

## LAKELAND RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.

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## L. R. P. C. SHOOTER

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If you have any suggestions, please direct them to one of our Club Officers:

President Joe Ruth, Vice-President Ken Jardine, Secretary Paul Thielen, Treasurer David Griffiths; Board Directors: David Caudill, Bob Drake, George Kloiber; Peter Gantz, Lash McCall, Don Sharp; Bob Grimes, Alex Lyakhovetsky, Mike Pitsikoulis; Gun Show Chairman Josh Bolger; or Immediate Past President Jack Schubert

#### Reminder: Shooting hours 8:00AM - 8:00PM

All members MUST wear ID badges when on the range. If you observe an infraction, be proactive and correct it. We all are ALL "Range Masters". If you see it, STOP IT.

**Safety:** 1) Targets must be positioned such that bullets impact on range back berms.

- 2) When calling any firing line HOT or COLD, all shooters must be notified and respond acknowledgement to the firing line command.
- 3) .22 long rifle rimfire benchrest only at 50yd distance on 100yd range (no rimfire magnum allowed), and only prequalified shooters at this distance, per list posted on range.

## REMINDER: Financial statements may be found on the website's Members tab under Meeting Minutes (Treasurer's Report) and on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

<u>January Gun Show</u>: Weather was perfect. Attendance was greater than anticipated. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated. Thank you, everyone, for making our January gun show a success!

Membership Renewal Reminder: Dues for the April 2020-March 2021 membership year are payable by February 29th. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed on dues received, or postmarked, after February 29th. If dues, and any applicable late fees, are not received, or postmarked, by March 31, 2020, your membership will be terminated, and range privileges revoked, effective April 01, 2020.

<u>Board Elections</u>: Elections will be held at the **March 4th Member Meeting**. If you know of anyone interested in running for the board, contact a member of the Nomination Committee to have their name placed on the ballot.

Youth Program: The next programs are scheduled on February 1st with the Advance Junior Program beginning at 9:30AM on the Shotgun-Trap Field. The Junior Program will follow at 1:00PM on the 50yd and Training ranges. Volunteers are desperately needed, so please contact Ron Shultz at 863-397-4433 and notify him of your intent to participate.

NRA High Power Rifle: Season runs October through April with matches scheduled on the first Sunday of each month. Class starts at 9:00AM, match starts at 10:00AM. Next match is scheduled on February 2nd and is open to the public.

<u>Pistol Match</u>: Matches are scheduled on the second Saturday of each month year 'round and are open to the public. Start time, 8:30AM. **Next match** is scheduled on **February 8th**.

<u>LRPC Syversen Rimfire Benchrest Match</u>: Matches are typically scheduled on the third Saturday of each month, October through March, starting at 8:00AM. The next scheduled match will be on **February 15th** and is open only to members and their guests.

<u>Rimfire (A.R.A.)</u>: Year 'round matches are scheduled on the fourth Saturday of each month with an 8:00AM start time. **Next match**, **4 cards**, will be on **February 22nd** and is open to the public.

Shotgun League: Meets year 'round on Thursday at 3:00PM. Refer to calendar for scheduled dates. Open to the public.

## Minutes of the Club Member's Meeting January 8th, 2020

Minutes of the LRPC Membership Meeting are submitted in "Draft Form Only" and shall not become part of the Club record until approval by the LRPC Membership at the next meeting.

**Opening:** President Joe Ruth called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** Thirty members were in attendance. A quorum of 5% of the membership was established.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the December 4th Membership Meeting were presented by Pres. Ruth for approval. With no amendments or corrections noted, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes.

**Membership**: Having completed the Blue Card process, prospective members Russel Gantz, Richard LaRose and Scott Smith were introduced to the membership. A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to approve all 3 for membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treas. Griffiths reviewed the Club's November 2019 Financial Summary Report. Expense figures for 2019 are consistent with the figures from previous years. *The details of this report are posted and available for viewing at the Clubhouse.* 

**Advertising:** All advertising is in place for the January show.

**Repairs and Maintenance**: Groundskeeper Gary Coleman reported that the South Trap machine is experiencing issues. He believes that the issues are related to a bad batch of birds. These birds will be replaced to see if the issues are resolved. The repairs to the administrator's office should be completed by the end of the month.

The bottom metal section of a target frame from the 50 Yard Range with several bullet holes was made available for viewing. The location of the holes demonstrates obvious careless and intentional unsafe and destructive shooting.

Members were reminded that we are all responsible for cleaning up after ourselves after our personal shooting activities. Failing to follow this expectation is a discourtesy to the other members and affects range housekeeping.

#### **Shooting Reports:**

As a reminder, during a Club match or sanctioned event, the range in use is closed to all other shooting activities until the completion of the event.

**Rimfire Rifle Benchrest:** The next ARA Match, which will be a State and Club Championship Match, is scheduled for Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. The next Syversen Match is scheduled for Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. Pres. Ruth reported the top scores for the last Syversen Match, which was held on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Shotgun:** Dir. Gantz reported that the Skeet League will complete their 8<sup>th</sup> and final week of shooting on Jan 9th. There will be one week of fun shooting followed by the beginning of the 5-Stand League. The 5-Stand League will begin Jan 30<sup>th.</sup> To date, the Skeet League has made a net profit of \$628.26.

**High Power Rifle:** Dir David Griffiths reported that the next scheduled match will be held on Feb 2nd. The January 5<sup>th</sup> match was well attended.

**Pistol:** Mem. Alan Keefer reported that the next match is scheduled for Jan 11<sup>th,</sup> and will be a 5-target acquisition and paper bowling pin match.

#### **Youth Programs:**

- **Jr. Programs:** Ron Shultz reported that the Advanced Junior Event on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> was attended by 13 shooters. Thanks goes out to the Club volunteers who showed up to help. The Beginning Junior Program had to be canceled due to rain.

A contribution of \$1,000.00 from the Elizabeth Colt Legacy Foundation, for the purchase of Junior Program ammunition, was presented to the Club by Ken and Robin Hill. Thank you, Robin and Ken, for applying for this contribution!

- **Competitive JR. Program:** Dir Grimes reported that two of the shooters in the program, Emma Jean Stanton and Kyle Semmey, competed in the FI State Junior Olympics held in Hollywood FI on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. Although neither shooter placed in the competition, each shot a higher score than the previous year, and their skills continue to improve.

**Planning:** George Kloiber reported that the installation of the lighting for the 5-Stand range is waiting for the stabilization of the light poles. This project continues to come in under budget.

**Gun Show:** Gun Show Chairman Josh Bolger reported that approximately 450 tables have been sold for the January show. There are still a few slots open on the Volunteer Sheet. *Remember: Volunteering to work a shift reduces your annual Club dues by \$10 for every hour worked.* 

**Old Business:** Robin Hill, Gene Hillman, Ken Hill and B.J. Connell volunteered to serve on the Election Nominating Committee.

#### **New Business:**

Member Rick Roach informed the membership that there are three Pre-File Bills being proposed, for a future session of the State Legislature, that have a bearing on gun owners and gun rights. These Pre-File Bills are HB 6001, HB 6002, and HB 6003. Members are encouraged

to research these proposed Bills and contact their local State Representative with comments. These Bills can be found online by doing a search on the Florida State Legislature site.

As a reminder of a membership email that went out on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, members are encouraged to contact one of the Polk County Offices at 863-534-6049, or 863-534-6050, to express their support of the Polk County Florida 2nd Amendment's Sanctuary proposal. County staff are tracking the call responses and reporting the tallies to the County Commissioners so that they will know the wishes of their constituents

**Door Prize Drawings**: Attendance tickets were drawn, and prizes were selected.

**Meeting Adjournment**: With no further topics introduced, or agenda items to cover, Pres. Ruth entertained a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Thielen / Secretary



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## **Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

### January 15th, 2020

Minutes of the LRPC Board of Directors meeting are submitted in "Draft Form Only" and shall not become part of the Club record until approval by the LRPC Board.

**Meeting Opening:** The meeting was called to order by President Ruth at 7:03pm.

Members in Attendance: President Joe Ruth, Vice President Ken Jardine, Secretary Paul Thielen, Treasurer David Griffiths; Directors Bob Drake, George Kloiber, Lash McCall, Don Sharp, Peter Gantz, David Caudill, Mike Pitsikoulis; Gun Show Chairman Josh Bolger; Immediate Past President Jack Schubert and Grounds Keeper Gary Coleman

Directors Alex Lyakhovetsky and Bob Grimes were not in attendance.

Membership Guests in Attendance: Lester Witman

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**: Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Board meeting were presented by Pres. Ruth for approval. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes with the amendment that Dir. Gantz was in attendance.

**Membership:** Prospective members Howard Burgan, Robert Green, Manley "Scott" McClure and Joe Sissel were introduced to the Board. After introductions, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to issue these prospective members Blue Cards in order to proceed with the membership onboarding process.

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Griffiths presented the Treasurer's Summary Report for December 2019. Net income for the month continues to improve over the last three years. Despite a slightly lower income (9%), YTD Fiscal Year 2019 vs. YTD Fiscal Year 2018 net income has improved. The YTD expenses for the last three years are remarkedly similar. This means good Cost of Goods Sold and Expense control must remain strategic to ensure a positive income stream for the Club in order to continue improving facilities and services. The Wells Fargo credit cards will be retired shortly and replaced with cards from Citizens Bank. This will allow us to pull back a \$25,000 security deposit from Wells Fargo. The new computer for the Administrator's office will arrive this month. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to proceed with the filing of the Club's 2018 taxes.

The Treasurer's Monthly Summary reports are posted for Membership viewing at the Clubhouse.

**Advertising Report**: All advertising for the Gun Show is in place. The Ad in the Ledger will run beginning tomorrow.

**Repairs and Maintenance**: GK Coleman reported that the new carpet for the Administrator's office should be installed by the end of next week. This will complete the remodeling work. A vendor has been contacted for the replacement of several signs on the range. Gary is waiting to hear back from this vendor so he can meet with them, at the range, and have a detailed discussion regarding our needs. The next items on his agenda are the electrical work at the 5 Stand Range and

replacement of the two roofs at the Trap Field. The south trap machine has been cleaned and greased, and several O rings have been replaced. Further operation and analysis of the machine over time will determine if the intermittent issues have been resolved. It is suspected that some of the issues of bird breakage may be due to old weathered birds.

Safety Report: VP Jardine reported that most of the destructive shooting at the Training Range is damaging to the bottom edge of the second baffle. The wooden fence on top of the rear berm is also showing many bullet holes. It is evident that the rear berm is not high enough. The firing line is 1.5 feet higher than the rest of the range. This difference in elevation requires targets to be raised to ensure bullets strike the rear berm. When targets are placed in the area between the two baffles, or just beyond the second baffle, bullet trajectories are very close to the bottom edge of the second baffle. The height of the rear berm in relation to the firing line is 9 feet. VP Jardine recommends that the rear berm be raised to 13 feet in relation to the firing line. This would allow either removing several feet from the bottom of the second baffle or raising the baffle and reduce the probability of impacts to the rear berm fence. He also recommends increasing the distance between the two layers of the fence to six inches. It was additionally noted by VP Jardine that one of the wooden vertical baffle supports on the first baffle is sinking and will eventually need to be addressed. Since the original concept and design considerations were for a training and function testing facility to replace the old 7-yard facility, shortening the current facility needs to be considered. Pres. Ruth requested a committee be formed by VP Jardine in order to see what would be needed to modify the Training Range to its original purpose and design considerations. A Civil Engineer from the membership will be sought out to work with the committee. Board decisions for approval of prone shooting by the membership and installation of hot and cold lights at the Training Range will be deferred until further studies of the Training Range are made.

VP Jardine reported that, after a study which included interviews and opinions from several members who regularly shoot at the 50 and 100-yard ranges, requiring the use of the hot and cold lights at all times was not recommended. The prevailing concern is that the lights could detract from verbal communications and assurances as to the safe status of firearms on the line and agreement to hot and cold condition changes. A motion was made, seconded and passed, with one no vote, to install activating switches at location intervals to be determined on the 50 and 100-yard ranges so the lights could be conveniently used as an option when members wished during casual noncompetition shooting.

**Youth Program:** No report. The Board agreed that LRPC would continue to finance the Youth Program lunches.

**Planning Report**: Dir. Kloiber reported that the light poles at the 5 Stand Range will be secured during a work party sometime in February, and some electrical installations are still needed. This schedule will require the next league matches to be Trap shoots and not 5 Stand shoots as reported in the last General Membership Minutes.

**Gun Show**: G.S.C. Bolger reported that the Show is holding at 84% sold (approximately 450 tables). There was clarification that venders receive two badges for their first table purchased, and one badge for each additional table. Additional badges may be purchased. The location of Gun Check will not be relocated for this show.

**President's Business:** President Ruth informed the Board that there are a couple of elected presidents in the past who never received their honorary green president's hat. Green president's hats will be awarded to Jack Schubert, Ron Shultz and Jack Martin honoring their status and service as previously elected Club presidents.

Pres. Ruth commented that there are times when historical perspective, precedence or other information is of great value to the Board as the Board conducts Club business and makes decisions. With the Board's approval, Pres. Ruth nominated Ron Shultz to the honorary consulting and advising position of Club Historian.

**Old Business:** Treas. Griffiths reported that the Record Retention and Security Committee has yet to find a solution for secure historical hardcopy and electronic record retention.

Dir. McCall has found an online apparel company (Classic Products) that, at no cost to the Club, will develop an LRPC specific interactive site for the purpose of purchasing various styles of LRPC branded apparel by the membership. The site can be linked to the Member's section of the LRPC website so access will be restricted to LRPC members only. A motion was made, seconded and passed, with one no vote, to go with this company and concept. The Board agreed that there would be a 25% profit margin to the Club for apparel purchased from the site.

Dir. Caudill reported that the purchase of the controllers for the Clay Bird Prepayment Cards has been initiated. There are a few programming needs to be worked out to accommodate the differences in bird fees for the various shotgun disciplines.

**New Business**: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously, to allow members to exchange old faded membership badges, or badges that have worn out over years of use, for replacements at no cost. This motion does not include lost badges, or badges damaged due to negligence.

Dir. Caudill presented to the Board, the November 16, 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes, in which a motion was made and carried to allow member Jack Martin exemption from all clay bird payments for life in recognition of service to the Club and the Sporting Clays program. Pursuant to this BOD decision, it was agreed that Jack Martin will be issued a special Clay Bird Prepayment Card so he is not charged for birds he shoots once the controllers are in operation.

**Meeting Adjournment**: With no further topics introduced, or agenda items to cover, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Thielen / Secretary

# SHOOTER'S CORNER

NRA High Power Rifle Competition										
Competition Date: January 05, 2020										
Name	Target 1	Xs	Target 2	Xs	Target 3	Xs	Target 4	Xs	TOTAL	Xs
Smith, Randall	94	1	99	4	95	2	198	11	486	18
Kinley, James	93	2	93		99	1	199	10	484	13
Swartz, James	87	1	99	1	99	1	199	9	484	12
Filippello, Michael	81		91	1	95	2	197	5	464	8
Schunemann, Michael	81		98	2	92		189	4	460	6
Sink Jr., Roy	83		92		94	2	181	1	450	3
Marsicano, Jim	77		93	1	85	1	182	4	437	6

January 11, 2020 Pistol Match									
Class	Points	Score	Name						
	20/40 Paper Pin, 20-20X Max Score								
Rimfire	3	20-12	Linda Hover						
Center Fire	3	20-12	Pat Clark						
Revolver	3	20-10	Richard Eyman						
Carry	3	20-12	George Cater						
Carbine	3	20-6	Mike Fulbright						
	Rapid Fire	Five Target,	25-25X Max Score						
Rimfire	3	25-16	Mike Musick						
Center Fire	3	15-5	Margaret Clark						
Carry	3	13-1	Troy Coleman						

	LAKELAND DELEA PISTOL	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club										
	0.00	Skeet Shotgun League 11/07/19 - 01/09/20										
	7 000	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8			
	FOLINDED 1988	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet	Skeet			
	20	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	9-Jan	Totals	# RNDS	AVG
1	Lash McCall	22	20	18	21	20	22	20	22	165	8	20.63
2	Paul Julian	18	20	23	19	20	23	22	18	163	8	20.38
3	David Barfield	18	22	19	22	22	18	21	20	162	8	20.25
4	Jeff Walker	22	20	21	20	21	17	21	20	162	8	20.25
5	Jim Ledford	19	20	21	21	23	19	19	18	160	8	20.00
6	John Mann	21	21	20	20	19	16	20	23	160	8	20.00
7	Dan Egbert	16	19	20	21	20	19	19	22	156	8	19.50
8	George Kloiber	24	19	21	17	19	17	21	18	156	8	19.50
9	Mike Pitsikoulis	18	16	16	18	17	16	20	15	136	8	17.00
10	Peter Germroth	13	14	21	17	16	12	18	18	129	8	16.13
11	John Spiller	18	18	20	15	15	14	12	15	127	8	15.88
12	David Schmidt	14	15	15	12	20	15	18	15	124	8	15.50
13	Robin Wickman	20	11	18	17	13	13	16	16	124	8	15.50
14	Peter Gantz	13	11	19	14	14	12	19	16	118	8	14.75
15	Russell Gantz	10	8	11	10	12	13	14	10	88	8	11.00
16	Chris Chartrand	16	9	6	12	11	13	10		77	7	11.00
17	Bob Kinsey	20	9	14	15	11	13			82	6	13.67
18	Gary Coleman	13	10							23	2	11.50
19	Jason Holm	10								10	1	10.00
	Total rounds shot	19	18	17	17	17	17	16	15		136	

S	YVERSEN	RIMFIRE	BENCHREST MATCH					
	Match	Date: J	anuary 11, 2020					
Match S	cores		Cumulative Year	Cumulative Year End Results				
Light Class	Score	X's	Light Class Score					
BJ Connell	600	56	BJ Connell	2398	191			
Bill Malzone	596	36	Bill Miles	2366	103			
Bill Miles	593	28	Bill Malzone	1786	105			
Mark Ludington	0	0	Mark Ludington	1193	62			
Mike Fulbright	0	0	Mike Fulbright	595	41			
Heavy Class	Score	X's	Heavy Class	Score	X's			
Charles Knight	600	59	Jim Ledford	2400	215			
Lester Witman	600	59	Charles Knight	2399	220			
Al Kimbol	600	59	Lee McDowell	2399	208			
Jim Ledford	600	56	Lester Witman	2398	218			
Lee McDowell	600	54	Al Kimbol	2398	215			
Stan Searfoss	0	0	Stan Searfoss	1199	95			
Melanie Knight	0	0	Melanie Knight	599	42			
Ed Hess	0	0	Ed Hess	595	36			
Open Sights Class	Score	X's	Open Sights Class	Score	X's			
	30016	Λ5		30016	Λ3			
Paul Thielen	598	46	Paul Thielen	2394	149			
Jim Swartz	596	45	Jim Swartz	2390	168			
George Kloiber	591	34	George Kloiber	2372	134			
Junior Class	Score	X's	Junior Class	Score	X's			
Emma J. Stanton	0	0	Emma J. Stanton	1176	45			
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# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	9:30AM ADVANCED JUNIOR PROGRAM Shotgun-Trap Field 1:00PM JUNIOR PROGRAM 50yd & Training Ranges
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Groundhog Day NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH 9:00AM Clinic 10:00AM Match Start		8:00AM RANGE ORIENTATION (call to register)	7:00PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 2		8:30AM PISTOL MATCH 50yd Range
09 2:00PM - 5:00PM *CONCEALED CARRY CLASS (call to register)	10	11	12	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 3	14 Valentine's Day	8:00AM SYVERSEN RIMFIRE BENCHREST MATCH 100yd Range
16	17 President's Day	18 8:00AM RANGE ORIENTATION (call to register)	7:00PM BOARD MEETING	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 4	21 1:00PM - 4:00PM BLUE CARD FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE (call to register)	8:00AM ARA RIMFIRE BENCHREST MATCH - 4 Cards 100yd Range 2:00PM - 5:00PM BLUE CARD FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE (call to register)
23 2:00PM - 5:00PM *CONCEALED CARRY CLASS (call to register)	24	25	26	3:00PM 3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 5	28	29

<sup>\*</sup>PLEASE NOTE: Concealed Carry Class dates are tentative and subject to change. Refer to website calendar.

# **MARCH 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE 9:00AM Class 10:00AM Match	02	93 8:00AM RANGE ORIENTATION (call to register)	7:00PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING - BOARD ELECTIONS	1:00PM POLK SENIOR GAMES 100yd Range 3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 6	06	9:30AM ADVANCE JUNIOR Shotgun-5 Stand & Skeet Fields 1:00PM JUNIOR PROGRAM 50yd & Training Range
08 Daylight Saving Time Begins	09	10	11	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 7	13	8:30AM PISTOL MATCH 50yd Range
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00AM RANGE ORIENTATION (call to register)	7:00PM BOARD MEETING	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 8	1:00PM - 4:00PM BLUE CARD FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE (call to register)	8:00AM SYVERSEN RIMFIRE BENCHREST MATCH 100yd Range 2:00PM - 5:00PM BLUE CARD FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE (call to register)
22 2:00PM - 5:00PM *CONCEALED CARRY CLASS (call to register)	23	24	25	3:00PM SHOTGUN LEAGUE Week 9 (Fun Night & Party)	27	8:00AM ARA RIMFIRE BENCHREST MATCH - 4 Cards 100yd Range
29	30	31	01	02	03	04

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