

LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER #4

Leyden, Massachusetts

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(The last LRC Club Newsletter was mailed in March 2005. It's been a l-o-n-g time that I've shared news and information regarding our Club with you. I apologize for my tardiness.)

- ✓ **Leyden Rifle Club's Fund Raiser :** We are having a fund raiser to help cover our expenses in the on-going legal battle with both the Leyden Planning Board and the rifle range abutters (from Massachusetts and Vermont). The LRC fund raiser will involve a raffle of 6 different firearms which are listed in the back of each ticket. The drawing will be December 3rd at the annual LRC Christmas party. Winners will be notified by phone with the 1st ticket drawn getting 1st choice, the 2nd ticket drawn getting 2nd choice, and so on. Note: All ATF's rules and Massachusetts' laws apply to the transfer of the firearms. All firearm transfers will be handled by Jurek Brothers. Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each with 5 tickets sent to every LRC member. Please do your best to sell the fund raiser tickets and, for additional tickets, call either Herm at (413)624-3213 or Elwin at (413)773-3548. Please make checks payable to the "LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB" and send to Elwin Barton, 24 Old Frizzell Hill Br., Leyden, MA 01337. The LRC thanks you for your support.
- ✓ **Reminder :** Our 2005 Annual Meeting will be held at our Clubhouse on Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00PM (sharp!). On the agenda will be the normal club business, an update on the litigations against our Club, as well as the election of the Club Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) for 2006. Please plan on attending this important Club meeting; your presence is greatly appreciated.
- ✓ **Fall Work Bee :** Before our Annual Meeting, we will have an informal work bee to clean up at the outdoor rifle range and at the Clubhouse's grounds. The work bee will begin from ~8:00 AM to 12:00 noon; a luncheon provided to all members who help out. We'll meet at Elwin Barton's house in the morning and go from there. Also, we will need of a **leaf blower**; if any member could bring one to the work bee, that would be super as well as save us a lot of work (and our backs).
- ✓ **Speaking of work bees, . . .** I cannot say enough about the unbelievable support that our LRC members gave at the 2005 Spring Work Bee on April 23rd & 24th. According to my unofficial head count, there were **22** LRC members (myself included) who assisted over the 2-day work bee. The work bee attendance accounted for ~10% of LRC's total membership, -which is phenomenal for any activity at a sporting club. We accomplished so much that weekend. I'd like to personally thank the following members for their support (you'll know who you are): Elwin B., Eric G., Henry S., Leon S., Jim C., Gordon and Loretta H., Dave K., Priscilla M., Calvin H., Brian + Marty + Dennis, Leo B., Joe B., Scott H., Carey B., Steve B., Charles M., Rick H., and Woody L. (for the wood chipper). A very special "*Thank you*" goes to Mary Lou Barton for preparing all the great food for the luncheons on both days. It truly can be said that, "Many hands *do* make light work."; I thank all of you for giving your time to the LRC.
- ✓ **Membership Cards :** Please carry your LRC membership card with you while on the Club grounds; it is for your benefit as well as the Club's.
- ✓ **Trash :** All LRC members are requested to pick up their brass and/or trash. Many members are abiding by this but there is still some trash being left on the rifle range. PLEASE KEEP LRC's RANGES CLEAN AT ALL TIMES!
- ✓ **Did you know ?** The Denison Center was sold by the National Rifle Association? Yes it is true. How does this sale by the NRA affects the LRC remains to be seen. I'm hoping that nothing arises from the sale but, in light of the Club's recent litigation, who knows? Hold on to your hats folks....
- ✓ Finally, remember this is your Club, please help support it.

Regards,

Joe Sipitkowski, LRC President

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