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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. Remember to bring all of your tickets to the Fall Turkey Shoot on November 20th. It's that time of the year again. Cool weather, the leaves are starting to turn, and the archers are sitting quietly in their trees every morning and evening hoping for the big buck to stroll down the path. Hopefully we will hear about that nice rack instead of the one that got away. Deer season will be here before you know it. Don't forget to beat the rush, sight in your rifle early. See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

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L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

To all League Shooters. The Practice League will start on Wednesday October 19, 2011 and continue through the end of the year. Also there will be a work party on Sunday October 16, 2011. It will start at 8:00 in the morning and end at 12 Noon. If we have the help like we did last time the party will end quickly and before the start of any football games. Our annual league banquet will be on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 6 pm till 9 pm. Please help the league sell 50/50 Raffle tickets. All proceeds of the Raffle tickets helps pay for shooting insurance. Also bring door prizes to raffle off. Next year marks the 75th year Anniversary of the LVPRL. Please see Chuck to place your order for the 75th Anniversary edition of our shirts.

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

Reminder

HSA Supports Our Troops

If you know of someone who is currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan please give their name and address to Blair or Valerie Ferguson and they will send them a Care Package. Contact them at 610-438-8885. You can also drop any donations of hygiene items, snacks or sportsmen's magazines in the green drop box in our club house.

Thank You!

New Archery Roof

A Special Thank You for all the archers that helped build the new archery roof. Your time and help was greatly appreciated. Thanks guys.

Archery Rep Lou Bove

Archery Practice

Lou Bove - 610.865.5857

The club will be open for archery practice starting October 19th on Wednesday Nights, 6:00-9:00pm. Cost will be \$3.00. This will continue until the Indoor Leagues start in January 2012.

Geyer's Corner

At last month's meeting, there was some discussion about those nasty & sometimes health threatening insects called ticks. For outdoor people these critters can prevent their enjoyment during hunting, hiking or even gardening. Brought to mind the time we had an old Grandfather's clock. Had it for years...problem was...it would 'tick' but wouldn't 'tock'. Eventually we were told that an old German watchmaker lived fairly close by.... reportedly he had been a former Nazi. Anyway it saved shipping costs and we took it to him. He looked it over a bit, then opened the back, peered inside and said "Ve haf ways to make you tok".

Get a fair bunch of guys together, be they are bikers, hunters, reloaders,

Please see Geyer p.3

Club and Range Closings

*Obey All Posted Signs
During Special Events & Activities*

Regular Ongoing Closings

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

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
Valerie Ferguson 610.438.8885

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

2011-2012 Firearms Training Schedule

Concealed Carry Level I

(One and a Half Day program)

Saturday, November 5 & 12, 2011

Saturday, April 21 & 28, 2012

Sunday, June 3 & 10, 2012

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, January 21, 2012

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Saturday, July 21, 2012

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 cont...

shooters or outdoorsmen and you will sooner or later get some real eye openers on close calls or mistakes. I've said many times that IF you do enough of any of these activities...you will eventually have a 'horror-story' or at least one where a lesson can be learned. Of course many are not the story tellers fault but in the case of reloading or shooting a simple lack of concentration can be the culprit. I can relate to an incident which happened years ago, certainly not proud of it, but a true story non the less and told it to very few people. I was testing some re-loads for the 20 Ga. to make sure they would work the action on my Model 1100 Rem. Shotguns....I had, with me at the time several, and was shooting at our old trap area. After several shots I had a 'blooper', the wad jammed....I had no stick along but used on a few occasions, a .50 Cal Bullet to drop in and shove the wad out. Hmmm, the blasted bullet stuck IN THE WAD! OK, so I cased the gun, set it aside and continued with the others. After doing some hand thrown targets, I went down to the pistol range and continued my tests. Suddenly 'WHAM' my left hand had a sudden tingling sensation, the foregrip was in several pieces....I was dumbfounded. Whatinell happened? My loads were all ok....the barrel had a very slight split....there was no bleeding but I was actually dazed. THEN.... then I looked in the barrel...I had FORGOTTEN that the one gun STILL HAD THE WAD AND THAT .50 Cal. bullet! Well, the BB's were clumped altogether in one semi solid mass. So, lesson....it might not be the loading.... but lack of concentration. I have told dozens of new shooters.... "look down the barrel before you shoot" you never know when someone might have stuck a rag in there or whatever....reason I didn't....I had just finished shooting those guns....and forgot!

In spite of the record breaking high water here in our area....the good'ole bridge at the club....The one that Frank Timm built....is STILL in great shape. Thanks to Al Horvath and his dedicated helpers....the occasional need for planking is being taken care of. If memory serves me correctly, this bridge has replaced three former ones that eventually were washed away in other high waters.

For interested pistol shooters this is an ideal time to tryout that handgun. Be it .22, 9mm, .38 spec., .40, or .45, you name it....as long as it's safe and NO magnum loads. We are shooting every WED from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm if enough people are there. There are PRACTICE sessions. IF you wanna shoot with both hands....fine....give it a try and have some fun. Enjoy shooting for shootings sake....don't be concerned about "the other guy" or his scores. HE had to start once also. You WILL learn more in 6 weeks of target shooting than you will learn in 6 MONTHS of plinking on your own! Not an idle boast, but we have one of the finest....if not the finest indoor range in the entire area. Hey, they even have a HAND WASHING set-up now! With an accompanying sign "Wash Hands After Shooting" HOWZAT??

*An Eskimo was reading about "Little Jack Horner....who sat in the corner"
He didn't get the corner part.*

For you cross-bow buyers, there was an excellent article in one of the more popular sporting mags....maybe F&S or Outdoor Life....I've finally been getting into the habit of getting rid of older copies....sorry to say I'm just not sure....BUT there was a COST comparison on some models (I think some went to \$880....or more....and one for about HALF that performed quite well and had very little less velocity. Bottom line....do some checking before you buy and eventually be unhappy with your cross bow? As you know, these are NOT a new invention. But the technology to-day with compound bows and their sights, noise suppressors....what not would make Howard Hill do roll-overs in his grave. Ah, but effective!

I've seen some really stupid stuff in SOME mags, but in the same issue on Canoes.... using a TUMP line??? no sense. There was a camping hint....a real pip I'd say. "Use plastic straws to store salt, pepper and spices for camping trips. Heat one end of a clear plastic straw with a lighter, then crimp with your fingers. Fill the straw and repeat with the other end." C'mon....first off, HOW you gonna FILL those straws, a teeny funnel? Ever bend or break a straw? Much better idea, use some plastic pill bottles. Easy to open and close and practically indestructible.

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Geyer's Corner cont...

Better not dilly-dally if you are planning to sight in that deer/bear rifle. With membership at an all time high, you may have to wait in line....figure on some bad week-ends weatherwise, (what else is new) plus the shut down for the annual Turkey Shoot, get crackin'. Most rifle shooters are well aware of 'fouling' shots. In plain words, a match shooter would NOT go for score unless he had a few preliminary shots. Try it....clean up that barrel, let a small trace of oil like you were storing it for awhile....then shoot that first shot. See if it went true.

The ad sez "Got a gambling problem?" I calls up and sez "I keep losing"....Click.

Now and then, while watching a movie, I have been accused of being too critical. We all have seen westerns with the ten and twelve shot SIX GUNS, but while watching the "PERFECT STORM" with celebrated George Clooney....in this movie he's the CAPTAIN and readily admits that the sea and fishing are his life. Well, when a crewman visits him in the cabin Clooney tells him to go DOWNSTAIRS and watch a movie. Downstairs! I dang near dropped my ceegar into my pabulum bowl! Where are those technical experts? That's like having a bolt action .30'06 in the Civil War!

Hunter Trapper Education Corner

It's that time of the year to start planning our hunting trips.

Make yourself a checklist of items that you need and check them off as you gather supplies.

Here are some ideas to help you have a safe hunt:

1. Make sure to match your Ammo to your Firearm. With all the new calibers, it's east to mix them up. The last thing you need is a barrel obstruction.
2. Read the Regulation Book that comes with your License. Check the Fluorescent Orange regulations and look for Seasons that overlap. The regulations change all the time.
3. Check your Treestand, no matter what type it is, look for signs of wear and replace worn parts. Don't forget to check your Body Harness for wear.
4. Don't forget the Simple things like car or truck Inspections and Registrations. These things could ruin a hunt.
5. Know where you are and the boundaries of the WMU. Don't forget that not all Wildlife Management Units follow the same regulations. Check your Digest.
6. If you haven't shot your Bow or Firearm, it's time to practice. Go over your Bow for worn Cables and Strings, and make sure the Safety on the Firearm is operating.

HTE Instructors of HSA.

Fall Turkey Shoot

Block Shoot for Turkeys or Meat Trays



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Food and Beverages

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

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

Wheel Spins for Turkeys or Meat Trays



Raffle Ticket Drawing



Fun for the entire family

Archers

Bring your Bows to the Turkey Shoot on November 20th.

There will be an Archery Novelty Shoot. All levels of shooters are welcome.

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.

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