



The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

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New LSC officers were sworn in during the January meeting. They are John Abbott (Board #1), Dale Maybury (Board #4), Brian Herzog (Communications Secretary), Sue Anganes (Recording Secretary), and Matt Franco (President).

LSC Members,

I am excited for the amazing opportunity of serving as President of LSC.

Joining LSC was a great experience for me, where I have made new friends, had fun using the club's amenities and worked on many projects helping various committees to enhance the club. I got to know Bill Potter and I share his optimism for LSC's bright future.

I have been impressed with the diverse skills and capabilities I've seen in the members of this club and I encourage each of you to approach committee chairs and see where you can help. Hard work from talented members has driven us to this point, and together is how we keep improving and moving LSC forward to provide updated facilities and capabilities for everyone.

I love LSC and I am looking forward to my new position. All of the incredible support of the E-Board, the committees and many of you has been inspiring. I am confident our best years are ahead of us and that together we will continue to make LSC the memorable and family friendly place that it is.

Matt
LSC President

CLUB CALENDAR

General Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 pm.

TRAP - Open Sundays at 1 pm and Wednesdays at 10 am, weather permitting. If you have any questions please contact John Siljander at trap@lowellsc.org.

SKEET - The skeet range is open year round to club members and the public on Sunday at 1pm and Wednesday at 10am. Any shotgun, including your favorite hunting gun, can be used for skeet. New shooters are especially welcome so join us on the skeet field!


FRIDAY NIGHT PISTOL SHOOT

6:30-10:30 pm on the indoor range. New shooters are welcome to come and learn.

ARCHERY - Shooting on Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 pm. This is open to the public and archery equipment is available for use.

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Trap Teams Forming

Teams are now forming for the 2017 Greater Lowell Trap League. There are usually four LSC teams, and new shooters of all skill levels are welcome. If you're interested in joining a team, or would just like to learn more about the sport of trap, please contact John Siljander, Trap Committee Chair, at trap@lowellsc.org or stop by the trap field Sundays at 1pm or Wednesdays at 10am.



The 2016 Lowell B trap team took 1st Place in the Greater Lowell Trap League with 13 wins and 3 losses.

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp 2017 Club Sponsorship

The club will be sponsoring two teens, ages 13-17 to the MJCC again this year. The club will pay half of the \$850 tuition for the two weeks of camp for each camper. The other half of the tuition will be the responsibility of the parents. The camp runs from August 6-18, 2017. If your child is interested, please have him or her write a brief essay as to why they would like to attend and submit it to the club as soon as possible. Mail it to the address on the front of this newsletter, attention of the e-board. For more information on MJCC, see their website: <http://www.juniorconservationcamp.org>.

The MJCC provides a unique experience of conservation, shooting sports, and outdoor recreation education. The camp's program introduces young people to the ethical responsibilities of hunting and fishing in order to foster careful stewardship of our natural resources.



The Club Needs You on a Committee!

The members of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club owns and operates the entire club. There is an elected board to help oversee routine management of the club, but everything that happens at the club is a result of the efforts of members like you.

The LSC By-Laws creates a committee structure to ensure that necessary work gets done, the future of the club is planned for, and the Club continues to evolve and meet the needs of the members. To make this happen, members need to be involved with the various committees that run the club.

An overview of LSC committees, both standing and ad-hoc committees, is listed below (complete descriptions and list of current committee members are available at <http://lowellsc.org/about/contact/>). If you've got an interest in a particular area or a unique skill that you could use to benefit the club, please contact the committee chair or LSC President Matt Franco.

If you see a need that is not covered by the existing committees, volunteer to start a new committee.

New members are always encouraged to serve on a committee. It's a great way to meet other members

who share your interests and to learn more about the club.

Remember, the club is only as good as its members. Get involved to help make the club better for all of us!

Archery Committee

Jon Lyna, Chair – archery@lowellsc.org

Big Bore Range Committee

Dale Maybury, Chair – bigbore@lowellsc.org

Black Powder Committee

Al Hodgson, Chair – blackpowder@lowellsc.org

By-Law Committee

Paul Husted, Chair – bylaws@lowellsc.org

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Finance and Audit Committee

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Fish and Game Committee

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Nominating and Elections Committee

Bill Potter, Chair – nominating@lowellsc.org

Pistol Range Committee

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Planning Committee

OPEN, Chair – planning@lowellsc.org

Skeet Committee

Clive Nelson, Chair – skeet@lowellsc.org

Trap Committee

John Siljander, Chair – trap@lowellsc.org

Training Committee

Charles O'Donnell, Chair – training@lowellsc.org

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Thur & Fri 10am-7pm
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CLUB WI-FI

Thanks to club member Rich Beskosty, the club now has wi-fi.

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NRA COURSES

The Lowell Sportsmen's Club continues to offer NRA certified courses and is currently scheduling classes. All revenue generated goes to the club, and these classes serve as an excellent recruiting source for new members.

HOME FIREARMS SAFETY

Home Firearms Safety classes consist of one Saturday, 8:00am-4:30 pm. All course materials, firearms, and ammunition are included. \$120 for non-members, \$100 for members. See back page of newsletter for dates. Contact Charlie O'Donnell to register: 978-467-4325 or training@lowellsc.org.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INDOOR RANGE WILL BE RESERVED FOR CLASSES FROM 8AM TO 4:30PM.

LSC RANGE SAFETY ORIENTATION

This is a requirement of the LSC for any member who wishes to use the indoor pistol range or the outdoor big bore range without having a qualified range safety officer present. It is strongly suggested that each member take this course. This course is free to all club members. Contact Jim Martin at 978-455-9694 if you have never taken the orientation or received a range use card.

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE

Cost: \$50.00 members and \$65.00 non-members. There are also additional fees applicants will have to pay to the NRA to complete the RSO certification process. Successful completion of this class qualifies attendees to apply for certification from the NRA as a Range Safety Officer. To register for any of the NRA courses, contact: Instructor Charlie O'Donnell at 978-467-4325 or training@lowellsc.org.

Utah CCW : Contact Charlie O'Donnell for details 978-467-4325 - utah@lowellsc.org.

2017 BADGES

If you haven't gotten your new badge for this year you may want to confirm you've paid your dues bill. The fee is \$180 with yearly assessment or \$360 with full assessment. Life members also need to pay either \$40 yearly or \$220 full assessment to receive gate code. Mail a check to the club or pay online at the website.

First Aid Kits

Did you know there are multiple first aid kits located throughout the Club? Take a minute to familiarize yourself with them, to save time in case of an emergency.



- ❖ Clubhouse kitchen (on the wall above the trash can)
- ❖ Indoor range (on the counter near the windows)
- ❖ Big Bore Range (on the wall by the large table)
- ❖ Skeet Field (in the skeet house)
- ❖ Trap Field #1 (under the shelter)

If you use anything out of a kit, or notice a kit is empty, please notify Pattie Brick of the Safety Committee (safety@lowellsc.org) so it can be restocked.



Ice Fishing Outing

About 20 people turned out for the 2017 Ice Fishing Outing, including quite a few first-time fisherman. The pond was stocked less than a week before the outing, and let's just say the pond remains well-stocked.

More photos can be found at <http://lowellsc.org/photos>



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Range Rules Refresher

To start the New Year off right, read through this summary of LSC's Range Rules to make sure all members are using the club's ranges fairly and safely.

Archery

Outdoor archery range is available during all daylight hours. Indoor archery is open to the public on Thursday nights 6:30-9:30. No sign-in is necessary.

Big Bore

The Big Bore range is restricted to members (and guests) 8:00 am to dusk Monday-Saturday, and 1pm to dusk on Sundays. Members must sign the log on the clubhouse porch, and hang the red flags (if they are not already up). Members must also sign the log down at the Big Bore range, in the box on the back of the main sign. Shooting on this range is limited to 25 and 100 yards, paper targets only, and please be sure to clean up after yourself (all target debris, spent brass, and any other trash).

Blackpowder

The Blackpowder range is restricted to members (and guests) 8:00 am to dusk Monday-Saturday, and 1pm to dusk on Sundays. Muzzleloaders and Blackpowder firearms only, no sign-in is necessary.

Outdoor .22 Range

The Outdoor .22 range is restricted to members (and guests) 8:00 am to dusk Monday-Saturday, and 1pm to dusk on Sundays. .22 caliber firearms only, no sign-in is necessary.

Indoor Range

The Indoor range is available 24/7 to members with a door access PIN (to get your own PIN, see Jim Martin for the orientation course). Ammunition on this range is limited to lead, frangible, or nylon-jacketed only: no metal jacketed bullets allowed. The Friday Night Fun Shoot is open to the public on Friday nights 6:30-9:00. All users of this range must sign in on the log on the counter inside the indoor range.

Trap

Public trap runs Sundays at 1pm and Wednesdays at 10, weather permitting. All shooters should sign in with the range officer on duty. Members may also use the spring throwers on Trap Fields 3 & 4, by signing the log on the clubhouse porch and picking up the spring from the cabinet (be sure to return the spring when finished). Use of the spring trap throwers is restricted to members (and guests) 8:00 am to dusk Monday-Saturday, and 1pm to dusk on Sundays.

Skeet

Public skeet runs Sundays at 1pm and Wednesdays at 10, and Thursdays evenings at 6:30 in the summer. All shooters should sign in with the range officer on duty.

Fishing Pond

The Fishing Pond is available during daylight hours year round, but may be closed in the winter due to thin ice. Use is limited to members who have purchased pond buttons. All fisherman must sign the log by the pond, and respect the Open/Closed signs posted. Fishing is not allowed after the pond is stocked before an event.

All ranges are open for special events throughout the year – check the website for the complete schedule: <http://lowellsc.org/calendar>

The Club's complete range rules for each range, as well as the LSC's Standard Operating Procedures, are also available on the website at <http://lowellsc.org/about/range-rules-by-laws/>



Dave Gordon is awarded his winning fish from the 2016 JB Lemasurier Fisherman's Challenge. The trophy is award by Doug Perry, who donated his time and resources to mount the trophy fish. The next JB Lemasurier Fisherman's Challenge is Saturday, April 29, 2017 - see if you can out-fish Dave!

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Big Bore Range Improvement Project Update

Work on the Big Bore Range Improvement Project continues to progress, and we're still anticipating breaking ground on the project this year.

For the earth-moving portion of the construction project, the committee has been working with Dick Bagni of JODI General Contractors, and are very comfortable that work will be pulled off without a hitch. After the snow melts and the ground thaws, the protective waddles and silt fences can be erected to begin the project (which can begin when we're ready, thanks to a recent permit extension granted by the Chelmsford Conservation Commission). The committee also has general quotes for trees, fencing, paving, and other range amenities.

With most of those aspects in hand, the committee has shifted much of its focus over the past months to designing the No Blue Sky (NBS) system. This will be a series of overhead baffles and other barriers that will prevent stray rounds from leaving the range. Using designs from the NRA Range Sourcebook, in addition to consulting range design experts and other gun clubs who have already erected NBS systems, committee members are weighing the strengths, weaknesses, costs, and construction and maintenance realities of various options. This includes building models of different designs for live-firing testing, to see how they withstand repeated hits from large caliber rounds at different distances.

Remember, any kind of barrier is a last-ditch effort to keep rounds on the range. Safe and responsible handling of firearms is the first line of defense, and is required of every person on the range at all times. Increased security will be introduced when the new range opens, and anyone violating range rules will be dealt with by the E-Board.

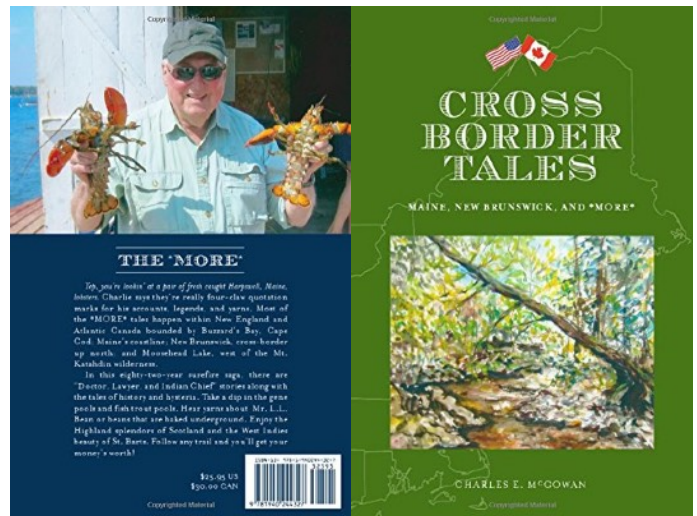
This committee work continues diligently with multiple meetings each month. Look for additional updates in the weeks and months to come.

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CROSS BORDER TALES

Dr. Charles E. McGowan is an author and also a member of our club. Charlie grew up in Winchester where his father was a postman. After finishing his graduate and post graduate schooling at Tufts and Boston City Hospital, Charlie practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Lowell for over 35 years, commuting from his home in Chelmsford where they raised 10 children.

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*The George Rockwell Memorial Scholarship was named after Dr McGowan's great uncle (a cross-border farmer and lumberjack) and is established at the Nackawic Senior High School for a needy student's higher education.



LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Members only

JB LEMASURIER Fisherman's Challenge

**Breakfast 7am on the Pond
Challenge 8am - 12pm**

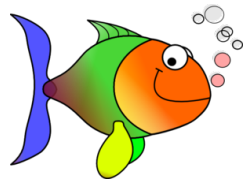
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Save these Dates! and watch for more new events being added on the website: lowellsc.org/calendar

March

18 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

April

15 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

29 Saturday JB Lemaurier Fishing Challenge (8-12)

30 Sunday Al Unger Kids Fishing Derby (7:30-11:30)

May

Spring Skeet League May-June

13 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

20 Saturday Flea Market & Pork Roast

June

3 Sunday Field Day (12-4)

17 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

July

3&4 Mon/Tues July 4th Booth

15 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

August

5 Saturday Shooter's Challenge

Fall Skeet League August – October

19 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

September

9 Saturday Open House (12-4)

16 Saturday GLTL Trap Banquet (9-3)

23 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

30 Saturday Chief Range Safety Officer Course Part 1

October

7 Saturday Chief Range Safety Officer Course Part 2

21 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

15 Sunday Boundary Walk (9-2)

22 Sunday Ruger 10/22 Shoot

November

18 Saturday Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)

19 Sunday Turkey Shoot & Hearty Lunch

December

12 Tuesday Potluck General Meeting (8pm)

16 Saturday Basic Pistol Class (8-4:30 Hall & Indoor range)

