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**Leominster  
Sportsmen's Assn.**

August Newsletter 2017



### Next Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held at Camp Bartlett on Wednesday August 23th, 2016 President Arthur O'Leary will call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Attendance prize for this meeting will be \$50.00.

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### Club Events Calendar 2017

January

1 Redeye Shoot

11 Board of Directors Meeting

15 {Planning Comm}

22 stock fish (postponed)

25 General Meeting

29 Ice Derby(postponed)

February  
 8 Board of Directors Meeting  
 16 Kid's Trap  
 18 {Duke pistol class}  
 19 stock fish  
 22 General Meeting  
 29 Ice Derby(postponed)

March  
 1 {Venturer's Pistol}  
 8 Board of Directors Meeting  
 11 {Ralph pistol class} {Concord Scouts}  
 12 {Planning Committee}  
 22 General Meeting  
 25 {Duke Pistol}

April  
 1 {Kid's skeet at Minuteman}  
 9 Patriot's Day Rifle&Pistol Match  
 12 Board of Directors Meeting  
 15 {Ralph Pistol}  
 16 Stock Fish  
 22 GENERAL CLEANUP  
 23 Fish Derby  
 26 General Meeting  
 29-30 Mountainman Woodswalk  
 30 Kid's Fish Derby




May  
 xx Wood splitting  
 10 Board of Directors Meeting  
 13 Trap and Skeet Range Cleanup  
 24 General Meeting

June  
 4 Steak & Clays; D-Day Rifle& Pistol  
 11 {Steak&Clay Rain date}  
 14 Board of Directors Meeting  
 28 General Meeting

July  
 12 Board of Directors Meeting  
 26 General Meeting

August  
 9 Board of Directors Meeting  
 19-20 BlackPowder Shoot and Campout  
 23 General Meeting  
 21,23,26,28,Hunter Safety  
 xx {Candidate night @ club meeting in even election years}

September  
 10 Freedom Shoot (Rifle & Pistol match)  
 10 Chicken BBQ  
 13 Board of Directors Meeting

From the Women of the NRA.

**Leominster Sportsmen's Association  
 Presents a women's only  
 Firearms Instructional Shooting Clinic**

Sponsored by NRA Women on Target  
 and the Gun Owner's Action League (GOAL)

**Sunday October 22nd, 2017  
 8:00am - 4:00 pm**

At Leominster Sportsmen's Association  
 1455 Elm St  
 Leominster, MA  
[www.lsa-ma.org](http://www.lsa-ma.org)

If you ever considered trying recreational shooting, now is the time! Come join us for a women's only instructional shooting clinic. You will receive hands-on shotgun, rifle, and pistol instructions in a safe, non-competitive atmosphere with competent instructors. All women are invited to participate, regardless of skill level. No previous experience is necessary; just the desire to learn and have fun. This event costs \$40.00 and includes loaner firearms, ammunition, and eye/ear protection. The Home Firearms Safety course is included, so that you can apply for your Massachusetts firearms permit. A light lunch will be provided following the morning program, then we head out to the ranges.

Direct questions to Art O'Leary at 978-537-2642, or e-mail at [olearyj150@comcast.net](mailto:olearyj150@comcast.net)  
 Please fill out the registration form below and mail to:

**Leominster Sportsmen's Association  
 P.O. Box 484  
 Leominster MA 01453**

In order to ensure a quality experience, this event will be limited to 24 participants. Pre-registration is required no later than June 30th. [Please make checks out for \$40.00 to Leominster Sportsmen's Association.]

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Experience Level: No experience \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Yes, I am 16 years of age or older  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**Plate Rack locks have changed!**

The locks to the plate racks on the upper rifle range have been changed for the new year. What is new this year is a 1 key, will open both plate racks. Cost is still \$50 for the year. So you'll get use of both plate racks this year for \$50. That's \$4.17 per month to use them as much as you want. See Dave Kistler on Sunday mornings or contact at [DEKistler@comcast.net](mailto:DEKistler@comcast.net) to get your key. Locks will change again on October 31, 2017. Members who do not purchase a key can still use them on Sunday mornings for \$5.00. Pay the on duty RSO to unlock them. Non-members may use them on Sunday mornings for \$10.00.

**Chicken BBQ on Sept 10  
 Cost is 10.00  
 Everyone is welcome  
 Come enjoy good food and friends.  
 Tickets are on sale now at the Gun Shop, Bar and mornings.**

17 {Big MOE in Sturbridge-fyi}  
24 NRA Day  
27 General Meeting  
xx-xx Mountainman Woodswalk

October  
1 3rd Claude Vezina Memorial Toys-for-Tots shoot  
11 Board of Directors Meeting  
22 Women on Target  
25 General Meeting

November  
{xx Magic Mountain road race}  
8 Board of Directors Meeting  
22 General Meeting  
December  
{rifle matches start}

December  
13 Board of Directors Meeting  
27 General Meeting



### Confirmed Reports of Mountain Lions in Massachusetts

What is a "Confirmed" Record?  
Because the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is a science-based agency, it uses evidence-based criteria for confirming Mountain Lion reports. The criteria are based on a system developed by [The Cougar Network](#). Two classes of Mountain Lion confirmation are recognized:

#### **Class 1 Confirmations - evidence requirements:**

1. The body of a dead mountain Lion, or a live wild-captured animal, is available for examination.
2. Photos, including video, in which a Mountain Lion can be identified and the location can be confirmed.
3. DNA evidence from hair, scat, etc. is available for analysis, preferably by two independent labs.

#### **Class 2 Confirmations - evidence requirements:**

1. Track sets, or photos of track sets, verified by two qualified professionals approved by MassWildlife.
2. Other tangible physical evidence verified by two qualified professionals approved by MassWildlife (i.e., prey carcasses, microscopic hair recognition, etc.).

#### **Confirmed Reports of Mountain Lions in Massachusetts**

Although there have been many reports, there are two records of Mountain Lions in Massachusetts that meet the evidence requirement for a Class 1 or a Class 2 Confirmation (see above). To date, other reports accompanied by evidence have either been determined to be another species of animal, or have been impossible to identify due to the poor quality of evidence. Mountain Lion reports without any form of evidence



**Watch the Dust Devils in Action.**

cannot be investigated or confirmed.

### Case 1

In April 1997, John McCarter, an experienced tracker who had been trained by Paul Rezendes, found scat near a cached beaver carcass at the Quabbin Reservation. The beaver was partially eaten and covered with brush. A scat sample was sent to Dr. George Amato of the Wildlife Conservation Society in New York and Dr. Melanie Culver of the University of Maryland for DNA analysis. Both labs confirmed that the sample came from a Mountain lion. This record has been accepted by MassWildlife and the Cougar Network as a Class 1 Confirmation. At that time the technology was not available for the lab to do a DNA profile to determine a more precise geographic origin of this animal.

### Case 2

On March 4, 2011, Steve Ward, a DCR forester, photographed a track trail in the snow crossing a frozen cove near the Gate 8 boat launch area of Quabbin Reservoir. These tracks were fresh and well photographed. The photos were examined by tracking experts Paul Rezendes of MA, Charles Worsham of VA, George Leoniak of VT, and Dr. Mark Elbroch of WY. These tracks may well have been made by the young male Mountain Lion that was documented by DNA at Lake George, New York on December 16, 2010 and next by DNA and photos in Greenwich, CT on June 5, 2011, and killed by a vehicle six days later ([See more below](#)).

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The "Connecticut Mountain Lion"

Photo courtesy Connecticut Bureau of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division

By far, the best documented wild Mountain Lion in New England was a young adult male (140 pounds) struck and killed by an SUV on the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Route 15) in Milford, Connecticut on June 11, 2011. The animal had been photographed on the campus of the Brunswick School, in Greenwich, Connecticut about 40 miles away on June 5th. An analysis of this cat's DNA by USDA's Forest Service Wildlife Genetics Laboratory in Missoula, Montana revealed that it had originated in South Dakota. Amazingly, this same animal was documented by DNA samples from one site in Minnesota and three locations in Wisconsin from December 11, 2009 through early 2010. At least six sightings of what is believed to be this same animal were recorded from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Later it was documented in Lake George, New York on December 16, 2010. Over a period of a year and a half, this Mountain Lion left DNA evidence (in the form of hair or scat) in at least four states, as well as identifiable tracks, trail camera photos, other photos, and finally, a body.

While mountain lions don't usually disperse more than 100 miles from where they are born, this young male traveled about 1,800 miles. This is the longest documented dispersal distance of a Mountain Lion. The previous record was set by another young Mountain Lion from South Dakota that was killed in Chicago in 2008 after travelling over 1,000 miles.



Anthony Lemay takes home the gold.

Anthony made his competition debut at the New England championships held in Walpole. With the score of 41 in trap Anthony edge the competition in his division. Anthony also impressed with his first ever look at Sporting Clay with a score of 35 out of 50 to take his second gold medal in his first ever competition.

Congratulations Anthony



Also four members of the Dust Devils competed in the Worcester County League of sportsmen, first annual Youth Guns competition.

All four Devils posted outstanding scores ranging from 43 out of 50. This was a great event hosting 27 athletes was had by all



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### MassWildlife – Central District

**TROUT STOCKING** – Central District trout stocking was completed at the end of May. Staff logged more than 4,500 miles and 500 man hours during the month to move fish from the four MassWildlife trout hatcheries in Belchertown, Sunderland, Montague and Sandwich to Worcester County waters. The District office and MassWildlife Facebook page have received many favorable comments on the quality of both the fish and fishing that the stocking effort provides.

**BIG ALUM POND** – The District received several calls about construction equipment being parked at the Big Alum Pond boat ramp in Sturbridge. The equipment was taking up a significant amount of ramp parking. According to the Office of Fishing and Boating Access the equipment was being staged for a nearby project on the Massachusetts Turnpike but the contractor had not been authorized to use the parking area. Alternative arrangements will be made for the equipment and it is in the process of being removed.

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS** – The parties responsible for illegally cutting trees at the **Moose Hill WMA** have complied with the terms provided by the District and approved by the Leicester Conservation Commission. Representatives from the Leicester Snowmobile Club acquired shrubs from New England Wetland Plants in Amherst and planted them with guidance from District staff.

A timber harvesting contract has been awarded at the **Muddy Brook WMA** and work has begun on site. Select trees are being removed to expand the pitch pine scrub oak barrens habitat that is found along Muddy Brook itself. The area will be managed with the application of prescribed fire in the future. The work will ultimately benefit woodcock, wild turkey, deer, migratory song birds and a host of invertebrates and



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### Club Directors

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native plants.

The Hubbardston Conservation Commission authorized the lowering of **Williamsville Pond** as the top section of the wooden portion of the MassWildlife owned dam was failing. A contractor, on call with the Office of Dam Safety, met with the District and a consulting engineer at the dam to discuss options. The contractor ultimately cut away the failing sections of the dam which lowered the water level by about 20 inches. Alternatives for addressing the remaining wooden portion of the dam are being considered.

The District attended a meeting at the **Merrill Ponds WMA** in Sutton where plans to replace two failing dams with functional culverts are nearing completion. The Sutton Highway Department and Tighe and Bond engineers were on hand to discuss the culverts that will be built under West Sutton Road and Hutchinson Road to handle the flow of Singletary Brook.

**BLACK BEAR PROJECT** – The District is winding down efforts to capture and collar female black bear. On two occasions a known female has shown interest in one of the culvert traps but the traps had been tripped earlier in the night by hungry raccoons so the traps were closed. At another trap site a large male bear rolled the culvert trap over to free the contents without having to enter it. Bear reports are still welcome at the District, particularly those of a collared and/or ear tagged animal.

**BALD EAGLE PROJECT** – District staff were joined by climber Kurt Palmateer, who works as an Assistant Fish Culturist at the McLaughlin Hatchery in Belchertown, to band bald eagle chicks in Worcester County. A total of 9 chicks were banded at 5 active nests at Quabbin Reservoir (3 nests), Lake Shirley and Lake Quinsigamond. A total of 7 additional chicks were also produced at active nests at Wachusett Reservoir, Wachusett Lake, Quaboag Pond, Riverdale Pond and Webster Lake, but were not banded due to the condition of the nest tree or time and manpower constraints.

**TURKEY SEASON** – Figures for the 2017 spring turkey season will be available in July after data from traditional check stations is entered and analyzed. Turkey Project Leader Dave Scarpitti advises that reports for this year's Turkey Brood Survey will be particularly important given the unseasonably cold and wet weather that occurred during the nesting season. The link to the Turkey Brood Survey is available on the MassWildlife website and sportsmen and women are encouraged to participate.

**LAND ACQUISITION** – Land Agent James McCarthy reports adding 35 acres to the Muddy Brook WMA in Hardwick where the East Quabbin Land Trust pre-acquired the property for MassWildlife and expedited the process. In Winchendon 175 acres was added to the Benjamin Hill WMA using a Landscape

## Clubhouse Gun Shop

Shop News And Info **Shop Hours:**

**Saturday Afternoon 2 to 4 and Sunday morning from Noon.**

**Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8.**

**ON SALE!**

### This Weeks Specials

CCI #0035 .22 STANDARD VELOCITY pistol ammo a August 17th!

Ruger Mk IV "Competition" pistol arrived. Need One?

Just Arrived... 2018 Remington Wildlife Calendars

Anyone interested in a DIRT CHEAP deer rifle, stop in ask us...

WANTED! Bolt Action Military Rifles. MUST BE Original Complete and in at least very good condition. If you have one you want to turn into CASH..come in see if we can make a deal.

Charter Arms Stainless .22 Target Revolver \$410.00

Remington Model 870 Express, 12 Ga. 3", 26" Barrel, Stock. \$390.00

Mossberg Model 505 youth shotgun. .410 Gauge pump modified barrel \$347.24

Remington 870 Super Magnum 12 Ga. 3 1/2" "Duck B Camo \$575.00

### New Pistols:

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

SigSauer Model P938 compact auto pistol, 9mm Para barrel. \$707.00

SigSauer Model P320, 9mm, \$606.59

**We have a simple "lay-away" plan.**

**If we don't have what you're looking for, let us know we can order it for you..**

Partnership Grant which included the towns of Winchendon and Gardner, as well as the Mt. Grace Land Trust.

**PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING** – Five District staff participated in a prescribed fire training session held jointly with DCR at the Cronin Field Headquarters building in Westboro. The training consisted of classroom and field exercises as well as a two mile fitness walk with weighted backpack.

**PEREGRINE FALCONS** – The nesting peregrine falcons in downtown Worcester hatched one chick but then disappeared from their nest site. No evidence of the chick or unhatched eggs was located on the building ledge, roof or on the ground. Reports of peregrines in Milford and Leominster were not confirmed.

**FIELD HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE** – The June 10th Field Headquarters Open House attracted close to 2,000 visitors. The event was coordinated with the town of Westboro's 300th anniversary celebration which included other attractions around the town and a fireworks display over Chauncy Pond that night. MassWildlife had fisheries and wildlife equipment on display and rooms full of fish, wildlife, amphibian, reptile and other animal information and activities. MassWildlife hats were provided to the first 1,500 visitors and a kayak given away in a free raffle. Approximately 80 MassWildlife staff participated from across the state and many familiar faces from the Worcester County League were on hand as well. Best wishes for the summer.



**Ruger Mark IV Competition 620.00**



**Sig Sauer P938 9mm \$707.00**

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## Wachusett Mountain Men

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**Blackpowder Shoot and Primitive Campout**  
August 19 & 20, 2017  
9:00am to 4:00pm Saturday—9:00 to 3:00pm Sunday  
On the grounds of the Leominster Sportsman's Assn.  
1455 Elm St., Leominster, MA 01453

### EVENTS

- Match 1: \*\*Rifle Woodswalk with 'Hawk, Knife & Firestarting
- Match 2: Smoothbore Woodswalk w/'Hawk, Knife & Firestarting
- Match 3: \*\*Edged Weapons Woodswalk
- Match 4: Standing 'Hawk & Knife
- Match 5: Buck and Ball
- Match 6: Pistol – Single Shot Flintlock or Percussion Pre 1840 Style
- Match 7: Modern Hunters Woodwalk      No



**Remington 870 Express Super Magnum 12 Gauge 1/2 \$575.00**



**Primitive Requirements**

**Match 8: Archery Woodwalk: Primitive, Traditional (no compounds)**

**Juniors**

**\*\*Separate Men's and Women's events.**

**MERCHANDISE PRIZES**

Registration	\$8.00	Covers	Both
entry	Matches 1,2,3,7,8	\$2.00 Entry	\$1.00 Re-
entry	Match 4	\$1.00 Entry	\$0.50 Re-
	Matches 5 & 6	\$1.00 per Target	

Pre-1840 dress encouraged for Primitive Events

For more information call Kevin Kneeland 508-561-8207

OR

Visit our website: [www.lsa-ma.org](http://www.lsa-ma.org)

**Ruger LC9 Compact 9mm \$397.38**



**Glock G30 45 ACP Like New \$725.00**



**Sig Sauer P320 9mm \$606.59**



**Charter Arms .22 Target Revolver \$410.00**

**Come join us for the best breakfast in town at LSA on Sunday mornings. These girls are the best.**



**Your club directors hard at work helping with the drainage issues at the rifle range. These guys did a ton of work to fix the drainage issue and they donated there time which is a huge savings to the club. Thanks to Gerry Nelson, Chip Brown, Larry Thomas and Art OLeary.**





**Ruger SR22 Silver Slide \$370.00**



**Remington Model 770 with 3x9 scope 30.06 \$335.00**



**Russian Mosin-Nagant 7.62x54R \$320.00**



**SKS Military Rifle 7.62x39 \$455.00**



**U.S, 1903 Springfield 30-06 \$1250.00**



**US Model 1898 Krag .30-40 1200.00**

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**MassWildlife – Central District Activities – July 2017**  
**As provided to the Worcester County League of Sportsmen’s Clubs**

**COMMISSIONER GEORGE N. PETERSON, JR. –**  
Commissioner George Peterson has announced his retirement after heading up the Department of Fish and Game for two and a half years. He previously served in the House of Representatives and has always been a strong advocate for habitat conservation and management, land protection and wildlife related recreation, particularly hunting and fishing. EOEEA Secretary Matthew Beaton announced that George would be succeeded by Ron Amidon of Templeton. Ron is a lifelong sportsman who has been very active with GOAL, the Worcester County League of Sportsmen’s Clubs, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and the Otter River Sportsmen’s Club. It is with gratitude that we wish George Peterson the best of luck in his retirement and with pleasure and confidence that we welcome Ron Amidon on board.

**CLUB PHEASANT PROGRAM –** During the week of July 10 more than 2,000 young pheasants were delivered by the District to the Brookfield, Otter River, Royalston, Auburn, Century, Rutland, Webster, Singletary and 200 Sportsmen’s Clubs. Another 2,000 pheasants will be reared by the Worcester County Jail and North Worcester County Correctional Institution. All birds will be released by the participating clubs on their property or other property that is open to public hunting during the six week fall upland bird season.

**STREAM SURVEYS –** District staff recently conducted electrofishing stream surveys in Holden, Sterling, Princeton, North Brookfield, Boylston and Berlin. The data collected is added to the statewide database to identify cold water resources where native eastern brook trout are found. Additional surveys in the Nashua River basin are being planned.

**CANADA GOOSE BANDING –** District staff assisted Waterfowl Project Leader H Heusmann by banding 150 Canada geese at 13 sites in Worcester County over a two day period. The banding effort contributes data that is used to set goose season dates in Massachusetts and throughout the Atlantic Flyway.

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS –** The District participated in a site visit at **Birch Hill WMA** with incoming Commissioner Ron Amidon, Board members Bonnie Booth and Mike Roche, Habitat Project Leader John Scanlon and others, to discuss



**Ruger Precision Rifle 1170.00**



**Remington Express 870 3 inch \$390.00**



**Mossberg Model 500 Ported Barrel Full Camo Pump Action 3 inch \$349.46**



**Mossberg Model 835 Pump Camo Stock 3 1/2 inch \$407.90**



**Mossberg Model 505 .410 Youth Pump Shotgun \$**



**Mossberg Model 500 Wood Stock Pump 3 inch \$3**



**Mossberg Model 500 Camo Ported Barrel 3 inch \$**

future management projects to create habitat diversity and improve hunting opportunities. The work will be done in cooperation with DCR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

District staff met with Habitat Project Leader John Scanlon at the **MacCallum WMA** in Westboro to discuss current management efforts and future work to create habitat management demonstration units.

A significant dump site was identified by the Phillipston Police Department at the **Millers River WMA**. A Phillipston Officer met with MassWildlife staff and agreed to serve written notice to the responsible party allowing 10 days for removal of a vehicle and construction debris from state property. A follow up site visit by the District revealed progress was being made.

District staff discovered an area where yard wastes and other fill was being dumped in a wetland at the **Bolton Flats WMA**. A trail camera was set and a vehicle identified making multiple trips in and out of the property. The violations are being addressed by the Environmental Police and Bolton Conservation Commission.

Timber harvesting has been completed at the **Muddy Brook WMA** in Hardwick. As an added benefit to the habitat improvement project the District is constructing a winter den site for black racers, a harmless but often persecuted snake that winters below the frost line in rocky areas. Staff has also enjoyed seeing turkey, deer, hawks and various songbirds, all of which are taking advantage of the recent management efforts.

**BLACK BEAR PROJECT** – District staff successfully barrel trapped a 300+ pound male bear, immobilized it, ear tagged it and released it on site in Paxton. Efforts to trap a collared female continue with sightings being called in from residents and local police departments. Bear reports are always welcome at the District, particularly those of a collared and/or ear tagged animal.

**ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS** – The deadline for applying for an antlerless deer permit in any of the 15 statewide Wildlife Management Zones is July 16. Applicants may check the online MassFishHunt website after July 31 to see if they were selected for a permit. Successful applicants may purchase and print their permit online or visit a license vendor or MassWildlife office. Permit allocations for 2017 will be the same as in 2016 with 1,250 available in Zone 5; 300 in Zone 6; 2,250 in Zone 7; 2,500 in Zone 8 and 4,100 in Zone 9.

**BALD EAGLE UPDATE** – One of two bald eagle chicks produced by the nesting pair at Lake Quinsigamond in Shrewsbury fledged from the nest but was not cared for by the adults and became weakened. Environmental Police Officers responded and transported the bird to Tufts Wildlife Clinic in

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## New Members for August

1. Angel Ortega
2. Joseph Leone
3. Meng Her
4. Dennis Poe
5. K Todd Tabbaa
6. James Hilliger
7. Robert DiMarzio
8. David Demar
9. Stephen Carrier
10. Clayton Ayotte Jr.
11. Jason Barrett
12. Joshua Barrett
13. Michael Senneville
14. Joseph Dugas
15. Doug Fritz
16. Alan Parks
17. Jose Torres
18. Miguelangel Sanchez
19. Sam Gallant
20. Gianna Demar



## Trap and Skeet New Hours

Sunday 9am to Noon  
Tuesday 9am to noon  
Thursday 9am to noon  
Sat 10am to 3pm except Pheasant Season which is 11am to 4pm

**Attention-Trap and Skeet will be closed on Fridays from Oct 20th to April 20th**

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Grafton for rehabilitation. Options for release back to the wild will be considered when the bird gains weight and strength.

**LAND ACQUISITION** – Fifty-four acres were added to the Millers River WMA in Royalston and 10 more acres added in Athol before the close of the state fiscal year. The Royalston acquisition was made using 100% Land Stamp revenues. Statewide, some 4,231 acres were protected jointly by MassWildlife and the Department of Fish and Game using a combination of Environmental Bond Funds and \$1.45 million in Land Stamp monies. Fifty-one land protection projects were completed, seven of which were in Worcester County.

**PRESCRIBED FIRE PLANNING** – Prescribed burn plans have been completed for two units at the Muddy Brook WMA. The units are located to both the east and west of Muddy Brook itself. The burning will maintain and enhance the habitat created by the recent forestry activities.



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### Wild Turkey Brood Survey

Sportsmen and women, birders, and other wildlife enthusiasts are encouraged to assist with MassWildlife's Annual Wild Turkey Brood Survey. The public is asked to record sightings of hens, poults (newly-hatched turkeys), and males (both juvenile and adult). For help identifying male and female turkeys and determining if a male is a juvenile (jake) or adult (tom), [please click here](#).

MassWildlife conducts the Annual Brood Survey from May through August 31 each year to estimate the number of wild turkeys. The brood survey helps our biologists determine turkey productivity and compare long-term reproductive success while providing an estimate of fall harvest potential. Turkey nesting success can vary annually in response to weather conditions, predator populations, and habitat characteristics. Citizen involvement in this survey is a cost-effective method for gathering useful data, and can be a fun way for people to connect with nature. Be sure to look carefully when counting turkey broods, the very small poults may be difficult to see in tall grass or brush. MassWildlife is interested in turkey brood observations from all regions of the state, including rural and developed areas.

**NEW! Observations can now be reported online.** Submit all the information and click submit and your turkey brood observations will be logged by MassWildlife. You can download and [print a Turkey Brood Survey form](#) to complete over the course of the summer. Completed forms should be mailed after August 31st to: Brood Survey, MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581. If you've submitted your observations online, please do not submit in duplicate observations.

Mail completed forms to:  
Brood Survey, MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581



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### **Freedom Shoot September 10th!**

Combined Rifle Rattle-Battle & Pistol Plate Match starts at 9am on Sunday September 10th, to commemorate attacks. This time the 10 Point bonus is for using your Cost \$10. Proceeds to benefit the Fisher House for V families. Details on the flier.

### **Women on Target - we still have room!**

- Sunday October 22nd 8am-4pm - An opportunity for ladies to learn gun safety, try rifle, pistol & shotgun, and certificate to apply for their gun license! Sign-up form: <http://lsa-ma.org/attachments/events/LeominsterSportsmens-WOT-2017.pdf>

### **Hunter Safety in AUGUST this year**

Our annual Basic Hunter Education Course is on **August 21st, 24th, 26th, and 28th** this year. The course is free, but call Hunter Ed headquarters at 508-389-7888 to register. Students **MUST** attend all sessions. The course covers everything you need to know to go hunting - safe handling and storage, hunting laws & ethics, wildlife management & game identification. Whether you're new to our sport or already a Mighty Woodsman, you will learn a great deal from this course! You will get a certificate that allows you to apply for your Mass gun license & is good for hunting licenses in every state & Canada & Mexico. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/education/events/hed/hunter-education-program.html>

### **Save the Date - NRA Day September 24th -Rain or Shine**

NRA Day is our part of National Hunting and Fishing Day

is a great way to introduce your friends, relatives, & co-workers to our Great American Tradition! There will be firearms safety lessons and we'll shoot 22 rifles, pistols, shotguns, muzzle-loaders & archery. You will learn from our "Dream Team" of the Shooting Sports! Our aim is to provide a safe, structured, hands-on learning environment under the direction and supervision of experienced shooters, instructors, and coaches. Also, bring your fishing gear, pond is open to fishing. NRA Day is open to new shooters, Old Pro's, kids, adults, members and the public. Price is just \$5 each - the first 30 people get a Browne NRA Day T-Shirt. (note- the Upper & Lower ranges will be closed for other use during this event - come and bring a new shirt you would like to help out & join our staff, contact Art C

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**3rd Annual Claude Vezina Toy for Tots Shoot will be held on  
October 1, 2017.**

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Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often gets readers to take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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