



# **The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.**

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## **December Meeting - Don't Miss It!**

You have THREE reasons to attend the general meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8pm.

- 1) We'll be electing the new officers for 2020.
- 2) There will be our holiday potluck afterward.
- 3) Chelmsford Police Chief Jim Spinney and Detective Brian Ubele will start the meeting with a brief talk on the home firearms ownership from the Police's perspective, and answer firearms-related questions from members. Don't miss it!



*See more Open House Photos and Details from the day on Page 6.*

## **2020 Nominations**

Nominations for Board positions can be made from the floor at the November meeting. The election will be held at the December meeting. Positions up for election this year are President, Recording Secretary, Board #1, and Board #4. John Abbott and Bill Moseley have volunteered to run for their Board #1 and Board #4 positions, but President Matt Franco and Recording Secretary Sue Anganes have opted not to run again. The Nomination Committee has put forth Brian Campbell as a candidate for President, and Herb Cline for Recording Secretary. If you are interested in serving on the board, contact Bill Potter at [brooktroutbill@yahoo.com](mailto:brooktroutbill@yahoo.com). Or, nominate a member from the floor at the November general meeting. Board positions are for three-year terms, and serve an integral role in keeping LSC going.

## Clay Delivery

A full load of clays was delivered in early September. Thanks to Steve Miller, Brian Campbell, Frank Culbertson, Jim Martin, and Bob Therrien for unloading the truck- they worked so fast a few people who came a little later had nothing left to unload. Also, thanks to both trap and skeet shooters for loading up the houses ahead of time to make room. We should be good for another year.

### **CLUB CALENDAR** - [lowellsc.org/calendar](http://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. Sign up to receive weather related trap cancellation email notifications at [webmaster@lowellsc.org](mailto:webmaster@lowellsc.org).

**SKEET** - The skeet range is open year round to club members and the public on Sunday at 1pm, 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**

6:30-8:30 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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## Welcome to LSC!

The following people have joined the Club recently. Please welcome them and be ready to answer any questions they may have when you see them.

### **July**

Angel Rivera

### **August**

Kenneth Pender

Donna Parlee

Henry Parlee

Nicholas Thayer

### **September**

Nicholas McAllister

Steven Colombo

### **October**

Kenneth Ferrere

Eric Zachistal

Jonathan Babine

Leonard Smith

Matthew Sheehan

Cheryl LaBrecque

Joseph Rogers

Jorg Wetzel

Kenneth Vondal

Graham Cochrane

If any existing member would like to go through the general LSC orientation again, contact Jim Martin to set up a time. He's always happy to refresh people on everything LSC has to offer!

## Indoor Range Improvements

If you've used the Indoor Range recently, you've noticed how much better the new curtain looks. The majority of the work has been done, but the project isn't completely finished yet. Until the new backstop can be thoroughly evaluated for safety and durability, please observe these temporary rules: **FMJ can be used on any lane, and hollow points are limited to lanes 1 & 2. All other existing range rules are still in effect until testing is completed.** Thanks to Jim Rayball for spearheading this upgrade – we all appreciate it!

## Slug Shoot

- By Kevin Kelly

We had the first "Slug Shoot" on Saturday Aug 24, with 3 shooters - one of which had never not shot slugs before! After a practice round at the 25 yd range, shooters moved to the 100 yd range and made 5 sighting shots, 5 slow fire (5 mins), and 5 timed fire (2 mins). 15 rounds seemed be a good number, as no one was interested in shooting more slugs. The targets were standard SR-1 targets, which are challenging using just a bead sight. In the end, Kevin Kelly Jr won with a score of 42. Nice shooting!

## August Work Party

Thanks to all the members who helped out during this two-day(!) work party to get the club in shape for the annual Open House: John, Jason, Andrew L., John Abbott, Jim Martin, Sue Anganes, Alan Anganes, Alan's new tractor, Brian Herzog, Jack Redus, Angelica LAST NAME, Jim Ringwood, Julia Rayball, Kevin Kelly.

**Note that badges must be on you and visible at all times when on club property.**



## Your Guns or Mine Event

If you missed "Your Guns or Mine" this year, be sure to watch for it next year – it was a great time and a huge success. The goal of the day was to give people a chance to try out unusual firearms, or something they were considering purchasing, and that goal was achieved. About 30 shooters attended during the two-hour event, and had their choice of



*This event was a great chance to try out a variety of firearms.*

just about as many firearms. There were .22 handguns, small and large caliber revolvers (including a .44 Magnum!), a .45 ACP Thompson, M1 Carbine, Trapdoor Springfield, highly accurate CZ bolt gun, Sig MCX, as well as many others. But the firearm that got all the attention was a Barrett M82A1 in .50 BMG. Everyone on the line knew when that rifle was fired. All the firearms were supplied by volunteers, and the Club supplied the ammo. Shooters purchased tickets that were good for a certain number of shots, depending on caliber. Thanks to everyone involved with the event!



*Jim Rayball is briefed on firing the Barrett M82A1 .50 BMG*

## Update on Big Bore Range

The Big Bore Range Improvement Committee has finalized a No Blue Sky baffle design with a local engineer, and are in the process of submitting this updated range design to the Chelmsford Conservation Commission. Once they review the plan for its impact on the wetlands bordering the range, the construction process can begin. The rubber-faced steel baffles will need to be constructed at a local steel fabricator, and then installed by an excavation contractor. Costs estimated of this approach are still projected to be well under the budget of the original plan. Installing these baffles will greatly increase the safety of the Big Bore Range, which is the committee's top priority. After this phase of improvement is completed, additional upgrades, such as a new shooting pavilion, protection for the pond area, and improved access, can be addressed. Any questions on this project should be directed to Chair Alan Anganes.

## Holiday Gift Ideas

With the gift-giving season coming, consider the LSC Gift Shop for your first stop. There are no lines and you don't need to wait until Black Friday! Shirts, hats, sweatshirts, mugs, lanyards, and trap/skeet gift certificates are always available. See Jim Martin at any general meeting or the next time you're at the Club.

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## Trap Teams Success

Congratulations to the LSC trap teams! We fielded five teams in the Greater Lowell Trap League this year, and all five placed in their respective Divisions! In fact, our D Division teams swept the standings, taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! The final standings were:

D Team (Lowell 1) won second place, Laurie Pender Captain

D Team (Lowell 3) won first place, Jeff Gealow Captain

D Team (Lowell Misfits) won third place, Pat Raduazzo Captain

A Team won third place, Steve Miller Captain

AA Team won first place in the league, Alan Harrington Captain

All teams received plaques at the Banquet on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Woburn. Thanks also to Jim Martin for hanging these plaques in the Clubhouse, continuing the long history of LSC success in competitive shooting.

However, not satisfied with dominating the GLTL, five shooters from the AA team also participated in the annual Methuen Cup shoot. This match started in the 1970s to encourage friendly competition and sportsmanship among local clubs. Each team shoots one line, and top score wins. This year, the shooters from Lowell put up the high score, with a round of 120. Way to go shooters!

## Boundary Walk and Breakfast with the President

It ended up being a beautiful day for breakfast and a walk at the Club. A great breakfast was provided by Pattie Brick and Julia Rayball giving attendees a chance to sit and talk and get some energy for the walk in the woods. Five members walked the boundary, with three of them doing this for the first time. Our property is much more than just the ranges ringing the parking lot near the Clubhouse. The boundary crosses through the meadow bordering the old dump, rolling and hilly terrain along the Oak Hill Conservation Area line, includes an existing trail network, leading into the Deep Brook Reservation, and skirts Swain Pond with some out-of-the-way and very scenic overlooks of the pond and marshes. This is always a great event - a little exercise, a little Club history, and a lot of fun with fellow members. Put it on your calendar for next year!

## New Associate Board Members

Congratulations to Susan Cline and Steve Ramos, recently appointed as Associate Board Members by President Matt Franco. Up to two members can be appointed as Associate Board Members by the President, to provide additional member voices during Eboard discussions, and also assist the Eboard in accomplishing projects. LSC thanks Steve and Susan for their willingness to serve the Club!



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- Gunsmith Services

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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 Pattie Brick at 978-996-5311 or [training@lowellsc.org](mailto: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 Pattie Brick at 978-996-5311 or [training@lowellsc.org](mailto:training@lowellsc.org).

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## Gal's Range Day

The Lowell Sportsmen's Club hosted a GOAL-sponsored women-only introduction to firearms course. 21 women from all over MA completed the course necessary to apply for a firearms license. The morning was spent in classroom training. After lunch everyone got first-hand experience shooting shotguns, .22 handguns and rifles, archery, and centerfire rifles and handguns. It was a great day for all. Congratulations to our 21 graduates! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a perfect day.



### Obituary

Member **Arthur C. S. Choo** passed away on July 16, 2019, at the age of 91. Born in Singapore in 1927, he was 15 when the Imperial Japanese Army invaded the island. Faced with execution or enlisting, he served in the

Japanese Army but smuggled food onto the island to help his countrymen. Migrating to the US after the war, he earned a Civil Engineering degree in Oregon, and then advanced degrees from both Yale and Harvard. He lead an extremely active life, and was a member of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club since 1978.

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# Annual Open House

The weekend after Labor Day saw a lot of activity at the Club for our annual Open House. All our fields and ranges were open to the public from 12-4pm, and the day proved to be busy with both Club members and curious members of the public coming out. We were joined by the Chelmsford Fire Department, Chelmsford Police Department, Middlesex



*Dennis Brick gives some tips on precision rifle shooting*



*Jim Ringwood talks about firearms use in the Colonial era.*

County Sheriff's Department, and the MA National Guard, to give people a chance to meet the first responders who protect us. Kids this year painted wooden birdhouses, donated by John Abbott (thanks John), and those proved to



*JAD Duggan introduces a new shooter to the .22 range.*

*Come win a Turkey for Thanksgiving!*

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**



Warm up first with a hearty lunch serving from 12-3pm

Registrations start at 12pm

**Fields open 1-4pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Powder Turkey Shoot**

**\$5** per shot

Lucky Target, anyone can win!



**Archery 3D Turkey Shoot**

**\$5** for **5** shots

includes entry into a raffle for 2 turkeys

**.22 Steel Turkey Shoot**

Hit a lucky target to earn raffle tickets



**Trap & Skeet Turkey Shoots**

Hit a lucky target clay to win!



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*Local residents got a chance to meet Chelmsford first responders.*





*People lined up to ride the helicopter. Everyone coming off had big smiles!*

be a big hit (and happily not a big mess). At 1pm many attendees went inside the Clubhouse for the “Reptiles Rock” presentation, with live turtles, lizards, and an enormous snake. In between these activities, breaking clays, plinking, ringing the 100 yard gong, catching fish, burning black powder, and hitting the archery bags, about 60 people also took to the sky for a helicopter ride. Best of all, 12 new people submitted applications during the Open House! Welcome to our new members and thanks to all our members who worked hard to put on another great Open House!



*Pattie Brick signing up new applicants at the Welcome Tent.*



*John LeMesurier unhooking one of the biggest catches of the day.*



*The Gordon family helping kids paint birdhouses built by Abbott Construction.*



*Some brave volunteers in the crowd want a chance to hold the reptiles.*



*Attendees got a chance to shoot an authentic WWI Maxim machine gun.*



*Buzz Brody getting a new shooter to break clays at Skeet.*



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**Save these Dates!** and watch for more new events being added on the website: [lowellsc.org/calendar](http://lowellsc.org/calendar)

**NRA Home Firearms Safety Course (8-4:30 Hall & Indoor range)**

#### November

16 Saturday NRA Home Firearms Safety Course (8-4:30 Hall & Indoor range)  
24 Sunday Turkey Shoot & Hearty Lunch

#### December

10 Tuesday Potluck General Meeting (8pm)  
14 Saturday NRA Home Firearms Safety Course (8-4:30 Hall & Indoor range)

## Classifieds

Did you know there is a classifieds section on the Club website? Visit <http://lowellsc.org/shop> for the full listing and photos, but here are some highlighted ads:

**Bushnell Sentry 18-36x50 spotting scope**, with tripod and hard case. \$50. Contact Bob Goyette 978-256-4952.

**50 Caliber Thompson Center Scout.** Like New, all accessories included. \$400. Tom 978-663-6338.

Wanted: **early Mossberg .22 parts** ie: slings, sights, scopes, Mossberg marked scopes, and ANYTHING targo. Robert Dick 978-251-8487.

**Pellet stove.** 5 years clean good shape. \$1,000 or best offer. Ken Vondal 978-337-9031

**Conceal carry purse.** Gun toten mama purse item #GTM 90 black. \$60. Deneige 617-304-4885.

**Parker Crossbow.** Used 2 seasons, includes Red dot scope, case, and bolts. \$400. Tom 978-663-6338.

## Upcoming Sportsmen's Shows

Nov 9-10 - Wilmington, MA  
Nov 16-17 - Boxborough, MA  
Nov 23-24 - Holbrook, MA  
Dec 14-15 - Springfield, MA  
Jan 4-5 - Sturbridge, MA  
Jan 17 - 19 - Marlborough, MA  
(Flyfishing Show-Marlborough)  
Jan 24 - 26 - Boxborough, MA  
(New England Fishing Expo)  
Jan 25-26 - Marlborough, MA  
Feb 1-2 - East Bridgewater, MA  
(Southeastern Massachusetts Sportsman's show)

