

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER #3

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It has been sometime since the last LRC Club Newsletter in September 2004; I thought I'd take the time to share some Club information with you.

- ✓ LRC's Annual Meeting was held on October 24th at our Clubhouse. Aside from conducting the normal business, the agenda included the elections for next year's LRC Club Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary). It was proposed by all attending members to vote-in the entire 2004 slate : President - Joe Sipitkowski, Vice President – Jim Collins, Treasurer – Elwin Barton, and Secretary – Priscilla Mauro. The officers and I thank all members for attending and participating at this important Club meeting.
- ✓ At the annual meeting, the General Range Rules were discussed for adoption by the Club. (At the Spring 2004 meeting, these rules were requested to be *suggestive* so as to allow Club members to review and comment on.) After much discussion, it was decided not to adopt the General Range Rules for various reasons. An excellent recommendation was put forth by an attending member that the Range Rules already are in effect: look at the backside of your LRC Membership card. As your President, I urge all LRC members to review the rules on the back of their membership card when renewing with the Club or while carrying it. These Club rules are very clear. As President, I would like to also stress the Club rule, "NO ALCOHOL". Enough said.

- ✓ The Club is planning to hold a Spring meeting on **Sunday, April 3, 2005 @ 2:00 PM** at the Leyden Town Hall (on West Leyden Road, Leyden).

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THIS MEETING AND PLAN ON ATTENDING;
THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MAILING NOTIFICATION FOR THIS MEETING.**

The meeting's business will include a vote to a change in one of our Club's bylaws regarding corporate memberships. This needs to be addressed in order to ensure activities at our Club continue now and in the future. Also, we will be establishing the dates for the high power rifle matches and the Club work bee. Normally, our work bee is scheduled for a Saturday in April with the next day, Sunday, set aside in case of rain on Saturday. This year, LRC is planning a two day work bee; Saturday will be the normal "clean up" of the Club grounds and Sunday will be for clearing brush at the high power rifle range (to your left when facing the butts). We welcome your help at the work bee, especially for Sunday. If you can help out on either Saturday or Sunday, -fine; if you can help out both days, -GREAT ! Also, a **wood chipper** is needed on Sunday to 'chip' the brush. Please contact Elwin if you have one and could possibly let the Club borrow it for the day.

- ✓ Please carry your LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds; it is for your benefit as well as the Club's.
- ✓ All LRC members are requested to pick up their brass and/or trash. Most of the members are abiding by this but some trash is still being left by other member(s). It can't be stressed enough: PLEASE KEEP THE LRC RANGES CLEAN AT ALL TIMES!
- ✓ *Ever thought about shooting in a high power match?* As you know, the 2005 LRC rifle match shooting schedule will be out soon and all members (and first time guests) are encouraged to participate in the matches. The high power rifle matches are somewhat informal and start ~9:00AM Sundays. We are still looking for more shooters, both experienced and novice. In 2004, LRC held 12 rifle high power matches and we were averaging approximately 9 shooters per match. A club goal this year is to increase the number of shooters at the rifle matches. Why not bring a friend / guest along to shoot or even overview a match? You just never know what may happen....
- ✓ LRC's 2004 4-match competition was held with the shooters' best scores tallied from a high power match, a bolt-action rifle match, an M1 Garand match, and a reduced target match. The shooter having the total score nearest to a perfect score of 1,750 points is the winner. In 2004, the 3 winners were: 1st place – Kevin Tirrell, 2nd place - Rick Punderson and 3rd place – Joe Sipitkowski. Congrats to all winners and thanks to all who participated in this Club competition.

Regards and say 'Goodbye' to Winter,

Joe Sipitkowski, LRC President

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