

So.....this is our first, almost completely electronic mailing!! By emailing the renewal & newsletter out this way, the club is saving about \$400.00!! Plus we don't have to worry about things going into the dead letter mysterious place....just the lost in cyberspace mysterious place! A big thank you to everyone who has responded to emails over the last while to verify that addresses are working & also to those who don't have email but have provided an address of someone who will get the information to them. We still do have a few members that we are mailing out to but it's less than 30 so we definitely are on the fast track.

2011 has been a fun and successful year for the club. No major problems, lots of shooting and hosting groups, and a few fun fundraisers, that, unfortunately were not very well attended, but that still better than broke even, so that's always a plus. With that being said, the board has looked at attendance at functions, membership participation in events and listened to feed back from individuals and at the 2 general meetings and the consensus is that people are too busy or not interested in the social end of membership so we will be adjusting the mandate accordingly and we will focus on growing the membership to increase our numbers as our main "fundraising" focal point this coming year.

Thank you from your Vice President,

Well, it's late November and as I drive in to the club, one would think LSC is a golf course because the grass and the trees look perfect. Actually, at November's Board meeting, another board member commented that the club looked like you're stepping onto the 9th green. A pretty nice compliment, I would say.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members who continue volunteering to cut & trim the grass and trees. I assure you your hard work has not gone unnoticed. I'm glad the tractor has a small fuel tank and will eventually run out of gas. Otherwise, I'm sure some of the guys would never get off of it!

This is our 4th year cutting the grass ourselves, with each year it just keeps getting better and better. It's a fun way to fulfill your mandatory 8 hrs required as a LSC property owner. As our club grows, so does the work it takes to keep the property up. I know from experience sitting on the tractor, cutting grass is really fun, it provides an opportunity to be alone for some thinking time. At the same time you're doing something positive for the club.

Soon the deck will be removed for the winter. To the members who wanted to cut grass but didn't have a chance, I have good news for you. Soon a new snow blade will be installed on the tractor. Here's your chance to get in on the fun, by clearing the parking lot, the sporting clays trails & any other areas needing clearing. Give me a call & I'll add your name to the list.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone for doing a great job, your efforts made my job easier!

Happy Holidays to everyone. Steve Straub, LSC Vice President

With this mailing is a list of all members who have either put in all or some of their volunteer hours (minimum of 8 hours) in 2011 or who are exempt. Exemption is based on 1 of 3 criteria. 1 – being 70 or older in 2012; 2 – living further than 100 km away; 3- having severe physical limitations or handicap.

If your name is on the list with a number beside it ex: Bill Smith - 2 this means that you have on record, 6 hours of volunteer time, therefore you owe 2 hours @ \$15/hour. On the renewal form, please add in your fee owing where it directs you to.

If your name is not on the list and you have put in hours, please call Caron and speak with her. Members are responsible for recording their hours in the volunteer book or the person in charge of the work party you are participating in should have had you sign in.

If you feel that you should be exempt due to severe physical limitations or handicap, again, please call Caron & discuss this with her.

If your name is not on the list, you live closer than 100 kms from the club, you are able bodied and under 70, that means you did not put in your 8 hours and you will own the monetary equivalent (8hours @ \$15/hour = \$120.00) on the renewal. Please make sure you add this into your dues as laid out on the form.

The board understands that everyone is busy these days and that we all have a million demands pulling on us from a million directions but asking to put 8 hours in over a period of 12 months is a very, very small demand to better your club. Unfortunately, being too busy is not an exemption.

The President's Christmas message...

Well another year has slipped mysteriously away. I don't know just where it got to, but it seems that the time flies by rather quickly these days. We have had a year of really good times at our club. If you did not get in on it, well, that's too bad because you missed out on a whole lot of fun. From the Trap shoots to the Cowboy competitions to the crowds on Sunday for sporting clays , there was more than enough fun to go around .The barbecue's and general meetings were well put together and attended by members who really gave me some positive input as to the direction they would like to see our club grow .

All this does not come without a lot of hard work. A special thank you goes out to all the committees for all the various activities, the board members (these people are awesome) and all the many volunteers who give up their evenings, Sundays etc. for your club, without you folks we would not be able to function and claim our title as "The Premiere Sport Shooting Facility in Southwestern Ontario" .

To everyone who came out and supported our club -Thank you

To those who didn't....maybe I sparked a little interest.

To everyone - best wishes for a safe and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year – Ron

Just a couple of reminders & requests.....

When you apply for your new PAL.....when you receive it, YOU have to call Russ McPhee if you have an ATT with the club. We do not receive any notification that you have a new PAL, that onus is on you. Your ATT expires at the same time as your PAL. Russ McPhee – 519-542-4644

Russ still has some ATT's that have not been picked up, they have to be signed for, and they will not be mailed to you. Please check your ATT and make sure it is valid, if not.....call Russ, please!

If there is anyone wanting to take the club level handgun safety course in order to get their ATT, please let Caron know as there will be a course coming up in the new year (most likely in early February)

We are planning to have a GUN SHOW!!!! It is still in the planning stages but hopefully it will be in March 2012 and it will be held at the Corunna Legion. More info to follow once we have a date confirmed. (currently the closest ones in Ontario are in Woodstock)