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By-Law Chairmen's Corner:

The LSA Planning and By-Laws Committees have been working on updating the Leominster Sportsmen's Association By-Laws since the beginning of this year.

We will be presenting a draft, to be ratified by membership, during the General Membership Meeting on the 27th of July.

The reason for the focus on our guiding document is simply that articles and sections have been edited for the last 100 years without a comprehensive look at the document as a single entity.

With other words, lots of overlap, conflicts, inconsistent naming conventions and language no longer relevant.

This has been a significant effort for the By-Laws Committee in cooperation with Membership and we are asking for support in adopting this revised document as our new By-Laws.

Electronic and printed copies of the draft By-Laws document will be made available on our website and in the Association Club House well prior to the vote.

In addition, a change document that reflects changes between the current By-Laws and the proposed draft will be available.

Key focus areas and significant changes:

- Standardized naming conventions for the Leominster Sportsmen's Association, our meetings and membership types.
- Elimination of duplicate or conflicting information.
- Stronger Language protecting Life Member accounts.
- An additional option to give Membership additional time to vote on critical Association Business. The goal is to increase voting participation and flexibility for important issues
 - o This Special Voting Session, as defined in the draft, would allow Association Members to vote on a designated Sunday between 9am and 3pm in the Association Clubhouse.
 - o The results of the vote will be recorded, retained and presented during the next General Membership meeting.

Sincerely,

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Recently an interesting opportunity arose and I jumped on it. I got a bunch of new guns at used gun prices. I'll explain. Every January there is a huge Gun Industry Trade Show. At this industry trade show all the gun manufacturers show their latest products. At this show the industry giants write up multi-million dollar contracts. When the show is over, the gun manufacturers sell off the they used for their demonstrations. I managed to get some of Mossberg's "trade show" shotguns. They are officially "used", but have not been shot..

Since I bought them at a reduced price, I can sell them to you (members only) at the lowest price possible. I have priced them to the lowest possible penny. They are on display in our gun Shop and on our web-site. Prices include State Sales Tax.

Mossberg Model 500 pump shotgun, 12 Gauge 3", 28" ported barrel, Full camouflage. \$349.46

Maverick Arms (by Mossberg) Model 88 pump shotgun, FULLY RIFLED, 24" barrel, 12 Gauge 3", rifle sights, synthetic stock #232.59

Mossberg Model 835 pump shotgun, 12 Gauge 3 1/2" with "thumb-hole stock", full camouflage. \$407.70

Mossberg model 500 pump shotgun, 20 Gauge, 3", 22" barrel, wood stock. \$314.40

These guns are not "show specials".

New: Mossberg Model 505 youth shotgun. .410 Gauge pump. 20" modified barrel \$347.24

Used Revolver: Ruger LCR Doyble-Action Revolver, 9mm Para. with moon clips, Used, Like New Condition. \$510.00

New Pistols:

Ruger Model SR22, .22 caliber auto pistol, Silver Slide. \$370.00

Ruger Model SR22, .22 caliber auto pistol, Black Slide. \$350.00

SigSaur Model P938 compact auto pistol, 9mm Para, 3" barrel. \$707.00

New Shotgun: Remington "Sportsman Field" Model 870 pump shotgun, 12 Gauge 3" with 28" barrel, 3 choke tubes and mahogany laminated Fleur Di Lis stock \$ 430.00

New Rifle: AR Windham Weaponry M4 Mod WW15 rifle, .223/5.56, 16", sight ready. \$ 790.00

We accept debit or credit cards and have a simple "law-away" plan. Our Gun Shop is open Saturday afternoons from 3 PM, Sunday mornings from 9 AM and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 PM.

The Gun Shop section of our New, Improved website is up and running. On your computer, just type in "Leominster sportsmen's Association". The site will be at the top of the list. When you're on the site, click "Gun Shop" at the top of the page.

Women on Target October 23rd - Still a few sports left - the signup form is on the website calendar under C

http://www.lsa-ma.org/attachments/events/LSA_WOT_October232016.pdf



Range Safety Officer

Notice to all members that use the rifle range.

Range safety is everyone's responsibility.

Don't wait for a range officer to correct someone breaking the rules or creating an unsafe condition for other shooters.

Remember anyone can call a cease fire on the range.

We all have to be in charge of safety.

It might only take one accident for the club to lose the range.

Lets be safe and have fun.



2016-2017 Migratory Waterfowl Regulations Posted

The Migratory Game Bird Laws and Regulations are developed by both the Federal and State government. This year, a new federal schedule for setting these regulations requires migratory game bird laws be set in the spring. Accordingly, the Fish and Wildlife Board voted on the seasons and bag limits for the 2016-2017 migratory game bird season at the April meeting. [Click here](#) to read more about migratory bird hunting in Massachusetts. [Click here](#)  to view the 2016-2017 Migratory Bird Regulations

How to Help Young Wildlife this Spring

The arrival of spring means the arrival of newborn and just-hatched wildlife. Every year, the lives of many young creatures are disturbed by people who take young wildlife from the wild in a well-intentioned attempt to “save” them. These well-meant acts of kindness tend to have the opposite effect. Please remember, finding a young animal alone does not mean it’s abandoned; the best thing you can do for young wildlife is to leave them alone.

Young wildlife removed from the wild are denied important natural learning experiences which help them survive on their own. Most people quickly find that they can’t care for young wildlife, and many animals soon die in the hands of well-meaning people. Young wildlife that survive human “assistance” miss experiences that teach them to fend for themselves. If these animals are released back into the wild, their chances of survival are reduced. Often, the care given to young wildlife results in some attachment to humans and the animals may return to places where people live, only to be attacked by domestic animals, or hit by cars. Some animals become nuisances and people have been injured by once-tamed wildlife.

Generally, young mammals are visited by their mother only a few times a day to avoid attracting predators to the young. For example, a nest of bunnies will only be visited by the adult female twice per day to nurse the young. The young are generally safe when left alone because their color patterns and lack of scent help them remain undetected. The same is true for fawns (young deer). Fawns are safest when left alone because their camouflaging color helps them remain undetected until the doe returns. If sympathetic people repeatedly visit a fawn, it can prolong the separation from the doe and delay needed feeding. Unlike deer, newborn moose calves remain in close proximity to their mothers who, in contrast to a white-tailed doe, will actively defend calves against danger. An adult cow moose weighing over 600 pounds will chase, kick or stomp potential predators, people included.

Only when young wildlife are found injured or with their dead mother may the young be assisted, but must then be delivered immediately to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Due to the difficulty in properly caring for them, there are no rehabilitators licensed to care for fawns. It is illegal to possess most wildlife in Massachusetts without a permit. A list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators [can be found here](#).

Mass Wildlife's Anniversary Open House is June 4

Mass Wildlife has been conserving fish and wildlife since 1866. Join us in celebrating our 150th anniversary at an open house on June 4 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at our Field Headquarters in Westborough. Experience the breadth of agency programs through interactive displays, demonstrations, and guided walks. Learn about everything from black bears to backyard birds, from dragonflies to deer. View Mass Wildlife's fleet of vehicles including an airboat and trout stocking truck. You can even try archery, fly or spin casting, and simulated target shooting.


Open House Interactive Stations include:

guided nature walks ♦ black bear awareness ♦ kids crafts ♦ archery ♦ history of bald eagle restoration ♦ how to id and attract backyard birds ♦ wild turkey restoration ♦ insect and freshwater mussel id ♦ frog call quiz ♦ endangered species research ♦ live turtles and trout ♦ Massachusetts furbearer quiz ♦ wildlife radio tracking equipment display ♦ fish stocking history ♦ shooting simulation ♦ plant identification ♦ New England cottontail conservation ♦ Mass Wildlife vehicle fleet ♦ learn to cast ♦ white-tailed deer management

For more information on Mass Wildlife's history and other anniversary events, please visit mass.gov/masswildlife150

Record Year Anticipated for Bald Eagles

Mass Wildlife conducted a statewide Bald Eagle nesting survey on April 8th to check known nests and document new eagle nesting locations. The results so far are very encouraging for our growing population of eagles in Massachusetts. The robust populations along the Connecticut River and the Quabbin Reservoir are stable, and eagle nests continue to be found throughout the rest of the state. A number of new nests have been documented this year and include the towns of Pittsfield, Erving, Westminster, and Newburyport, with several other unconfirmed reports of nests that our staff will be looking into shortly. By the end of the nesting season, we expect to document a new record of territorial pairs in the state, greater than the 51 recorded last year.

Whether as part of our official Spring Eagle Count or anytime throughout the year, we want to thank everyone who has collected and submitted information to us on Bald Eagles in Massachusetts. We appreciate these reports as they are an important part of our effort to monitor and protect our growing numbers of nesting eagles. [Click here](#)  to learn more about Bald Eagles.



D-Day Shoot Pictures



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Wednesday, June 22nd Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held at Camp Bartlett on Wednesday June 22, 2016 President Arthur O'Leary will call the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Attendance prize for this meeting will be \$250.00.

The club newsletter will now be offered by email, on our website and in the clubhouse. In order to save the club thousands of dollars per year we will not be mailing the newsletter anymore. Please send an email to club secretary at lafleur.rogier@gmail.com if you wish to receive it by email. Also the emailed newsletter can be much bigger, more information and also some advertising to raise more money for club improvements.



Trap and Skeet New Hours

Sunday 9am to Noon/Tuesday 9am to noon/Thursday 9am to noon/Friday 6pm to 9pm

Sat 10am to 3pm except Pheasant Season which is 12 noon to 4pm

Door Prize

The door prize was 200,00 and 4 names was pulled, John Beaulac, Kristen Ingersoll, Thersa Hibbert, Alan Rantala but they were not present so the next prize will be \$250.00