

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **The LRC is going paperless** in 2013 with our Club's newsletters. This newsletter just may be the last hard copy you may ever receive U.S. mailed to you. Because of increasing mailing costs (now 46¢ per letter), it was voted at the Fall annual meeting to begin sending our newsletters as .PDF files to the 2013 members. In order for the Club's newsletters to be sent by email, it is important that we have your current email address on file with the Club. Many members have already provided us their email addresses (great!). So when you renew your 2013 membership, be sure to provide your email address to the Club; if you have renewed your 2013 membership but have not provided the LRC with your email address, please call Elwin @ (413)773-3548 to let him know what it is. **NOTE:** LRC's annual dues are still \$35.00 per year.
- ✓ **Don't have a computer? Or email address?** No problem. The LRC will continue to mail copies of our newsletters and Club notices to those members who don't have access to a computer; newsletters & notices will still be U.S. mailed to you at the mailing address that we have on file. It is important that you call Elwin @ (413)773-3548 regardless to let him know you want the Club's notices U.S. mailed to you.
- ✓ **A Spring Work Bee** was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 27th and 28th for various projects and for cleaning up the Club grounds at the indoor and outdoor ranges. The rifle targets were repaired, the grounds at the rifle, handgun and indoor ranges were raked, and new target holders were installed at the 100 and 40 yards ranges. The holders consist of 1" opening chicken wire stapled to upright beams; the chicken wire will hold your paper/cardboard targets by using simple clothespins. (Several other gun clubs in the Greenfield area also use chicken wire for their ranges with good success.) The Club would like to thank these members for helping out at the Work Bee: Elwin B, Eric G, John K., Walt and Bob T., Dan K., Nathan H. and friend (?), Dennis M. and Joe S. Oh yes, Mary Lou and Samantha B. for the great workers' lunch food!
- ✓ **A website for LRC?** Yes, it's in the making as we speak. A recommendation was made at last Fall's Annual meeting that "the Club needs to have a website" on the Internet. (FYI, LRC is just one a handful of sporting clubs in Massachusetts that does NOT have a website.) So one of the Club's officers took on the task during the winter of creating a website for the LRC. As of this writing, our new website is not complete and needs more finishing touches before it becomes 'live' and on the World Wide Web (Internet).
- ✓ **Rebuilding the outdoor pavilion** will soon be a reality since the Town of Leyden recently issued the LRC a building permit for it at the outdoor rifle range. The permit allow us to reconstruct our old pavilion and is good for 6 months which means we must start re-construction of the pavilion in the Spring / early Summer.

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Newsletter
Joe Sipitkowski

NOTE! A special meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30th, @ 6:00 PM at the outdoor rifle range to set up a work schedule for re-constructing the pavilion. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS MEETING.

- ✓ **Are you a tradesmen, have skills or in business with a profession?** The LRC needs members who are experienced carpenters, electricians, general contractors and such who can assist us at our work bees for the repairs and improvements to the outdoor rifle range, and more importantly, the Club house/indoor range. As a member, you do not have to perform the labor but just provide your expertise and guidance for the work bee volunteers so all work can be done right. If you are willing to provide some of your time, please call Elwin @ (413)773-3548; the LRC really appreciates you helping us out with your expertise.

Give up your guns, give up your freedom.

- The LRC Officers and Directors

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