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From the President

As you've already seen, we have included raffle tickets for our Fall Club Improvement Raffle. The board is asking that each member sell or purchase the enclosed tickets. All proceeds are used for club improvements to make your days at the club more convenient and enjoyable. Additional tickets are available from any board member or at a monthly meeting. Please turn in your tickets early. Don't forget – November 20th is our shoot. Please dig up your old sporting items for our Silent Auction.

Dear Members, Friends and Family,

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Jim Bambu, President

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

We had another great turn out at our semi-annual meeting in June. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28. We hope to have another great turn out in September. Let's give a big thank you to our own John Meka for volunteering at Camp Perry as a range officer. He goes every year to help. It's great to hear a familiar voice when shooting at Camp Perry. Congratulations to Bob McIlhenney and James Grimes for getting special awards at Camp Perry this year. Our pistol banquet will be Saturday, November 12 at the HSA Club house. So please mark your calendar and join us for a great night of celebrating.

The Lehigh Valley Police Revolver League now has 12 new certified range officers. Thanks to John Meka again for volunteering his time to LVPRL. He certified 12 members as NRA Basic Pistol Instructors, Range Safety Officers and Home Firearm Safety Instructors. It wasn't easy to teach old dogs new tricks. Thank you for everyone who took the course and again for John Meka taking time out and teaching us.

Also as a notice to everyone the Castle Doctrine was officially passed on July 1, 2011. So you now have the right to protect yourself and your family in Pennsylvania without being criminally charged and without worrying about a civil lawsuit for a

wrongful death if you use deadly force on an intruder. To read more about the new law please go to: www.nraila.org/Legislation/Read.aspx?id=6970.

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

Support the Shooting Sports

Northampton County Friends of NRA

Invite You to Attend the Annual Friends of NRA Dinner & Auction

Thursday, September 29, 2011
5:30 pm at Saucon Valley Acres
1310 Evergreen Drive & Black River Road
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Tickets: \$50 each
For information contact:
Blair & Valerie Ferguson 610-438-8885
or Bill Jackson 610-759-1061

NRA needs you now more than Ever!
Attend a Friends of NRA Banquet.

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 - 12:00 pm
Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
During Trap Shooting Sessions

Special Event Closings

All Outdoor Ranges Closed
Sunday, September 11, 2011
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
for Outdoor Pistol Training

Club & All Ranges Closed
October 15, 2011 9:00 am 3:00 pm
for Cub Scout Fall Event

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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
Lou Bove 610.865.5857
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Jr. Archers

Mondays 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Don Jenny 610.691.1903

Trap Shooting

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Rich Geyer 610.838.8908

2011 Firearms Training Schedule

Concealed Carry Level I

(One and a Half Day program)

Saturday, September 17 & 24, 2011

Saturday, November 5 & 12, 2011

Concealed Carry Level II

(Two day program)

Schedule to be confirmed

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

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course

(One day program)

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Saturday, December 10, 2011

For further information on these courses and other programs available, please contact John Meka, NRA Certified Instructor at 610.865.6309 or jmeka@verizon.net

Paul Piscator

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Lehigh Valley Project 9-12

Monthly Meeting

1st Friday of Every Month at 7:00 PM
Charles Chrin Community Center

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of the U.S. Constitution



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Geyer's Corner

Occasionally, I say occasionally, after the end of our monthly meetings, pres. Jim Bambu will ask for any comments or items "for the good of the club" and when I start to stand up I usually can hear a big sigh (or moan) from Jim's seat...and then he rolls his eyes as if 'now what Geyer?! I KNOW where he learned that expressive look...from his wife Sally when he informs her that he's discovered a new hobby. Hmmm, lessee now...target pistol, then trap, then skeet hooboi... skeet, then action pistol, and now a nifty snazzy hot rod has his interest. But, hey, that guy works hard...does a LOT for the club, is kind to old ladies and small children...he deserves all that stuff. Now, I guess that about covers what he told me to say.

Actually what I was passing on to the members was the CANOE article(s) in the June issue of F&S. This writer suggests a TUMP LINE while portaging a canoe. A tump line?? That's a line (originated by the Algonquians whereby a head band attached to a line fastens to a back pack! Howinheck a tump line would work with a canoe is beyond this guy...and at least THREE other close -friends that I mentioned this item to. My canoe and many others, utilizes a YOKE, often padded and designed to set on your shoulders, naturally in the middle of the canoe. Material was also mentioned and he obviously didn't think too much of ALUMINUM. He sez...tie it to a tree on the bank! Well, pal, I suggest he go out to Ely, Mn., the canoe capitol of the world and he will see aluminum at SEVERAL outfitters...stacked like logs at a lumber mill.

I will readily admit that aluminum has sort of an affinity for latching onto rocks...keep away from 'em. But I'd like to see him put a hot frying pan on his plastic model...lay it on its side...build a fire along it... fill it partially with water to wash your feet, socks or take a bath. And we've all seen what happens to some great plastic after some years of sunshine!

In the SAME issue...another canoe article...there is a lone paddler...in a nifty and expensive OLD TOWN canoe...maybe \$4,000 plus...and the thing is half-way OUT OF THE WATER...his bow is way too high! I wrote to 'em, told them I would PAY to see that guy get back to the dock on a windy day! I usually put a few plastic jugs of water way up front (should be plenty of it around) and simply dump 'em when done. No need to carry weights back and forth to the car...or look for suitable rocks for weight. To be honest...in many things, there is a compromise. Nothing is ideal, or suitable for all occasions. I can tell you that my 17' Grumman has served me well and hasn't changed one bit that I can tell in the many years I've had it (it actually did seem to gain some weight recently).

Again to be honest...in that same issue, an article especially written for the TRAP-SHOOTER BEGINN'ER. One of the finest articles that I can recall. Matter of fact, I think it should be required reading for all those new to the sport.

Actually now is a great time to plan a canoe trip. The school kids will be off the path, weather quite enjoyable...scenery unbeatable. While the good 'ole dungarees are practically standard, I've switched to what I think is better. CARGO pants I

think they are called. Plenty of decent pockets, rear ones have Velcro closing (at times a slight pain, but that wallet and stuff WILL stay in there until needed). Dungarees take a long time to dry, so figger on gettin' wet; Somewhere...Sometime. Plan on one great rain storm, so get the BEST rain gear you can afford. If you enjoy the outdoors, in the long run you will be better off...buy cheap...you buy twice. While I'll readily admit that it seems so UN-traditional, while canoe-camping, we actually took along a small Coleman gas stove. Coupla reasons; in very early morning, that wood that you figured was gonna be nice & dry for your fire...DAMP. And a good hot cup of coffee is what all the guys are looking for. Also you don't have to wait until that fire is burned down to a decent size or coals to make a decent breakfast. Another MUST is a cast iron frying pan. Flip a decent slab of butter in there...wait until it sizzles a bit, slip in your eggs...and you can move those eggs & flip 'em with a well seasoned cast iron pan. Oh, and take DOUBLE or TRIPLE amount of bacon! You will be amazed at the craving you will have for that stuff after two days!

Sooner or later (tho' I hope it doesn't happen), you WILL experience some idiots in a powered boat that think it's fun to get too close to your canoe. There are specific laws on this practice but not everyone gets the message. This happened to a friend of mine once...Some wize guys were zipping around him, when he had enough, he stood up in the canoe...leveled a .357 maggie at the other boat, with a stance that meant business. The other guy yells "What the hell are you doing?" My buddy sez "Protecting my self! You're trying to kill me!" End of those boaters as they took off for another area. *Please see Geyer p.4*

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Geyer's Corner cont...

A few weeks ago at our trap area some volunteers did a fine job on sealing the existing pad. Much of the material was donated by Rick Cantelmi and he has on many occasions donated or allowed grand discounts for our club's needs. I, unfortunately didn't get to "help" on this very hot & humid morning. These guys actually claimed that I 'timed' my visit just as they were finishing. Hey, when I got there they seemed to be having so much fun spritzing (pa Dutch talk) each other, Delre was playing in that bucket of Cover Up like he was making mud pies...I didn't have the heart to break it up. (I still don't see how they could see my car up on the hill through all those trees). So a big thanks to Scott Snyder, "Gabby", Jim Delong and Dave Olsovsky. And you should see a BIG improvement at the RIFLE benches! Barry Doster did a great job on painting those bullet ridden barriers. I ask some shooters, "How could you be such a poor shot?" That stuff HAS to be done on purpose. Well, if you are witnessed defacing any club property, get ready to hand in your membership card! Those are SAFETY barriers!

A SOCIETY OF SHEEP MUST IN TIME BEGET A GOVERNMENT OF WOLVES. *Bertrand DeJouvenel.*

The couple were seated at a table in a restaurant when suddenly the woman's companion slipped under the table.

The waiter, somewhat alarmed said "Ma'am, your husband just slipped under the table".

She replied "No, my husband just came in the door".

2011 Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament

Brock, Justine, & Don would like to thank the following sponsors for their support.

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Brock and Justine Williams would also like to thank the following volunteers who came out to help before, during, and after the 5th annual Al Stair Memorial Fishing Tournament.

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This great day for kids just wouldn't have been possible without everyone's extraordinary support, dedication, and donation of their time and skills! Thanks a Million!

The 81 participants attending the tournament caught a total of 185 trout!

We truly appreciated your help to make such a great day happen for all of the kids!

Editor's Note: To see a complete list of the sponsor's specialties, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, please visit our website at www.hellertownsportsmen.com. While there, you will also see the many contributions and skills donated by the volunteers of this very appreciated annual event.

Fall Turkey Shoot

Sunday, November 20, 2011 From Noon Until 5:00 PM

Our main source of fund-raising.

We need all of our members to participate in this very worthwhile and needed effort.

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find three 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.

Fall Turkey Shoot

Sunday, November 20, 2011

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