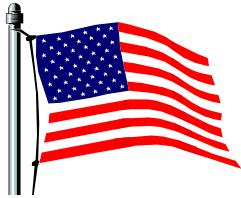


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President May 2023

Greetings fellow HSA members and happy spring!! I am sure all of you are like me and were glad to see the winter pass even though it had been mild compared to previous years. Along with spring comes one of the nicest times of the year to be enjoying HSA with fishing, outdoor archery and utilizing our outdoor shooting ranges. At the March membership meeting Lou Bove, chair of the archery league, shared some of the incredible achievements of the archers. More details are included in this newsletter. We are so proud of each of the amazing archers and so grateful for the dedication of Lou Bove over the last 36 years.

Paul and I and Chuck Adams and his wife Stephanie attended the Junior Archers' banquet recently and you talk about amazing. These thirty-one youngster were thrilled at their recognition, receipt of their trophies, arrow heads, and goodie bags. What a wonderful event from a memory filled season. Our sincere thanks to Don Jenny, Lou Bove, Brock and Justine Williams, Paul Arnold and Dave Schweisgut for their many years of supporting and guiding the junior archers.

Your support to date of our spring raffle is outstanding. I realize it is a sacrifice for some to purchase the raffle tickets and want you to know your efforts are sincerely appreciated. In recognition and appreciation of our membership, a member appreciation day is being planned for September 16th. We are planning a day of food and fellowship and I will update you as the plans are finalized.

Every month I send out, with the help of Valerie Ferguson, an email blast to keep you updated on club activities. If you are not hearing from me monthly, perhaps we do not have your current email address. Please provide Tom McPeck, membership secretary, with your email address so you

can receive our updates.

Since my recent email blast highlighted some of the activities and planned events, I thought that this time I would highlight and share an article by Rich Geyer for your enjoyment.

In closing I want to again thank you for your support and the support of HSA. What a phenomenal group of members. I hope to see you at the club soon!

Susan Piscator, President
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Youth BB Gun Program

Amber Wolst, Jeremy Walch and John Allen are the members who have volunteered to develop, organize and run the youth BB gun program. They hope to start this new venture in October so watch the website for details as we get closer.

THE AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS

Saturday May 6th, 2023

9:00AM-11:00AM Age 5 to 8

1:00PM-3:00PM Age 9 to 12

**Who caught the BIG fish!
Kids Free**

YOUTH ARCHERY

Last year in August we had Youth Archery where students learned archery hunting. Trainers will teach tree climbing stands, buck rub, scrapes and sample deer scat. Students even had to follow a blood trail. Look for this opportunity in the news blasts or on the website.

A Range for All Seasons...and ages. By Richard K. Geyer

Imagine if you will, an indoor archery range, pistol and rifle range, membership open to the public and open year-round and built and operated without a DIME of public tax dollars!

Volunteers completed this building August 1980. High school rifle teams, children young enough to pull a bowstring, several local police departments, constables, SWAT, IPSC and probably the most memorable, it is home to the oldest continuous pistol league in the entire US! The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League, started in 1937 and their Wednesday shooting bullseye style starts at 5:00 if schools are open, we are open. Archery for juniors is a Monday affair and I will point out that these archery instructors have been dedicated for over 36 years.

Years ago long time Hellertown Sportsmen Assn's President Jim

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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

Mike Semo 302-222-4172

Plate Shooting

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Bill Hashagen 610-428-2352

2023 Firearms

H.S.A. Training Courses

NRA Range Safety Officer

Sunday, April 30th 8AM

Instructor Ken Ortbach

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 are to be determined.

FIREARM CLINICS

- Intro to Pistol
- Pistol Clinic
- Firearm Cleaning & Social Time
- Pistol Holstering Clinic
- NRA Training Courses

Lehigh Valley Tea Party Project 9/12

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Monthly Meeting

1st Thurs of Every Month at 6:30 PM

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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.

HSA Trap Report

We have both male and female participants from juniors through "ancients". 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. Each relay of 25 shots costs \$5.00 for HSA members and \$6.00 for guests. We throw out a "green" bird randomly once each relay and if broken by the shooter who gets it thrown on their turn, they win a free round. 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. 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. We offer donuts and coffee and the clubhouse is open for the restrooms. Here's a link to review firearm safety on the trap field: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PIKhjftTI8>

Trap, skeet, and sporting clays are all in the "clay" sports family. HSA belongs to the NSSA-NSCA organization that represents all three of these endeavors. This month and in following months I will reprint a couple "pointers" presented by them to help improve one's shooting.

**** You Never Have to Recover From a Good Start by Todd Bender**

It is very common for shooters to have poor setup – foot position, hold points, etc. Poor setup is the tip of the iceberg, and when that, at times, is associated with poor look points or eye placement, you have big problems. If you do not visually acquire a target quickly enough, or a target beats you because of a poor hold point, every subsequent move you make is a recovery. Even if your initial physical starting points are good, if you are not mentally concentrated and focused visually, then your physical moves after the target leaves the window are recoveries. Most shots made by most shooters are recoveries from poor starts and/or poor preparation. But if you put all the parts together – good physical setup, solid mental concentration and good visual focus – you'll get off to a good start you won't have to recover from.

**** Review Your Misses by Paul Giambrone III**

When you've missed a target, it can help to do a quick review of the shot. Analyze your mental execution to get your answer. Guess what – sometimes we can do everything we wanted to do mentally and still miss the shot (not often, but it happens). When this happens, there is usually a technique failure. The most common one is the shooter lifting their head just enough to cause the miss. Everything looked correct and felt right, but that target didn't break. When this happens, I simply execute all of my mental steps on the next shot and make sure my head stays firmly down on the gun.

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 86th year of continuous league shooting has been cruising along; make a note on your calendar for the league semi-annual meeting Wednesday May 17th 7:30 pm. light refreshments will be served. The High school rifle team has completed their season of shooting so the league starting time is now 5:00 pm. We have a steady crowd of members shooting from 5:00 pm right on through 8:30 pm. You still have time to sign up for League Team shooting.



Four League members, Bryan McGroarty, Wendell Ferris, Chris Haas and Chuck Adams, drove 2 hours to attend The President's Day 900 - 50' Match. Last second we signed up for a four person Team match and we were surprised that we came in 1st. place in the sharpshooter category. I would like to THANK all the League members that come out when I schedule an indoor work party at HSA.

Please buy and sell HSA spring 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 or stop down at the range Wednesday night.

Thank you, Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,
Chuck Adams

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Bambu pointed out that if it wasn't for this range, there wouldn't be any 22 rifle teams. This well-ventilated and heated range is on HSA property which is nestled in an old limestone quarry and has some history in providing limestone for the Thomas Iron Works located a few miles downstream along the Saucon which is directly along the club. So we date back to Civil War as far as location and activity are concerned. Within 50 yards the interested historian can see portions of a stone wall that supported the railway.

A covered pavilion with a few picnic tables, a 50 and 100 yard rifle range, an outdoor archery range with targets from 10 to 60 yards, an outdoor pistol only range has three benches with a roof and maximum range of 25 yards, a minimum range is 25 feet. Last but not least, difficult for us to locate and operate a TRAPSHOOTING range within the club boundaries, we are enjoying trap on Tuesdays at 9:00 till noon and Thursdays 5:00 till 9:00 if desired, we have lights. Safety glasses and hearing protection are required for trap and pistol. If interested anyone may visit our indoor range and get acquainted during our Wednesday league shooting.

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