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Big Bore Range Special Meeting Results

The March 26, special meeting to discuss and vote on the big bore range improvement project was held as planned. The meeting was well attended, with 133 total members showing up to participate. A presentation on the details of the project was presented by the committee members. There was Q&A from the members, a break for lunch, and ultimately a vote. When all the votes were counted, the final tally was 122 votes in favor of proceeding with the project and 11 opposed. This vote gave the go-ahead to move ahead, finalize the details for the project, begin fundraising in earnest, seek financing for the project if that is necessary, and line up a contractor. The committee has met several times since and has formed several subcommittees to address various aspects of the project as there is a great deal of work yet to be done.



On behalf of the committee members who have invested years of volunteer effort getting to this point, I would like to thank all of the members who took the time to attend this meeting, listen, share their opinions, and make their voices heard. It is the interest and support of the membership that will make this project a success.

As has been mentioned, this will be a large, complex and expensive project. In spite of the cost, this will yield an enduring result that will not only provide us all a greatly improved facility, but will provide ongoing dividends to our club and is a legacy that we can all leave to our next generations. The total budget voted for this project is \$250,000. Of this, \$40,000 will be paid from the general club treasury, and the remaining amount will need to be raised. This money will come from a combination of member donations, fundraisers such as raffles or auctions, bank (or other) financing, and grants or sponsorships that can be secured.

All members should by now have received a pledge letter outlining the our initial donation recognition structure. We hope that all members will make some donation in whatever amount they are able.

The more we are able to raise in this manner, the less we will need to seek financing for. We have already received \$13,138 in donations from a handful of members as well as an M1 Garand rifle and other very nice items that will be used for auction or raffles. Please consider supporting this very ambitious and worthwhile project, it is an investment in our future.

Alan Anganes

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. If you have any questions please call Rich Christianson at 978-251-3630

TRAP DOUBLES- Starting in May.

SKEET - The skeet range is open year round to club members and the public on Sunday afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm, as well as Wednesday mornings from 10 am until noon and Thursday evenings at 5:30 . 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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Defensive Skill Builder Course

On April 23, the club had a Defensive Skill Builder Course. It was a great turn out.

The Defensive Pistol Skills Builder Course reviews the skills necessary to survive a concealed carry encounter. In addition to basic safety topics the course explores situational awareness, legal considerations (specific to MA), mindset, and the physical reactions your body will have during a life threatening incident.





Trophy Display

Thanks to the efforts of Dale Maybury, Doug Perry, Steve Ramos, and Ed Mezzanotte, the trophy display at the end of the clubhouse function hall has undergone a makeover. The animal mounts have been cleaned and repaired, and the back wall has been made over into a wildlife scene. The work is still in progress, but it's worth coming and taking a look at what has already been completed.

MJCC 2016 Scholarship

Congratulation to Abigail Cutter and Sarah Griffith who were chosen by the board members to be sponsored by the club this year to the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. Have fun at camp, ladies!



Lowell AVCO Pistol team Wins First Place in the MVPL C Division

Congratulations to JAD Duggan and his AVCO Team for a job well done this pistol season.

Reserve your Table for the LSC Flea Market!

Our Flea Market is coming up fast on **May 21**. Please reserve you table early! Contact Brian Herzog at brian@herzogbr.net or call 978-692-2622. Tables are \$20 and \$15 for members.



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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.

BASIC PISTOL

Basic Pistol 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.

Class dates: May 14, June 18, July 9, August 27, and September 24.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN THERE ARE NRA COURSES TAUGHT AT THE CLUB, THE INDOOR RANGE WILL BE RESERVED FOR CLASSES FROM 8 AM TO 4:30 PM.

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 if you have never taken the orientation or received a range use card. 978-455-9694

NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE

Next course is July 23, 2016

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 Rick Plzak at 617-699-7068 or training@lowellsc.org.

Utah CCW : July 9 and September 24

Contact Charlie O'Donnell for details utah@lowellsc.org.

CLUB WI-FI

Thanks to club member Rich Beskosty, the club now has wi-fi. The access even reaches out as far as the trap field!

Use LsC@1913 for the password

Al Hodgson

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Saturday 10-2pm

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LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Spring Fling

Sunday, May 15, 2016

1pm — 4pm



Black Powder lucky Target Shoot

Muzzle loading long guns and pistols
(loaners will be available)

.22 Plinking

Trap & Skeet fields open



Pond Open - Plenty of Fish!

The **Snack Shack** will be serving
hot dogs and hamburgers

All day long— Bring the Kids!

Rain or Shine



LOWELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Flea Market & Pork Barbeque

50 Swain Road, N. Chelmsford

Saturday, May 21, 2016



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



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Steel Challenge

Saturday, June 4, 2016

9am Start

Next Challenge: Saturday, August 6, 2016

**Steel target shooting using both
.22-caliber rifles and pistols**

Great fun for all skill levels from the first time shooter to the skilled competitor.

Experienced shooters will enjoy the fun filled thrill of competition while sharing their skill and knowledge with new shooters.

Individuals or families can have a fun and exciting first-time shooting experience.

Go to www.lowellsc.org

for more information and to register

Cost: \$20 (ammo is provided for this event)



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Doubles Trap

2016

May 1, 15, 29

Jun 12, 26

Aug 7, 21

Jul 10, 24

Sep 4, 18

Oct 2, 16, 30



Shoot a
perfect round
and it's free!



1:00 pm, Every
Other Sunday

Steel Target .22 Rimfire Shoot

-By Raymond Anganes

The number of participants at the March 19, Steel Target Rimfire Shoot was larger than we had anticipated; twenty-five shooters, both members and nonmembers showed up, one or two of which drove to the club from as far away as Connecticut. All the work put into running and organizing the event was much appreciated by everyone present. It was a good crowd, there were some shooters from each skill bracket- from newer shooters to those who had their technique down to muscle memory.



The setup on the .22 range allowed us to keep a steady rotation of shooters on the five-yard firing line, and the fifteen-yard line was just as efficient at keeping people shooting when we'd gotten around to the riflery portion of the event. The whole event's continuity greatly benefitted from Rick Plzak and Charlie O'Donnell, the members who organized and were running the shoot. They saw to it that there was very little down time between each group of shooters and that everyone's scores were recorded.

Everything about the event was just as we had hoped it would be; people were shooting just to

enjoy it, and the variety of firearms that made appearances was equally fun to see. From standard target pistols to converted 1911s and even a few revolvers, everyone had something that made their shooting all the more interesting to watch for those who were awaiting their turn on the line.

For a March day it was a bit cool out in the earlier hours of the event; but there was hardly a cloud in the sky, and we had plenty of coffee and donuts to go around. All in all, the event was a success in every regard. The next scheduled steel target shoots are on Saturdays, June 4th, and August 6, which I hope will be just as much of a success as this past one was, especially with the weather getting warmer as summer draws closer.

Indoor Archery Update

- By Teddy Anganes

Archery this year is going great so far! We have been getting a lot of new shooters coming to participate- some even joining the Club as new members. Once the daylight starts lasting longer into the evening, we will be moving outdoors to shoot.

Thank you to Jim, Matt, and John for running the archery nights, and thank you to everyone who has been coming out to shoot!



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Check Out The New LSC Website!

For the first time in a long time, the Club's website, (<http://www.lowellsc.org>), has been completely revamped. The new look launched on May 1, 2016, and was the result of months and months of work by the Website Committee.

Based on feedback and input from members and the general public, the new site will hopefully work better on mobile devices, make it easy to find events and other LSC information, and become a useful resource in general - in addition to representing the club online.

Features of the new website include: mobile-friendly design, to work well on smartphones and tablets in addition to computers; focus on events, to highlight all of the Club's activities; color-coded calendar, to highlight different types of events, and lots of photos!; member's classifieds section, allowing members to post items for sale or items they're looking to buy; complete list of contact info for all LSC offices and committees; and an expanded Club History section, to show off more of LSC's rich 100+ year history.

The goal of the website is to offer a stable information resource for finding out about the club. There is also an LSC Facebook page for up-to-the-minute event announcements, photos, and discussion.

Keep in mind that the website, like the club itself, belongs to all members. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to webmaster@lowellsc.org or talk to Brian Herzog, Website Committee Chair. We want to make sure this website is as useful to members as possible! Take a look and let us know what you think:

<http://www.lowellsc.org>

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the development of the new website. Special thanks to Website Committee members Rich Beskosty, Bud Witt, Darlene Parker-Hawes, Jon Lyna, John Wren, and Brian Herzog.



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

As with any organization, **there is a need for members to volunteer their time and talents to keep the organization running.** The LSC has a fantastic group of women and men who put a tremendous amount of time into keeping our facilities cared for and running smoothly, but **we could use more help.**

There are numerous opportunities to help on various committees in the club. If you have ideas on bettering our club, or would just like to help out, here are some of the committees that you can join: Trap Committee, Skeet Committee, Training Committee, Pistol Range Committee, Big Bore Range Committee, Big Bore Range Development Committee, Black Powder Committee, Archery Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, Fish & Game Committee, Forestry Committee, Grievance Action Committee, Nomination and Election Committee, Planning Committee, Facilities Committee, Membership Committee, Communications Committee, Website Committee, Lead Stewardship Committee, and Bylaws Committee.

As you can see, there is a job for everyone! It's your club and we would love to have your input, ideas and talents to help us be even better. If you want to help out in any of these committees, please come to a general meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 8 pm. A board member can help connect you with the committee chair. Or check out the new website contact page for committee contact info.



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Save these Dates! and watch for more new events being added on the website.

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| May | | |
| 1 | Sunday | Al Unger Kids Fishing Derby (7:30-11:30) |
| 12 | Spring Skeet League - May 12 - June 30 | |
| 14 | Saturday | Basic Pistol Class |
| 14 | Saturday | Utah Non-Resident Concealed Carry Course |
| 15 | Sunday | Spring Fling (members only, 1-4) |
| 21 | Saturday | Flea Market & Pork Roast |
| June | | |
| 18 | Saturday | Basic Pistol Class |
| 25 | Saturday | Big Bore Shoot |
| July | | |
| 3 | Sunday | July 4th Booth |
| 4 | Monday | July 4th Booth |
| 23 | Saturday | RSO Course |
| August | | |
| | Saturday | Shooter's Challenge (Member's only) |
| 25 | Fall Skeet League - August 25 - October 26 | |
| September | | |
| 10 | Saturday | Open House (12-4) |
| 17 | Saturday | Trap Banquet (9-3) |
| October | | |
| 16 | Sunday | Boundary Walk (9-2) |
| 22 | Saturday | Ruger Shoot |
| 29 | Saturday | Skeet Championship |
| November | | |
| 20 | Sunday | Turkey Shoot & Hearty Lunch |
| December | | |
| 13 | Tuesday | Potluck General Meeting (8pm) |

