must be completed and received by December 31, 2021. All renewals received in 2022 either through the mail or brought to the club will be assessed the 25.00 late renewal fee with no exceptions. If you plan to mail it in be sure to mail it early. Remember Christmas cards will slow the post office down more than usual. As listed on the form life members must complete a renewal application in order to keep their membership active.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we will not be having a Fall Turkey Shoot again this year due to the pandemic. We will miss seeing all of the regular attendees and look forward to our Spring Ham Shoot.

See you at the club.
Jim Bambu

GEYER'S CORNER

With all the Civil War re-enactments being shown on TV you are bound to see some glitches in their handling of their rifles. One thing, in particular, is when someone shoots a flintlock or a muzzle-loader with the cap rather than flint, there is almost always an instinct of recoil due to the rifleman failing to stay on the stock and thus off the target. This is quite common, even with modern guns and ammo. We (and I don't claim to be an exception) are preparing for the shot and flinch, even though it may be slight. I would venture to say we ALL do it sometime. If you doubt my word, please allow me to load your firearm a few times while you shoot. This is the huge difference between an excellent shooter and a fair shooter. When you have trained yourself to stay on target when that gun goes boom! Assured you are on the way to excellence with whatever firearm you choose.

There are ways to train for this problem. Easy with a revolver. Simply load three or four live rounds and the rest of the cylinder with fired cases. By the way, for years I did a lot of dry-firing, rapid fire style, just for speed. I did not always use empties. Then I chanced upon an excellent book written by a S&W gunsmith; one of the most important items he stressed, among DON'T TRUST ANY SAFETY, was that you should **not** dry fire without empties or snap-caps! Since I read that, I've stuck with his advice. Anyway, the first time you try this, you may be a bit surprised to see that muzzle will drop a bit and if you are right-handed, it may be a bit to the left also. Continued on page 4.....

JUNIOR ARCHERY

Instructors are excited for our new season starting Monday, Sept 13th We will repeat the same protocols as last year; take temperature and fog before and after class and masks are mandatory. New shooters welcome. If interested please contact Don Jenny 610-691-1903 dwjenny@aol.com

ARCHERY LEAGUE

Pre-Season Indoor Archery League Practice will begin on Wednesday nights starting in October and running through December. Practice begins in the fall and runs through the spring every Monday morning from 9 am to noon. Check our calendar for days and times. All Adult members welcome!

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. Thank you Ken Ortbach for the donated Polymer plates and holders. Contact Rich Geyer 610-838-8908 or Jim Krueger 610-417-3666 for more details or to volunteer.

WANTED

H.S.A. would like to start a new youth class for a .22 rifle shoot at 25 yards. Adult volunteers are needed to run the program. Please come to the Board meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month or the Regular meeting on the 3rd Tuesday to discuss time and days.

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. 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
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 5:00 PM - until
Mike Semo 302-222-4172

**2021 Firearms
Training Schedule**
Paul Piscator
NRA Certified Instructor

Introduction to the Handgun for Women Only:

The purpose of this beginners program is to educate women to understand the basic operation of the handgun, safe handling of the firearm and proper shooting techniques and address the use of the handgun for personal protection.

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.

*Due to price and availability of
ammo classes are not scheduled at
this time.*

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TRAP REPORT

Welcome to all trap shooters. Trap participation has been improving continuously since the easing of Covid restrictions. Out biggest issue has been the recent hot weather on shooting days that has put a little damper on attendance, but we continue to shoot and have a great core of regular shooters in addition to some new shooter who have joined us. We also have a new official trap representative to the HSA BOD and his name is Mike Semo.

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 to preserve everyone's fun. We shoot trap on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. We start shooting on Tuesdays at 9 AM and on Thursdays at 5 PM and trap shooting is open to both men and women. 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 1½ hours each day and will shoot from our start time until the last shooter there has shot.

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.

For those of you who haven't shot trap before bring the following: shotgun (preferably 12 gauge or 20 gauge (no short barrel or pistol grip), eye protection, hearing protection, shells (25 rounds per squad you sign up for with #7 ½ or #8 size shot).

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 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 both for safety and to show you our local rules.

Also, 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 me or Mike with any questions.

Pete Jones - 610-909-0705 or

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We are extending the shooting season longer so members may complete their scores. The last night for your scores will be November 17th. The league meeting is October 27th at 7:30 at the HSA club house. The practice league will start December 1st to December 29th. Tentatively we will try to have a banquet on December 11th for the 2021 season. Many league members are asking me about the availability of 22 ammunition. The league sources that we had also dried up. If any league member has any leads about primers or ammunition, please let us know so we can share the information with other league members.

There is still time to sign up team shooting contact Bill Lambert. The league needs more help with range officers you may sign up for an early session or late session at the desk in the lobby.

You can contact me through email if you have any questions or concerns, ecadams53@aol.com.

Thank you for being patient.

Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,
Chuck Adams

GEYER'S CORNER

Continued from page 1.....This is an indication of a slight flinch; if the barrel goes up that means the shooter is pushing against the grips. Years ago, my shooting buddy, Ron Scheier, and I would place a dime on our front sight of the revolver while we dry fired. Now and then we could keep that dime on the sight when our hammer fell. No big deal, but it was a training aid to follow through.

If you are an auto shooter; just put a round or two of dummies in the magazine and remember that they should be marked. Somehow, they must be loaded properly to duplicate a live round so they feed properly when the other rounds go boom! It is also good practice for that surprise malfunction that you will get eventually. This is good practice for action shooting when you must clear your faulty round. Remember, practice for the potential unusual things that will occur. That guy "Murphy" is still hanging around and guns clubs are one of his haunts!

A gun in the hand is faster than calling 911.

FYI, Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the edge of the pool and throw them fish!

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