

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

Affiliated with the National Rifle Association &
the Civilian Marksmanship Program

- ✓ **The LRC's 2009 spring meeting** will be Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the Clubhouse (if the snow has melted) or at Elwin's house (if the snow has not melted). The Club will conduct its normal business, schedule the 2009 high power rifle matches, set the Spring work bee dates, and other business.. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting.
- ✓ **The Franklin County 2009 "Friends of the NRA" 8th Annual Banquet** is scheduled for Friday, February 20th at the Orange/Athol Elks Club (Route 2A on the Orange/Athol town line). As with past F-NRA banquets, there will be good food, auctions, raffle drawings and door prizes. The banquet is also an opportunity for NRA-friendly friends to get together. If you are interested in attending this NRA Banquet, please contact Elwin @ (413)773-3548 for tickets. (*The Banquet's flier is attached.*)
- ✓ **Honorary LRC Memberships** are now available for the first time in 2009. An 'honorary LRC membership', i.e., no annual dues, can be issued to any person who:
 - has been an LRC member *in good standing* for the last 10 consecutive years, and
 - is at least 70 years of age.

If you qualify for an LRC honorary membership, please contact Elwin @ (413)773-3548.
Note: LRC Honorary membership cards are silver-colored.
- ✓ **Annual membership 2009 dues** have not changed and are still \$25.00. To renew, please send your dues to Elwin Barton. As a reminder, please carry your 2009 LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds; it is for your benefit as well as the Club's. *You may be asked by a Club officer to show your current LRC membership card; if you fail produce it, you may be asked to leave the Club.* While at the range, be sure to check the Club's bulletin board; notices are posted for matches, work bees, lead recovery on the ranges, temporary range closures, and events.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **The indoor range Clubhouse** is in need of repair. As you know, our Clubhouse's roof was replaced a few years ago. Now the indoor range's 2 foundation walls have deteriorated and are in need of repair. The Club formally requests that any member(s), who may have either construction or building experience, to contact Elwin. We need recommendations on how best to repair the Clubhouse's foundations. You will not be required to perform the work but only list the building materials required and maybe provide direction to the Club members at the work bee. If you can assist, please contact Elwin @ (413)773-3548; it would be greatly appreciated.
- ✓ **Mass Licenses online** - The 2009 Massachusetts fishing, hunting, & sporting licenses can be purchased on-line at the MassWildLife website: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw-toc.htm (or enter "MassWildlife" in your search engine). An advantage of an online purchase is for replacing a lost license as well as availability of extra doe permits before they are offered to others.

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Best regards,

The LRC Officers and Directors

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