









In **PASA's** "Upper Valley," construction began in 1991 for a 600-yard rifle range project, which opened for regular match use and member practice in 1995. In other rifle venues, a 100-meter .22 Smallbore Rifle Range with covered firing line, a 100-yard centerfire Practical Rifle Range, and a .22 rimfire "Plinking Range" were also opened in 1995, and **PASA** Rifle Division volunteers completed their own headquarters structure and picnic pavilion adjacent to those ranges.



In 2005, the Rifle Division also completed the first six regulation National Match Course target systems at the 600-yard range, funded in part by a grant from Nikon Sports Optics. Additionally, \$100,000 for development in Practical Valley during 1992-96 brought electricity to the venues there, added five more USPSA-type shooting ranges, created new roadways and parking areas, and put a comprehensive erosion-control and water drainage/containment system into place. In 2002, the **PASA** Action-Shooting Division completed work on its own multi-use headquarters structure, range office, and chronograph center located in Practical Valley. In 2005 a 360-degree all-steel-walled Dark House/Shoot House was completed,



funded entirely by SureFire, LLC (the world's leading tactical flashlight manufacturer), which is used for law-enforcement training and major shooting competitions.

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In recognition of **PASA's** impact, the Illinois State Regional Tourism Council in 1989 presented **PASA** with its "Outstanding Organization Achievement Award," given each year to the organization in Illinois that has done the most to promote tourism to the entire state. According to the NRA, that is the only time in the history of the United States that a shooting sports organization has received a state award for promoting tourism.

**PASA's** 1300-plus members are a cross-section of the entire regional community, and shooting sports enthusiasts from across the nation. They include farmers, doctors, mechanics, lawyers, laborers, legislators, police officers, electricians, corporate executives, engineers, politicians, men, women, and youngsters of all types. Many **PASA** members do not even own a firearm but belong because they want to share in the **PASA** family spirit. All are equal in their commitment to community service, the expansion of the shooting sports, and the preservation of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

We hope you will feel at home among them.



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