

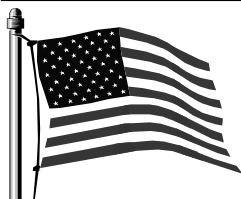
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Additional Raffle at the Spring Shoot

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

From the President

At our January monthly meeting we held our annual elections. I would like to thank all of the members who came to the meeting. We had more than 80 people in attendance. I have been to hundreds of gun club meetings over the past 30 years, both at HSA and other clubs that I belong to. I have never been to a meeting with that many people. Your support is very much appreciated. At our February meeting we will be appointing our committees for the upcoming year. Please try to attend and help your club improve for the benefit of all of its members.

Take note!!! I mentioned this in last month's newsletter but it's worth bringing up again. The board decided to raffle off a tactical shotgun at our Spring Ham Shoot. Raffle tickets for both the shotgun and for our Spring Ham Shoot Cash Raffle are again being enclosed with your newsletter this month. Please do your best to purchase or sell all of the enclosed tickets.

It's not too late to join the Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League. You don't have to be a police officer to be a member. There is no

better place to learn the basics of pistol shooting. Stop down any Wednesday after 6:00 pm and they will give you a tour and help you get involved.

See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L.

Branch Valley Sportsmen's Club will be have a 50 foot 22cal. 900 Sectional match on Saturday and Sunday March 5th and 6th talk to Wendel Ferris for more information and to sign up for the match. We need LVPRL members to sign up for the Team shoot. The 50 foot bulls eye target is super small and very humbling. We have these targets at the range if anyone is interested in comparing them to our league targets.

Bill Books will be the leagues new representative to HSA.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, LVPRL President

ARCHERY

HSA is open Monday mornings for archery practice from 9:30am to 1pm. Any member can come and shoot in our beautiful indoor range. Leagues will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays 6pm.

If anyone is interested contact:
Lou at 610-393-0073

Geyer's Corner

Thanks to the members who turned out and voted for the officers, it appears that Chuck Adams and I have been rewarded (?) or honored to serve on the Board of Directors. I thank all those that put their trust in me, and I am certain Chuck feels the same way....for those who DID NOT vote for me....hey, you'll get another chance for the big one in November. As usual, one of my first chores was to collect all those "Bambu for President" signs shortly after the election....well, you don't see any do you? My work is done. By the way, these metal frames make nifty target holders, maybe not for OUR club, but if you have another place where you can stick these in the ground, fold the cardboard over the top and fasten with a clothes pin or two.

Please see Geyer p.3

Club and Range Closings

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

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.

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 used 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.

Calendar of Events

Monthly Membership Meeting
Third Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM

Action Pistol

1st, 4th, & 5th Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Ken Ortbach 908-310-2079

L.V.P.R.L. Bullseye

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Bill Books 610-417-0161
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Hellertown Archers

Mon. Morning & Evening during Winter
Wed. & Fri. League 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lou Bove 610-865-5857
Dave Schweisgut 610-838-0723

Jr. Archers

Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Don Jenny 610-691-1903

Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Rich Geyer 610-838-8908

2016 Firearms Training Schedule

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)
Saturday, April 9, 2016
Saturday, July 16, 2016
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For further information on any of these courses, contact NRA Certified Instructors:

Bill Books at 610-417-0161 or
Bill Lambert at 610-417-5005 ~
wlambert@bellatlantic.net

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Saturdays, March 5 & 12, 2016
Saturdays, June 4 & 18, 2016
Saturday, September 17 &
Sunday, September 25, 2016

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Sundays, November 6 & 13, 2016

Introduction to Handgun for Women
(Two Half Days program)

Saturday, May 7 &
Sunday May 15, 2016
Saturdays, July 23 & August 6, 2016

For further information on any of these courses, contact Paul Piscator,
S&W Certified Instructor at
610-847-5396 or padona@epix.net

Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

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1st Friday of Every Month at 7:00 PM
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Geyer cont...

With another 'batch' of new members, I've had some interest shown in our trapshooting. # 1. You don't need a special trap gun, we have seen, AND used the very ordinary 12 ga. shotgun. The MAIN thing and we say this over and over...that it shoots WHERE YOU ARE LOOKING! For new shooters, I highly recommend and will help them at our pistol range by shooting maybe just a half-dozen shots from about twenty yards. That will immediately show you where your 'pattern' is located. THEN, I usually ask to clear the trap line for a few minutes and we'll have you shoot a few shots from position #3 (the middle) and go on from there...You WILL see stocks with the popular Monte Carlo design...all THAT does is help you keep your face on the stock plus this design is to help hitting RISING targets...that's the main reason. And some high "RIBS"? This is another assist in keeping the face ON THE STOCK. We also require each new shooter to read the posted rules and observe at least two 'squads' before they actually 'take the line' Nuf sed!

*This concerned mother fire-fly
is worried that her kids aren't very bright.*

Some of the latest political talk is really getting plain and serious (from Hillary) about taking the guns... and they are not being bashful about it. Again, the guards at the White House have all sorts to protect those inside...so why can't WE have the same quality to protect US on the outside? I've written a fair share of letters to editors...and of course not all were printed...but I say "An armed society is a POLITE society!" Take a look at a bunch of Civil War pictures and there are hundreds of books and thousands of good photos...see all those dressed up gentlemen carrying big 'ole swords...maybe two foot long blades. Now look VERY closely, tell me, how many do you see with one arm or an ear missing?

A few days ago I was driving along, see a big road side sign says "SCHOOL CROSSING" Not being in a big hurry I sat..and sat..and sat for must a been a half an hour. Dang school NEVER moved. Talking about school, this one kid I know sez he already flunked arithmetic 3 times, one more will make it five!

A story about a five year old autistic five year old was in the news a few weeks ago, a sad ending as he was found dead in a canal. One report stated that he was wearing a partial camouflage outfit. IF you have a good memory, you may recall that Geyer, in these pages, wrote at least twice about NOT dressing toddlers in that sort of clothing. These kids can get lost "in plain view" as they explore, walk away and could possibly doze off being worn out from the playing, lay down and fall asleep....while people are desperately looking for them. And am not trying to be a Monday morning quarter back but....dress 'em so you can see 'em!

If you were at the last meeting you heard that we are 'losing' our good friend JOHN MEKA; NRA instructor; range officer, newsletter editor, commander of Edward H. Ackerman Legion post honor guard, HSA director (an basically a rather quiet man) as he is moving to Florida (and with the weather news at the time, there were some envious members). We all wish him well....I will certainly miss him as he was a huge help with my coping with this new fangled computer/writer! Our loss is Florida's gain! Good luck John!!!

The brave may not live forever, but the cautious don't live at all.

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Geyer cont ...

As a small kid, (long time ago) I was fascinated with stories of Hudson Bay and their trappers...and of course read and heard about their famous Hudson Bay wool blankets...point blankets. 100% Wool, made in England. Well, also years ago I bought one from the famed L.L. Bean, stories abound about the 'points' some supposedly indicated how many beaver skins for trade with Indians...paid maybe \$100 at the time, sort of a prized possession (now I've noted they can go for \$359 to \$554...these were made since 1780 and since then the points supposedly now indicate the size, at any rate I would like to say this...and I don't think I'll get any argument: People in a cold house enjoy a truly wonderful treat and experience...when they get out of a warm bed...go to the bathroom in middle of the night AND SNUGGLE UP BACK IN THAT WARM BED!!

Bargain buy! Cheap. Guitar for sale, no strings attached.

Just checking my last paragraph...trappers...reminded me of one of my most memorable canoe trips. Nine Mile Portage partially because the water level was so low in Pigeon River, we were confined to a few hundred yards from our campsite. Anyway, northern shore of Lake Superior and this nine mile was a short-cut from a 21 mile portage which the crews appreciated. This was the main headquarters of the trapping "back then" and our camp was near a monument indicating Port Charlotte which was the starting point as these VOYAGEURS headed towards trapping grounds. These men, maybe 5 or 5ft. 4 carried packs of 90 pounds! Now, back then they sure didn't have insulated shoes, clothes or 'heat and serve' meals. I often think...they were a dam tough bunch.

You may recall that I mentioned at the last meeting AND elsewhere, that our president Jim Bambu won the big \$1,000 prize. Lets NOT give him another chance...lets all buy up a bunch! Jim is the only guy I ever knew that wears TWO money belts and though he fancies himself as quite a chef, he insists that he will NEVER buy Swiss cheese. Told me "there's no way your gonna get a full pound with all those holes!

*Illegitimus Non Tatum Carbourundem:
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Sunday, March 20, 2016 From Noon Until 5:00 PM

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We need all of our members to participate in this very
worthwhile and needed effort.*

There will be an Archery Game and .22 cal Rifle Game in addition to the Block Shoot

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find a sheet of Fall Club Improvement Raffle Tickets. Please sell these tickets to your friends and return the ticket stubs with appropriate funds in the self-addressed envelope. We need all of our members to participate in this very worthwhile and needed effort.

HSA Silent Auction

Back by Popular Demand

Donate your unwanted items to this very worthwhile fundraiser activity.

Bring your items to the Monthly Membership Meeting or contact one of the Board of Directors to arrange for a drop off.

Fall Turkey Shoot

Sunday, March 20, 2016

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