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From the President

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Fall Turkey Shoot. Sunday November 22nd. We start our festivities at noon. We have block shoots and wheel spins all day. This is also your last chance to turn in those raffle tickets for our Fall Club Improvement Raffle. At 5:00 pm we draw tickets to find out who will be our lucky raffle winner for this year. Who couldn't use an extra \$1000.00 this year? We will again have our Silent Auction to raise additional funds for club improvements. As of the time I'm writing this column we have already enclosed part of the pavilion for additional storage. We are also going to enclose the porch of the club house in the near future. There is a long list of other improvements that the board has planned for next year. Check your basement and garage for those unwanted sporting items. By donating them to HSA you will be helping out the club and cleaning up at home at the same time.

Hopefully everyone has already sighted in their deer rifle. It's not too late but your time is running out. Remember to take your camera along to take a picture of that big buck. Bring them along to our December meeting. Let's see who has the biggest rack.

Remember be sure of your target and what's behind it. No deer or record rack is worth the possibility of injuring someone or damaging someone's property. Wear bright orange; it could be you in someone else's sights....Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

We are still continuing Wednesday Night Practice League until December 30, 2009. Practice League is from 6 o'clock till 9 o'clock at night. Thanks to Bill Lambert for getting to the range early and setting the range up for shooters. Also, the scores are in for the top shooters of this 2009 season. First place Class A .22 Individual Shooter is Tim Goszka with a score of 297.250. First place for Center Fire Individual Shooter is Bill Lambert with a score of 294.781. High Senior Shooter is Bob McIlhaney with a score of 297.031. On a personal note, my old friend Bob Mac has fallen into the High Senior class. I never thought that after all these years he would be a Senior Shooter. Just kidding and keep up the good work Bob. Shoot Safe....Chuck Adams

2010 Membership Renewals

Blair Ferguson - 610.438.8885

The 2010 membership cards are available now at the monthly membership meetings or by mail.

Senior renewals are \$25.00
Spouse & Junior renewals are \$ 7.00

Family Archery

Barry Doster - 610.866.1612

Our next meeting nights will be on November 19th and December 17th.

NRA Basic Pistol Course

John Meka - 610.865.6309

December 5th. at HSA

Geyer's Corner

Richard Geyer

Just the other evening, when I was about to step into the shower, I was still in my undies... another one of my fantastic ideas struck me.... notice, they are all fantastic! Anyway, sez L... why not take a shower *WITH MY UNDERWEAR ON??* Will certainly save soap, I'm gonna get soaked anyway... this will save water and for people who use a drier it will also save electricity, and even the electric companies are telling us how to save on that... PLUS...plus if you hang this stuff indoors, it should add to the humidity... and then you don't need that device (as much anyway). Good grief, Martha, is there no end to this Geyer's fabulous ideas? Hey, when I was in Africa we were directed to bring TWO sets of clothes, the natives washed your dirty outfit from yesterday and it was dried, folded (neatly) on your bed when you 'got back from the day's hunt. So, with MY idea, you'd only really need two sets of undies... and all that space in the drawers could be used to store loading materials... or money... *like Bambu.*

It was stated somewhere, maybe in the book about Henry Ford "We Never Called Him Henry" that he kept two very lazy men in his employ. Whenever he or his engineers came up with a production problem, he put these two fellows to work and sooner or later they came up with the final workable situation. And *THAT* makes me wonder about the years and the many different tasks I had during my years at Western Electric.... and I guess at the time I was too busy to take notice. There were many many stories about Ford, and I wonder about some... but you most certainly have to admire the man. Another often told one... when he was building the fabulous 'Model T' he bought his

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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 – 2010 Firearms Training Schedule

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
(One day program)
Saturday, December 5, 2009

Concealed Carry Level I
(One and a Half Day program)
Saturday, November 28, 2009
Saturday, December 12, 2009
Saturday, March 6 & 13, 2010
Sunday, June 6 & 13, 2010

Concealed Carry Level II
(Two day program)
Sunday, December 6 & 13, 2009
Saturday, May 15 & 22, 2010
Saturday, July 17 & 24, 2010

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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Monthly Meeting
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transmissions from the Dodge Co (brothers I believe). Anyway it was written that after some time, Ford directed that company to ship these parts in wooden crates..... and he went so far as to INSIST on the shipping crates as to where the BOLTS to hold them together were located..... a bunch thought 'ole Henry really was flipping out... aha.... these shipping crates made excellent FLOOR BOARDS... AND all the holes were already there! One more on Henry... when he was building his mansion... he chanced upon a workman about to install a BRONZE DOOR... and he asked the man "How much is that door? "Two hundred dollars, Mr. Ford!" Henry took his pocket watch out... looked at it and stated..."Pound for pound, that door costs more than my watch, and not nearly the workmanship. Take it back."

The last two month's of *American Rifleman* had articles from Harry Selby, an honest to goodness African guide. Well, I was there... and met this long time professional hunter... and his son Mark. Someday I may write a bit about our safari, John Soloe and I had a fantastic life long dream.... as well as memories over there... and all I need to do to bring back two weeks of dreams.

I need only recall perhaps the 3rd day of our trip... two natives are always on the back of the Land Rover... and as we leave camp you are aware of THEM watching YOU... to see if you are able to duck when low branches or limbs might give you a smack in the face... anyway I was enjoying the fact of BEING there... when off to one side the native on my right pointed almost nonchalantly and said one word "KUDU." And that one word... told my inner self "I'm HERE!" And I can honestly state... with no qualms about it... I can dream back... put myself on the back of that vehicle and hear the native "Kudu" and I swear... tears of memory begin to roll down these old cheeks of mine.

I may also add that John and I were apparently the only WORKING guys on this trip... one retired Air Force Col. who it turned out... was on this trip while part of his house was being remodeled... another was a father & son... the father being top dog from that famous hot sauce... McElhaney... so you knew we were in good company. One laugh John and I shared over many campfires... was the time one of the old time guides asks of John, "And where else in the world have you hunted?" I told John he should have said, "Oh, Macungie... and some in Vera Cruz' or New Tripoli" that would have kept him guessing.

I guess you'd have to have a batch of gray hair (if any hair at all) to be able to recall Robert Ruark who was at one time a top notch reporter/writer, one of his books was made into the movie, "Something of Value" and several hunting stories about Africa... an early guide for him when in Africa was this Harry Selby. Well, Ruark wrote him up so well as "the great white hunter" that for years following his articles about Selby, if you wanted to go on safari with him, you needed to book FIVE YEARS in ADVANCE.

When we started planning, we were told we would meet and see this long time professional hunter... and I sez "Yeah, like if I go to DollyWorld, I'll see Dolly Parton." Well, lo and behold... we did hunt from "his" camp and somewhere, in this cluttered desk, there is a treasured picture of the two of us.

At each monthly meeting, President Bambu calls upon each activity group... archery... juniors... stream... etc. While I do not intend to make a report on other committees, there are times when, unfortunately our "Action Pistol" chairman cannot make the meeting. I think this is regrettable since a great sport would possibly be shared by many shooters if they had a bit more information explained.

Certainly Bambu invites anyone interested to stop down some Tuesday (1st and 4th and 5th if there is one) to see what's going on. I'll just pass on a few lines as to what just might help you get motivated. To begin with, you WILL be given some pre-instructions. I can tell you... you WILL pick up some well intended safety tips...

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Geyer's Corner cont...

your holster will be checked to see if it is of proper fit. All shooters will get what we call a "Walk Through" BEFORE anyone shoots. The range officer will ask if there are any questions... guys and gals, I can tell you... this is an exciting sport! You will also be told that speed will come later... just take it slow and go for hits and safe handling. You will likely shoot around a barricade, through a 'port' maybe open a door and shoot at a moving target... good stuff to get the 'ole ticker going. I very well recall when I came back from my first official match... I dare say I was cranked up and I remember telling my wife how 'shook up' I was... and "no one is shooting back!" Any safe handgun is fine... naturally the .45 semi is quite popular, 9mm are plentiful... and some of us old guys still hang onto the .45 revolver, and using those nifty full moon clips... with six rounds ready to drop in for a fast re-load, you are all set. Practically all shots are under 8 yards... targets are as big as a person. Come down... bring ear plugs and glasses... see what can be a BIG help in developing PRACTICAL PISTOL HANDLING... along with safety. I can guarantee... you WILL learn something worthwhile. Maybe that Geyer should stick to trapshooting!

This is the final test of a gentleman:

His respect for someone who can be of no possible value to him. And real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find out.

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Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
During Trap Shooting Sessions

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Every Wednesday Evening
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During 3D Archery Sessions

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