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From the President

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Spring Ham Shoot on April 5th. Stop by the club or contact any board member if you need additional raffle tickets. Remember to bring your old and unwanted sports items for our Silent Auction. We will use all of the proceeds from this auction for club improvements. Bring your friends – our shoot is always a great time with lots of chances to win prizes.

Remember, action pistol shooting is just one of many great activities at HSA. The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League shoots every Wednesday and we also shoot action pistol the 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesday nights. Let's all show some support for our club and get involved this year. Not only will you have a good time and great practice with your handgun, but it will give you a great excuse to get out of the house.

If anyone has an idea for a new club activity or is interested in helping with a current one, please contact any board member. HSA is here for the benefit of all its members. Let's utilize our facilities to promote any type of hunting, fishing, or shooting activity.

Remember your 2009 dues are now due. You can pay your yearly dues at our Ham Shoot and receive your membership card on the spot. They can also be paid at any regular meeting or through the mail.

See you at the shoot,
Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

The league would like to thank H.S.A. for installing the radiant heat over the shooting positions. All can now enjoy shooting even on the coldest nights. For all league members who skip the winter because of the cold, come on down and shoot under the heat!

Spring is around the corner and with it the start of the 2700 matches at clubs in the area. If you are interested in competing in these matches contact Bill Lambert for details.

We will be scheduling an indoor work party for spring cleanup. Please check the bulletin board for date and time.

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

Our Club 'Thank You' Column

To Janet, Rick and Jeff for doing such a great job of cleaning up the outdoor pistol range on Sunday February 15th.

To Joe Galuchi, for all his past work as our outdoor range caretaker, and to Chris Haas who has volunteered to take over.

To Valerie Ferguson who volunteered for the audit committee and found that all club financial records were justified.

The Essential Second Amendment

'Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel.'

- Patrick Henry

Monthly Meeting Reports

- Don Jenny stated that the Jr. Archery banquet will be Monday March 30th. Don also mentioned that he will be looking for any kids age 14-16 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 Jenny at 610.691.1903.

- Brock Williams shared that the Al Stair memorial fishing tournament for kids will be Saturday May 16th this year, and that like last year--Sunday May 17th will be open fishing for any HSA members. Brock added that he is also looking for t-shirt sponsors again this year as well because he wants to try and give each kid a t-shirt---sponsorships are \$100. Anyone interested should see Brock or give him a call at 610.954.8468.

- Outdoor ranges will be closed on April 28th. beginning at noon.**

Geyer's Thoughts

Richard Geyer

I suppose if we were to properly describe "winter doldrums"... this time of the year would fit. However, as was once observed "For the man of sound mind and body, there is no such thing as bad weather." This is a fine time to get to the reloading bench if you are a shooter... trust me we WILL have some decent weather soon.

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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)

Saturday, March 7 & 14, 2009

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 Thoughts cont...

Our trap mechanic & treasurer, John Delre, also an avid and serious shotgun shell re-loader who cares enough to chronograph any new experimental loads he may come up with. He's also quite concerned about "Gun Fit." As we all should know, this is most important. He told me just this morning that he's latched onto an excellent book titled "STOCK FITTERS BIBLE" by Roland Oswald. He mentions being "slapped in the face... kicked" also was mentioned. I sez "John, that is nothing new to me. I can well recall being 'slapped' but, at the time it had nothing at all to do with trapshooting... but a nifty lookin' cheer leader.... the kick... well, THAT came a bit later... from her father." You know, you don't get too many good "straight men" like John... so I'm hangin' close to him in the future.

WHAT YOU DON'T SEE WITH YOUR EYES, DON'T WITNESS WITH YOUR MOUTH

If by chance you ARE involved in TRAP loads, you wanna make certain they are LEGAL as far as speed... lead weight. You COULD be disqualified in event some one would "challenge" your ammo. I've personally never seen it happen, but DO know of one top shooter, who, in an unusual show of honesty, disqualified HIMSELF! He had mistakenly FIRED AN ILLEGAL HUNTING ROUND... his first of that particular event... now... THAT is sportsmanship!! Reminded me of Bill Toney... top pistol shooter... Border Patrol officer... challenged the scorer for a LOWER SCORE!!! Ever hear of THAT?? And, as pistol shooters know, from NRA rules... that costs a buck per challenge. If you win, by the range officers ruling, you get your buck back... if not... you lost the buck. End of matter. Fair thing about pistol scoring as far as challenges go... that challenged target... HAS NO NAME ATTACHED... SO NO ONE IS INFLUENCED by seeing the name of the shooter. A fine way to run things properly!

There are of course guidelines to follow in making up "LEGAL" reloads in TRAP. With the very popular ONE AND ONE-EIGHTH OUNCE LOAD... you can go as fast as 1,290 FPS (feet per second). For an EVEN ONE OUNCE LOAD... can go as high as 1,325 fps and if you are using the economical load of SEVEN EIGHTH ounce load... you can go to 1,350! In NO EVENT... are you allowed to use shot LARGER than 7 1/2's, NOR MORE THAN ONE AND ONE EIGHTHT OZ. of shot... So... there! From the ATA annual trap book of averages.

Trap shooting of course makes me think of Ron Scheirer... and the fun we had with trap and pistol... now lives in Georgia... by the way, I honestly believe there are more songs with the name of Georgia than any other bloomin' state. Just recently, Ronnie was stopped by a Georgia state trooper on one of their very lonely roads down that-a-way. Trooper comes up to his car and asks Ron "Have any ID?" Ronnie takes off his cap... scratches his head a bit and sez, "About what?"

You keep hearing and reading about CLUB IMPROVEMENTS!!! And where your TICKET MONEY \$\$\$\$ is going. Look around... look around! For added convenience... we now have a port-a-potty, they don't get emptied for free... and I'm sure you will be reading about the improvement for the heating system in the indoor range... this should greatly benefit the BULLSEYE SHOOTERS... **A HARDY BUNCH TO BE SURE.** They shoot in the dead of winter..., yeah, we, have heaters in there... but to properly operate... that gun smoke gotta be expelled... in effect you are pumping out the heated air... but at least you don't have two black spots on that nice white handkerchief when you blow your nose!! Anyway, as I write... there is a crew doing their thing indoors to make it more pleasant. And... again..., big hand to Pres. Bambu... he gets things DONE!! I just wish he'd pick up all those political signs he put out during his run for office!!

During the Civil War, it was estimated that it took A MAN'S WEIGHT IN LEAD TO KILL A SINGLE ENEMY IN BATTLE... due to the inaccurate fire. And a FEDERAL expert said each Confederate who was shot required 240 POUNDS of POWDER and 900 POUNDS OF LEAD!! (Bruce Catton - A STILLNESS AT APPAMATTOX)

I've read several accounts of studies after major battles in WWII, reported 167,000 rounds of small arms were required for each casualty. Also, many infantrymen actually DID NOT fire their rifles..., some figures stated as high as 25%. Many people have wondered, over the years, concerning the PISCATOR'S connection with the "DeBeer" name. Well, now you'll have the rest of the story. Years ago, when first formed, the first order of business was to give this group a worthy name. One, self appointed leader stood up and sez "Men, what, of ALL things we have here before us... is the most important of all. Twenty guys yelled "De Beer!" And now you know...



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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!

Streamsides 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.

T-SHIRT ADVERTISEMENT PROGRAM SUPPORTER INFORMATION

Brock Williams, Don Jenny, & The Hellertown Sportsmen's Association seek the support of businesses, organizations, community groups, and individuals whom share, and wish to support sharing the outdoors and fishing with kids. You can show this support by purchase of an advertisement space on the back of our annual produced t-shirt.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$100.00. The sponsorship includes: Business or organization name & telephone number displayed on the back of the shirt. All business or organization advertisements will also be displayed on a sponsor board during the tournament and in H.S.A.'s June club newsletter as well. Additionally, if you have a company banner, we would be glad to display it during the tournament as well.

The shirt space is limited and all spaces will be sold on a first come, first served, basis. HSA has no control over ad layout and placement. All advertisements must be received before April 15th, 2009 to guarantee their inclusion on the shirt.

Flyers with registration forms for both items will be available at the monthly meetings.

Notice to all Trap Shooters

Trap Shooting will resume on Tuesday, April 7th at 9 AM .

Now is the time to get your re-loading done and be ready to start shooting.

Any questions please contact either Rich Geyer at 610-838-8908 or John Delre at 610-838-7869.

We hope to see you on the line!!

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find three more Spring 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.

Spring Ham Shoot

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Block Shoot for
Hams or Meat Trays

Wheel Spins

Silent Auction

Food and Beverages

Raffle Ticket Drawing

Fun for the entire family

From Noon Until 5:00 PM