

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **The 1st ever LRC Club Summer Picnic** will be held this summer at the LRC rifle range! It is scheduled for *Saturday, July 23rd*, starting around mid-morning until...? This picnic will be only open to 2011 LRC members and their immediate families. LRC member(s) who wish to camp out, before and/or after, the picnic can do so at the rifle range. Food for the picnic will be “pot-luck”; please call Mary Lou Barton @ (413)773-3548 and let her know what you plan on bringing. Not sure what to bring? Mary Lou will suggest to you what to bring. (Of course, paper plates, cups, plastic forks, knives, spoons, etc., will always be needed.) PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR; WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

2011 Officers:

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- NOTE: All firearm ranges will be closed on the day of the Picnic; no shooting what-so-ever.**
- ✓ **We are saddened** of the passing and loss of 2 LRC members within the past year: HENRY SMITH and RICHARD “Dick” OUIMETTE. Henry, 85, passed away early this April due to failing health and Dick, 73, passed away on December 19, 2010 from a long illness from pancreatic cancer. Both were great experienced high power rifle shooters. Very few knew that Henry was once the Massachusetts’ M1 “Garand” rifle champion back in the 1960’s and Dick was a former Marine, a retired Springfield (MA) fireman, and shot high power matches at LRC, Chicopee Sportsmen’s Club and Westfield Sportsmen’s Club. Both men were extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of shooting and would willingly offer assistance or technical guidance to both novice and experienced shooters to motivate them to higher aggregate match scores. May the good Lord look over and take care of them both; they will surely be missed by ***all*** LRC members.
 - ✓ **On a happier note**, one of our LRC members has recently returned from a 10-month tour-of-duty in Afghanistan, namely our own, RICHARD “Rick” HASKINS. Rick has been a long time, loyal member of LRC. He later joined the Army Guard a few years ago and was issued orders to serve overseas after he got married. However, Rick was fortunate that the Army did allow him leave to be present at the birth of their first child and then return back overseas. Upon completion of his tour, Rick was greeted at Westover AFB on February 16, 2011, by his loving wife and new baby as was seen by all on WGGB TV40. (Rick: you’re a celebrity now....) Next time you see Rick at the range, be sure to give him a big, “**THANK YOU**” for the sacrifices he made so we can continue our American way of life.
 - ✓ **Electronic communication is here**, namely *Email* and we all know that U.S. Post Office mailing rates are rising. The LRC is now actively planning on sending the Newsletters and/or notices via Email in order to save costs.
 - If you have an Email address and would like to receive communications directly from the LRC, please call Elwin Barton @ (413)773-3548 and provide him with your Email address. The Club will then set up a members’ contact list for all mailings.
 - If you don’t have an Email address, don’t worry as the Club’s Newsletter will still be mailed to you, as usual, via the U.S. Post Office.
 - ✓ **The 2010 High Power Four-Match winners were:** 1st place – Scott Healy, 2nd place – Joe Sipitkowski, and 3rd place – (no one). There were only 2 LRC members who completed all 4 matches with a few shooters completing 3 of 4 -or- 2 of 4 matches. For 2011, we hope that more LRC members participate in the high power rifle matches as we are continuing the high power 4-Matches for 2011.

We hope you enjoy the summer and to see you (often) at the range,

- The LRC Officers and Directors

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