

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **This year's LRC Spring Work Bee** will be Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th; please mark your calendar on helping out to clean up our Club after this winter's damage. Aside from the normal maintenance, the indoor range's Clubhouse is in need of repair. The range's foundation wall (nearest the chimney) has deteriorated. If you are an LRC member who has construction or building repair experience, we need some recommendations on how to repair the Clubhouse's foundation. You will not be required to perform the work but to list the building materials required and to provide direction to the Club members at the work bee on how to make these repairs. Please contact Elwin ASAP; he can be reached @ (413)773-3548.

2009 Officers:

President
Eric Goodchild

Vice President
Steve Brown

Treasurer
Elwin Barton

Recording Secretary
Mary Lou Barton
(J. Healey – Alt.)

Range Maintenance Officer
Scott Healey

Newsletter
Joe Sipitkowski

Note: An extra work bee day for Saturday, May 3rd, has been scheduled (if needed).

- ✓ **LRC Honorary Life Memberships** were issued in 2009 to the following members:

- Calvin Haseltine
- Priscilla Mauro
- Henry Smith
- Walter Venskowski
- Richard & Jean Beasley
- Leon Dickerman
- Dave Kelly
- Ed Burniske
- Richard Ouimet
- Ed Matuszewicz

The LRC expresses its gratitude with a sincere, "**Thank you**", to these 11 long-time members for their contributions and continued support to our Club over many years.

If you believe you may be eligible for an Honorary LRC membership, one can be issued to an LRC member who:

- has been an LRC member in good standing for the last 10 consecutive years, and
- is at least 70 years of age.

Please contact Elwin @ (413)773-3548 for one. (Honorary membership cards are *silver-colored*.)

- ✓ **A Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA)** will be required to be signed by all members (new, renewals, & honorary) starting in the 2010 LRC membership year. The HHA was voted-on and accepted by the attending members at the 2009 Spring meeting. Implementing the HHA was a protective response for the Club due to the tragic incident that occurred last Fall at the Westfield Sportsmen's Club (Westfield, MA). The signed HHA's will legally protect our Club, its officers and directors, and its members. Signing the HHA will be a one-time occurrence; it will be retained by the Club and kept on file indefinitely.
- ✓ **Wanted:** The LRC is in the market for a pre-owned 1-ton 4X4 dump truck (any make) that is in relatively good condition equipped with a snow plow for use on the Club's ranges (snow plowing, moving dirt~loam~gravel, etc.). If any member should happen to know of a truck for sale, please contact Elwin @ (413)773-3548.
- ✓ **The "NRA Home Firearms Safety Course"** is available for anyone who may need to meet the Massachusetts' requirements to obtain either an FID card (Class A) or a License-to-Carry (LTC) permit. Remember the type of firearm's permit in Massachusetts depends both on a person's age and the issuing authority's preference. The course is about 4-hours long and the course instructor is Eric Goodchild, who is NRA-certified to teach this course as well as the "**NRA Basic Rifle and Pistol**" course. The NRA courses are taught on an individual basis or are limited to a maximum size of three. Contact Eric @ (413)625-8203 for more details.
- ✓ **2009 LRC membership dues** are \$25.00. To join or renew, please send your dues to Elwin Barton. As a reminder, please carry your 2009 LRC membership card with you while at the Club; it is for your benefit as well as the Club.
- ✓ **Junior Shooters** are always welcome to our LRC rifle matches. If you know of any youths who might be interested, please invite them to attend a rifle match, -even if just to watch. We need to 'pass on' our sport to the next generation and it begins with us that they develop an interest in our sport early.

Best regards,

The LRC Officers and Directors

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