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From the President

We started our Monday night work parties in May. We meet every Monday night at 6:00 pm. We have had very poor attendance. Please see if you can spare some time one Monday night in the future to give us a hand. We have a number of small projects that are very easy – all we needs is a little manpower. If you can't make it on Monday nights, please contact Al Horvath and we can get you a list of things that can be done by one or two people at your own schedule.

We have started a Thursday night family archery indoor shoot. Grab your gear and stop by with your kids and give it a try. They meet every Thursday night at 6:30.

Have you noticed the parking lot expansion at the rifle range? The new parking area will make it nice while shooting or sighting in your rifle. You can now back right up to the shooting benches and unload your gear right onto the shooting benches. This area will be macadamed this fall. These are the type of projects that are funded by our shoots and raffles.

Remember that this is your club. It needs your ideas, help, and support in order to grow its facilities and activities for all of its members.

See you at the club, Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

At the June semi-annual meeting we had a good turn out of members. We discussed new safety rules. The Board of Directors had a special board meeting to revise the new safety rules of inside league shooting. All members should have received

the new change in rules. Contact any officer or Board member to ask about the new rules. New rules are also provided at the range if you did not received the letter. The meeting also asked for volunteers for committees. Refreshments were provided at the meeting by Alex Adams which included Home-made Fried Chicken and all the fixings.

We also announced multiple events at the meeting; calendars should be marked at these dates. Last night of shooting for scores will be October 7, 2009 for the League. Also could be a make-up night on Friday October 9, 2009. The make up night date will be revised as the League gets closer to the end of the season. A "New League Shooters" orientation night will be held on October 14, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The League Banquet will be held on Saturday night October 31, 2009 at H.S.A. clubhouse. Details being finalized.

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

Committee Reports

- Al Horvath stated that he's still looking for help for Monday night work parties that get started around 6:00 if anyone can come down to help. He also mentioned that the bridge over the Saucon is in need of repair and would take a group of people to work on it.

- Barry Doster reported that Thursday July 16th will be the next family "open shooting" archery night in the main clubhouse, from 6:30-8:00. Barry said he would continue to have the building open on Thursday nights as long as there is interest. Barry added that starting Wednesdays August 12th through September 30th will be 3D outdoor archery.

Barry also mentioned that lights will soon be installed on the outdoor archery range and one block will be put up on the outdoor archery range for cross bows.

Geyer's Corner

Richard Geyer

For beginners..., let me state that since being a member/secretary/director since '68... I cannot recall the number of NEW MEMBERS that could approach the numbers we've accepted in the past TWO MONTHS! Presidents' OBAMA AND Jim BAMBUR certainly are doing something right!

By the way Jim, if you really wanna save a few bucks and some gas money on your next skeet lesson to Jersey, just buy the latest "Outdoor Life," June/July issue... see page 35, "How To Run 25 Straight in Skeet."

There was a time, a few years back when I got my first electric typewriter... was a pipe smoker... and an "outdoor person." I actually thought I'd like to be an "OUTDOOR WRITER"... do you realize the dang problems you have with those long extension cords?

Apparently the topic of CANOE CAMPING stimulated some interest and I guess, favorable comments which again brought back some memories. I said many times, if any participants would actually take a few weeks off their regular schedule and do some paddling, sleeping in the open (tenting) portaging from one lake to the next carrying all your gear... in about two weeks you would actually become hardened to this good life... you would sleep better... and on almost ANY surface. It need not be a soft sleeping bag. I knew one guy, come to think of it, several of us guys... actually dozed off on one huge ROCK, and didn't complain! Don't know how these old bones would fare under the same conditions now.

On one of our trips our "Outfitter" asked if we had any problem with bears

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

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Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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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

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)

Saturday, September 19, 2009
Saturday, December 5, 2009

Introduction to the Handgun
(One day program)

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Sunday, July 19 & 26, 2009

Saturday, November, 14 & 21, 2009

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
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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Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

Monthly Meeting
1st Friday of Every Month at 7:00 PM
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Guyer's Corner cont...

... and we truthfully stated that we didn't. "Well, you're the first group that didn't have problems this year." Actually on our second day 'out' we happened upon a group that was heading 'back' a few days early... bears had invaded their food supply and all they had was some pancake batter.

Bears, when associated with campers for a few weeks become educated rather quickly. And a sloppy camp with food lying around is just an invitation to trouble. Food packs were always tied... high up... with the use of a camper that was 6' 4", and using a paddle for additional height, Bruce Walck was certain to get the food high and away. The ropes were never close to the packs as the bears got to know the 'connection between ropes and food' by steadily yanking and pawing... they 'will' be rewarded. There was a time, in Yellowstone... there was NOT A SINGLE portable ice-box made that couldn't be opened by bears!

Nowadays with so many convenient meals... insulation... fine equipment... there are hundreds of trails out there just begging for you. Once upon a time... we even had frozen steaks!! They still had a few 'shards' of ice on them when we prepared them. The experienced outfitters on one of our early trips had actually packed the food supply in layers... and the young slip of a girl actually flipped that food bag onto the tailgate of my wagon... like a ten pound bag of sugar, and the guy that REMOVED it, later.... got a hernia! Tough little gal.

We were firmly told... "No glass... no cans." Bring back EVERYTHING you take in!" You know the old outdoor motto... take nothing but photographs... leave nothing but footprints? Well, unknown to the other three campers... one well meaning individual had secretly brought a surprise for a celebration on our third night 'out' it was in the form of a four ounce can of "Ready Made Manhattans... for four." Well, it WAS a forbidden CAN. However it was enjoyed... and we toasted our good fellowship and good fortune.

Was that a dandy measuring cup! I kept it handy, being a sort of cook. Next day... a float plane cruising the area... a Minnesota Fish & Game came over to our island after landing and inspecting a near-by camp. Nice young guys they were... looking around at our clean and neat camp... one of them spotted the can. "Didn't your outfitter tell you about not having cans or bottles?" To shorten the story... when they were told that we would take it back with us... "We know of many good intentions that change between here and the end of the trip... we'll take it with us." We were NOT fined... and I really believe it was because we DID have a neatly kept area... and weren't a bunch of wise-guys.

One of our guys stated... "I really enjoy your job... being in the outdoors." The comment was... "Oh yeah, well, you wouldn't think so when you have to dig a toilet pit out here in the rocks!"

Unbelievable as it seems... we've come across a pile of beer bottles... a bunch of empty steel LP tanks for lanterns or stoves..., and we said, "if they can carry it out to the wilderness when FULL, how come they can't carry it back when it's EMPTY?"

As stated before... we've taken in a bunch of new members and according to the groups that are signing up for handgun lessons of various levels there is plenty of handgun interest. Many new owners haven't too much knowledge as to which type is better for them, semi-auto or revolver to start with. I think practically every instructor would suggest a revolver for the first handgun.

You can easily check to see that it is loaded... by a simple check on the cylinder. You have five, maybe six shots, and lately, there are some SEVEN shot, even EIGHT shot SIX-GUNS." Howzat? Well, they haven't yet approached the western style where they get maybe twenty-thirty shots per revolver! One other advantage... or two... IF by chance you have a misfire... there are more rounds in there WITHOUT the need to pull the slide back to clear the semi-auto. Also, IF you decide to become a re-loader... and you should... you can make very light loads for some gentle shooting... or some decent target loads... after you become familiar with different powders and bullets. A revolver needs very little care since much of the "guts" are well covered. I will say that you do not want to get dirt or powder BEHIND that ejector 'STAR'. That could possibly prevent the cylinder from closing properly... other than that... the 'ole wheel gun is still a great choice... "lots of us old guys use em."

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THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS

We recently passed the 100th day of the Obama presidency. During that time much has been said about the positions being taken by the new administration with respect to the Bill of Rights and especially of the Second Amendment. Obama supporters are promoting the permanent reinstatement of the Assault Weapons Ban while Obama's spokesmen say it is not on his present agenda. The so-called Gun Show loophole is again raising its falsehoods to obtain passage. With the Mexican drug war heating up inside Mexico and on the border, the administration including the Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, is blaming our Second Amendment for the increase in gun violence in Mexico.

This has brought about the latest in proposed international treaties, which if Obama approves and two-thirds of the Senate agrees, will bring about the destruction of the Second Amendment. According to our Constitution, we must meet the limitations of this treaty, which overrides our rights defined in the Constitution. We must use all of our resources to prevent Obama from signing this treaty known as CIFTA, the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials.

(<http://www.oas.org/juridico/English/Treaties/a-63.html>)

This first hundred days may do more to destroy our Constitution and to completely change our rights and freedom and way-of-life, than any other period in our country's 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ centuries of existence. Remember the cost of freedom is constant diligence. We all must become increasingly active if we are to keep our freedoms and liberty.

Jack Lee, President, Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association

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Club and Range Closings

*Obey All Posted Signs
During Special Events & Activities*

Regular Ongoing Closings

All Outdoor Ranges Closed
Every Monday Evening
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
During Work Parties

Rifle Range Closed
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
During Trap Shooting Sessions

All Outdoor Ranges Closed
Every Wednesday Evening
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All Outdoor Ranges Closed
Saturday October 10th.
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
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