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From the President

Can you believe Fishing Season is here already? Let's not forget the *AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS* on May 16th starting at 8:00 am. It's a great event and it's FREE. Sign up early.

Work parties will start up the first Monday in May at 6:00 pm. Stop down and lend your support to your club. There are plenty of small jobs that need to be done. The more people that show up the less work for everyone. Contact Al Horvath at 610-838-8026 if you're interested in lending a hand.

The Junior Archery program is over for another year. I want to thank Don Jenny, Brock Williams and Rich Fenner for all of their hard work and dedication year after year. The training in both archery and sportsmanship-like conduct the kids get from this program can't be matched anywhere. So the next time you see Don, Brock or Rich say thanks.

Now that the weather has warmed up, the Action Pistol Shooters will be using the outdoor pistol range on the Tuesday nights that they shoot. This means that the outdoor pistol range will be closed from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesdays through September. If you have never seen Action Pistol (also known as IPSC or IDPA), stop down and check it out. There is no better way to use your handguns to practice for defensive type shooting. It doesn't require a lot of equipment or expensive handguns. It only takes one try to get hooked.

See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

The Essential Second Amendment

"Passing a law like the assault weapons ban is a symbolic, purely symbolic move. ... Its only real justification is not to reduce crime but to desensitize the public to the regulation of weapons in preparation for their ultimate confiscation."

Charles Krauthammer, Syndicated Columnist

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

On Sunday I attended my first NRA registered 2700 match in 10 years! It was a great day to shoot but I had forgotten how intense it is to shoot for four hours at a time. My scores were in the toilet but the day was a break from my usual Sunday. I caught up with many friends and saw great shooters. I need to practice a lot more to keep my competitive edge. Anyone wishing to join me at the next shoot just let me know.

The new radiant heat has made it nice and warm to shoot. You can now take off your coat and shoot in your shirt-sleeves. We used to shoot in sub zero weather but we are all older and happy those days are behind us. In our range on Applebutter road we had snow coming from the holes in the roof. Those were the days...

Our semi-annual meeting is scheduled for June 3, at the clubhouse. We need a volunteer to run the kitchen. Please let me know if you are available.

Shoot Safe,

Chuck Adams, President, L.V.P.R.L

Committee Reports

▪ A reminder from Don Jenny that he is looking for any kids age 14-17 who may be interested in attending the Northampton County Jr. Conservation School. It will run this year July 19th through the 26th, and the club will sponsor two kids to go. Anyone interested should call Don at 610.691.1903.

▪ Barry Doster mentioned that if there is enough interest, he would open up the main clubhouse on Thursday evenings for open family archery. Anyone interested should call Barry at 610.866.1612.

▪ Rich Geyer reported that with the return of nicer weather, trap is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

▪ Paul Piscator noted that he has had an increased interest in his handgun defense courses. He said that he added another course for this year on June 6th & 7th.

▪ Chuck Adams stated that he is working on lining up welders to repair the backstop in the indoor pistol range, possibly sometime in May. He will keep the club posted on progress.

▪ Outdoor ranges will be closed on April 28th, beginning at noon.

Geyer's Corner

Richard Geyer

By the time you receive this newsletter, our *TRAPSHOOTING* should be back to normal. We did open due to a request of a fair sized group and ended up with five full squads recently on a cold Thursday evening. I think we've had our share of lousy wind and cold and snow... so, get your stuff ready!

Last month we touched a bit on a TRAP GUN blowing up! I do not intend to name the make or model... but, since then SEVERAL more of the same have gone... *bloowie!* Of course there is always someone who will say, "*Oh that was a re-load wasn't it?*" Well, let me say to that... there are a heck of a bunch of re-loaders out there... and we haven't been seeing OTHER MODELS coming apart! I haven't been witness to ANY of these mishaps... but the one, more or less 'local' one was near John Delre... and HE thought the guy threw a cherry bomb or an M80... that's how loud it sounded. Now, when John gets out on the trap line... he's pulling his head into his sweater so far... all we could see was the top of his head... and he's being REAL careful when he signs up on a squad as to gun models.

The puzzling part of the one that John was witness to... was that the shooter stated that the *PRIOR* shot was normal... and he broke that particular target... so an obstruction appears to be out of the question. I know I've mentioned and warned MANY times... that if a shot OR the results seem a bit strange or different... *STOP... INVESTIGATE!* Takes only a few seconds and you could very well save money... a barrel or a life!

Please see Geyer p.3

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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
Chuck Adams 610.352.3169

Hellertown Archers

Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Dave Schweisgut 610.838.0723
Leon Deleon 610.868.8745

Jr. Archers

Mondays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Don Jenny 610.691.1903

Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Rich Geyer 610.838.8908

2009 Firearms Training Schedule

Introduction to the Handgun
(One day program)
Saturday, June 13, 2009
Sunday, October 25, 2009

Concealed Carry Level I
(Day and half program)
Sunday, July 19 & 26, 2009
Saturday, November, 14 & 21, 2009

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Saturday, May 16 & 23, 2009
Sunday, December 6 & 13, 2009

Private instruction is available.
For further information on these courses and other programs available, please contact Paul Piscator, S&W Certified Instructor at 610.847.5396 or padona@epix.net

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Geyer's Corner cont...

Many years ago a group of RIFLEMEN were shooting on a dry... and long range hillside where a dusty path led to the target. The shooting was soon reduced to a single rifleman, and the rest of the group were just watching when one of the bullets struck quite low... so far below the target that some remarks were forthcoming. Figuring this was a fluke, the fellow fired again... and THAT shot went quite low... NOW it was time to do some checking... and one of the observant fellows noticed a small... very small bulge in the rifle barrel. Bottom line... and a VERY RARE occurrence... the JACKET of the first "off-line" shot had **STUCK IN THE BARREL**. The second one pushed through the jammed copper jacket... and produced the bulge. If he would have stopped and really investigated, *well... you know a lot of IF'S. Don't we all?*

While on the subject of RAREITIES... and I believe I mentioned this story awhile ago... but... a bench rest shooter was shooting a bolt-action high power job... got a misfire... TRUE STORY AS I KNEW THE FELLOW... instead of waiting just a few seconds for that primer to either go off... or die... he too quickly OPENED THE BOLT... which promptly... and swiftly came back through the action... and destroyed his right eye!

Straying a few miles... and many years from rifle fire I can relate another incident... backed up by a letter from a Lt. Ward who was a pilot on the light cruiser I served on. Using a catapult AND a powder charge as an assist... to take off... there was, at this particular time... a FAILURE to fire the complete charge. Navy regulations were to have gunner's mate wait a certain time... several minutes I recall... CLEAR all un-burned powder from that "shot" then load another. Well, we had at that time a full commander who was the gunnery officer... who, after the pilot told him (or I guess you know... to put it a better way... **REMINDED HIM**) of Navy regulations. Commander Fletcher's answer was "Ward, get back in your plane" Ward sez... "I did and I got the shot of my life... parts of the plane blew off... the catapult was damaged... and we had to go in for repairs... and THAT was the END of Fletcher's NAVAL CAREER!" All for either pride... stubbornness or ignorance... or haste. You call it. Then again, stubbornness in a mule... is called firmness in a KING.

One other quick story that we tossed around years ago... and I think I could get witnesses pretty quick... I would kid about perhaps being cremated when I go to that great trap range in the sky... and I stated my plan... this was back when we had our old regular "TRAP GANG" Gus Tonn (I still miss that guy) John Soloe, Bruce Walck, Dennis Thomas (our former membership secretary) I joked that they could load a shotgun shell with some of my ashes... and give one of those shells to EACH OF MY SQUADMATES... then, then when they all take a look at the "SEE" bird... (no one normally shoots at this sample) on a pre-arranged setup... they **WOULD ALL FIRE AT THE SAME TIME**... and they'd say Geyer finally "smoked" a target! Well, honest Injun... NOW, now they have an outfit that will do just THAT!

I was wondering if our president will be talking to the "TROOPS" about their future when they complete their tour(s) of duty. I wonder if he'll tell them of his plans for making it illegal to own a semi-automatic rifle or shotgun and his plans to get rid of all handguns (Well, maybe NOT black powder jobs) and that he'll be pushing for laws that will make it illegal to use a firearm in your own home to protect yourself and family. Well, his close allies are full of ideas that are not friendly towards gun owners... but as mentioned by wiser men than I am... his plate is pretty full just now, so we'll have to take a wait and see attitude. I just wish they would publish more facts about the crime in AUSTRALIA... the INCREASE that is.

DIVIDENDS FOR DRINKERS... Advice to a drunk from the Massachusetts's Chiefs of Police Association newsletter... Since you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon of your own in you own home? Be the only customer and you won't have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55.00 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 drinks in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a drink. In 12 days when the case is gone, your wife will have \$89.00 to put in the bank and \$55.00 to buy another case. If you live 10 year's and continue to buy your whiskey from your wife... and die in your boots, your widow will have put \$27,125.47 on deposit. That's enough to bring up your children, payoff the mortgage, marry a decent, man and forget she ever knew a bum like you!

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There's still time to register for

THE AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS

When: Saturday May 16th, 2009

Where: Hellertown Sportsmen's Association
Saucon Creek (directly behind the club)

Time: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM for 5 to 8 year olds
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM for 9 to 12 year olds

Entry Fee: FREE!

Streamside fishing only – NO wading. Natural baits & artificial lures allowed. Parents may assist with baiting & casting, but kids must land the catch. There is a three-catch limit per participant. The event will run rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded in each of the two age categories for the largest total trout by weight. There will also be prizes awarded for several trophy size trout if caught.

There will also be a lunch provided for each participant (from 11:00-12:00) as well. In addition, there will also be a raffle and our annual t-shirt available!

You must register in advance, as only 75 kids per age group will be accepted on a first come first serve basis, so send your registration in soon! Please fill out the bottom portion of this flier to register for the tournament and send your information to the below address. Hope to see you there!!

Also-Sunday May 17th will be open fishing for any H.S.A. Club members.

Registration for Tournament (please print clearly)

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mail your registration form to: Brock Williams
257 9th Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018 Any Questions - Call Brock at 610-954-8468

Brock and the tournament committee would like to *thank* and remind anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament should send it to John Delre's attention at the club address and mark the envelop or check for the fishing tournament.

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