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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

The Hellertown Sportsman's club has many events that you and your family can attend with such as bull's-eye shooting, action shooting, trap shooting and plate shooting all of these events at Hellertown Sportsmen's are for men and women. The police revolver league has 13 women joining bull's-eye shooting so feel free to visit any of these events and become involved.

On Monday, March 31st the junior archery league came to a close with a large banquet at the clubhouse. This was the 38th year for the junior archery league. A junior BB gun league also came to a close with a banquet on April 10th. This is their second year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for all the junior leagues that we have at HSA activities. Both of these junior leagues groups will start again in the fall. Check the HSA website for dates and times of the new 2025 fall season.

With the spring newsletter, I'm sure you already noticed that we sent out spring improvement raffle tickets. These raffle tickets are used for improvement. We have great prizes, cash, gift cards and firearms.

I would like to give thanks and recognition to Hellertown Sportsman's news editor Pam Begovich. She has been doing this for many years and it's extremely time-consuming and I just like to take a moment to thank her for her efforts. Great job Pam!

In closing I'd like to thank all the members that have been coming to our general meeting. We're having many new and veteran members attending our monthly meetings.

The last person I'd like to thank is Steve Kirby. He always manages the kitchen for

our general meetings and provides us with light refreshments after the meeting. Thank you, safe shooting to all the members
President, Chuck Adams

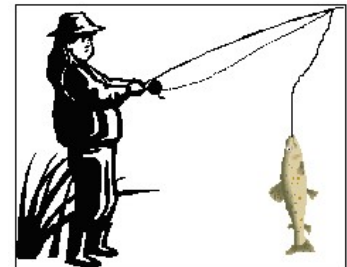
THE AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT Took Place Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

This is the process HSA goes through with the PA Fish Commission in order to obtain approval to have the tournament.

.Application for special activities permit This permit must be completed a minimum of 60 days before the event. We are required to list the area of the creek we use, the dates & times, the approximate number of participants & vehicles, the species of fish we stock, the number of fish we stock, the hatchery the fish are coming from, & how we award prizes. As part of that approval the following Fish Commission personnel sign off with their approval: Area Fisheries Manager, Our Waterways Conservation Officer, and The Regional Manager.

2. **A Notice of Stocking** This form notifies the PA Fish & Boat Commission of a specific stocking using a co-op hatchery. It lists the name of the co-op hatchery, what kind of event the stocking is for, the body of water, the longitude & latitude of the section we are stocking in, the date of the stocking, and the specific number and species of fish being stocked---not just trout---brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, etc. In addition to meeting the PA Fish & Boat Commission requirements we also take the following actions on our own to insure the fishing contest has a positive impact:

- We clean up streamside a week before--removing flood debris from the water & stream bank, removing fishing garbage, and removing overgrown areas to create better access for all
- We provide multiple, multiple, garbage cans during the tournament to insure no garbage is left behind
- We provide a cooler with ice where participants can donate their catch if not wanted so no fish go to waste. Last year these fish were cleaned and donated to a local vocational school so the students could practice preparing fresh fish. Again after the tournament, we clean up streamside to make sure we clean up anything that may have been missed
Brock & Justine Williams
This is environmental responsibility for future use.



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
Safety Orientation Class begins at 5:30 pm prior to the monthly meeting. To register for the class call Bill Books at 610-417-0161.

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 H.S.A. Training

Upper Perkiomen Sportsman's Association Clubhouse
398 E 6th St. Red Hill PA 18076

No classes scheduled for Summer but individual training please contact below emails.

Please contact:

UPSATraining@gmail.com

David david.w.schmidt55@gmail.com

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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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Hellertown Sportsmen's Association Action Pistol

Part 2 – What is Action Pistol?

All of the shooting sports also have classes. A class represents the skill level of a shooter. There are shooting tests that are set up at matches. These tests are called Classifier Stages, and for the most part, they are the type of stage with everything scripted. The dimensions for the shooting positions and target locations and the shooting procedure are on a diagram. No matter where in the world a classifier stage is shot, it should be the same. The shooter's score on a classifier stage is compared to the best score on file based on percentage with the best score being 100%. The classes are assigned a range of percentage. For example, in USPSA, D class is a score from 0 to 40%. C class is 40 to 60%, B class is 60 to 75%, A class is 75 to 85%, Master is 85 to 95% and Grand Master is 95% and above. The purpose of the classes is to have shooters of similar skill competing.

Although at an action pistol match shooters in different divisions and different classes all shoot the same stages, a particular shooter is only competing against someone in their division and class, or competing against someone with similar equipment and similar skills.

The targets in action pistol are also similar. Each has a central area which the shooter hopes to hit with all shots. There is an area bordering the outside of the target and an area between the center and border. In each sport, the score for each target is better if the required number of shots are all in the center area. Shots in the middle detract points or add time and shots in the border area detract more points or add more time. Completely missing the target is very costly. The sports also have targets that are not supposed to be shot. They are most inconveniently located in front of shoot targets to reduce the amount of the shoot target available to the shooter. The penalties for hitting a "No-shoot" target are also severe. USPSA and IDPA targets are a 24 inch high by 18 inch wide rectangle with a 6 by 6 square on the top. They loosely represent a human torso. The IPDA target has an eight inch circle in the upper center of the target which is the center area previously mentioned. The USPSA has a six by eleven inch high rectangle in the upper center of the target which is the center area previously mentioned. ICORE targets are tombstone shaped, also 18 inch by 30 inch high. There is an eight inch circle in the center of the target which is the center area previously mentioned.

While the Bullseye shooters may be scoffing at an eight inch target, rarely does one stand erect and take shots. The action pistol stages have walls, windows and doors to obstruct the view of the targets. Also, time is of essence as in all action shooting sports time is part of the score. Sometimes the shooter is moving while shooting and sometimes the targets are moving or briefly presented and then no longer visible. We also occasionally shoot in low light and no light with flashlights.

The next installment will be about USPSA, which is associated with IPSC – International Practical Shooting Confederation – which was founded by Jeff Cooper as a proving ground of handgun shooting equipment and technique.

Ken Ortbach,
NRA Chief Range Safety Officer
NRA Training Counselor - Instructor
Action Pistol Representative
USPSA, IDPA, ICORE, and 2 gun matches

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LVPRL membership has been increasing and is now at 46 shooters. During March and April so far, we have averaged 26 shooters per night. Currently there are 13 ladies in our membership and more men and ladies are welcome regardless of pistol shooting experience. Any new shooter must use a .22 revolver or semi-auto and will be trained and coached on the firing line by an experienced member until safe gun handling and understanding of all range officer commands and procedures are well understood. If a person doesn't have a .22 pistol, one can be made available for use on a temporary nightly basis until a personal one is obtained. We shoot in the Rich Geyer indoor range from 5 to 9 P.M. on Wednesday evenings (weather and power supply permitting).

Updating and replacing First Aid Kits are in progress. A trauma kit and improvement components for smaller first aid kits have been ordered or already replaced. A first aid training class is in the discussion stage.

League t-shirt orders are being planned. If you are an LVPRL member and want a t-shirt with our logo underlined with "established in 1937", please sign up at the range. The club has to have a minimum of 18 shirts to place an order and determine price.

Thanks to Bill Eckert for donating fire-arm cleaning items as well as targets. Members who needed an item got it free. For additional information on LVPRL look on the HSA website and on previous newsletters. Respectfully submitted, Bill Books NRA range safety office and instructor.



**38th Year Junior Archery Banquet
March 31st, 2025**

There were 30 kids with families to attend with food, fun, 2 prizes each and trophies.

All trophies are hand created in house by our famous Don Jenny.

Nathan Stackk & Ashton Oberly received the John Del RE award for students who have numerous Achievements outside of Archery.

Thank you Parent's for helping during the season and with the banquet.

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