



# HSA News



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## From the President

Raffle tickets, raffle tickets! I'm sure you're wondering why it seems like every time you open your newsletter there are more raffle tickets. To put it bluntly, the club needs revenue. Attendance at work parties is down and because of this we are hiring more contractors to accomplish tasks that in the past were done by members. We have made a number of major improvements to the club in the past year and are planning for additional improvements in the future. Our fall and spring shoots and raffles are our major sources of revenue. Each year we examine the results of the raffles and find that only a small portion of the members return these tickets. Your club needs your support. The board is asking all members to purchase or sell all of the raffle tickets you receive in the mail. This will allow us to continue to operate the club and perform the required maintenance and improvements needed in the future. As always, additional tickets are available at the club.

A few years ago we started the Silent Auction at our shoots. Please check your basement or garage for those old unwanted items you would be willing to donate to the club. The auction adds fun to our shoots and raises additional funds. We are also looking for additional ways to increase revenue. If you have any ideas that you have seen work at other organizations you are involved in, please contact the board with the details. I would like to thank Al Horvath for his years of overseeing the upkeep of our bridge over the Saucon Creek. The bridge was built by our members many years ago and

will be here for years to come due to his constant monitoring of its condition.

I would also like to thank the LVPRL for its continued efforts in keeping our indoor pistol range in great condition. Twice a year they have a work party to empty the bullet trap and other maintenance items that are needed to keep the range clean and safe for all users. We have one of the nicest indoor ranges in the area. There are many organizations that benefit from its use, including our club's archery and pistols leagues, local police departments and government agencies that use it for qualification. It is also used to train civilians in the safe use of firearms and local school districts for their rifle teams. It's thanks to the efforts of Rich Geyer's continued pushing of the LVPRL, and the board of directors of HSA that the range exists.

See you at the club, Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

Nice turn out for the September meeting, which ended with shrimp cocktail, vegetable tray dip and a great beef barley homemade soup ala Alex Adams. Thank you to the group that helped out at the last work party. We will start our practice leagues Wednesday October 14. The Practice League will be until Wednesday December 30. Our banquet on Saturday, November 14 will be at the Hellertown Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse. Cocktail hour will start at 6 o'clock and dinner will be from 7 to 8. After dinner, awards will be handed out. Please bring door prizes and return any money for the raffle.

Winners will be picked that night. Also as a reminder, to sign up as a new member or renew your NRA membership please see Bill Books for the discount program information.

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

## Committee Reports

▪ Jim Bambu stated that the club will be adding a calendar to our web site in the next few weeks, where members can review club closings and scheduled events, because not all information makes it into the monthly newsletter due to time constraints.

## Want To Try Shooting Archery?

Barry Doster - 610.866.1612

Join us for Family Archery Night. We meet the third Thursday of the month at HSA 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Only \$3 each evening. Non-members may join us for three times before needing to join the club. Our next meeting nights will be on October 22nd, November 19th and December 17th. All ages are welcome but children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult and may shoot for free with a paid adult.

## 2010 Membership Renewals

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

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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

*Introduction to the Handgun*  
(One day program)  
Sunday, October 25, 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](mailto:padona@epix.net)

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Monthly Meeting  
1st Friday of Every Month at 7:00 PM  
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**Geyer's Corner**  
Richard Geyer

**"DIDJAFINDEVERYTHING YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?"**

It was all spewed out in one difficult to hear voice over the crowded and noisy CABELA'S store.... by the clerk as she started to add up my purchase.

Sez I "Well, I was really lookin' forward to a long week-end with Raquel Welch and a moose hunting trip with Sara Palin if you can arrange it." It appeared that she didn't hear me.

Couple of disparaging comments from various people about Palin prompt me to wonder; if ANY of these people ever ran a town meeting, ran for ANY public office, ever changed a dirty diaper, took minutes at any meeting, would know what to do with a live chicken if they had one handed to them???

I would prefer to take my chances with Palin in the cold North, rather than that Sarah Brady.... at least I'm pretty sure I'd stay warm.

Didja know there is no HAM in hamburger; no lead in a lead pencil and no cats in catsup?

By dumb luck I recently came across an old stash of the great "barn burner" matches that I hoarded up a long time ago... guess when I was still a pipe smoker. Don't know that you can readily find those "strike anywhere" sticks. As an early hunter, I always had a batch of them stashed in between two shotgun shells so's they would be waterproof. Like most kids I had a strange affliction to be ready for an emergency when more than a mile from home, I wanted to be able to start a fire. As years went by I always had a ready method or two for making a life saving fire (it never happened but I was ready and prepared). I wrapped two sets of book matches with waxed paper and thus had a decent start tho' if hands are really cold those tiny sticks of cardboard can be tough to handle.

And the "expert methods" of starting a fire in the wilderness could fill a good size book. One in particular, remove the bullet from your rifle cartridge! Did you EVER TRY THAT?? With cold hands and NO PLIERS! Then they say shoot that powder into a batch of tinder. Well, Pal, why not try it someday when you have nothing else to do and you are over at the club. Might get a fast education! And for the heck of it, I tried the "bow method" IN THE CELLAR! That didn't work out too well, tho' I dare say I didn't take too much time at the project. I can only imagine what it would be like if my hands were cold.

Seems as if our trap shooting mechanic must have changed to smaller birds... or else he soaks them in salt water or SOMETHING! Those rare "25's" are getting rarer! We seem to be getting a few new shooters every now and then... why not give it a try before this balmy weather passes by..... and then look back and say "I shoulda" Or... "I wonder where summer went?"

A recent writer, a woman, wrote to the "Morning CALL" complaining about women wearing fur coats... well, ok and fine with me for her to complain... but... does she have plastic seat covers, plastic hand bag and gloves??? Remember, it's usually the warm girls who get the fur coats... not the cold ones.

An article by an "All American" trapshooter as well as a columnist for the TRAP & FIELD magazine brought some little regarded problems to his attention. Apparently he recently lost a considerable amount of weight due to a medical problem which actually amounted to about forty pounds. Up to that time, he was unaware of the problems that will arise when there are sudden changes.... it had never happened to him before and he was usually what they would refer to as a top shooter. Well, he got, as they say, a wake up call. He couldn't imagine why an experienced shooter using the same gun and hold should have a problem as serious as he was having. Well, now that brings to the surface the continuing problems some shooters

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Geyer's Corner cont...

have when they have ADJUSTABLE: Point of Impact on some high priced shot-guns; ADJUSTABLE STOCKS... high, low left or right on the Monte Carlo... Lets drift back a few years... did any of you recall the famous "Poly-choke," with it's NINE settings? Look me in the eye and tell me you didn't 'mess' with it's settings whenever you got into a change of woods or grass fields. Well, those chokes went by the way of the hand-chokes on cars although we have choke TUBES that are capable of having several options. And a good thing too...cheaper than an extra barrel. And no big "knobs" BUT... but in the long haul, you will find that a MODIFIED choke will do fine for ALLLL your normal trap shooting. And unless you have some very unusual body/facial dimensions, you will most likely get along fine with the store bought version. So, getting back to our top shooter... his normal full face... was now quite a bit thinner... he experienced a SUDDEN change... and had to do some extra figuring and practicing to get squared away. Think of the time or times... when you were breaking targets pretty good... what were you wearing... what sort of sighting system were you using at the time... a true figure "8" or an honest to goodness flat barrel... or a rather open space between those two beads.. .how was your timing... were you getting 'em on the rise??? Consider these several items... then... if you had a good day... KEEP YOUR BLOOMIN' hands OFF the, adjustments!! Trust yourself and that gun. Why did you have that good day?? The gun DIDN'T change!! Bottom line; The more adjustments that are available.... if used without some real practice... can just mix you up the more.

Some months ago I wrote about Charley Atlas, at one time the holder of "WORLD'S MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN," in the latest Smithsonian Magazine... a complete story about him... at one time... he had two dozen women office workers working in his office for his body building business...

### Training Opportunities

The best places to learn - *Safe gun handling and ownership through knowledge, skill and attitude.*

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#### NRA Basic Pistol Course at HSA

We are accepting registrations for the December 5th. course.

The course fee of \$100.00, includes all student handbooks, brochures, notepads, handouts, ammunition, the course completion certificate and HSA membership. Registration forms will be available at the monthly meetings and the indoor range.

For more information, contact:

John Meka - 610.865.6309 or

email: [jmeka@verizon.net](mailto:jmeka@verizon.net).

#### Snub Classes Coming to Hellestown

Secrets of the Conceal Carry  
Snub Revolver

(One day program)

Saturday, November 7, 2009

\$275.00 per class. Both classes, the combined class fee is \$395.00 (Saving \$155.00)

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Mastering the Conceal Carry  
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(One day program)

Sunday, November 8, 2009

### Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find three more 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.

### Club and Range Closings

*Obey All Posted Signs  
During Special Events & Activities*

#### Regular Ongoing Closings

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

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*During 3D Archery Sessions*

#### Closed for Special Activities

Outdoor Ranges & Clubhouse

Noon Saturday October 17th.

Until

Noon Sunday October 18th.

*During Cub Scout Overnight*

Outdoor Ranges

Saturday October 31st.

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

*During Training Classes*

Please direct all requests for special activities to the HSA Board of Directors so the facilities can be made safe with closings if necessary and the posting of the event in the newsletter.

### CLEARANCE SALE

HSA tee shirts and sweat shirts are available at the monthly membership meetings.

Kids Tee Shirts.....\$ 5.00

Adult Tee Shirts....\$ 7.00

Sweat Shirts.....\$ 12.00

LVPRL items available in range.

### Fall Turkey Shoot

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Block Shoot for

Turkeys or Meat Trays

Wheel Spins

Silent Auction

Food and Beverages

Raffle Ticket Drawing

Fun for the entire family

From Noon Until 5:00 PM