

# LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **The LRC Christmas Party** for 2012 will not be held this year. Last year, we had some 30 members with guests who attended but there were many others who said they would attend but never did. The Club had to commit to the food caterer and the hall a total number of guests attending; as a result, Club lost money on the party. At this year's LRC Annual meeting, it was decided not to have a 2012 Christmas Party.
- ✓ **The LRC Annual Meeting** was held on Sunday, October 2<sup>1st</sup>. The LRC officers were elected for 2013 (see right border →). The Club's business was conducted by the Officers and the attending LRC members. Also, a Work Bee was held earlier day at the indoor range for raking leaves and cleaning the Clubhouse. Many thanks to those members who gave up their time to help out: Elwin B., Eric G., Chuck, and Joe S. Another "Thank you" goes to Mary Lou B. for cooking a superb lunch (venison stew) for the workers.
- ✓ **The High Power Four Match winners for 2012** were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Ralph Louttit, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eric Goodchild, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Joe Sipitkowski. There were only 3 LRC members who completed all 4 matches with many shooters completing only 3 (or 2) out of 4 matches. Congratulation goes to Ralph for his excellent rifle marksmanship; he will be awarded a free LRC membership for 2013.
- ✓ **Winter snow plowing** to the outdoor rifle range is still planned and depends on the amount of snow, ice, and overall wintry conditions; the road will be kept open as long as possible. (The Town of Leyden's sign stating that the "Road no longer maintained by the Town" is a misinformation; our rifle range road **IS** a town road and, as such, Leyden is responsible for its maintenance. We'll see....)
- ✓ **We're trying to go paperless** next year because of rising U.S. Post Office mailing costs (46¢ per letter for 2013). At the annual meeting, the Treasurer's report for our postage was almost \$200 in 2012! Starting 2013, we are planning to EMAIL the Club's Newsletters and notices.
  - When you renew your 2013 membership, please provide your email address to Elwin Barton.
  - Don't have a computer? No problem; the Club will still U.S. mail you all newsletters and notices.

## → EMAIL WILL HELP SAVE THE LRC MONEY!

- ✓ **2013 LRC Memberships are due!** Dues are still \$35.00 per year. Please give or send next year's dues (with your email address) to Elwin Barton, H:(413)773-3548.
- ✓ **GOOD NEWS!** The Town of Leyden has issued the LRC a building permit for the pavilion at the rifle range. The permit will allow us to re-construct our old pavilion (the one that we had to tear down). The permit is good for 6 months which means LRC (we) must begin construction by Spring 2013. **WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR ITS MEMBERS TO HELP OUT; please consider giving a few hours of your time for this project.**
- ✓ **2012 was a good year** for junior shooters at LRC. We had 3 junior shooters who participated in our rifle matches: Ulysses M. accompanied with his father, André; Blake P. accompanied with his father, Mike; and Henry B. accompanied with his grandfather, John K. Just to see the joy on these youngsters' faces before, during and after the matches was worth a million. Priceless!

Happy New Year and the best of health to all in 2013,

- The LRC Officers and Directors

## 2013 Officers:

**President**  
Eric Goodchild

**Vice President**  
Joe Sipitkowski

**Treasurer**  
Elwin Barton

**Recording Secretary**  
Mary Lou Barton

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**Range Maintenance Officer**  
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**Newsletter**  
Joe Sipitkowski

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