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From the President

It's spring again and that means time for our Monday night work parties. They will start again for this year on Monday May 11th. I'm sure everybody is tired of the president harping every spring about work parties. In these tough times we need all the help we can get to keep making improvements to the club without spending more money than we have to. All we need is a little of your effort. Work parties start at 6:00 PM and go until dark. You don't need to sign up ahead of time or commit to every Monday night – just stop down around 6:00 PM and give us a hand. If you can't make it on Monday nights call Al Horvath at 610-838-8026 – he can give you a list of small jobs that you can do at your convenience.

I would like to thank all of our members and friends who came out for our Annual Spring Ham Shoot on April 5th. We had a lot of happy winners of cash, hams, and meat trays. We also had another Silent Auction to benefit the club. There were not as many items for this auction as there were last fall. We're going to do it again later this year at our Fall Turkey Shoot, so start digging around your basements and garages for those old unwanted items. Just donate them to the Silent Auction and the Board of Directors will turn them into improvements at the club. As you may have noticed, we are expanding the parking area behind the rifle range. This will make it more convenient to get your gear from your car to the shooting benches and give us some additional parking.

Mark your calendars for November 22nd, which is the Sunday before

Thanksgiving. Our Fall Turkey Shoot starts at noon. We are looking for some new games to have at our shoot. We've talked about an archery game. If anyone has other ideas for fundraising games that we could include, please contact the board. I'm glad to announce that we are again shooting Trap on Tuesday mornings and Thursday nights. The Trap Committee had suspended shooting for a while due to the weather. Grab your shotgun and come on out and get addicted to one of the most exciting clay target shooting games.

See you at the club, Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

The league would like to thank Joe Friedman for organizing the Bethlehem Vo-Tech welding students and supervising their repair of the indoor and out door metal backstops on Apr 18th and Apr 25th. Thanks to Ed Adams and Bill Lambert for taking time out of their busy schedule to open the range, setting up the necessary equipment and serving them snacks while they worked. And thanks to the students for donating their time and expertise.

On Sunday April 26th we had an indoor work party. We cleaned out the sand, added new rubber backers and gave the range a general clean up.

The semiannual meeting will be held on June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the HAS clubhouse. Alex Adams has volunteered to run the kitchen and prepare refreshments. All members are welcome to attend. Committees will be formed for the banquet, board nominations, etc.

Shoot Safe,

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

Committee Reports

- Don Jenny shared that Stockertown Youth Day will be Saturday June 6th this year and is free to any kids who sign up. Don said the registration form with info will be in the newspaper. Don also mentioned that Women In the Outdoors will be Saturday June 13th at Ontalinee Rod & Gun Club for any women who are interested. Details - 610.691.1903
- Al Horvath stated that Monday May 4th will be the 1st Monday night work party of the season and he will get started around 6:00 PM if anyone can come down to help.

Geyer's Corner Richard Geyer

My very first time "Junior Archery Banquet" was a most enjoyable one. Thanks are due to John Delre who reminded me that it would be held the day he called me. You won't believe the food they have there was his convincing remark. I've known John long enough to know that when he speaks well of food places, well, there is evidence that he knows of what he speaks! Now I knew there was a standing invitation for directors and officers of HSA to attend these annual celebrations, however I just never seemed to remember. I had a most enjoyable time and my compliments go out to all the ladies who presented the food, Don Jenny for his dedication to this fine group. Yes, there was plenty to eat and a fine variety to boot. I dare say that I was in the position of sitting alongside Al Horvath who, as another long time "advisor" to good and worthwhile (*and at times thrifty*) things and, one who also enjoys the good and plentiful-food table. Knowing these two fellows, my knife and fork wasted little time....

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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

Introduction to the Handgun

(One day program)

Saturday, June 13, 2009
Sunday, October 25, 2009

Concealed Carry Level I

(Day and half program)

Sat.-Sun., June 6 & 7, 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 Corner cont...

I had taken but a few bites when I was surprised as well as a bit shaken up to discover a small piece of solid material! First thing of course I thought... not a piece of tooth! No, thankfully it wasn't that expensive. Was it some foreign object? Well, yes it was. As mentioned, I was sitting between these two eager eaters... I didn't care to be left behind. In my haste... I had nipped off part of a plastic fork! Again, my thanks to the "providers" may I add that for a group as large... in number... and considering the age of most, I was favorably impressed with their conduct. One last observation was that if the new applicants are accepted at any earlier age... I will suggest to the board that we consider installing some "changing tables" for the convenience of some young mothers.

I know I mentioned "Canoe Camping Trips" before, but a recent letter from a thankful canoe companion has rekindled the desire to pass along some hopeful incentive to any able bodies who have possibly given this adventure some thought. As often happens, school is out, we get jobs, soon we are in what is often referred to as the "rat race" I strongly urge many of you graduates, be it college or high school to give some thought before settling down to a life that may postpone such a trip until it is no longer practical or possible. Time does fly. To begin with, pick out a total of four persons. They all need not be of the lumber-jack type, as I well recall hearing the distinctive "click-click clack" of metal during one trip. It was a woman with aluminum braces! I had, later on many occasions reminded one of our guys, that she passed him on the trail! Eliminate the complaining type... be it because of the weather (I've told some that I'm in the same stuff). Take a good and roomy tent... a 'fly' tarp is also a nice extra. To be sure, that fellow Murphy and his "law" will be with you. It will rain! Get good rain gear! I mention four as an acceptable group since things are very easily divided this way. OK, especially eggs. Now here is where I consider myself on the level of the experts... on that grand 'ole breakfast. Sunny side... over light! I also state that ANYTHING used EXCEPT a well seasoned CAST IRON pan is an abomination for this traditional breakfast! A six-incher is fine, two eggs fit in just fine, one other item for this morning start... is to use honest to goodness butter! If I had my way, and most husbands do not, all the time, I would NOT scour or wash that particular pan. Of course my wife is of the opinion of the majority... and comments something like "OH NO- that's going to be washed!" Anyway, get the pan heated sufficiently so that that good yellow stuff ALL fine cooks and bakers INSIST on, is ALMOST sizzling. Then slide the two eggs in, carefully as a broken egg that was to be a future sunny side is to me... a bloomin' morning disaster! If the pan is of right temperature, the eggs will not stick at all, and will in fact begin to slide a bit, as you want them to, right from the beginning. After a few tries, a future cook can slide that pan back and forth... and timing things just right... with a little flip... can turn those gems over for an extra slide or two (to remove that lousy lookin' stuff) and make an easy delivery to the waiting customer. To add a bit of grand finesse'... I also may heat the plate a bit on top of the eggs for a few moments... warm eggs on a cold plate... blah! One other thing I'd-like to mention is that after two or three days of paddling-canoeing-portaging... you WILL be amazed at your desire for some thick bacon! So, when you plan meals... double or triple the normal amount of this. I do not think you will bring any back home when the trip is over. We never did.

As I write, my mind drifts back a few years when a group took to the greatest canoe country... Ely, Minnesota. Miles from out put-in area we were drinking water simply by bellying down and getting our fill as I'm sure the ancients did. AT night... what a memorable sight, on a clear night as you looked skyward, the longer you watched the stars the closer they came, unbelievable blue blanket with a zillion diamonds... and all in complete silence. I urge the reader to duplicate a similar trip. Many areas are open: Okefenokee Swamp (Land of Trembling Earth) Gun Flint Trail, Nine Mile Portage, Old Forge or many areas in Canada. Do it now, as Col. Whalen stated "While the eye will never be sharper, not the step more vigorous." Gee, after re-reading some of the above... I got a bit of an empty feeling around my beltline... think I'll just sneak down to the kitchen and make a few "sunny-side over lights." I'll also 'forget' to put that little black pan on it's regular hook... and tell my wife "Oh, here it is, I just found it in the oven."

Oh yeah... John... the Piscator's... and self ARE still throwing claybirds on good days TUES 9 till Noon and Thurs 6 to 9 Ya'll come out. Still, \$3.00 "a round". Non-members may shoot three "occasions" before being required to become members.

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Geyer's Corner cont...

If there is room enough in this issue, I'd also add a few lines about campfires and cooking fires. We have all seen those nifty flames about three feet high... nice on calendars and perhaps if you were unfortunate to "dump" and want to dry off. As UNTRADITIONAL as it may seem... and sort of goes against roughing it... we (or I did) find that a portable green stove of great use. For several reasons; Chances are that fellow Murphy has the wood too wet to burn nice in the morning. It takes a bit long to get that BIG FIRE down to good cooking size. Also, you have a flat cooking area and a CONTROLLABLE FIRE! I strongly recommend Mr. Coleman! There was a time when "open fires" were not permitted on one of our trips. In my camping fires I found two excellent sources, alas, both impractical for most canoeists. Dried corn cobs and those 'fronds' from palm trees... both are really nifty when the have reached the "red hot coals stage." Now I know for sure there will be much conversation about the selection of a canoe and material and so on. Oh, I would have loved dearly to have an L.L. Bean wooden "Old Town" masterpiece! I also know I'd be a nervous wreck every time we'd reach shore on a rocky beach! They are a work of art! I got hung up... in more ways than one, on the standard 17 foot Aluminum Grumman. First off, the dag gone aluminum seems to have an affinity, that is, a love for the desire and ability to attach itself to half-submerged rocks! Stay clear of those nasty things! I was fortunate to have a rather tall BOW MAN for several reasons; he could, or should be able to see any obstacles out in front. Being up front, he never knew if I was actually paddling or taking a break... (every so often I would 'thump my paddle against the side to convince him that I was indeed helping). I also hated being up front where the bow curved enough to bump my poor knuckles as I paddled... I figured... if I can't be the stern man... I'm taking my canoe and go home! My Grumman can be used, when turned upside down... as a remarkable flat area for preparing meals after you jam it between two accommodating trees. You "COULD" build a fire alongside and heat enough water to bathe in! And, in one instance where it would take too much writing in detail to explain, we were very much impressed with the incredible strength of the rivets/keel marriage. It was a situation whereby I was waiting to hear a "KERTHUNK" and see a broken 17 footer. Someday, around a friendly campfire... perhaps if you stay awake, I could explain in full detail. If you go to Ely, the canoe capitol, you WILL SEE ALUMINUM!!!

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

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

During 3D Archery Sessions

Closed for Special Activities

All Outdoor Ranges Closed

Saturday May 16th

During the Al Stair Memorial

Fishing Tournament for Kids

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.

Training Opportunities Scheduled

**The L.V.P.R.L. will host a National Rifle Association Basic Pistol Shooting Course on the following Saturdays:
June 27, September 19, December 5, 2009.**

John Meka - 610.865.6309 or email: jmeka@verizon.net.

Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament for Kids

If you did not know about the fishing tournament for kids on May 16th, and you receive this in time, and you would like to participate or help out at this event, call

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