

# LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Leyden, Massachusetts

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- ✓ **The LRC Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in Bernardston, MA. Social hour will be from 6-7 PM followed by the dinner, holiday festivities and, of course, Elwin's repertoire of humor. Tickets are only \$12.50 PP. Please call Elwin @ (413)773-3548 for tickets or information.
  - ✓ **2 Fall Work Bees** were held in mid-September at the rifle range and at the indoor range just before our Annual Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A note of appreciation goes out to all LRC members who took the time out of their busy schedules to help. A special note of thanks goes to Mary Lou B. for making the great luncheon food at both work bees. The Club is successful because of the dedicated members for sacrificing their time (and sweat) for our work bees.
  - ✓ **LRC Honorary Memberships** were proposed and approved at our 2008 Annual Meeting for 2009. What does this mean? An 'honorary LRC membership', i.e., no annual dues, would be issued to any person who :
    - has been an LRC member in good standing for the last 10 consecutive years and
    - is 70 years of age or older.
- If you believe you are eligible for an LRC honorary membership in 2009, please contact Elwin.
- ✓ **LRC 2009 annual membership** dues are still only \$25.00 per year, -no price increase. If you haven't renewed, please give or send-in your dues to Elwin Barton. Also, be sure to always carry your 2009 LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds; it is for your benefit as well as the Club's. Also, take the time to read the Club's bulletin board at the rifle range. Notices are posted there for shooting schedules, work bees, temporary range closures, etc., regarding the Club's activities and events.
  - ✓ **At the Annual Meeting**, the LRC officers were elected for 2009 (see right border). A new position of Range Maintenance Officer was created to begin scheduling routine chores (lawn mowing, grounds clean-up, trash removal, etc.) about the Club to ensure that the ranges are maintained at all times. Club member, Scott Healey, accepted the nomination for our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Range Maintenance Officer. (Thank you, Scott, for always helping out the Club.)
  - ✓ **Logging on the rifle range** is still on-going (as you have noticed). At the Annual Meeting, Elwin B. gave a report on this year's logging and the coffers (\$\$\$) the Club received from it. In all, the Club did well from the logging. The logging will resume in the Spring of 2009 so be aware of this when at the rifle range.
  - ✓ **Junior Shooters are** still wanted at the LRC rifle matches. If you know of any of youths who might be interested in rifle shooting, please bring them to our rifle matches, -even if just to watch. If we are going to have any chance of continuing our sport for the next generation, it begins with us to ensure that they develop the interest at a young age.
  - ✓ **The High Power Four-Match winners** for 2008 are: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kevin Tirrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Steve Brown, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Scott Healey. There were a total 6 LRC member who completed all four matches with many shooters completing 3 out of 4. For 2009, it's hoped that more LRC members participate in the high power rifle matches. It \*is\* a good time.
  - ✓ **Our first ever LRC .22 cal Mini-Palma match** was held early in July '08. The match involved members shooting at 100 yards - prone position only, firing (3) 15-round slow-fire timed stages using their .22 rifles at reduced 800, 900, and 1,000 yard Palma rifle targets. (It's not as easy as you may think.) There were 8 shooters for the mini-Palma match and it really was a good time. The Club will schedule more .22 mini-Palma matches for 2009, so come out with your favorite "one-holer" .22 rifle and have some fun. All are welcome.

## 2009 Officers:

**President**  
Eric Goodchild

**Vice President**  
Steve Brown

**Treasurer**  
Elwin Barton

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

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**Range Maintenance Officer**  
Scott Healey

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**Newsletter**  
Joe Sipitkowski

The best of health and wishes for the Holiday season and during 2009 from,

The LRC Officers and Directors

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