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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, Hellertown Sportsmen's members.

It's hard to believe the holiday and hunting season is already here. The HSA members may take advantage of many activities at the range, including junior and senior activities. You can follow many of these activities on our website. Contact the officers involved to join in at some of these activities.

I would like to start off by thanking Mark Walters and the Walters excavating company for volunteering to repair our outside 25 yard pistol range. He provided the equipment and a steel plate to make the repairs on the HSA outside range. He made it look easy but it is not, it was very time-consuming and we want to thank Mark for his efforts in keeping our ranges in excellent condition.

Again, included with the newsletter are the Fall Improvement raffle tickets. Just as in your household, the range operating expenses have increased, including insurance and heating expenses.

I have had a few members ask me why we have spring and fall raffle ticket sales. This is to keep our membership dues at current prices. The raffle tickets subsidize our ongoing expenditures and keep Hellertown Sportsmen clean and safe. The Board of Directors and officers have increased the gift card prices that were \$50 to \$100 and we have added more HSA free memberships to urge people to purchase tickets.

I would like to encourage members to attend HSA member meetings. They start at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, Steve Kirby always has light refreshments and food for us to eat after the meeting. There is always an opportunity to talk to officers and members in fellowship. You may also print out your HSA renewal applications online and bring applications to our membership meeting to give to our membership secretary.

Thank you, President, Chuck Adams

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

HSA is a member of the Federation of Northampton Co. They are a group of people that help protect our gun rights and shape out hunting laws. We have people in Harrisburg, to monitor what the politicians are doing both good and bad and report back to HSA. A delegate for the club will give a report on what is happening.



PLATE LEAGUE is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. It starts at 7pm to 9pm. It is 22 caliber pistol only. Semi-Automatic or Revolvers, open site or scope with dots are accepted. Shooting distance is 25 feet and the target size is 3 inches for experienced shooters. Beginner shooters are at 4 to 6 inch diameter circles. The price is \$8.00 for a night of fun and camaraderie with your HSA members. Hope to see you at the range!

Bill Hashagen

LOOKING FOR ARCHERS
STARTING JANUARY 7, 2026
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, 6 PM TO 9 PM, RUNNING FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS!
IF INTERESTED CALL LOU AT 610-393-0073

NEW NEWS FOR ACTION PISTOL!

We will be running two new shooting sports for action pistol matches in 2026. We will continue to run USPSA on the first Tuesday of the month, ICORE on the Friday after the membership meeting and IDPA on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The second Tuesday will alternate Galactic Pistol Alliance, GPA, matches with Practical Competition Shooting League, PCSL, matches. GPA is like the child of a marriage of IDPA and USPSA. PCSL is a multigun sport with up to pistol, pistol caliber carbine (PCC), rifle and shotgun, but we will be running pistol and PCC. You can learn more about the sports at their websites.

pcslleague.us
galacticpistolalliance.com
uspsa.org
icore.org
idpa.com

Ken Ortbach,
NRA Chief Range Safety Officer
Action Pistol Representative

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

www.hellertownsportsmen.com

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

January for 12 Weeks
Wed. & Fri. League
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lou Bove.....610-393-0073

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

October to March
2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Amber Hitcho.....610-349-5466

2025 Firearms H.S.A. Training

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

No classes scheduled but for 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

WWW.LVTP.ORG

Monthly Meeting
1st Thurs of Every Month at 6:30 PM
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Monthly Meets every 4th Monday
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Don Jenny 484-894-3739



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SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ON CWD IN PA

CWD, chronic wasting disease, is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy disease caused by misfolded proteins (prions) and is always fatal to cervids like deer and elk for example. It is very similar to mad cow disease, scrapie in sheep, and CJD (creutzfeldt-jakob disease) in humans. The misfolded proteins cause central nervous system problems and the brain to develop holes which greatly impair its function. So far, there is no proof that humans can contract CWD, but CDC recommends not eating meat from an animal with it. Cooking will not denature or kill the prions.

CWD was first detected in Adams County (PA) in 2012. Most recently CWD has been found in Luzerne and Carbon counties, and just north of Pittsburgh. South central PA is the hotspot in Bedford, Blair, and Huntingdon counties. This area is referred to as the EA (established area). So far in PA the Game Commission has designated ten DMAs (disease management areas).

CWD can be spread from animal to animal through direct contact in saliva. It can also be introduced into the environment from urine or feces. Plants can uptake the misfolded proteins and be transmitted through the consumer by passing from the digestive tract into the central nervous system. Some researchers believe that a protein called ferritin enables the transfer.

Symptoms of CWD in a deer could include: severe weight loss, listlessness, lack of fear of humans, repetitive irregular walking, standing with legs spread wide, heavy salivation (drooling), increased thirst, and loss of coordination (stumbling, unsteady walking, difficulty standing). A deer may have CWD several years before showing symptoms. If you see a deer displaying these symptoms don't shoot it. Contact the PGC at 1-833-742-9453 and let them deal with it.

A hunter can get his deer harvested in a DMA tested for CWD for free. Take head with the harvest tag still attached to the ear, place it in a sealed plastic bag, and submit it in one of the white collection bins. Contact the PGC website for location of these bins.

The PGC will notify the submitter if a positive test result has been found or one can look up his own results on the PGC site. If the deer is a buck and you want the antlers, take them off before submitting for testing, because the antlers will not be returned.

Remember it's unlawful to: remove or export high risk parts such as head, spinal column, and spleen from a DMA unless you are taking a harvested deer to a PGC approved processor or taxidermist, or to dispose of high-risk parts away from the harvest location.

HUNTER TRAINING EDUCATION CORNER

Another hunting season is upon us and the instructors at HSA hope you have a safe one. Here are a few reminders:

1. Make sure of your target and beyond.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Never shoot at water.
4. Identify your target before you shoot.
5. Comply with fluorescent orange regulations.
6. When stand hunting remember safety harness.
7. Be aware of barrel obstructions.
8. Be safe and have a great hunt!



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LVPRL

LVPRL just completed its 88th consecutive year of shooting, the oldest continuously operating bullseye pistol league in the country. There were 46 people who completed at least one gun.

The last night for shooting scores that count toward trophies was on 10-15. Practice league will begin at 6 PM on 10-22, ending on 12-17, then there will be a holiday break.

Our 89th season will begin at 6 PM on 1-9-26. New shooters are still welcome to try bullseye during the practice league. A 22 pistol must be used. An experienced member will spend time on the line with new people until procedures and safety practices are well understood and followed. If they don't have a 22 pistol, one can be provided on a temporary basis.

The annual banquet will be held at HSA on 11-1-25. The banquet will start at 5:30 PM. Set up night will be on Friday, 10-31.

At the banquet there will be a 50-50 drawing and a table full of donated items to raffle. In addition there will be two beautiful afghan's to be raffled separately.

Food for the banquet will be prepared and catered by our own Aaron Leatherman. If a member hasn't earned a banquet ticket, the cost will be \$15.

Elections for 2026 officers and board of directors will be held by secret ballot at the banquet.

BB GUN

Our first Junior BB Gun class was a success. We're excited for our 3rd year and invite you to learn more. We welcome participants aged 4-18. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 6:30-7:30 PM, occasionally extending to 8:00 PM. Participants are encouraged to bring their own BB guns (rifles only, please). We'll have some available for those who need them. Safety glasses are required; please bring your own if you have them, otherwise, we can provide them. For any inquiries, please contact Amber at 610-349-5466.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CONSERVATION SCHOOL

NCCS has been around since 1981. The school is located at the 4H Center on Bushkill Center Rd Nazareth, PA 18064. The School will take up to 36 students in July 2026. Students will stay at the camp for one week and will learn what conservation is and what it means to our community. Students must be 13 years old and be able to hike and canoe. For more information, call Don Jenny at 484-894-3739. Don't forget, this opportunity is free!

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