



The Fish Times



New

letter of Ludlow Fish & Game Club, Inc.

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At The Bar



IRISH NITE was the best ever at the Club. Lets keep it going, our bartenders are anxious to serve you those cold refreshing drinks. The warmer weather is here, lets "*Celebrate*". Besides the wide, great selection of drafts on tap, i.e. Bud, Bud Light, Spaten, and BBC, we also have a special selection of Sam Adams year round. In addition you can find many other domestic and imported beers to satisfy you taste buds at great prices. Laurie continues to come up with a fantastic selection of crazy combination drink specials, which have been a huge hit at the Fish. Laurie is now featuring Royal Drinks

in honor of the Royal Wedding. Laurie has also put together some great frozen drink specials for your pleasure. Daiquiris, Pina Coladas, and Margaritas surely to make your clothes fall off.

It is Horseshoe time at the Fish. Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you don't want to join the tournament, players can always use cheerleaders.

**OF COURSE, JUMBO SHRIMP IS AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY ALL DAY
WITH LAURIE'S FAMOUS COCKTAIL SAUCE
5 FOR \$2.00**

Memberships

Memberships are continuing to flow in at a steady pace for 2011. If you have not as yet renewed your membership now is the time. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please have them pick up an application at the club house or visit our website at www.lfgclub.org. Any questions regarding membership can be directed to Wally Ricardi Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, at the club house between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (413) 583-4055.

Radar's in the House!

If you don't feel like cooking, you don't have to. On Thursday or Friday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. Radar has a variety of food choices to appeal to every appetite. Prices are reasonable and the company is good. Please come by and check it out.

KIDS FISHING DERBY

**May 21, 2011
(rain date 5/22)**

REGISTRATION: 7:30 a.m. FISHING 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free hot dogs, hamburgs and beverages for fishing persons up to age 16. Prizes and certificates awarded in four age groups.

Lots of fun and raffle prizes.

Paul Dorval Golf Classic 2011

July 23, 2011

It's our fifth annual Ludlow Fish & Game Golf Classic.

Applications are now available at the Club and teams are filling fast. The price is the same as last year, \$85/pp – \$340.00/team which includes 18 rounds of golf at Westover with cart; beer and hot dog on the ninth hole; h'ordeurves at the Club after golf, Steak Dinner, draft beer, and money prizes.

Great raffles will also be available including a surprise raffle.

Dinner tickets can be purchased separately for \$15.00/pp.

Celebrate Ludlow

**July 30, 2011
(rain date 7/26)**

Don't miss Ludlow's grand event. There is entertainment all day long and lots of fun for all ages. Support your town and booster clubs. This year's fire works will be better than ever.

ENTERTAINMENT

Fish Club Member Highlight



Les Prentice is our featured LF & G member. Les is retired from the Connecticut Department of Education where he was employed for thirty years as a Training Program Coordinator. Les is happily married to Delight Prentice of 52 years and they are very proud of their three children, Lee Prentice, who is a police officer with the Springfield Police Department, Eric Prentice and daughter, Carolyn Prentice, all of whom who shoot including grand-daughter, Elizabeth. Les also has a granddaughter, Margaret.

Prior to his retirement, in 1987 Les became a member of the Springfield Cyclonauts Touring Club, which was established in 1965. Les owns a Trek Touring Bike and loves to tour with it. When asked what Les enjoyed most about cycling, he stated: "it is good exercise, and he enjoys the experience". He generally cycles anywhere from 15 to 100 miles. His longest tour being 133 miles which he accomplished in approximately 8 hours. Les can be found riding in any kind of weather with the exception of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

We were fortunate to have Les join the Ludlow Fish & Game Club family in September, 2003. Les was an original member and still is a member of the Springfield Revolver Club, which had closed their range and Les was looking for a new range. Les was impressed with our range and not only become a member but took an active interest in becoming an NRA Instructor. Les participated in a two day course at the GOAL headquarters in Northboro, became certified, approved by the police department, and began teaching the NRA basic pistol course offered through Ludlow Fish & Game on the second Wednesday and Saturday of each month. The course is \$60.00/pp and includes everything necessary to complete the course and obtain an approved NRA certificate. Les provides the hand guns and ammunition and participants are able to shoot primarily .22 caliber, and often .38 caliber and .45 caliber. When the classes were first offered there were few participants each month, but since its inception has grown tremendously to 18 participants last month. The fee pays for the course books and materials, and the balance of the funds are paid to Ludlow Fish & Game Club. With the course, participants are able to apply for their LTC license with their local police station, however, the overall purpose of the course is to teach safe handling of fire arms, and in the long term promote improved performance and accuracy. Participants range in age and families and couples are encouraged to take the class together. Anyone under the age of eighteen must have a parent or sponsor present for the course.

Les is a Patron Member of the NRA, subscribes to GOAL, is a volunteer for the Mass Senior Games and the event manager for the Pistol Competition, sponsored by Springfield Revolver Club through the United States Revolver Association, and hosted at Ludlow Fish & Game Club between March and May of each year. He has been involved with the Western Mass Industrial Pistol League for seven years and his team has won first place in his division for six out of seven years.

When asked Les if he has completed all of his goals in life and what if any are left. His response was "you never accomplish all your goals, as you finish them, you set others to achieve".

Les Prentice is truly a remarkable man, and we are proud to have him as a member of the Ludlow Fish & Game Club.

For further information on the NRA basic pistol classes feel free to contact Les directly at lprentice@verizon.net. Additional information can be found in the GOAL newsletter, and occasionally in Turley Publications.

Boyscout News



Boy Scout Crew 171, sponsored by Ludlow Fish & Game Club, is planning their spring and summer activities. Kayaking, camping and whale watching are among the activities. The Crew would like to thank all that participated in this year's Turkey Shoots. It was a successful season. The Crew enjoyed an April bonfire and an outdoor movie at the Club's archery range. Crew 1774 is a coed youth group for girls and boys from ages 14 to 20. If you are interested in joining or know of someone interested, call Dave Graffum at 413-583-4779. Join with a friend and enjoy the outdoors.

Attention SKEET SHOOTERS Attention

Upcoming Shoot Schedule
June 10th – 12th – Western Mass 400
August 26th – 28th Massachusetts State Shoot
(fees yet to be determined)

Regular Skeet & Trap Hours
Marshall Steinbeck 413-585-8662
Mike McNicholas 413-532-6507

Tuesday: Noon – 3:30 p.m.; Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.;
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 5:00 p.m. - DUSK

PISTOL RANGE HOURS

Jim Daigle – Range Master (413) 896-1368

Sunday – Friday: Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Guests are allowed the first Saturday of every month for a fee of \$5.00. Guests must be accompanied by a club member with a valid range pass and must sign the guest book. Any questions or concerns regarding the range can be directed to Jim Daigle.