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Terry Goode Retiring: Collectors Firearms & Militaria Closing

You may have heard by now that the gun shop in Vinal Square, Collectors Firearms & Militaria, is closing. Owner, and long-time LSC member, Terry Goode, is finally retiring after almost 50 years in the firearms business.

Growing up in Billerica, Terry joined the US Navy after high school. He served two years active duty, including a tour aboard the USS Boston. After the Navy, Terry moved with his wife to Lowell, and later Chelmsford.

Terry first worked for UPS, but after an accident, an agent at the VA helped Terry get his FFL. The first gun "shop" was out of Terry's house, which he operated part-time while also serving with the Chelmsford Fire Department. Business did so well TAG's Gun Shop moved into a building on the north side of Vinal Square in 1971.

As business grew, Terry bought a building across the Square to expand into. In the late 70's and early 80's, Terry worked with partner Bob Parlange, who later bought Riley's.

By 1987, Terry's schedule and responsibilities at home prompted him to sell TAGs. Then, in 1992, Terry reopened as Collectors Firearms & Militaria. By the late 90's, gun laws became much more strict, including a three month period when the shop was unable to operate at all, due to a Cease and Desist letter from the Attorney General. To stay in business, Terry opened a location in Pelham, NH. He kept the Vinal Square location, but moved into the basement space the shop currently operates in.

The successful business earned Terry exclusive distributorship for many brands, including Browning, Bear, and Buck. Buck knives were a huge seller, especially at Christmas. Many wives hated the shop most of the year for taking so much of their husbands' time and money, but at Christmas it was the best place to go for the right gift.

Over the years, Terry has developed a tremendous reputation within the firearms community. Not only is he known to offer a fair deal buying or selling, but also as an authority on gun values and historical firearms. He would frequently be consulted by attorneys, estates, and even local Police Departments to assess the value of a collection or for his expertise on gun laws.

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CLUB CALENDAR - Lowellsc.org/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, Wednesday at 10am and Thursday at 6:30pm. 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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Collectors is also well-known among the gun-buying public. In addition to the two shops, Terry and his staff would attend up to 13 gun shows a year. Terry views shows as a double-edge sword - sales were always tremendous, but they would empty out his stock leaving the shops bare. In recent years, internet sales have increased as well. Lately, Collectors lists about 15 guns online each week, usually selling 8-10 of them. But guns never go online until after they've been in the shop for a time, so local customers always get first crack at them.

When the FFL for NH was up for renewal in 2016, Terry decided not to renew it. The compromise with his wife was that by having only one shop, he'd work fewer hours, and ease into retirement. Closing the Pelham location meant he could spend more time in the Vinal Square shop, so hours and inventory there increased.

Now the MA FFL is due to expire in August, and Terry will not be renewing it. As a consequence, the shop will close on July 31st, 2017, and Terry will (probably) start enjoying full retirement.

Retirement will give Terry more time for pursuits he enjoys. He plans to continue being active in the many organizations he has been involved in over the years. Terry joined the Lowell Sportsmen's Club in 1966, and has been an active, well-known member since. The Wednesday morning trap shooters have Terry and Joe Bova to thank for starting that event. They'd shoot trap from 9-11, then head to Vinal Square for coffee and shoot the breeze, after which Terry would open the shop at noon.

Terry also ran a military rifle shoot on the big bore range, with Ken Larson. This event was limited to military rifles older than 1957 and a caliber bigger than 6.5mm. Early on they had 8 or 9 shooters, which grew to dozens in later years. TAG's would always supply prizes. The event was a real challenge too: 5 rounds in 30 seconds from three different positions, with multipliers for sitting/prone and offhand. It was especially challenging because Terry and Ken would arrange shooters to their liking, deliberately putting new shooters on the line to throw off people who took their shooting seriously.

Terry remembers when he joined LSC, all new members were required to do KP duty - serving food and then cleaning the kitchen for the monthly meetings. Another favorite was to bring Vets down to the 100 yard range to let them shoot his military rifles, whether they were members or not.

Terry has the collection of military rifles to support it. His particular interests are in M1 Carbines, German Lugers (at one point he had 68 of them!), and just about any military rifle from 1860-1945. With this kind of interest, it makes sense that Terry is a founding member of the Fort Constitution Arms Collectors group. Historical firearms have been a lifelong passion for Terry, and retiring means he'll finally have time to enjoy them. Maybe travel with his wife, too.

Although there have been a few inquiries about buying the business, nothing concrete has materialized. As a result, Collectors Firearms & Militaria will close on July 31st, 2017. Over the next few months, be sure to stop in to say hi, look around, and buy some guns and ammo. But most of all, let Terry know how much of a respected and appreciated member of our community he is. Thank you Terry for everything, and we'll look for you at the range.

JB Lemasurier Fishing Challenge

Even before the first lure hit the water for the 2017 JB Lemasurier Fishing Challenge everyone knew who was going to win. About 15 members tried their best, but in the end Bill Potter lived up to his prediction of being the WINNER with a catch of 15 inches. Congratulations to Bill and the members of the Pond Committee for a successful event, and thanks to all the members who came out to enjoy the morning on the pond. Photos of the event are on our website and Facebook page, and remember - fishing buttons are available for \$20 for members and are good all year.



Merrimack Valley Pistol League

Congratulations to both LSC teams in the 2016-17 Merrimack Valley Pistol League. The Lowell Misfits took 1st Place in the D Division, and Lowell AVCO survived a shoot-off to earn 1st Place in the B Division. Trophies for both teams were awarded at the MVPL Banquet at the end of April – great shooting everyone!



The Lowell Misfits are: Pat Raduazzo, (Captain), Bruce Waite (Co-Captain), Rob Raduazzo, Jim Rayball, Julia Rayball, Alison Ludwig, Duffy Donovan, Kathy Navonis, Craig Milliagn, and Beth Raduazzo.



Lowell AVCO: Alfred Guerrero, Brian Herzog, Brian Campbell, Guy Falabella (Captain), Richard Plzak, JAD Duggan (Co-Captain), Chris Weinbeck. Not pictured: Joe Townsend, James Zegowitz, Preston Fiske, Grigory Rutman, Herb Cline, Charlie O'Donnell, Sean Hewet.

Wed 5-7pm
Thur & Fri 10am-7pm
Saturday 9am-4pm

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Member's Field Day & Club Photo



Mark your calendar to be at the club by noon on Saturday, June 3rd! We'll take an updated Club photo, and afterwards all the ranges will be open. There will also be a chicken barbecue and scavenger hunt for a free membership! Bring the family.



Monthly Work Parties

Reminder! There are monthly work parties for members looking to earn back their work fee or for anyone able to help out the club. April's work party was a general grounds cleanup and prep for the fishing events. May's work party focused on the trap and skeet fields. Check the website and Facebook for dates for upcoming work parties – contact Darlene Parker or Brian Herzog at events@lowellsc.org if you have a work party suggestion.

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 to schedule a class.

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.

NRA CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS

The NRA Chief Range Safety Officer class is being offered at the Lowell Sportsmen's Club in 2017. The class consists of two sessions: NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT) on Saturday, September 30 and Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) training on Saturday, October 7. Class will begin promptly at 8:00 AM and end by about 5:00 PM on both days. It is necessary to successfully complete both sessions and register with the NRA to achieve certification as CRSO. Students who have successfully completed NRA BIT within two years prior to the class may be excused from the BIT session on September 30.

A CRSO candidate must be an NRA certified RSO prior to attending the Chief Range Safety Officer class.

The NRA CRSO class is designed to develop CRSOs who possess the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to train, certify and supervise NRA RSOs and to provide the essential information required to develop Range Standard Operating Procedures.

The cost of this class is \$200.00 for non-members and \$100.00 for members of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club. There are also additional fees that applicants will have to pay to the NRA to complete the certification process.

To obtain more information or to register, please contact Rick by email at chief_rso@lowellsc.org or by telephone at 617-699-7068.

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

Big Bore Update

Just a quick update on the ongoing Big Bore Range Improvement Project: In an effort to reduce the cost of the project, the committee has developed alterations to the design of the range which would eliminate the need for the (very expensive) culvert. Club member Mike Govoni, recently joined the committee, and immediately put to work his engineering skills to redraw the plans.

These plans have been submitted to the contractor for an updated quote. The new plans will also need to be resubmitted to the Conservation Commission for approval. If all goes as planned – that is, the design is both approved and significantly less expensive to build – construction will begin as soon as the contractor can be scheduled.

Work also continues on the No Blue Sky baffle system that will prevent stray rounds leaving the range. Remember, safety is paramount at all times when using Club facilities, and never more so than on the Big Bore Range. Any abuse or carelessness that causes a safety concern will be addressed by the E-Board.

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M1 Garand Raffle

Congratulations to the raffle winners. Brian Witts was the winner of the M1 Garand, and Jack Harding took home the Simmons rifle scope. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this Club fundraiser, and a very special thank you to Al Guerrero and Bob Goyette who generously donated the prizes.



New Shelter at the Outdoor .22 Range!

A new shelter was installed on the outdoor .22 range on May 1st, 2017. This started as a suggestion by a member. Although it took awhile, it's a great new benefit for all members to use. Thanks to everyone who made this possible, especially John Lemasurier for the granite retaining wall.

Stop by to check it out – and use the .22 range while you're there!

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trophy, derby winners also receive their mounted catch, donated by Doug Perry of Wildlife Artistry.

Visit our website or Facebook page for more photos of the day. Thank you to the kids and families who attended, the volunteers who helped the day run smoothly, and to Sandy and Susan Unger who sounded the horn to start off the derby in Al's memory.

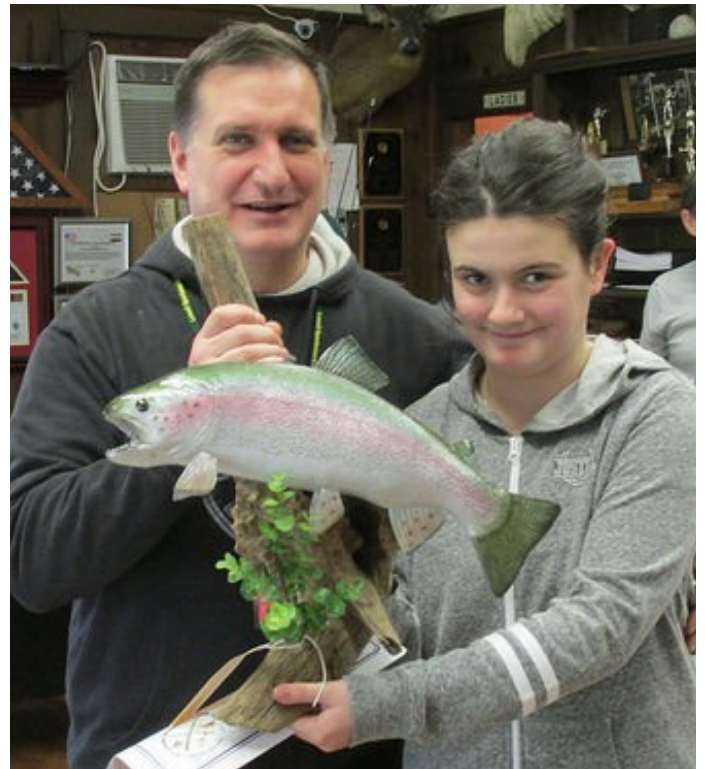


KIDS DERBY 2017

The 2017 Al Unger Memorial Kids Fishing Derby was a big success again this year. The weather was perfect as over 40 kids tried to pull the biggest fish out of the pond.



Trevor Kinney earned that honor with a 14 inch trout, followed by Matthew Griffith and Timothy Griffith each with fish over 12 inches. The winner of the 2016 Al Unger Kid's Fishing Derby, Elizabeth DiPalma collected her prize-winning fish. In addition to their name on the





LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Flea Market & Pork Barbeque

50 Swain Road, N. Chelmsford

Saturday, May 20, 2017



8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(indoors if rain)

To reserve a table
leave a message at
978-692-2622
\$20 per Table
\$15 Members



LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Members FIELD DAY

Saturday, June 3, 2017

12pm – 4pm

Bring the family out to enjoy your club, and
meet other members who make this club great!

Club Photo 12pm - Come early!
Show future generations how strong
our club is in 2017

Ranges will be open - test your skill or learn a new one!

Chicken Barbecue - \$5 with membership card, guests \$10



Complete the Club Scavenger Hunt for
\$5 off your meal and entry into a raffle for a
one year paid membership (\$115 value)



LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
Open to Everyone!

Spring Skeet League

May 18 – July 27, 2017

Shoot a total of 8 games during any of the public sessions
from May 18 – July 27. Games must be scored by
another league member. Will follow NSSA rules.

Enter at any time, pay for games + one-time entry fee of
\$4 Members, \$5 non-members.

**The winner will be the competitor
with the highest overall score**

The winner will get:

- ★ A Trophy
- ★ A cash prize based on entry fees collected
- ★ The admiration of fellow skeet shooters

A competitor drawn at random will receive
4 FREE Skeet games!

More information to come on:

Fall Skeet League & Skeet Championship

To enter or for further details please contact Clive Nelson at skeet@lowellsc.org



LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
50 Swain Road, North Chelmsford

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 9, 2017

12pm – 4pm, Rain or Shine

PUBLIC WELCOME

kids' games and crafts Skeet & Trap Tutorials
FREE FOOD Fishing Activities

Demonstrations and exhibits happening throughout the day.
Go to lowellsc.org for more information.

PISTOL AND RIFLE EVENTS



Mass Audubon Birds of Prey

Colonial Reenactors



Steel Challenge – Steel target shooting



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

May

13 Saturday *Spring Skeet League May -July*
Home Firearms Safety (8-4:30)
20 Saturday Flea Market & Pork Roast (8-1)

June

3 Sunday Field Day & Club Photo at Noon! (12-4)
10 Saturday NRA RSO Safety Course (8-5)
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)

