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

From the President

Good day HSA members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the hot steamy summer months. In July Jim Bambu, Valerie Ferguson and myself drove down to Susan Piscator's house to deliver Susan an award we had made for her back in January. She was to receive it at the membership meeting but it was canceled due to a snowstorm. Susan was greatly appreciative to receive this award and a bouquet of flowers. Susan has served HSA for over two decades and is still continuing to work as the HSA financial secretary.

HSA's new fall season will see many activities restarting. Junior Archery season will start Monday, September 9th, 7 PM to 8 PM. This will be the 38th consecutive season for Junior Archery. Plate shooting starts Thursday, September 19th 7 PM to 9 PM. Plate shooting requires 22 caliber pistols only. You can use a scope or open sites, semi-automatic or revolvers. All members are welcome. Plate shooting is held on the First and third Thursday of each month. The second year of the Junior BB gun rifle course will be starting on Thursday, October 10th, 6:30 till 7:30 PM. Junior BB gun is held the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Parents are encouraged to stand behind their junior shooters to ensure their safety. Eye protection is mandatory.

In closing, please buy or sell our fall raffle tickets. The proceeds go towards club improvements, and club activities, thank you in advance for your support.

I would like to invite all HSA members to our general membership meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. We would like to see more members at the meetings so that you can ask questions and hear all the new events

that are coming to HSA. After the meeting we have light refreshments. It's an opportunity to talk to your fellow HSA members and ask questions of officers and Board Of Directors. *Thank you, Chuck Adams President*



LVPRL

The LVPRL continues to shoot every Wed. from 5-9pm in the Richard K Geyer indoor pistol range. For more details on relays, etc. see the LVPRL article in the May 2024 HSA newsletter on the HSA website. On 7/22 we had a very successful work party with 14 members participating. The range was cleaned and the old backstop rubber curtains were removed and trashed. New curtains were cut to size and hung in place. All old target backers were removed and new ones were installed. Thanks to all who attended!

A few notes on upcoming events: New range safety officers will be attending a training class soon. Our fall league meeting will be held on 9/25 at 7:30pm in the club house. The last night to shoot relay for scores will be 10/16. There will be no make-up nights this year! Practice league will begin on 10/23. Setup night for the annual banquet will be Friday, 11/1 at 7pm and the catered banquet will be on Saturday 11/2 at 5:30 pm.

Remember to turn in your practice score sheets that will also count towards banquet tickets along with the score sheets for trophy categories. As usual there will be a donated items raffle to help raise money towards next year's insurance fees.

Big "shout-outs" to our youngest member, Sam who recently fired a 97 on one of his targets and to one of our newest members Phyllis, who did extremely well at the Camp Perry Nationals! New shooters are always welcome to come on Wed. nights and try out bullseye pistol shooting. We will provide a .22 pistol if needed and an experienced member will coach you on the firing line. *Bill Books, NRA Range Safety Officer and Instructor and LVPRL Treasurer*

YOUTH BB GUN

Join us for our exciting BB gun program starting Thursday, October 10, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM (or until 8 PM, depending on the activities). This program will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Open to participants aged 4 to 18, the program offers a great opportunity to learn and practice shooting skills in a safe and supervised environment. Please remember to bring something to lay on the ground, such as a blanket or yoga mat, to stay comfortable during our sessions. Safety glasses are mandatory, but we have a limited supply available if you don't have your own. Participants should bring a BB gun (no pistols, please), though we also have a few available for use on-site. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Amber at 610-349-5466. We look forward to seeing you there!

2024 Firearms Training

We are planning classes at a few other locations and these are open HSA members at a discount:

October 5 & November 2 - NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting

December 9 & 11 - NRA Basic Range Safety Officer

Please contact Scott freedmancertified@comcast.net

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 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 Basics of Pistol Shooting November 16, 2024

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

January 11, 2025

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. Holstering Clinic included. Please contact Scott 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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HSA Trap Article - Sept 24 Newsletter

Welcome Trap Shooters - both new and experienced
For new participants, I'd like to review the HSA trap shooting opportunities. 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 with you a shotgun (min 26" long barrel), ammunition (either #7 1/2 or #8 shot in boxes of 25 shells), ear protection, and safety glasses. Also recommended are a 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 who shoot a 20 gauge. 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. 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. 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. A random "green" bird is launched on each relay and if you break the bird while shooting on your turn, you are entitled to a free round.

This month I'd like to offer a tip from a trap shooting professional:

BEWARE FREE ADVICE BY TODD BENDER

"Most people think the most abundant elements in the universe are hydrogen and helium. Not entirely accurate. The most abundant element in the universe is free advice at a gun club. Although almost all advice given by fellow shooters is well meant, it might be a huge leap of faith to think that it is correct. Many times a shooter will miss a target, then turn and ask the squad, "Where was I?" He'll get two "behinds," an "over," and one "you're in front." How could he have missed it; he had it surrounded! Even if the analysis is correct, it's meaningless until you know why you were behind or in front and what got you there. Bottom line: Be wary of the free advice handed out at the club."

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 trapshooting, 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.

Pete Jones, phone number 610-909-0705



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The Board presented this plaque to Susan Piscator. HSA Award reads,

In appreciation for your years of Leadership, Commitment and Dedication to Hellertown Sportsmen Association including your term as HSA President. We thank you! January 2024



This is a picture of Rich from 2019 one night with the Trap guys. HSA memorial to all he did for our club. He was also active in LVPRL and started the plate shoot program. A true outdoorsman and handsome in his Trap vest! He spent years writing the articles for the newsletter too! We will never forget his jokes.....

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