

# LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER #7

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- ✓ **We are saddened** by the loss of one of the Club's long-time members, Joseph Berrouard, who passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. I can't say enough about Joe in all the years that I, and other LRC members, knew him. He loved high power shooting and you could always count on him, like the sun rises in the morning, attending our Sunday rifle matches accompanied with his trusty "M1A" along with his 2 sons, Leo and Deren. One of my fondest memories of Joe was at a match where he shot a 94 offhand (out of 100) and then shot so-so in the other 3 stages of fire. Afterwards when he and I were pulling targets in the butts, he told me, "I was doing so good, -I wished they could have let me shoot the rest of the match *offhand*." I'm sure that many of you have similar funny stories of him. Joe: you will be missed and we just hope there is a 200 yard range in Heaven for you.
- ✓ **Successful Work Bee** : On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 16 members showed up for our Spring work bee. They say, "Many hands make light work."; how true it is. I'm so proud to say that all work (clean-up and repairs) was completed in the morning (just before the rain started). Remarkable! In past work bees completing the same work used to take approximately 8 hours. Thanks and appreciation goes out to: Leon, Rocky and Derrick F., Neil G., Henry S., Priscilla M., Elwin B., Scott H., Rick H., Mike C., Calvin H., Joe B., Chuck, Eric G, Marty Y., and to anyone else we may overlooked. Special note of thanks goes to: 1) Bill T. for bringing his leaf blowers, 2) Jim C. for fixing / repairing the 28 rifle targets and, as always, 3) Mary Lou B. for making all the great luncheon food. The LRC is successful because of the dedicated members and we thank them for sacrificing a Saturday for Club.
- ✓ **2006 LRC Memberships** : Membership dues are still \$25.00 per year. If you haven't renewed, please contact Elwin Barton. Be sure to carry your 2006 LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds; it is for your benefit as well as the Club's. Also, read the Club's bulletin board at the outdoor rifle range. From time-to-time, we put up notices, shooting schedules, etc., for your information and benefit as well as the on-goings of the Club.
- ✓ **LRC's notoriety** : At the Spring work bee, member Henry S. brought the March/April 2006 copy of the "*Mother Jones*" magazine. It has an article in it, "HOMELAND SECURITY ON THE RANGE" and yes, you guessed it, -it's about the LRC, our on-going dispute with our Guilford Vermont abutters and how we support the Global War on Terror, etc. This magazine is an 'earthy-crunchy rag', and is definitely anti-LRC. If you would like to read what was published about the LRC, copies of the article have been printed. Please contact Elwin @ 773-3548 to get a f-r-e-e copy. Caution: Read this article when your blood pressure is normal and you are in a calm frame-of-mind.
- ✓ **The lead IS out** : I hope all of you read the article printed in the (Greenfield) "*Recorder*" newspaper on May 20<sup>th</sup> entitled, "Water supply safe from lead". Water samples were taken from the LRC's outdoor range and the laboratory analysis results showed, no detectable levels of lead. (All testing was performed by the Greenfield's Water Superintendent.) Apparently, the concern was raised by some of our liberal-minded abutting residents that the LRC was contaminating Greenfield's water supply. When will these liberal types ever learn? *Truth* is our only weapon and like I always say, "Facts don't lie, -people do." (Enough said.)
- ✓ **Junior Shooters** : The LRC is still actively trying to enroll junior shooters at our rifle matches. If you know of any of youths who might be interested in rifle shooting, please bring them to the LRC rifle matches, even it just to watch. If we are going to have any chance of continuing any interest in our sport to the next generation, it begins with us.
- ✓ **Fall Work Bee** : On September 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a work bee at the 200 yard rifle range; the purpose is to clean up the brush behind the butts, along the brook, and the impact banking. Meeting time at the range will be 8:00-8:30AM. Help is always welcomed and bring any tools needed for the clean up. Hope to see you there!
- ✓ **Bones ?** It's a known fact that, in every club, there are four types of 'bones'.
  - The 'wish' bones : wishing somebody would do something about the problem.
  - The 'jaw' bones : doing all the talking, but very little else.
  - The 'knuckle' bones : those who knock everything.
  - The 'back' bones : those who carry the brunt of the load and who do most of the work.  
(I can say the LRC has many of the 'back' bones..... )

Enjoy the summer weather and be sure to "Share your sport".

*Joe Sipitkowski*, LRC President

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