

## March 2017 Newsletter

### General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday night, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

### High Flyer News

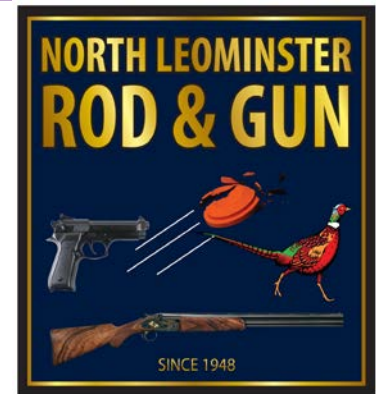
The High Flyer youth group got some well-deserved news recently. The 2017 AIM All State Teams were announced recently and two of the High Flyers made the State Team. They were Cole Wilgus who was selected to represent the team for Massachusetts in the Pre-Sub Category with an average of 67.71% and Andrew MacMaster who was selected to represent the team for Massachusetts in the Sub-Junior Category with an average of 85.80%, not bad for a group youngster, considering this is their 1st year shooting trap. Eric Wyson has taken over and has the kids shooting in the coldest of weather. David Wade says that after helping last year he realized that the kids bring a couple things to the club many people don't realize. One their promoting the shooting sports that seems to be fading among the younger generation. Secondly, he observed that at every event last year people came up to him expressing their appreciation for the politeness and professionalism the kids presented at each shoot. Not only are the coaches and some of the shooters practicing on the Trap and Skeet fields they are also helping out in the kitchen. On Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, Debra Terho and Meagan Wyson volunteered to serve breakfast for the Winter League shoot, with Bill Wolfe being under the weather, thank you Deb and Meagan.

### Skeet News

Skeet has been holding their own during a winter which seems to be keeping its coldest and windiest weather for Thursday, Saturday and Sundays. Congratulations to Nils Bergenhem for running his 1<sup>st</sup>, but probably not his last 50 straight. We are still waiting for him to produce a hat so we all can celebrate his first 50 straight and honor the skeet tradition of shooting the hat. According to tradition your hat is thrown up in the air and the squad that was with him gets to shoot the hat out of the air, sometimes it takes a few attempts before it is hit. Orlando has been relentless, always reminding him to produce that hat. Nils just wait for a windy and cold day (which seems to be quite often), don't worry be happy, with the amount of unbroken skeet targets, and you don't have a thing to worry about anyone actually hitting your hat. ☺

### 5-Stand News

5-stand is currently closed for the winter, David Wade, the 5-Stand Chairperson, is looking for help to open up the range on Saturday's and Sunday's from 10AM to 2:00PM. There is a calendar and sign-up sheet in the Skeet house so that you can check the dates that 5-stand will be open monthly. Remember, 5-stand is closed when it rains or during any ATA event. The learning curve to run 5-stand is about ½ hour and he would appreciate your help! Please see David for more information.



### Upcoming Events

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Winter League – Week 6

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

General Meeting – 7:00PM

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

ATA Registered Trap Shoot

*The "Mr. Mike Falk: Shoot*

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

ATA Registered Trap Shoot

*The "Memorial Day" Shoot*

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bay State Games

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

ATA Registered Trap Shoot

*The "Del Manuel" Shoot*

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

ATA Registered Trap Shoot

*The "MATA Labor Day" Shoot*

If you have an idea or wish to have a club event, please contact the President and/or one of the Board of Directors with your written proposal. You will be invited to attend a Board of Directors meeting and present your proposal to the Board.

## **Trap News**

The Winter Trap league has been doing well; we have had a great turnout this year. The last Winter League shoot is this Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped this season, without you we would not have had such a great year. A special thank you to Dave Bean and Ron McGrath for organizing this year's Winter League. Unfortunately Ron McGrath had to step down as a Board of Director and as Trap Chairman, we would like to thank Ron for all of his hard work in the past and wish him good luck in his future endeavors. Trap is now looking for a new chairman.

## **Archery News**

If you are not aware or haven't already noticed, the Archery range is currently under construction. The Board has approved funding for the archery practice range and the archery range is currently under construction. New targets have been ordered. Members who are interested in helping with the construction of the frames for the new targets and setting up targets should notify the B.O.D. We are looking for someone to chair the Archery range and would love to have someone to step forward and volunteer for this position.

## **Pistol & Rifle News**

The Pistol Range was closed on March 11<sup>th</sup> for a cleanup. According to David Wade "Man was it cold but we had a few hardy souls show up", "we'll have another one before the weather gets to warm". The Pistol range now has two members who will be maintaining the Pistol range. We are still looking for a Chairperson for the Rifle range and would love to have someone step-up and take over and chair the Rifle range. We would like to thank especially all of the volunteers that have been helping out down at the Pistol and Rifle Ranges.

## **Board of Directors Message**

At the Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors was presented with proposed changes and recommendations to the clubs bylaws by the Bylaw committee. They reviewed the proposed changes and approved the changes at the Board of Directors meeting and according to our bylaws a notice and a copy of the bylaws will be sent out to the members and will be posted in various locations on the club's grounds and also on the club's website and Facebook page. The Board would like to remind the members of a few of the clubs' rules and procedures. They are the following rules which are in the Club's Rules and Procedures handout and located in Section (1) (A) Grounds and Buildings.

(7) The maximum SPEED LIMIT ON CLUB PROPERTY is 15 MPH.

(10) LOADED WEAPONS are not allowed in any building on club property.

(11) NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE CLUB RANGES AT ANY TIME. No one is allowed to use any range or to handle firearms once they are known to have consumed any amount of alcoholic beverages.

(12) The ENTRANCE ROAD GATE must be down and locked at all times, except when the club is open for business with the public (skeet/trap hours, firearms training classes, meetings, etc.). If you enter/exit club property by using your gate code please lock the gate behind you.

In regards to the consumption of alcohol on club grounds, due to the legal liability and to emphasize this rule, signs will be posted at the gate and other locations on the club property.