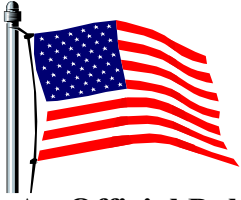


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# HSA News



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

### From the President

Greetings HSA members,  
During my first few months as President I have enjoyed working with the fantastic team, Board of Directors, officers and representatives to the multiple organizations at HSA. There were many moving parts and as President my goal is to keep the parts moving, lubricate them just like in an engine, to keep it running smoothly and running in the correct direction to benefit the members of HSA.

We need all the groups using our facilities to support our club and sell our **Spring Raffle Tickets**. These sales help us maintain and keep the club ground shining and sparkling for our members. We have been doing many projects. One example is having the metal roof over the pavilion power washed. It needs to be cleaned and have a new silver coating on it to prevent it from rusting so we may enjoy it for many years.

The Board of Directors in April decided to nominate four people to have their names put on the HSA plaque. These four people have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to our club. This year we have chosen Susan Piscator, Paul Piscator, Rich Diaz and Justine Williams. These members have put in decades of service to HSA. Susan Piscator, served as president for 2 years and financial secretary for over 24 years and she is still involved as financial secretary. Paul Piscator has been involved in HSA for over 24 years. He has recently stepped down from the Board of Directors of HSA and we can't thank him enough for all of his dedication. Rich Diaz is one of the key people who started the archery program for the seniors back in the 80s. I personally do not know him, but I have heard many wonderful things from the archery

members. Justine Williams has been the behind-the-scenes person helping her husband and father organize the junior archery and the fishing tournament. She is the one that takes care of all the financial paperwork for those events, and she ensures that these events run smoothly. We would like to thank them all and recognize their outstanding service to HSA.

In closing I would like to invite all HSA members to our general membership meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. We would like to see more members at this meeting so that your suggestions can be heard. After the meeting there are light refreshments and an opportunity to talk to the board and to other HSA members.

Thank you, Chuck Adams President



### LVPRL

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League continues to shoot bullseye pistol every Wednesday evening from 5-9pm in the Richard K Geyer indoor range (Except, when the power goes out.) This has occurred twice in recent history. In spite of that, for the first quarter of 2024 our attendance was averaged 23 shooters per night who have fired a total of 935 individual relays. Folks, that translates into 28,050 rounds fired! Our membership is recently increased to 46 and there is always room for additional shooters.

If you think bullseye pistol shooting would be worth adding to your current shooting interests, come down on Wednesday night and try it out. New Shooters must use a .22 util proficiency and safe gun handling are demonstrated. If you don't have a .22 pistol, one can be made available for you to use on a temporary basis. An experienced member will always stay with you on the firing line to ensue safety practices and range procedures are followed.

Summing up what a relay is: 3 phases, all at 25 yards; one or two hands shooting; open sights or optics are allowed. **Slow fire:** 10 shots in 5 minutes. Score targets. **Timed fire:** 2 five shot strings of 20 seconds each score targets. **Rapid fire:** 2 five shot strings of 10 seconds each. Score targets.

Notes: Pistols are always kept pointed down range. An empty chamber indicator is always in place unless shooting. Loading the pistol is done only at the Range Officer's Command. Only 5 rounds at a time are loaded. Targets are scored after the firing line is inspected for safety by the end shooters and the Range Officer gives the OK to advance for scoring and repairing targets (new centers). A sooter scores the target to his right and the last shooter on the right scores the first target on the left side. LVPRL encourages you to purchase tickets for the June fund raising drawing. There are wonderful prizes, guns, ammo and cash prizes. Hope to see you on Wednesday evening!

Respectfully submitted, Bill Books NRA Range Safety Officer and Instructor.

### Fishing Tournament was May 4<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to all the kids who caught all the fish! The children received lots of prizes and had fun. Fish not so much.

### 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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### Newsletter

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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

Walter Shimer 610-844-7833

### Plate Shooting

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month  
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Bill Hashagen 610-428-2352

### Junior BB Gun

2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month  
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Amber Hitcho 610-349-5466

## 2024 Firearms

### *NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting*

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.

### *NRA BASIC CCW*

This course will teach the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to carry a concealed pistol for personal defense. This is 16 hours of instruction. Students must participate in a holstering clinic. There are two online course periods for classroom training and a one all-day session at the HSA club/range. NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting is a prerequisite.

Classes will resume in the fall.  
Any questions please contact Scott  
[freedmancertified@comcast.net](mailto:freedmancertified@comcast.net) or  
David david.w.schmidt55@gmail.com

## 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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# BAHNCK TREE CARE

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## TRAP REPORT

Welcome Trap Shooters,

Please join us. We shoot on Tuesdays from 9 AM until noon and on Thursdays from 5PM until 8 or until everyone there has shot as much as they want to and/or we run out of shooters. In order to participate please bring a shotgun, ammunition (either #7 1/2 or #8 shot in boxes of 25 shells), ear protection, and safety glasses. Also recommended are a billed cap or visor, and a shooting vest or pouch for holding your ammunition. Each shooter shoots 25 rounds (one box) across five stations per relay. Most shooters use a 12 gauge shotgun, although we have some people that shoot a 20 gauge. We are "co-ed" with both men and women shooting, and our shooters encompass a complete range both in age and proficiency, so beginners are welcomed. If you are a new shooter, we recommend that you arrive about a half hour early to review our local trap safety regulations, local rules, procedures, and to get you signed up. We have regular members there who are more than willing to assist new shooters, help them pattern their gun and coach them. Incidentally, HSA trap shooting is open to the public so one does not have to be a member of the club to shoot at this organized event. The price is \$5/round for HSA members and \$6/round for non-members. We also throw a random "green" bird on each relay and if you break the bird while shooting you win a free round.

We open the clubhouse for access to the restrooms and usually have coffee and donuts available and weather permitting, we shoot year-round. If anyone has any questions about HSA trap shooting, please feel free to call me or one of the other trap representatives. Contact information is listed both on the website and in our newsletter. Thank you. Pete Jones



### HSA Cartridge Display Board

Hello HSA members. My name is Bob Weikert, VP. Over 20 years ago I started the collection inside the club house. Now it has out grown the case. It is time to update and enlarge the display. I am looking for donations of old and new calibers. A second board will be made to handle new additions plus a collection of shotfun shells. Please drop donations at HSA meeting nights.

Thank you Bob Weikert  
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**NOTICE**

As many of you probably know, March 2024 began a new slate of officers for HSA.

Susan Piscator finished her two year term as President. We thank her for the amazing job she has done and for continuing to lead HSA as a top notch Sportsmen's club in the Lehigh Valley. We thank Susan for her valuable contributions to HSA during her tenure. Chuck Adams is our new President and we thank Chuck for stepping forward.

While Susan wasn't in office as long as her predecessor Jim Bambu of 24 years, Paul Piscator was. Paul recently stepped down as a long time Board member himself. Paul has served HSA as a Board member and pistol instructor and over the years Paul has been a real asset to the club being instrumental by providing his knowledge & suggestions helping the Board with many major decisions. HSA thanks Paul & wishes him well.

Other changes are Jim Bambu will fill Paul Piscator's remaining time on the Board. Susan Piscator will resume her old role as the Financial Secretary. Bob Wieckert is our Vice President and Bill Hashagen is our newest Board member.

HSA would not be the club that it currently is without the many dedicated volunteers, those mentioned and those who silently work to benefit the club. We thank all that have helped in the past, those who are currently volunteering in different capacities and those who will hopefully step forward in the future to make HSA the best Sportsmen's club in the Valley.

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