

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER #1

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Well we survived the winter and welcome the nice weather for another shooting season. As LRC President, I thought it best to fill you in about some of the on-goings at our Club.

- ✓ For your information, elections were held for Club Officers at the Fall Annual Meeting on October 26, 2003. The results of the election were: President – Joe Sipitkowski, Vice President – Jim Collins, Treasurer – Elwin Barton, and Secretary – Cilla Mauro. There were only 9 members present for this important meeting; I wished there had been a better turn out.
- ✓ As many of you know, there are now General Range Rules for all LRC members. It was proposed at the Spring meeting that the rules be *suggestive* allow the members to review and comment on. The attempt here was to let all LRC members know of what their expected behavior is while on the range. No more of “word of mouth” as to what you can / cannot do at the Club. If you do have comments regarding the new Range Rules, please forward them to Elwin Barton by Sept. 1, 2004. All feedback will be discussed at our Fall Annual Meeting (10/24) and hopefully the Range Rules will be adopted by the Club permanently.
- ✓ Let me thank all those members who took the time out their busy schedules to help out at the Club’s Work Bee on April 17th. We planned on 2 days but everything was completed in one day. *Outstanding and thank you!*
- ✓ It can’t emphasize enough for all members to pick up and dispose of your spent brass. This also goes any trash that you create. PLEASE KEEP LRC RANGES CLEAN, -AT ALL TIMES!
- ✓ One of our long-time members, Henry Smith, has been under the doctor’s care during the winter. Henry is super guy who is a “walking encyclopedia” about high powered shooting. I can’t think of any member who wasn’t ‘coached’ at least once by Henry to improve their shooting skills. *“From all of us, the best of health Henry!”*
- ✓ LRC items for sale: Elwin tells me that he has a supply of official (?) LRC tee shirts, baseball hats, patches, open bolt indicators, and .30-06 brass for sale. Hats are either red/white or hunter orange colors; brass is once-fired LC which must be cleaned, sized, decapped, trimmed, etc. Prices for these are: tee shirts - \$X.XX, caps - \$X.XX, patches - \$X.XX, OBI - \$1.00, and the brass is \$X.XX per 100 pcs. Why not support LRC?
- ✓ Please be sure to carry your current LRC membership card while you are on the Club grounds. It is for your benefit as well as the Club’s.
- ✓ Upcoming gun shows: Big E (West Springfield), June 5th & 6th and October 9th & 10th, 2004. If anyone knows of other shows in our area, please let the rest of us know.
- ✓ If you have read our 2004 match shooting schedule, Vermont Yankee “sharpshooters” are challenging the LRC “eagle eye” shooters to an unofficial competition match on July 11th. A Bar-B-Q is to follow the match and is open to our members. Come on out to compete, watch, help, or just have fun.
- ✓ Again, we are continuing the LRC’s 4-match competition throughout the shooting season this year. We take your best scores from high power (any gun), any bolt-action rifle, M1 Garand, and reduced target (any gun) matches and total them; nearest score to an aggregate perfect score of 1,750 points wins. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. 2003 season winners were: 1st – Ralph Loutitt with 1,655 pts., 2nd – Dick Ouimet with 1,629 pts., and 3rd – Rick Punderson with 1,576 pts. Congrats to the winners! In all, there were 7 LRC members who completed all 4 matches, - perhaps we’ll have more this season?
- ✓ Lastly, congrats to Ralph Loutitt for making classification of HIGH MASTER. Superb!

Regards and keep ‘em in the X-ring,

Joe Sipitkowski, LRC President

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