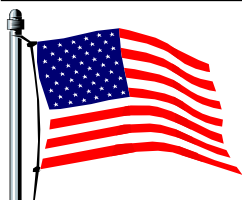


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Monthly Membership Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM

Clubhouse, 1793 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

From the President

Good day, Hellertown Sportsmen's members,

I would like to thank the coaches of the Junior archery and the Junior BB gun programs. They have volunteered their time to run these two programs over the winter months. I was invited to attend both of the Junior banquets. It was a joy to watch the faces of the children as their names were called to receive their awards.

The HSA property has survived another long harsh winter season. Now it's time for us to roll up our sleeves as HSA members and come down to the club one Monday night a month to volunteer to do light cleaning, raking, light painting, and some small maintenance projects. Let's keep the HSA property, sparkling, safe and clean! These work parties will be held on the following Monday nights: May 18th, June 22nd and July 27th. They will start at 6 PM and last until dark if needed. We will have light refreshments available for the volunteers. Please bring work gloves, rakes, and any tools you have that might be helpful. If another night is needed, it will be posted on the outside and inside bulletin boards of the clubhouse.

Included with your newsletter, as always, you will see the tickets for the spring club improvements. The proceeds from these ticket sales will offset the cost of snow removal and salting the driveway and parking lot. We appreciate your help and support by buying and selling of these tickets. Feel free to join us at the general meeting on June 16th. There will be light refreshments, and maybe you'll hear your name announced as a winner of one of the great prizes listed on the tickets!

I would like to thank the following local gun shops that have generously donated items for the spring raffle: John's Gun and Tackle LLC, Sarco Inc and Trigger Shack.

Thank you, Chuck Adams

Three Generations of Hunter-Trapper Education at HSA

Just a fun fact and sense of pride for Hellertown Sportsmen's Association—we currently have the one and only Jr. Hunter Education Instructor in the state of Pennsylvania---our own Trace Williams! This also means that we're fortunate to have three generations of instructors now teaching courses at HSA at the same time. It all started with Don Jenny, then his daughter Justine Williams, and now her son Trace. Once Trace turns 18 and graduates from high school, he'll be eligible to take his instructor test to become a certified instructor for the state and will complete the family trifecta, as his father Brock Williams is also an instructor as well. The family is super proud that Trace has taken the initiative to be involved in making sure our hunting traditions are around for generations to come.

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Third Tuesday of Month 7:30 pm
During Monthly Membership Meeting

Every Monday Night 6:00 pm

During Junior Archers

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Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Every Thursday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

During Trap Shooting Sessions

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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.

H.S.A. Clubhouse 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 Bob Kennedy at 484-358-5672.

Action Pistol

1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Ken Ortbach.....kjoine@aol.com
USPSA Member Match
3rd Tuesday 7-9PM

L.V.P.R.L. Bull's-eye
Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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Hellertown Archers
Evening during Winter
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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - until
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Plate Shooting

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month
7:00PM to 9:00PM
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Junior BB Gun
October to March
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month
6:30PM to 7:30PM
Amber Wolst.....610-349-5466

2026 Firearms H.S.A. Training

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

Women on Target, host a clinic in the fall. NRA would send material for free. Women members send an email if interested. We would need a variety of pistols.

David Schmidt
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Lehigh Valley Tea Party Project 9/12

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On Thursday, April 9, the Hellertown Sportsmen's Youth BB Gun League celebrated the completion of its third year at the end-of-year banquet. This season marked our largest turnout yet, averaging about 18 shooters per night, ranging in age from 5 to 14.

On the second and fourth Thursdays of each month throughout the fall and winter, these young shooters gather at the Rich Geyer Indoor Shooting Range, armed with their Daisies and Red Ryders. They shoot targets at distances of ten and twenty yards from standing offhand, seated bench rest, and kneeling positions. Each night begins with a review of gun safety rules and proper firearm handling, concluding with one final rule: have fun.

Though they may not realize it yet, these shooters are participating in a long-standing tradition. Generations before them developed a love and respect for shooting with cans on fence-posts in backyards, woods, and fields, often with their very first BB gun. Through this league, these kids learn that a BB gun is not a toy, but a starting point for a lifetime of safety, discipline, and enjoyment.

Understanding that the BB gun is only the beginning, we conclude each season with a .22 shoot on the outdoor pistol range, giving participants a glimpse of the next stage in shooting sports. This event has been a highlight for the past two years. This year, we expanded it with a full shooting demonstration, hosted with the help of Brock, Justine, and Trace Williams.

This demonstration paid tribute to similar events from years past, including those led by Rich Geyer and Don Jenny, whose displays left lasting impressions on younger generations with their respective skills with a shotgun, pistol, and flintlock. Due to the size and power of the firearms involved, the kids participated as spectators, but their enthusiasm made it clear they were fully engaged.

Beginning at 20 yards with a .22 bolt-action rifle, the shooters demonstrated how a 1,000-page Grainger catalog could stop a bullet after roughly 500 pages which surprised both the shooters and the spectators. The catalog fared far worse against 5.56 NATO and .300 Blackout rounds from both suppressed and unsuppressed AR platforms. A .308 rifle impressed the group not only with its report, but with its ability to pass cleanly through an 8-inch block of wood and the catalog above it.

Excitement grew and wows sounded the recall as a gallon water jug was obliterated by a .44 Magnum pistol, and smiles spread across the

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line as Justine, arguably the most accurate shooter of the night, split a Grainger catalog in half with a .45-70 lever-action rifle before launching a water jug across the range with another well-placed shot.

The night concluded with a practical demonstration of force. A 2x4 was handed out and the kids were challenged to break it by any means possible. After several unsuccessful attempts, it became clear the wood was tougher than they were. That changed instantly when a 12-gauge shotgun, with a turkey load and full choke, reduced the board to splinters. The lesson was unmistakable.

Although the kids did not fire firearms themselves that evening, they gained a vivid understanding of what BB guns can lead to. Many cited the demonstration as their favorite experience of the year.

On behalf of the BB Gun League, its volunteers Amber Wolst and Arnold Rego, parents, and shooters, we thank the club, board, and membership for their continued support. Your time, resources, venues, and commitment make this program possible, and we look forward to many more years of training the next generation of shooting sportsmen.

Jeremy Walck, BB Gun Range Officer



The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League (LVPRL) is well into another season of action-packed shooting and camaraderie; we're thrilled to reflect on a truly remarkable achievement: 89 consecutive years of competitive shooting. That's right, for nearly nine decades, our members have consistently gathered to sharpen their skills, build lasting friendships, and uphold the tradition of excellence in marksmanship. This milestone is truly a testament to the dedication and perseverance of our members, past and present.

We've seen a surge in both new faces and loyal members returning to the range. From beginners to seasoned pros, there's something for everyone. We want to extend a warm thank you to all our members who have made time for the League despite their busy schedules. It's this level of participation and enthusiasm that keeps the League thriving year after year.

After a long winter, it's safe to say that things are starting to warm up—literally and figuratively! As temperatures rise, hopefully everyone's scores will follow! Come down and shoot with us every Wednesday, 5pm-9pm, rain or shine, at the Rich Geyer's Indoor Range! Stay involved, keep showing up, and continue making this year one of our best yet!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at bryanmcgroarty@yahoo.com or stop by the range on Wednesday night.
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