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

From the President

Hello Hellertown Sportsmen's members,

I would like to start out by thanking Mark Walters and the Walters family excavation company for repairs to the HSA Trap range. They spent two months, planning and executing this project. Mark volunteered his labor supplies and company equipment and employees to attack this problem head on. We can't thank him enough. The trap range is up and running with the new black fabric up against the quarry wall. We have received positive feedback from the trap shooters. Due to the extent of work the trap range has been shut down and is now up and running every Tuesday a.m. and Thursday p.m. for the new fall season.

The junior archery program is on Monday nights. The junior BB gun course is on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. This is the second season and has been a successful program. For the junior programs, coaches, names, and email address please check the HSA website for more information.

Indoor plate shooting is the first and third Thursday of each month 7 to 9 pm. This is a great time to come down and shoot. We allow only 22 caliber only pistols. You can be use open sights or scopes, shoot two-handed or one handed. It's a lot of fun

The high school 22 caliber rifle teams are up and running also at our beautiful indoor range. The coaches are hoping for another good year and will compete against other high schools rifle teams. Some of the senior students are eligible for college scholarships and we wish them good luck this season.

Bob Weikert and Brock Williams have

been named to the HSA nominating committee for 2025. If there are members interested in rolling up their sleeves and helping out at HSA and would like to be a Board Member or an Officer please contact these two gentlemen and we can get you on the ballot for the January 2025 elections.

Yes, is that time of year! We have mailed the fall improvement **RAFFLE TICKETS** with the newsletter. We greatly appreciate your support. There are 16 great prizes on the tickets. We have guns, money, ammunition, and gift cards. They are quite easy to sell as there is something for everyone. Please get out there and let your friends and neighbors know about the ticket. We can use the income for more improvements at HSA.

I would like to see more HSA members attending monthly general meeting after the meeting we serve light refreshment and hotdogs. It is a great way to learn about the projects in the works and make suggestions on what you would like to see. In closing Happy Holidays to HSA members and their families.

Thank you, President Chuck Adams

Southern Lehigh HS Rifle Team

A banner is hanging in the Richard Geyer Indoor Range by an anonymous donor. Rifle is one of Southern Lehigh's oldest and most successful sports. Their HS team has been shooting at HSA for over 10 years and have won PA State Champion five times. They are part our community and we are proud of their accomplishments!

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

1. Membership renewals will begin on November 1st. Please fill in applications completely.
2. Only one name per renewal form.
3. Any renewals received after December 31st will cost \$100, \$75 membership fee and \$25 late fee.
4. As printed on the membership applications, please note that all application processes must be completed within 6 months of the start date.
5. All life members must fill out a renewal form, free of charge. We'd like to confirm that you are still alive.
6. For Junior members to renew, you must not celebrate your 16th birthday before June 30th of the renewal year. If you turn 16 prior to June 30th, you must apply as an adult and complete all of the pre-requisites required of an adult and pay the adult fee for membership.
7. All junior applications must have a guardian's name, email address and emergency phone number.

If you have any questions, call Tom McPeck at 484 894-5877

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.

Telephone 610-838-7118

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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.....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 at HSA
NRA BASIC CCW (Conceal Carry)
January 11, 2025 @ HAS

This course will teach the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to carry a concealed pistol for personal defense. CCW students must have completed the Basic Pistol Class. Discounted price is \$275 for members and registration is:

<https://tinyurl.com/011125HSA-CCW>

There are two online course periods for classroom training. CCW students must attend a mandatory Holstering Clinic at the club on the evening of January 8th. Please contact Scott freed-mancertified@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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Monthly Meets every 4th Monday
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TRAP – WEEE'RE BACK!!! and Shooting Again!

After a couple months of work, the club has just finished some extensive improvements to our trap range with the addition of a shot "curtain" which lines the back cliff wall. Additionally, HSA is planning to install fencing to the grounds above. This curtain makes for a great backdrop for the shooters as well as providing protection from shot possibly bouncing off of the rocks behind. Thank you HSA, our president Chuck Adams and the Board, and Mark Walters for your efforts, investment in, and support of HSA trap shooting.

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.

For both new and seasoned shooters and as we commence shooting again, I'd like to review some trap shooting guidelines and etiquette.

1. Have your equipment and gear ready to go:
 - a. Gun
 - b. Ammunition
 - c. Eye Protection
 - d. Ear Protection
 - e. Billed Cap or Visor
 - f. Shooting Vest or Pouch for Containing Ammunition
 - g. Shooting Gloves if Applicable
2. The person on Post #1 will ask when each person is at their post if they are ready:
 - a. The person on Post #1 will ask if the score keeper is ready.
 - b. The person on Post #1 will ask the score keeper to see a clay bird.
 - c. After each person has shot 5 rounds the squad will progress to the next post to the right except for the person on Post 5 who will progress to Post 1.
 - d. The lead off person always begins the shooting sequence once each shooter is on their post.
 - e. If the target is not broken when shot at the score keeper will say **LOSS**.
 - f. After the lead off person shoots for the fifth time the score keeper will say **END**.
 - g. Upon the last shooter completing his or her last shot the score keeper will identify it is time to move to the shooter's next post.
 - h. After the lead off person shoots their twenty fifth target the score keeper will say **END AND OUT** indicating after the last person shoots the squad is done shooting.
3. Do not lean over each time to pick a shell out of a box on the ground or pick up empties.
 - a. Have your shells where you do not have to stoop to get them.
 - b. Avoid any unnecessary movement on your post that might distract or interfere with other shooters.
4. Do not close the action or raise your gun until the shooter ahead of you fires.
5. Remain on your post, standing facing the trap quietly as each person fires. Each shooter will fire a total of five rounds at each station
6. Never load your gun before changing positions.
7. From Post 5 to Post 1 turn to the right to avoid bumping the shooter coming from Post 4. and always walk behind the other shooters.
8. Load only one shell at a time except in doubles.
 - a. If a delay occurs remove the shell(s) from the chamber.
 - b. Your gun shall always remain open unless it is your turn to shoot.
 - c. Remember when moving from one post to another post your gun shall remain open with no ammunition in the gun.
9. Do not allow ejected shells from your gun to hit or annoy other shooters.
10. When it is your turn to shoot call for your target in a clear voice. Do not call in such a loud voice to trip the voice releases on adjacent posts. Time your shooting to establish a rhythm in the squad.
11. Observe all safety rules – both posted and not.
 - a. Do not point your gun at another person even if you think it is unloaded.
 - b. On the firing line always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or trap house.
 - c. Off the firing line keep your action open and your muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 - d. Treat every gun as if it is loaded:
12. Do not pick up another shooter's gun from the gun rack and handle it without asking.

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HSA Trap continued.

13. Do no unnecessary talking on the firing line. When not on the firing line keep your voice down. Don't talk around the score keeper while shooters are engaging targets clay birds, and do not attempt to dialog with the score keeper during this period of activity.
14. If you encounter a problem with your firearm while on the firing line, raise your hand to let the scorekeeper know that you are experiencing a problem. At this time, the scorekeeper will call cease fire. All trap shooters will open their actions, unload their firearms, and face the trap house. If there is a shot shell wad stuck in the barrel of the firearm, the score – keeper will give the trap shooter a rod to extract it. If further assistance is required, the score-keeper will designate someone to assist the trap shooter. If a more serious problem exists, a broker firing pin or extractor (etc.), the trap shooter will have to leave the firing line.
15. Before shooting is commenced, the next trap shooter could ask to see a bird before the Scorekeeper resumes scoring.
16. If an injury occurs to the trap shooter at any time, a first aid kit is located inside the club house main entrance door, on the left side wall. If further assistance is required, 911 will be called.

One final note is that due to other commitments, I have stepped down from the trap committee, but will continue to support HSA trap when I am in town and able to. Please come out and shoot with us and feel free to contact Walt (610-844-7833) or a member of the trap committee with any questions.

Pete Jones



LVPRL

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League finished its 87th consecutive regular shooting season on 10/16/24. As a group our 51 members completed about 2750 relays and fired about 82,500 rounds of .22 and/or center fire ammunition. The practice league will start on 10/23/24 at 6pm and will continue every Wednesday until January 8, 2025 except for Holiday arrangements. For example, no shooting on Thanksgiving eve. The practice league will follow the same format and rules except the practice league scores will not count towards trophies or earned banquet tickets.

New shooters and those fulfilling participation requirements to join HSA are still welcome to shoot during the practice league. An experienced league member will stay with them on the firing line to ensure that proper safety procedures and range officer commands are followed. New shooters are required to use a .22 and if they don't have one a current member will permit use of their .22.

Our annual league banquet and awards night will be held on Saturday November 2nd at 5:30 pm. Set-up night will be on Friday November 1st at 7pm.

Hope to see you at the range.

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

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