

The Lowell Sportsmen's Club, Inc.  
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Welcome to the Lowell Sportsmen's Club (LSC). You are in the process of joining one of New England's oldest sportsmen's clubs. This club was first formed in 1913 in downtown Lowell and was incorporated in 1931. We moved to our present facilities in the late 1930's and we now own approximately seventy acres of land. An up to date plot plan of our property is posted behind the desk at the front of the meeting room. General Membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM and all members are encouraged to attend. The club is governed by an eleven member executive committee which is elected annually at the December meeting.

Members are expected to use and care for the LSC facilities as if they were your own, because they are your own since all members jointly own the LSC property.

The only restrictions to LSC facilities are on the clubhouse and indoor range. This is a measure taken to minimize vandalism and to be sure persons using the indoor range are knowledgeable in its safe operation.

### **LSC Facilities**

LSC facilities at this time include:

1. A six position indoor pistol range
2. A 14 position outdoor rifle / pistol range
3. An outdoor .22 caliber-only range
4. 4 trap fields
5. A skeet field
6. An archery area
7. Two fishing ponds (catch and release only)
8. A primitive camping/picnic area
9. Hiking trails that connect to town conservation land

### **Safety on LSC Property**

Because we do not require a range officer to use the outdoor ranges, each member is obligated to carefully observe all safety rules and use common sense. Possession of firearms while under the influence of or in the possession of alcohol is not allowed on LSC property.

If you see anyone acting in an unsafe manner on LSC property, you should politely ask him or her to correct their behavior. In most instances, the person will appreciate being corrected if it is handled in a courteous manner. If the individual continues the unsafe behavior, you should leave the area and inform the caretaker or a range officer about the incident. If none of them are available, write a note, including a description of the person in question and their license plate number, if possible, and put it through the mail slot of the caretaker's house.

### **Any violation of LSC Safety Rules or Policies will result in loss of membership.**

LSC members must have their membership card visible while using LSC property. When you are issued your membership card, it will be laminated with a clip to attach it to your clothing or shooting bag. Any member can request to see your membership card. If you attempt to use any of the LSC ranges without your membership card, you will be turned away. If you encounter someone using our property that does not have an LSC membership card, politely tell him or her that this is a private club and ask them to leave. Inform them that if they wish to join the LSC, they can come to the next regular monthly meeting.

### Indoor Range

During the winter months, there is a weekly "gallery match" shoot, open to the general public, on Friday nights, with practice beginning at 7:00 P.M. and competition beginning at 8:00 P.M. The indoor range is used by several instructors on a regular basis, Law Enforcement agencies and other civic groups. The LSC also sponsors four pistol teams in the Merrimack Valley Pistol League which use the range for both competition and practice. Scheduling of range time is tight because of this heavy use. If you need to use the range at a time that it is not normally open to the general membership, you must schedule it with the caretaker, who can introduce you to a range officer that is knowledgeable in range safety and the operation of the ventilation equipment.

Firearms used at the indoor range are limited to Handguns and .22 caliber rifles. Absolutely no "jacketed" or "clad" projectiles are allowed at the indoor range. Target loads are preferable in centerfire handguns. Eye and ear protection is required by anyone, including observers, within the range area. No exceptions! Observers without eye and ear protection area welcome to watch from behind the glass in the viewing area.

### 'Big Bore' Outdoor Range

The "Big Bore" range is located down the hill between the clubhouse and the caretaker's house. It has seven double shooting benches for a total of fourteen shooting stations. Any type of firearm is allowed on the Big Bore range, provided it is handled in a safe manner. The outdoor range is **open 8:00 AM till dusk, except on Sunday when there is no shooting on any range before 1:00 PM.** A range officer is not required to use the Big Bore range, so it is essential that shooter use *common sense* and strictly adhere to the following the rules and all safe *gun handling procedures*.

- Do not handle any firearms while anyone is forward of the firing line- All guns should remain benched, with magazines removed and actions/cylinders open, when anyone is down range. Handguns may be holstered or placed on the bench with actions opened and magazines removed.
- Before going down range, make sure that the range is safe and that all other shooters are aware of your intentions. Remember that they are wearing ear protection and may not hear you speaking to them, so make eye contact and be sure that they acknowledge you. It is a good idea to visually check that other peoples' actions are open with empty chambers. **Remember that it is you and/or your guest who will be walking in front of those muzzles!** So do not be offended if other shooters take a look at your guns before walking in front of them.
- Any type of target is allowed providing that it will not cause a ricochet or make a mess. No glass bottles, cans of paint, vegetables or other "messy" target materials. Targets should be placed in such a way that a projectile fired at it will stop in a bunker. This especially applies to the 25 & 50 yard bunkers. Targets should be placed low at 50 yards and no higher than chest height at 25 yards. Under no circumstances should targets be placed on top of the bunkers! A violation will result in loss of your membership.
- It is a good idea to post several targets and to have either a spotting scope or a good pair of binocular while sighting in a new gun or scope. This will eliminate the need to walk downrange after every couple of shots to check your targets. Planning ahead will keep you from interrupting the other shooters.
- Clean up the area that you use. Paper targets should be left in the trash barrels provided at the firing line. Tin cans and the like should be brought home with you or left in the recycling bin at the top of the hill. Non-reloadable steel and aluminum cartridge cases can be left on the ground at the range. **Do not throw them or any live ammunition in the trash barrel!**
- Set up your gear in a safe manner so control and coordination can be maintained during shooting. Extra gear should be placed on the shelf behind the shooting stations.
- Shotguns may be fired at the Big Bore range with either slugs or shot. Do not fire any shot at the 25 yard bunker smaller than 00-Buck because the smaller pellets do not have the energy to safely be contained in the bunker. A shotgun is ideally patterned at 40 yards. To do this, take two wooden panels and place them back to back (like a sandwich board) at 40 yards and staple your target to it.

- Shooters and guests should wear eye and ear protection.. (Required for ALL minor guests.)

**No vandalism to club property will be tolerated. Any violation of Range Rules will mean loss of membership!**

#### Trap and Skeet

Trap and skeet fields are open to LSC members and the general public on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1:00 P.M. Formal trapshooting is done at this time at minimal target fees with a discount to LSC members. The LSC sponsors several teams in the Greater Lowell Trap League during the summer months and these teams are always looking for new recruits, both novice and experienced. During the summer months, the trap and skeet fields are also open to LSC members on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 A.M. If you need to use the fields at any other time, you must contact any member of the trap and skeet committee. Names of the committee are posted in the clubhouse.

Informal shotgun shooting can be done at the last trap field on the right with the line of fire inbound (towards the Big Bore range). All shotguns must use shells with a shot size of 7 1/2, 8 or 9 and with powder charges of a 3 dram equivalent or less. These are light target loads. Hunting loads, buckshot and slugs must be fired at the Big Bore range. Any specific questions that you have about the sport can be answered by any member of the trap and skeet committee.

#### Archery

The archery area is located on our left as you come up the driveway. Only Practice tips are allowed, as hunting tips such as "broadheads" tear up the excelsior bales. Post your own targets and clean up after yourself. The archery area is open 8:00 A.M. to dusk, Monday through Sunday.

#### Black Powder

There is an active black powder/living history group that meets at the LSC. They host several Black Powder shoots annually that includes a tactical woods walk in which participants test themselves in archery, tomahawk & knife throwing, canoeing and woods lore. They actively participate in 18d' century re-enactments throughout the Northeast and give lectures about history and primitive living skills at area schools.

#### Work- Service

All new members are required to perform four hours of volunteer work time to the LSC in their first year of membership. This is to get new members involved in the LSC activities and give new members a sense of ownership in the LSC. These work hours are not necessarily hard physical labor.

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WORK/SERVICE FORM

UNDER ARTICLE V, SUB.PARAGPAPH (d) OF THE BY-LAWS "ALL NEW MEMBERS WLL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM FOUR ( 4 ) HOURS SERVICE FOR THE CLUB IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP. A MEMBER MAY PAY AN HOURLY FEE TO BE SET BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN LIEU OF ACTUAL SERVICE. THE HOURLY FEE HAS BEEN SET AT \$10.00/HR. NEW MEMBERS MAY USE THIS FORM TO LOG ACTUAL HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB AND RETRIEVE THE FEE PAID. THE TIME MUST BE SIGNED OFF BY A CLUB OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RANGE OFFICER, OR WORK PARTY COORDINATOR.

HOUR ONE ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

HOUR TWO ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

HOUR THREE ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

HOUR FOUR ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FEE REFUNDED \_\_\_\_\_