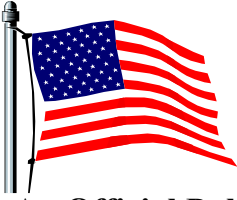


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# HSA News



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

### From the President September 2023

Greetings: I hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer and anticipating cooler days ahead. It has been a hot and humid summer for sure. We will need to remember those days come January if the Farmer's Almanac prediction is correct. With the advent of fall comes the various hunting seasons. I am sure the rifle range will become very busy soon.

Also, I want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of the club which has permitted us to continue updating and making improvements. Soon the picnic pavilion roof will have a fresh coat of paint. In the future we will need to be doing some major tree work. Recently we had a limb come down and damage the roof of the indoor pistol range. Thanks to Noah Ernst, it was quickly repaired.

I am sure you have noticed there is a raffle ticket included with this newsletter. The Board of Directors along with Bob Wiekert, who oversees the raffle, decided to expand our prize offerings. So, for each ticket purchased you now have 17 chances to win a variety of prizes including guns, ammo, gift cards, and of course cash! A sincere thanks for purchasing the tickets and good luck.

The Junior Archery program will commence on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the 38<sup>th</sup> year. This successful program for our youth is due to the dedication of Don Jenny, Brock and Justine Williams, Lou Bove and Paul Arnold. A sincere thank you to all of them for their dedication to the program.

Just a reminder plate shooting has resumed on the first and third Thursday evenings. Our new BB Gun program will start on October 12<sup>th</sup> for children between the ages of 5 and 18 years. Watch your emails for additional information.

Every month I have been sending out, with the help of Valerie Ferguson, an email blast to keep you updated on club activities. If you are not hearing from us, it may mean we do not have your current email address. Please provide Tom McPeck, membership secretary, (484-894-5877) with your email address so you can receive our updates.

In closing, I want to again thank each of you for your support. What a great team HSA has. I hope to see you at the club!

Susan Piscator

### WANTED

#### **Newsletter Publisher Person**

Must have computer and Publisher software. I'll train and have files. Only 4 times a year. Please contact Pamela at [pambego@gmail.com](mailto:pambego@gmail.com).

#### **Web Design Person**

Make seasonal changes to the H.S.A. website. Skilled to writing code in Elementor Product.

#### **PT Maintenance Person**

Handyman skilled in property and equipment repairs. Upkeep: filters, lights etc. Some labor, errands and vendor appointments involved. Make your own schedule and hours.

*Hope everyone had fun at the Club Member Appreciation Picnic! It was good to see you all!*

### BB Gun

Amber, Jeremy and John are H.S.A. members who have volunteered to run the youth BB gun program. They will go over the guidelines with the students to safely run the program. A Range Officer will be in attendance. At the end of the season, March 2024, there will be a club competition and a banquet to celebrate.

### **ATTENTION BB GUN ENTHUSIASTS!**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 12, 2023 we will begin our BB Gun season! It will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month except holidays. Our highly anticipated BB Gun Program is finally kicking off! Join us from 6:30pm-7:30/8pm. Bring your BB gun (remember, no pistols), safety glasses, and a yoga mat or towel for comfort, if you have them! We also have 5 extra Daisey BB guns and bb's for students that don't have one.

Open to all members ages from 5-18 years old. This is the perfect opportunity for young sharpshooters to enhance their skills in a safe, controlled environment! Any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Amber at 610-349-5466. I'm here to help! Don't miss out on this exciting event! Grab your BB guns, gear up, and be prepared to have a blast!

### **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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## 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 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

Walter Shimer 610-844-7833

### Plate Shooting

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Bill Hashagen 610-428-2352

### BB Gun

2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Amber 610-349-5466

## 2023 Firearms

### H.S.A. Training Courses

**Location: 1793 Meadows Road,  
Hellertown**

**Saturday, November 18th**

**8 am to 5 pm**

## NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting

Cost \$175 for H.S.A. members.

This class focuses on: gun safety rules, proper operation of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, ammunition knowledge and selection, pistol selection and storage, shooting fundamentals, pistol inspection and maintenance, marksmanship, and shooting range safety.

Members sign up using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/HSABoPs111823>

Any questions please contact me directly [freedmancertified@comcast.net](mailto:freedmancertified@comcast.net).

## Lehigh Valley Tea Party Project 9/12

**WWW.LVTP.ORG**

Monthly Meeting

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## Northampton County Federation of Sportsmen's Club Inc.

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Email: [thetoppings1@gmail.com](mailto:thetoppings1@gmail.com)



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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.*

## Looking at that Shot Pattern

By Rich Geyer

To give you a common example, let's duplicate a nice easy walk in the fields. You see a bunny or a bird well within range and you say, "Wow, what a sucker shot!" It seems that it would be just that, a simple east shot. Right? Well, for one thing you didn't have a gun in your hands and you were not trying to hurry that make believe shot. However, when you are ready to shoot, there are many times when you actually raced against time and never brought that gun to proper position. After a few shots at trap, you will begin to realize there is time because this time you are 'set' for that target to come out.

So, then we soon figure that the straight-a-way shot is the easiest shot of all! NOT true! I mentioned pattern shape. Imagine if you were watching from the side and could really see those pellets coming from the gun. You would, if you had superman eyesight, see a 'string' of pellets as long as ten feet from first to last! Yep. High speed photos have proven just that. You would also see more or less a football shape (fatter in the middle of that mass of lead). Now imagine a straight away shot that all the pellets are following each other, not spread out like you might have seen from the side. Plus it is very easy to shoot a bit quicker because it seems like a simple shot. You lift your face a wee bit, raising that back sight to your eye and go over top.

I never knew anyone who could tell you how far ahead of those left or right birds you need to lead. The angels and the speed of the reaction of the shooter all play a part. Skeet; it is very possible to tell a guy that he's behind or in front of a target. The targets are programmed to duplicate so you soon learn where to hold and fire. Trap; the throwing arm is constantly moving back and forth, occasionally stopping, you cannot predict where the next bird is going.

So you see the bird coming out, get on it and shoot! The follow through usually takes care of any concern about being in front or behind, keeping the face on the stock. Well that is the constant problem. Tell yourself, wood on WOOD!

### NEW SHOOTERS

TRAP can "pattern your shotgun" on any of the scheduled days they shoot. 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.

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## L.V.P.R.L.

Our 86<sup>th</sup> year of continuous league shooting has been cruising along; make a note on your calendar for the league annual meeting Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. We have a steady crowd of members shooting from 5:00 pm right on through 8:30 pm. The last night for official scores will be Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, The practice league will start October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The League banquet will be Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> pm beginning at 5:00 pm.



Please buy HSA Fall club improvement raffle tickets! 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.

Thank you  
Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,  
Chuck Adams



The Kennedy Family have been members of H.S.A. for 36 years. Parents Mara and Bob bring their two sons to LVPRL on Wednesday nights. Both Jacob, 18 and Samuel, 17 also shoot archery. Jacob started archery when he was 4 and recently got his bow from Lou Bove, the famous bow constructor for Junior Archery League. Mara has an impressive average of 270.190 so far this season. She makes the ladies shine! Bob also helps with the Safety Orientation class with Bill Books. A family that shoots together stays together! Come join our community and have fun!

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**DRAWING AT THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, December 19, 2023**

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