

Long Lake Fish & Game Club Annual Newsletter – 2019

Annual meeting for the election of officers and directors in June saw some changes. Edwin Hall – President; Clark Seaman – Vice President; Bruce Jennings – Secretary; Shawn Wright – Treasurer. Our Board of Directors are: Jeff Canton; James Swedberg and Donn Rifenburg. **Membership is up to 316.**

We say good-bye to John Pearson as Vice-President. Due to health conditions he thought it best to pass down his post. John will remain active in overseeing our operations, but from afar. The Club gave him a presentation clock for his years of service. He and his tools will be missed.

The Club Raffle of the HENRY in .45-70 caliber, with cowboy lever was won by Jim C. of So. Glens Falls and Newcomb. Fred F. of Long Lake won the second-place prize of \$100 which he graciously returned to the Club. Next year's Club raffle will be for a *Henry – Golden Boy with octagon barrel in .22 S/L/LR caliber.*

I was going to write the usual items of the Club's activities from the past year. Items like the fishing contests for the Kids, how the Club worked with the Long Lake Central School to bring the NY High School Clay Target Program to students, sending kids to DEC Camps for a week's worth of education and fun, how the Club works with the Northern Canoe Trails for sending kids out for adventures, and other events the Club does at the range. How Trap Shooting is the biggest supporter the Club has with the 100 Bird Shoots and Friday Night Trap, the pistol matches the range holds for Bullseye Shooters, and maybe mention the weekly pistol opportunities shooters had.

But what I should be telling the members of the Long Lake Fish & Game Club is the dangers they face. Like how the State of New York chased out the NRA based insurance companies, so we were forced to find coverage elsewhere. Now that the Mid-Term elections are done, you should know just where gun owners stand. In Albany the legislation is in the Democratic majority. Gun owners better know what is on the horizon for 2019.

- 1) **The reintroduction of the Red Flag bill.** This is typical of other red flag bills passed around the country. One exception is the bill adds school personnel as qualified petitioners. The school district would have to go to court and seek an order which could take several days allowing a potential perpetrator plenty of time to follow through with a threat. If the schools view a risk the most prudent action is to involve law enforcement which is already available. Another consideration is a parent or guardian who has broken no laws could have their firearms confiscated with no due process. Regardless of who the petitioner is, there are no penalties for those who make false claims.
- 2) **Bump Stock Ban** has already made the Federal level. It is an accessory. Supporting such a ban would be inconsistent with long-standing opposition to bans on other accessory items, such as magazines.
- 3) **Extended Waiting Period** – Albany wants to extend the delayed three-day period of the “Instant Check” to ten days. Law-abiding gun owners should not be burdened by government incompetence.
- 4) **Social Media and Search Engine History** will be like giving the government the keys to your front door. The new (S.9191) legislation from the Senate would require pistol license applicants, renewals and owners of grandfathered semi-automatic firearms under the SAFE Act to submit passwords and history. This is an assault on not just the 2nd Amendment but also the 1st, 4th, 5th and perhaps the 14th Amendment. Also (S.9197) proposal pertains to rifles and shotguns purchased through a licensed dealer. You have been told trap shooters and hunters they would be coming after you, here it is. Why not driver licenses or any license issued by the State.

- 5) **Requiring Firearm Owners to Obtain Liability Insurance** (S.2857) is a proposal to obtain a minimum of not less than one million dollars of liability insurance. This would pertain to concealed carry license holders. However, the legislation reads “Failure to maintain insurance shall result in revocation of owner’s registration, and any other privilege” Registration is not defined but may reference semi-automatic firearms under the SAFE Act. Notice now what this exposed, in that the gun grabbers don’t believe you have a right to own a firearm, it’s a “privilege”.

While our legislative prospects may be bleak, this should nonetheless not preclude us from doing all we can to convince legislators that proposals like those are not in the best interest of the law-abiding citizens of New York State. If not successful legislatively our other option is through the courts, specifically the Federal courts. This will mean putting more emphasis on fundraising legal defense funds.

I wish to leave you with this thought:

First they came for the machine guns, and I did not speak out—because they said only gangsters used machine guns.

Then they came for the short-barreled shotguns, and I did not speak out—because they said only bootleggers used short-barreled shotguns.

Then they came for the imported guns with "no sporting purpose", and I did not speak out—because they said only assassins used imported guns with no sporting purpose.

Then they came for the silencers, and I did not speak out—because they said only hitmen used silencers.

Then they came for the assault-style weapons, and I did not speak out—because they said only potential school shooters wanted assault-style weapons.

Then they came for the high-capacity magazines, and I did not speak out—because they said only mass murderers needed high-capacity magazines.

Then they came for the 3D-printed guns, and I did not speak out—because they said only right-wing nutjobs would 3D-print a gun.

Then they came for the bump stocks, and I did not speak out—because they said only rednecks used bump stocks.

Then they came for the ammunition, and I did not speak out—because they said only paranoid preppers wanted more than a box or two of ammo.

Then they came for me—and they had machine guns.

To keep up with Club news and any event updates be sure to provide your e-mail address. We have our own web page at <http://longlakefishgame.com> and Facebook to keep items posted.

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Coming Events:

Feb. 9th – Lake Eaton & Long Lake Ice Fishing Contest 7 am to 3 pm

Registration at Long Lake Geiger Arena 6 am to 7 am
Weigh-In at the Town Beach
Door Prize and Cash Awards at the LL Diner 3:30 pm

March 2nd – Adult/Kid Ice Fishing Derby 7 am to 2 pm

Registration at Long Lake Geiger Arena 6 am to 7 am
Weigh-In at the LL Geiger Arena beginning at 1 pm
Cash Awards to all participants

May 18th – 100 Bird Shoot “Spring Open”

Sign-up begins at 7 am Shooting starts at 8 am
Cash Prizes with Lewis Awards.

June 1st – Kids Fishing Day 7 am to 2 pm

Sign-up at the Long Lake Beach Area 7 am
Food and Prizes available. Special Award for Golden Rainbow Trout!!

June 15th – Long Lake Fishing Contest 6:30 am to 3 pm

Registration at the Long Lake Beach 5:30 am to 6:30 am
All Boats leave at 6:30 am prompt
Weigh-In at the Beach beginning at 2 pm
Cash Prizes Awarded

Aug 3rd – 100 Bird Shoot at the Range

Sign-up begins at 7 am Shooting starts at 8 am
Cash Prizes with Lewis Awards.

Aug 16th and 17th – Black Bear Pistol Match at the Range

Registration at 8 am Shooting starts at 9 am
Cash Prizes determined by participation

**Cancelled – Northeastern Regional – NY State Championship Pistol Match
(September Match)**

Dates can be subject to change. Check the LLF&G web page and/or Facebook as events gets closer.

The comments received have been very good towards the direction the Club is working. We appreciate all feedback. It helps us make the proper decisions for your membership to the Club.

Bruce M. Jennings, Sec.

Patches, Hats and Decals are still available. The Club set a price of \$5. Each for patches and decals and \$20. for hats. Fill-in items on your renewal membership to order yours. *Add \$4.00 for shipping and handling for hats.*



Please return this slip with your dues and donations to membership chairman,
Bruce Jennings. Mail to:

Long Lake Fish and Game Club,
PO Box 691, Long Lake, NY 12847

Make Payable to: **LLF&G Club**

Membership Year 2019

Circle One: Regular \$35

**Senior \$15
(60 yrs and older)**

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Enclosed Release of Liability form, sign, and return with your dues.

(Items Ordered: _____ & Amount Submitted \$ _____)

Indicate if you would like extra raffle tickets: _____

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY-- READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Long Lake Fish and Game Club, Inc. firing range programs, and its related events and activities, I the Undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the Company immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin,

HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE Long Lake Fish and Game Club, Inc. and if applicable its officers, directors, officials, volunteers and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASERS OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

_____ (Print Name)

_____ Age _____ Date Signed _____

Participants Signature

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, _____ as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any

and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above,
EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE-OF THE RELEASERS, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signature: _____ Date Signed _____