### Dear LSA Member,

Thank you for your continued support of Lee Sportsmen's Association. Your yearly dues, donations, fundraiser support, and range use are what keep us running and growing. We had a busy year, and we now have well over five hundred members.

#### Raffles

You will notice that this year's membership packet includes a \$20 raffle ticket. We are hoping that each member either buys the ticket themselves, sells the ticket to someone else, or returns the unsold ticket to us with your signed membership package. We are only making 600 tickets available and three winners will be drawn. If you would like additional tickets, please contact a Board of Directors Member, Club Officer, or send an email to raffles@leesportsmen.com.

**Half-A-Grand-A-Month Raffle** – This year we continued the Half-A-Grand-A-Month Raffle and filled all one hundred slots. Three winners are drawn at the member meeting each month with prizes of \$250 and two \$125 winners. All drawn winners' numbers are returned to the drawing pool each month so that you can keep on winning. The raffle runs from June to May. If you are interested in participating in the raffle next year, please drop us a line at raffles@leesportsmen.com.

### **Programs**

**Pheasant Raising** – Every Year LSA receives 500 pheasants from MassWildlife to raise and release on public lands. During a heavy snowstorm in late winter this year we suffered a partial collapse of our pheasant pen, which sustained over \$21,000 in damages.



**Youth Programs** – 2023 again saw success by filling our Youth Archery Program to capacity with about 100 children. More advanced youth archers were invited to join the Youth Target Archery program for 8 weeks to continue to improve their skills. The Air2Spare air pistol team and High Caliber .22 Bullseye Pistol team were also filled. Annual events like the fishing derby, youth pheasant hunt, and other educational opportunities have resumed post-COVID-19.

### Range Updates

Shotgun – Wednesday night trap shoots and the Big-50 trap program continued in 2023 along with skeet and trap shooting on Friday nights, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. The shotgun fields were also able to hold various 5-Stand events throughout the summer. We are looking for interest in doing monthly registered American Trap Association Shoots and offering group lessons in shooting trap. If you are interested, please send an email to trap@leesportsmen.com.

Pistol – The Outdoor Pistol Range saw continued success this year with the hosting of United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) events, Steel Challenge events, and Tactical Shotgun events throughout the summer. We have installed the 16' tall shot curtain and are working on shoring up some additional safety measures to protect our members with hopes of having earlier starts for events next year. The shot curtain is designed to stop shrapnel but not direct hits. It will not stop your bullet. Please do not test it. The Indoor Pistol Range is ready for winter pistol shooting, whether you are shooting alone, with friends, in a league, or your children participate in High Caliber. Please check the calendar of events included in this packet for more details.

Rifle – This summer and fall saw the addition of National Rifle League .22 (NRL22) sanctioned events at LSA. These 5-stage steel shooting events are held monthly and allow participants to compete with other clubs in the country. Summer of Steel Saturdays have run throughout the summer and fall, making accessible to shooters Club owned steel targets to shoot at in the 100-yard berm/backstop.

**Archery** – The Winter Adult Indoor Archery League returned in 2023 with over 20 participants, and new targets were added to the Outdoor Archery Range.

#### Gala

The 2023 Gala was held at Pittsfield Country Club and had over 200 attendees. Lee Sportsmen's Association and Ducks Unlimited combined efforts to raise money through raffles, silent and live auctions. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated items. The 2024 Gala is scheduled for April 6th. Please save the date if you would like to attend. Meetings to organize, plan, and set up for the event start in January. Please contact gala@leesportsmen.com if you would like to help out.

### **Looking Towards 2024**

Your dues are only part of what keeps LSA running. We are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers to help. This requires us to hire people to do tasks that were traditionally undertaken by volunteer help, increasing expenses for the Club, and in turn, its membership. Plainly speaking, work around the Club and fundraising are being undertaken by a small percentage of the over 500 memberships. With this in mind, we have added a line for additional donations for the upkeep and good of the Club to the renewal application. Our hope is that those who have not been able to donate their time will be inclined to donate money toward these costs instead. We thank you in advance for any additional support.

#### **Membership Renewals**

In order to renew your membership for 2024, please confirm the data we have on file and make changes as necessary. For people with Family Memberships, please add spouse's information for our records if it doesn't currently appear. Review LSA's Basic Firearms Safety Rules, Range Operating Rules, Guest Policy & Range Fees. Sign where indicated that you understand our rules and want to continue your membership.

Send check or money order for dues, raffle tickets, and any additional donations by December 31, 2023 to:

Lee Sportsmen's Association PO Box 175 Lee, MA 01238

Thank you,

Lee Sportsmen's Association Board of Directors

### **Member Application**

☐ New Member	Renewal					
☐ Family - \$125	☐ Individual - \$100	☐ Junior (Under 18) - \$10				
☐ Senior* - \$50	☐ Lifetime*	☐ Honorary*				
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### Basic Firearms Safety Rules, Range Operating Rules, Guest Policy & Range Fees

### **Basic Firearms Safety Rules:**

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond before you pull the trigger.

#### Range Operating Rules:

- 1. Members and guests must sign in and pay range fees upon entering the range, prior to any use of the range.
- 2. NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the range area.
- 3. No tracer, incendiary, gas or explosive ammunition allowed.
- 4. All air and CO2 guns are permitted (pellets only, no BB's).
- 5. Paper targets ONLY.
- All firearms must be unloaded and cased upon entering the range. Exception: A properly holstered, concealed handgun, which cannot be handled until on the firing line.
- 7. No firearms will be handled behind the firing line (or in the squad room of the indoor pistol range).
- 8. Only shooters, coaches, and RSO's will be allowed on the firing line.
- 9. All rifles not cased will be racked with actions open when not in use.
- Firearms may only be handled on the firing line with the muzzle <u>downrange</u>. NO shooting in FRONT OF THE FIRING LINE except for organized events.
- 11. All shooters have the responsibility to call a cease-fire in the event of an unsafe condition.
- 12. On the command <u>cease-fire</u>, all shooters will stop firing, make their firearms safe (magazines out, actions open), and place them on the bench and step back from the line.
- 13. No shooter will be allowed forward of the firing line until all shooters are satisfied that all firearms on the line are unloaded, actions open and the line is safe.
- 14. NO handling of firearms is permitted while shooters are downrange.
- 15. If three or more members are shooting, a range officer will be designated and the range officer will have absolute authority for the safe operation of the range.
- 16. If a misfire occurs, keep the firearm pointed downrange for at least 30 seconds. Unload and investigate. Dispose round in the appropriately marked container.
- 17. Shooters will take extra care to ensure that each shot hits the backstop. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target. If your shot causes any damage or knowingly leaves the range, notify a board member ASAP.
- 18. DO NOT shoot any rounds at the ground on the outdoor ranges. Your point of aim must ALWAYS be at a backstop.
- For their safety, pets must be leashed or under owner's control at all times on both hot and cold ranges. Barking dogs should be removed from range area.

#### **Guest Policy:**

- The first time a family member or guest comes to the range to shoot, they must read, understand, and sign a copy of our
  range safety and operating rules. You will also sign the form as a witness that your guest, in fact, did read and understand
  the rules. A copy will be kept at the range. This is required only on the first visit each year.
- Members will share a firing point with their guest.

#### Range Fees

Range	Member		Non-Member	
Pistol (indoor & Outdoor)	\$	3.00	\$	7.00
Rifle	\$	3.00	\$	7.00
Archery (Indoor & Outdoor)	\$	3.00	\$	7.00
Shotgun Fields (Skeet & Trap)	\$	4.00	\$	5.00
Shotgun Fields (5-Stand)	\$	5.00	\$	6.00

### Winter 2023 to Spring 2024 Events

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, April 6th, 2024 – 5:00pm

Annual LSA Gala @ Pittsfield Country Club

Meetings will start in January 2024. Please contact gala@leesportsmen.com if you are interested in assisting with this event. Gala committee meets weekly for 1 hour from January through March.

## Sunday, November 5th @ 10am (Registration 8:30am, Safety briefing 9:30am) USPSA on Outdoor Pistol Range

Cost: \$20, Cold Range Rules apply; gun handling only at Safety Table. Five magazines required. USPSA is a fun and fast action shooting sport where we balance accuracy, power, and speed into a winning combination. Multiple, moving, reactive, penalty, and even partially covered targets are used with other obstacles, movement, and other techniques to keep shooters challenged and spectators engaged. You probably already own everything you need to compete in USPSA – come out and give it a try. Register for this and other Outdoor Pistol events at Practiscore.com.

## Sunday, November 12th @ 12pm (Registration 9:30am, Safety briefing 11:30am) Steel Challenge on Outdoor Pistol Range

Steel Challenge includes .22LR rifle and is .22 & PCC friendly; pistols or long semi-auto (any caliber except .357 or 44 mag.). Six stages are set up based on official steel challenge designs. Cost: \$20 for 1st gun, \$10 for 2nd gun. Five magazines or speed loader required. For more information about these events, required equipment, registration, and costs, please contact Outdoor Pistol Chairman Ted Piontek at outdoorpistol@leesportsmen.com.

### Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 10am-12pm, Indoor Pistol Range High Caliber Jr. .22 Bullseye Team Registration

Space is limited to 16 participants for the 2023-2024 season, and registration is required. Registration will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023, from 10am to 12pm at the Indoor Pistol Range, located downstairs in the Main Clubhouse. Practices will begin on Sunday, December 3, 2023, training sessions will be conducted weekly on Sundays and will last approx. 1.5-2 hrs., full schedule listed on website's Calendar; please note, dates/times subject to change based on coach/parent consensus. Who: Youth in grade 6 through age 21 who have attended the Youth MA Basic Pistol Course at LSA or provide proof of equivalent certification. Costs and registration forms can be found on our website. For questions about High Caliber, please contact Coaches Eric and Stephanie DuPont at <a href="youth@leesportsmen.com">youth@leesportsmen.com</a> or call/text (215) 668-7808.

### Winter 2023 to Spring 2024 Events

### Saturday, December 16, 2023 @ 10am-2pm, Indoor Archery Range Youth Archery Program Registration

Space is limited, and registration is required for all those interested in participating in the 2024 season. Registration will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 10am to 2pm at the Indoor Archery Range, located upstairs in the Main Clubhouse; if your child requires the use of Club owned bows and other equipment, please bring them to registration to be fitted properly. The 2024 Youth Archery Program will run for 10 weeks on Saturdays, full schedule on website Calendar. Cost is \$40 per participant and registration forms are available on the website. Session 1 (9am-10am), Session 2 (10:30am-11:30am), Session 3 (12:30pm-1:30pm); session placement is determined by coaches. For questions about the Youth Archery Program, please contact LSA Youth Programs Co-Chair Stephanie DuPont at <a href="youth@leesportsmen.com">youth@leesportsmen.com</a> or call/text (215) 668-7808.

### Sunday February 4th, 2024 @ Main Clubhouse Annual Turkey Shoot & Pheasant Fundraising Dinner

Turkey Shoot from 1pm – 4pm (Prizes include NY Strip Steaks, turkeys, pork loins, and spiral hams)

Dinner from 5pm – 7pm: Adults \$15 & Children (12 and under) \$7

Turkey Shoot Sundays - March 3, 10, 17, 24 and April 7, 2024 - 1pm - 4pm Prizes include NY Strip Steaks, turkeys, pork loins, spiral hams, and money shoots.

### Sunday March 24, 2024

### Drawing for Membership Raffle - Only 600 tickets available @\$20 each

The Lee Sportsmen's Association is raffling off a Benelli Montefeltro 12-Gauge Shotgun, Ravin R-10 Crossbow, and a Winchester 31 Gun Safe. A ticket is included with your membership renewal. Contact a board member for additional tickets at bod@leesportsmen.com.

### TBD - Check the website for updates.

### Winter Indoor Pistol League on Indoor Pistol Range

### \*Volunteer(s) Needed for Indoor Pistol Range Winter League\*

Indoor Pistol Range Chairman Eric DuPont is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over this coming Winter League on the Indoor Pistol Range. Typically, the in-house league runs for 10 weeks beginning in mid-January through mid-March, meeting one night a week, and hosts three events: 50 ft. small bore rifle, NRA gallery rimfire bullseye pistol, and a combat centerfire event. All of LSA's programs and events are run by Club volunteers, and if no one takes the initiative or volunteers, this program will not occur in 2024. Contact Eric DuPont at indoorpistol@leesportsmen.com or call (267) 974-0044 if interested, and he will help you get started.