



HSA News

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From the President

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Can you believe its 2012? It seems like it was just Labor Day. And before we realize it the 4th of July will be here and gone. Time is passing us by faster and faster each year. As a good friend always says to me, "how many Saturday nights are left?" To me this means that we must enjoy each day and have fun doing the things we enjoy. Let's make 2012 a year to enjoy all of the activities that HSA has to offer.

Enclosed in the newsletter you will find new policies for joining the club. These were instituted by the board to help protect the club as our membership grows. One club rule that has been on the books for a long time but not enforced is wearing your membership card while using the facilities. This policy, along with signing in when you come to shoot, will now become mandatory at HSA. We would like to see all members become more active in keeping our club safe. When you're there, introduce yourself to your fellow shooters and ask to see their cards. Remember, this is a members-only club, so report any violations you see to a board member. Their contact information is on the website.

When you get a free moment in front of your computer, go to www.hellertownsportsmen.com

and check out our revised website. I would like to thank our website committee, Chuck Adams, John Meka, Bill Lambert, Bill Books and Blair & Valerie Ferguson for their hard work in revising the website. If anyone has suggestions for the website, please let them know.

See you at the club,
Jim Bambu

L.V.P.R.L

Chuck Adams - 610.252.3169

To all league members, the Board of Directors and Officers wishes everyone a safe and happy New Year! We would like to thank all members and friends who attended the November banquet. We had 3 tables full of door prizes to chance off. The money that was raised will be used for our special 75th Anniversary ideas.

The League's 1st night of shooting will start Wednesday January 4th from 5 pm to 9 pm and will run through October 2012. We welcome all new shooters that would like to try Bulls-eye shooting with a .22 caliber target hand gun. Any HSA member is welcome to join us. For more information on the league check out our page on the HSA website. We have league members that will stand behind new shooters and act as their coach so all levels of shooters should feel free to come on out on Wednesday nights.

I would like to thank Bill L. and John M. for all the time they

spent running the practice league last Fall. If any member needs to renew their NRA membership please talk to Bill Books for more info. I'm looking for ideas for the 75th Anniversary Banquet in November, so talk to Chuck any Wednesday night.

Thank you to Chris Haas for the great job on the league decals he had made for all members. All league members will receive one free decal on their first night of shooting. Additional decals may be purchased for \$3 each.

Shoot Safe,
Chuck Adams, President, LVPRRL

Archery

Don Jenny - 610.691.1903
Lou Bove - 610.865.5857

Junior Archery continues to meet on Monday evenings until the end of March.

Open Archery practice will begin on Monday mornings starting January 2nd from 9am to noon until Spring. There is a \$3 shooting fee. Senior Archery Leagues will begin the first week of January. The Wednesday League will begin on January 4th at 7pm and Friday night League will begin on January 6th at 7pm. There is still some availability in the Leagues. Any questions please contact the Archery Representatives.

Club and Range Closings

Rifle Range Closed
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
During Trap Shooting Sessions

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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

2012 Firearms Training Schedule

Concealed Carry Level I

(One and a Half Day program)

Saturday, April 21 & May 5, 2012

Sunday, June 3 & 10, 2012

Saturday, September 8 & 15, 2012

Saturday, November 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 28, 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@ve rizon.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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Decision Making Under the Threat of Assault

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Decision making is not only the physical act of responding to a threat but most importantly the mental process or judgmental procedure to appropriately respond and not jeopardize taking someone(s) life inappropriately. Responding properly is initiated through experience. Training is another way to reduce human error and to accelerate the acquisition of higher judgmental decision making skills. We must recognize the fact that we now control success or failure in our hands governed by our experience and knowledge. If we error in our decision while under stress an innocent life may be taken. It has happened. Training should include scenarios to reflect good judgment and discretionary use of force. Training needs to reflect the way you will need to defend yourself and others in your accompaniment. The fundamental concept is to keep thinking, reassessing, adjusting and reassessing again. Lessons learned will be reflected or transferred in the way you respond. Training scenarios introduce situational evaluation, risk management and decision making, giving the trainee more control over the situation ensuring a successful outcome. We reflect on our past decisions to make current decisions.

Standing in front of a target shooting at the "10 ring" and seeing how accurate you can become is good fundamental practice of the basics. We all do it including myself. Unfortunately when the threat is two arm lengths away you will not have time to study the sight picture. Use of cover, if available, threat identification in dim light, creating distance, communicating to those with you, shooting from difficult positions while protecting others and functioning under stress is what defensive shooting is all about. You will not be thinking about your stance, extending your arms to get a good sight picture in relation to your target while the threat is advancing and practically on top of you. Defensive situations are about critical decision making, responding appropriately and competently without escalating unnecessary force or responding inappropriately.

Thank You Janet

This month, the 'Excellent refreshments by Janet Hoffert' came off of the HSA News banner. Enjoy your retirement. All of us will miss you dearly, but mostly your food. Thank You Sincerely for the many years.

Thank You HSA For Your Continuing Support of Our Troops!

Hellertown Sportsmen's Association supports Blair & Valerie Ferguson with their non-profit Support the Troops, Inc. in sending care packages to our local men and women who are currently serving overseas. On behalf of the men and women who receive these packages Blair and Valerie give a big shout out to say thanks to HSA. They have made financial donations as well having a year round drop box for donations in the clubhouse.

On December 6th Boy Scout Troop 131 met at HSA to help package 37 care packages for our troops, helping Blair and Valerie meet their goal of 300 packages for 2011.

Support the Troops, Inc. collects your Sportsmen's magazines, hygiene products, snacks, cards and letters of appreciation to our soldiers, financial donations as well as names and of men and women whom are currently serving. Please contact them at 610-438-8885 if you know of someone who is serving and would like a care package or if you have any other questions.

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National Rifle Association Training Opportunities Scheduled

The Hellertown Sportsmen's Association will host the following training courses in the first quarter of 2012:

- Basic Pistol Shooting Course on Saturday, January 21.
- Basic Rifle Shooting Course on Saturday, January 28.
- Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar on Saturday, March 3.
- Home Firearm Safety on Saturday, March 3.

Flyers and applications are available at the monthly meetings and on the website. If you are interested contact the Course Instructor.

Junior Archers

Don Jenny - 610.691.1903

We are in need of some suitable trophies for the junior archers. Any donation of trophies, parts, materials, ideas, and funds would be deeply appreciated. Please contact Don for information and arrangements.

Federation Report

Delegates: Mike Topping & Don Jenny

- Fish and Boat commission states that you can use three fishing lines in the water this season.
- Jr. Conservation School coming up.
- White Tail Deer Classic Sold Out.
- Attempting to fix the ramp at the Sandts Eddy Launch by Shad Season thinking of redesigning it, but it will cost additional money.
- Hunting licenses will no longer have to be worn on your back (outside) this season, you may carry in your wallet.

Thank You and Congratulations

The HSA Directors and Officers offer a sincere *Thank You* to all who helped in many capacities before, during and after the *Fall Shoot*. *Congratulations* to the following guests and members who purchased the winning tickets for the *Fruit, Knife, and 50/50 Raffles*: Dee Delre, Bob Sherer, Gordon Feigly, Netty Jacoby, Philip Szvetez, Chuck Hammell, Jr., Brent Rhoads, Dennis Csekitz, Richard Pryor, Michael Chaffier, Bob Lipp, Glen Krier, Rachiele's Barber Shop, and Richard Klinedinst.

Spring Ham Shoot

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Archers

Bring your Bows to the Ham Shoot on April 1st.

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

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed you will find a sheet of Spring 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.

Ticket purchase not required to enter, but we do depend on your help. Purchase will not increase the odds of winning.

HSA Silent Auction

Back by Popular Demand

Donate your unwanted items to this very worthwhile fundraiser activity. Sporting items preferred.

Bring your items to the Monthly Membership Meeting or contact one of the Board of Directors to arrange for a drop off.