

# LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **The LRC Annual Meeting** was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. The 2012 LRC officers were elected (see right border →). Also, the normal Club 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 the fall leaves and for cleaning the Clubhouse. Many thanks to those members who gave up their time to help out: Elwin B., Eric G., Mike & Blake P., Mitch & Paula B., Chuck, and Joe S. A special “*Thank you*” goes to Mary Lou B. for a superb lunch provided for the Work Bee workers.
- ✓ **The 2011 LRC Christmas Party** was held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW in Bernardston, MA. Approximately 30 members with guests attended. A good time was had by all that night with a superb smorgasbord spread that was just delicious. Special thanks goes to Elwin B. for finding our new food caterer. Only LRC members and their guests are allowed to attend the Christmas Party.
- ✓ **Good news:** The 2012 LRC membership dues are still \$35.00 per year, -no price increase! To renew, please give or send-in your dues to Elwin Barton @ (413)773-3548.
- ✓ **The High Power Four-Match winners** for 2011 are: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Scott Healey, 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 riflemen completing only 3 out of 4 matches. Let’s hope that more LRC members participate in our 2012 high power rifle matches.
- ✓ **2012 Membership Cards:** Please carry your LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds and ranges; it is for your benefit as well as the Club’s. You **will** be asked to produce it if requested by a Club officer or another LRC member. If any person who fails to, or refuses, to produce his/her LRC membership card, do not confront them; rather, just record their vehicle’s **STATE & LICENSE PLATE number** and call Elwin Barton @ (413)773-3548 ASAP. The Club will handle it from that point on.
- ✓ **Trash at the rifle range:** All LRC members are now required to pick up their brass and/or all trash at the ranges. Many members are abiding but there is still a lot of trash being left on the rifle ranges. Here’s the new 2012 range rule: **IF YOU BRING ‘IT’ TO THE RANGE, YOU MUST TAKE ‘IT’ BACK WITH YOU!** (This includes shot-up targets stands too.)
- ✓ **The Indoor Rifle Range & Clubhouse’s door lock** has been changed. If you did possess a key the Clubhouse, it will no longer work to allow you access. It was obvious at the Annual Meeting this Fall that tin cans, milk jugs, and trash are being used for targets and then left about the impact area. If any 2012 LRC member(s) would like to use the indoor rifle range, contact Elwin Barton @ (413)773-3548; members are now required to “sign” for the Clubhouse key and they must return it the same day, -no exceptions!
- ✓ **Snow plowing of the road** to the outdoor rifle range will be done in the winter and will depend on the amount of fallen snow, accumulated ice, and the overall wintry conditions. The LRC will attempt to keep this road open as long as it can. It should be noted that 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 upkeep and maintenance. (Thank you Elwin for checking into this key point regarding the Town’s responsibilities.)
- ✓ It’s a known fact that there are 4 types of ‘bones’ in any Club:
  - 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.

### 2012 Officers:

**President**  
Eric Goodchild

**Vice President**  
Joe Sipitkowski

**Treasurer**  
Elwin Barton

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

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**Range Maintenance Officer**  
Scott Healey

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Joe Sipitkowski

- The LRC Officers and Directors

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