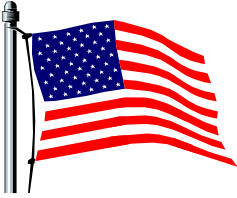


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Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President November 2023

Greetings HSA Members: Although the calendar says it is fall, it has been more summer like. However, I am sure very soon we will be complaining about the cold weather. As many of you are prepping for the upcoming hunting season, what better place to sight your bow or rifle than at HSA keeping in mind safety **first, last, and always**. Good luck with your hunting and we would love to hear your success stories.

In this newsletter is a membership renewal form. When renewing you must send in a completed form for each member. Failure to do so will impeded your renewal. Life members must also send in a completed form and hopefully soon Life Members will be able to renew online.

We are pleased to welcome back the Southern Lehigh and Salisbury High rifle teams for their 2023-2024 season and wish them a successful season. If you are at the club any weekday afternoon, say hello to the students and coaches and share our pride in hosting them for all these many years.

Each of you have been so generous in the past by supporting our semi-annual raffles and I want to say a sincere thank you. Inflation is taking a big chunk out of everyone's finances now, but anything you can do for HSA is a big help and allows us to continue to be the finest sportsmen's club in the valley. We want to not only survive but flourish.

Enjoy this beautiful time of the year. Thank you again for your support. HSA is fortunate to have a great group of members on our team. Wishing all our members and family a very healthy and Happy Thanksgiving. We are all truly blessed.

I hope to see you at the club.

Susan

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HAY LOOK, WE HAVE A CAKE LADY!



Guess who came to our Membership Picnic on Sunday, September 17th? Justine Williams made all the wonderful delicious cupcakes for our event! The cupcakes were chocolate & vanilla with cream cheese icing and had a fishing and camouflage decoration. I captured the baker with her family. Ha, their teenager got taller than Mom. Us girls rock! About 72 people attended the membership appreciation picnic with great food provided by our H.S.A. member Aaron Leatherman. He made amazing hot dogs and pulled pork. Life members and Vinnie Boombots were there. You can meet him (VB) at the next general meeting.

WANTED

Web Design Person

Make seasonal changes to the H.S.A. website. Skilled to writing code in Elementor Product. Please contact Bill Lambert at 610-417-5005 if interested.

BB GUN Season

8 students and parents attended the 1st BB Gun season that began 10/12/23. It will run on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month except holidays. It runs 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. Someone said they were going to buy more BB guns too. Open to all members ages from 5-18 years old. There is room for more kids! You can call Amber at 610-349-5466 if you want to attend.

Plate Shoot

And if your looking for something to do the other 2 Thursdays, Kids and Parents can attend the Plate Shoot at the indoor range on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Bill would love to see you. Nothing more exciting than a young kid hitting all plates!

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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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
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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 Hitcho 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 Scott directly freedmancertified@comcast.net.

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Observations From the Firing Line

By Scott Freedman, NRA Training Counselor

As a firearms instructor for several years, I've had the opportunity and pleasure to work with a variety of students wanting to improve their skills with a firearm. Whether in a class or clinic I've seen individuals from all occupations and walks of life - moms, dads, grandparents, boomers, millennials, and plenty of retirees. There's also a wide spectrum of expertise, from never having touched a gun to those with many years of formal training in the military or even former law enforcement. Some students haven't yet made the commitment to purchase a firearm, others attend class with a modern pistol or revolver sometimes still sealed in an unopened box. I've seen plenty of antiques as well, well-worn relics passed down through generations or a firearm that once again emerges from a sock drawer after 20 or 30 years. Whether a student is motivated to attend a formal class, skills clinic or private instruction, the common denominator is always their enthusiasm and desire to be SAFE while improving their gun handling skills and marksmanship.

What I like about the NRA courses is that they're taught by well trained, certified instructors from a nationally recognized and standardized curriculum. This was a major part of my motivation to become an NRA instructor and eventually training counselor where I'm now training new instructors. We have a strong commitment to SAFETY with a focus on the FUNDAMENTALS. Instructors spend A LOT of time reviewing the *NRA's Three Basic Rules of Gun Safety*:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

As part of the *NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting* course we also teach the **Five Fundamentals of Shooting: Aiming, Breath Control, Hold Control, Trigger Control and Follow-Through**. Let's briefly review.

AIMING is the process of achieving the proper relationship between the target, the front sight, and the rear sight. Aiming consists of two components: sight alignment and sight picture. *SIGHT ALIGNMENT* refers to the proper relationship of the pistol's front and rear sights. When you look at the typical post and notch sights on a pistol, you should be thinking "Equal Height- Equal Light". *SIGHT PICTURE* refers to the proper positioning of those aligned sights on the target.

BREATH CONTROL minimizes the body movement produced by breathing, which can impair good shooting. To minimize body movement, the shooter should take a breath before each shot, let enough air out to be comfortable, and stop breathing while firing the shot. Just don't hold your breath too long!

HOLD CONTROL allows the shooter to maintain proper sight alignment and sight picture while firing the shot. A proper grip is *critical* to hold control, everyone should spend plenty of time practicing the *correct* grip.

TRIGGER CONTROL is the proper method of activating the trigger to minimize movement that can misalign the sights. I've seen plenty of shooters take the time to set up the sights with perfect aim, get their grip and breathing just right, then mess it all up by jerking or yanking that trigger! Arrghh!!

FOLLOW-THROUGH is the continuation of the application of the fundamentals of shooting through and immediately after the firing of the shot. Follow-through enables the shooter to integrate, maintain and continue the shooting fundamentals before, during and after the shot. Any sports come to mind that also require follow-through? Golf, tennis & baseball to name a few. Shooting sports are no different.

These five fundamentals should be performed with EVERY shot.

Sounds easy, right? This is where the fun begins!

While there's plenty of junk on the internet spouting bad advice, shooting is a *perishable* skill that benefits from *good instruction* and *regular practice*. While it's hard to find the time to get out to the range to maintain, let alone improve one's skills, (not to mention the costs involved), it can be just as challenging to forget bad advice or break bad habits.

BE SAFE. Consider taking a class to brush up or learn some new skills and **KEEP PRACTICING!**



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Our 86th year of continuous league shooting has come to an end for scores. The practice league will start October 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The League practice will not be open on Wednesday November 22nd. We will continue shooting the practice league until December 27th. The new 2024 - 87th year shooting season will start on Wednesday January 3rd at 6:00 pm as the high school rifle teams are still using the indoor range. I would like to thank all the League members for supporting Wednesday night shooting. The League officers and I wish everyone a healthy and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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 or stop down at the range Wednesday night.

Thank you
Shoot Safe! Stay Safe,
Chuck Adams

Fun Facts.....Did you know that.....

I'd Mount That Taxidermy John Kunigus has donated the mount of every trophy fish from our Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament in May. Every year the previous year's award mount is shown center stage above the doorway!

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