

North Leominster Rod and Gun Club

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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: We are over six weeks into the new year and a lot has happened already. We had a very successful New Year Shoot on Jan 1st and have held the first three trap doubles league shoots so far, with three more to go. Our Board of Directors has been busy planning events for this year and most of the schedule has been finalized. Events scheduled for the remainder of this month and the next four months are shown on the back of this newsletter. We may not be the largest club around, but not many can keep up with the schedule that we offer to our members. Welcome back to all of you and I hope you enjoy what we have in store for you again this year...

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2009 CLUB ELECTION RESULTS - The slate of officers and directors that were elected this year include Bob Harris as Vice President, Maureen Siemen as Secretary, Paul Goguen as Treasurer, and myself as President. We also elected three directors for 3 year terms and they are Rocky Gravbelle, Al Hinz, and Dick Souliere. I have filled three of the appointments that I am allowed to make to the BOD for my term this year. They are Gerry Curley, Mike Estep and Dick Friend.. Congratulations to all!! A complete listing of club officers and directors is also shown on the back of this newsletter and is also posted on our website.

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE SUPPER, MARCH 19 - Our annual corned beef & cabbage supper is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, and will be served from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. There is no meeting that night, but this has become an annual event that we try to hold as close to St. Patrick's Day as possible. The cost of this meal is \$9.50. There is a signup sheet already posted in the clubhouse or you can signup by email to my address or by calling me at (978) 597-8592. The cutoff for signups is Sunday, March 15th..

EASTER MEAT RAFFLE on FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - We had a very successful meat raffle last November and following that we discussed the possibility of having a few more during the course of this year. The first of those raffles will be held at the clubhouse on Friday, March 27th, from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. We will have prizes of hams, pork and beef roasts, steaks, etc., during the course of the evening. We will also offer free food and table snacks during the event. This is a great chance to have an evening of fun while helping the club with a major fundraising effort. I hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there...

FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION DAY (COLLEGE) - We will be holding a firearms safety education day for college students at the club on Friday, April 10th, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Our rifle and pistol ranges will be in full use by this event that day as will 2 ranges at skeet and trap. This is an annual event that is held here and is co-sponsored by our club and GOAL. Advance signup is required. You can contact GOAL directly or let me know who you want signed up and I will forward it to them.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Our next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, starting at 7:00 PM. As usual we will offer a supper before the meeting starting at 6:00 PM. A signup sheet for the supper will be posted a few weeks before the meeting. Look for it at the clubhouse.

CLUB WIDE SPRING CLEANUP, MAY 9 - Our Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, starting at 8:00 AM and continuing until all of the scheduled cleanup jobs are completed. **ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED UNTIL THE CLEANUP IS COMPLETED.** Please join us. The more people that we have working the sooner we can finish the job. We need people to work outside as well as inside of the clubhouse and skeet range house to put things in order for the summer. If you can make it please bring yard tools or whatever else you think we could use that day. See you there...

REGISTERED TRAP SHOOTS - We have six registered trap shoots scheduled for the year. The dates of those shoots are also shown on the back of this newsletter. The former restriction of calibers that could be used at the rifle and pistol ranges during these events no longer exists. **WORKERS NEEDED** - In another attempt to reduce the cost of operating the club we rely heavily upon volunteer workers to run these events. No experience is needed and training is given to anyone who wants to help us out. There are minimum age requirements for most of the positions. If you would like to help please get in touch with Jim Armitage, our ATA Shoot Chairman, or you can contact any of the officers or directors of the club and we will get you involved in the program. It is not too early to volunteer. Our first shoot is in May and we need time to train those who do not have past experience...

REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT - We had a highly successful re-entry into the registered skeet shooting world last year after an absence of about 15 years. We have another shoot scheduled for this coming **August 16th**. Maureen Siemen is the chairperson for that event and they, too, can always use help in working the shoot. You can contact Maureen or our Skeet Chairman, Mike Wutch, to see what is needed. Again, you can also contact any club officer or director to get things started.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN - As I have mentioned previously, we are using the email system as much as possible to get information out to our club members. That saves a significant amount of cost normally associated with using the US Postal System. Emails sent from the club will come from both of my email addresses (shown above). Please list those addresses in your address books so that things sent from them will not hit junk mail. The first of two renewal notices sent this year went out by email wherever possible and it was apparent that a great deal of the recipients did not see them. That caused us to have to mail the final notices to everyone to keep from having lapsed memberships. You can also expect to see newsletters in your emails every two months and other notices of events coming up that we want to give the widest dissemination. Please check your email often to keep up with the latest at NLRG. Another excellent source of info about us, including seeing notices and newsletters, is to visit our website whenever you want updates from us. That site is updated constantly.

FAMILY OUTING - Attempts to have a good family outing for the past couple of years have not worked out all that well. You obviously would prefer that we do things differently for that event. We have a date in July earmarked tentatively as the date for the outing again this year and are interested in hearing from you with suggestions about what you would like us to schedule for events, food, etc., etc... If you have suggestions let us know, please.

SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR FEB - JUN 2009