

# NEWSLETTER

## *State Representatives Visit the Club*



On Sunday, December 9, Steve Loban brought State Representatives Rosa Rebimbas and Dave Labriola to the club for a trap shooting lesson. Despite the inclement weather, both had a good time and would like to come back again. Steve will work on getting other legislators to come see

what we do and hopefully leave with a positive impression of the shooting sports. Especially in the current political climate, it does not hurt to have some friendly voices in Hartford.

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### AROUND THE CLUB



This past year brought more improvements to the club. The skeet field now has a new rebuilt skeet machine in the high house, the targets now travel in the correct direction. We replaced the trap shack (sign up shack) with a new building. We are still working on it, but it will be completed

very soon. This will allow us to have a warm place to hang out in the winter while waiting to shoot.

Thanks to some hard working volunteers, Jake's shed has been cleaned out and reorganized. Now items are much easier to locate!

**AROUND THE CLUB - CONT.**

If you've ever visited the trap fields after a heavy rain, you would have noticed a lot of mud behind the fields. We installed a drain from field two all the way past field four and now the mud problem has been fixed.

We also regraded the bank leading to the rifle range and now have a paved walk.

Over the years, we have lost track of the club property lines, this year we had an A-2 survey completed so we now have clearly marked boundaries. The maps are hanging in the meeting room if anyone wished to take a look.

**NOTEWORTHY****Civilian Marksmanship Program**

WLOPA is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program, this allows members to purchase various surplus rifles and ammunition directly from CMP. These items will be shipped directly to your home simply by downloading an order form from the CMP site [odcmp.com](http://odcmp.com) and using our club affiliation number of 11116. If you have any questions, see Julian Giuggio.

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**Connecticut Citizens Defense League**

You may have seen posters on the club bulletin boards advertising the Connecticut Citizens Defense League (CCDL). This group exists to guard our gun rights. They monitor state and federal legislation which will further abridge what we have and lobby both Senate and House members. Membership is free and they are looking for new members. They can be reached at [www.CCDL.US](http://www.CCDL.US).

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**Guns For Sale**

A few months ago, we started a new way for members to advertise gun and gun related items. At each monthly meeting there is a table set up in the hall where items may be displayed. Take a look after the meeting.

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**New Storage Trailer Needed**

As you know only too well, we are all getting older. A big problem we have at the club is that the workers are usually the older members because the younger members are busy building their lives.

We currently store our targets in two trailers parked along the driveway. When a load of new targets is delivered we have to transfer twenty three skids of targets from the delivery trailer to our trailer. This is a very physical and sometimes dangerous job carried out by those workers previously mentioned. Also, those storage trailers are one of the worst eye sores in the town of Wolcott.

We have been talking about getting a new metal storage building with a loading dock. This would be a great asset to our club. The only problem we have is paying for it. We have some money put aside for this project, but not enough. We are considering a one time assessment between \$100 and \$150 to finance this project. We hate to do this, but we really need to address this situation. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

**TRAP NEWS**

We held two very successful registered shoots last year. The April shoot was very well attended as was the July shoot.

We received many compliments from members attending from other clubs about the way the shoot was run.

We also held another Breast Cancer charity shoot and raised about six thousand dollars for cancer research.

The spring league went well, with eight squads participating.

Our club shoot was held on October 4. For the second year in a row, our club champion is Bruce Smith. Congratulations Bruce!!

Our 2010 Spring Trap League will begin on April 14 and will be held on Wednesday nights for a total of eight weeks. Sign up sheets are posted around the club. This is a great way to meet other members, sharpen shooting skills and have a good time.

Our first ATA registered shoot will be held Sunday, April 25 and the second will be held Sunday, July 11.

Trap and skeet are open Saturdays and Sundays year round and Wednesday evenings April through September. This year we may try continuing on Wednesdays later in the year and try shooting under the lights.



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**NOTES OF THANKS**

Thanks to Bill Cuttler, Dave Gardiner, Hans Justus and Nick Poulmas for running the very successful pistol classes. They have become very popular since the election of our new president.

Thanks to the following members for projects completed around the club:  
Joe Santos, Roger Guillet, Don Baldwin, Pete Cherubini, Ron Kulmann, Bruce Smith, Rick Rinaldi, Rich Kulmann, Pete Rogers, John Pullen, Bill Cuttler, Bob Vogel, Lou Rodrigues, June Vitiello

We would also like to thank Frank Noble Jr. for all his help this winter plowing the parking area.

A special thanks to Mike Pomponio for all of his advice, without which we could never have completed anything.

## *Urgent Message- All Members*

We need all members to join or renew membership to the NRA.

We are in the midst of a perfect storm of events coming together to create the worst attack on the 2nd Amendment that we have ever seen:

- Eric Holder's confirmation as Attorney General (anti-gun advocate who does not think that individuals have a right to bear arms, and is against gun shows) and a president who is anti guns.
- Blair Holt's firearm licensing and record of sale act (HR-45). Big Brother's new target, a licensing and registration scheme.
- Bill being introduced in CT to regulate all gun and sports clubs.
- Encoded Ammunition/Bullet Serialization, which attempts to impose high taxes on bullets, renders your old bullets illegal and imposes registrations for each box of bullets you buy.
- Invigorated anti-gun advocate groups.

Several bills and efforts are underway at the State and Federal level, as well as through anti-2nd Amendment rights groups such as the Brady Campaign, the ALCU, etc. The Brady Campaign, for instance, emboldened by the popularity of the Obama administration, feels they have a 'friendly' in the White House to finally take on the 2nd Amendment once and for all. The Brady Campaign submitted their wish list of gun controls they would like to see enacted.

The NRA stands at the ready to help fight for our 2nd Amendment rights. We need to support them because as CT and other states begin

to chip away at the 2nd Amendment, we need a strong NRA presence to fight back. The NRA always has been and continues to be a formidable force behind this fight. It relies on its member base, you and me to keep the fight going.

Here's what we need you to do:

- Join the NRA if you are not already a member.
- If you are a member, renew your membership
- Call us and let us know your membership number and expiration date.
- Encourage your friends and family gun advocates to join the NRA too.
- WLOPA can receive a one-time payment of \$5,000.00 if we prove that we have 100% membership in the NRA. We can use the money to fund future club events or club maintenance.
- Get angry and take action against anti-gun efforts by phoning, writing your representatives, writing letters to the editor or calling into talk shows.

We know that these are tough economic times, but this is too important to ignore. Please help keep the fight alive for the 2nd Amendment. We trust you will do the best you can. If you have any questions, call WLOPA at (203) 879-9976.

## Wolcott Land Owners Protective Association

Sunday April 25, 2010                      \$2.00 ATA Daily Fee  
Sunday July 11, 2010                      \$4.00 CTA Daily Fee

### Program begins at 9:00 AM

**Event 1** Singles (16 Yard, 100 Targets).....\$25.00  
4 Classes: A-B-C-D

Cash Awards  
\$100.00 to each class winner (ties divide)

Options  
Lewis Class.....\$10.00  
Three Classes. One money each 10 entries or major fraction.  
Divided 50-30-20 High Gun

**Event 2** Handicap (100 Targets).....\$25.00  
Yardage Groups: (18-21) (22-23) (24-25) (26-27)

Cash Awards  
\$100.00 to each yardage group (ties divide)

Options  
Lewis Class (Same as above).....\$10.00

WLOPA Middle 50 (Currently @ \$580.00).....\$10.00

Juniors/Sub-juniors can elect targets only for half price (not eligible for added money)

**Event 3** Doubles (50 pair).....\$16.00  
Shot as a sub-event on field 5 all day long

## WLOPA 2010 SCHEDULE

### **JANUARY**

29<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **FEBRUARY**

26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **MARCH**

26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **APRIL**

14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League Begins

21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Spring League

25<sup>th</sup> ATA Registered Shoot

28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **MAY**

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League

12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League

19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League

26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Spring League

28<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **JUNE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Spring League (Last Night)

14<sup>th</sup> Spring League Dinner

25<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **JULY**

11<sup>th</sup> ATA Registered Shoot

17<sup>th</sup> Breast Cancer Shoot

### **AUGUST**

27<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **SEPTEMBER**

10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **OCTOBER**

10<sup>th</sup> Club Shoot

29<sup>th</sup> Monthly

### **NOVEMBER**

26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### **DECEMBER**

10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

11<sup>th</sup> Handicap Party