

Lapeer County Sportsmen's Club

# Newsletter



**December 2004\January 2005**

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## Greetings

This month's newsletter is just a tad thin, which is odd since there's a good bit going on at the Club these days. We have a new Operating Committee which will help the Venue Committees prepare project proposals for the Board to speed up the review and approval process. **Carl Roper (810-796-2872)** is the Chair and he's looking for volunteers. Every Venue Committee needs to have at least one person representing it for this new process to work efficiently.

The Safety Committee is also up and running, Chaired by **Tom Maxwell** with **Bill Moon** as Vice-Chair. This is another good place to volunteer your time as they have a lot on their plate.

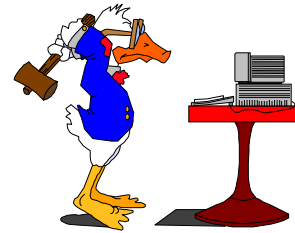
The Liquor License process is moving along, albeit not as quickly as we had hoped.

The latest wrinkle is that our contact person got promoted, so we had to transition to a new Liquor Control Commission representative. We are working on it, however, and the process is moving along. Next step is an inspection and review of a large pile of paperwork the Commission has requested. We'll keep you posted.

Also, don't forget the Club Christmas Party on December 11 from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. There will be food and games for the kids. If you want your child to receive a gift from our very own Santa, please bring it with you and **CLEARLY PRINT** the child's first and last name on it to help Santa.

Please RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup> to **Bill Felice** at **810-793-2376**. If times are tough, there's a rumor that **Bill** has a direct line to Santa, so you might want to ask him about that.

You might also want to consider signing up a young person for the Junior Shotgun program **Ray Giacobone** is running. It's a great way to introduce youngsters to the shooting sports and begin developing the skills they'll need to take over as the next generation of shooters and hunters. It's also a good way to make sure that their children will have the same shooting opportunities we had. Every time we sign up a new shooter, there is one less anti in the world. You can contact **Ray** at **586-781-4297**.



**Dave & Ruthanne**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

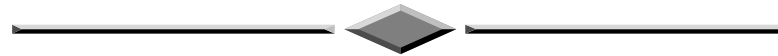
### “FREEDOM”

“Freedom—no word was ever spoken that has held out greater hope, demanded greater hope, demanded greater sacrifice, needed to be nurtured, blessed more the giver, damned more its destroyer, or comes closer to being GOD’S WILL on earth. AND I THINK THAT’S WORTH FIGHTING FOR.”

The 2004 political campaign is drawing to a close and by the time you will have read this article you will have exercised your right, in a free society, to vote your conscience in an open election. America is a land filled with courageous, giving people.

Chaplain Rev. Roger Ewers (yours)

Our prayers Phil. 4:19 Pastor Roger with LOVE IN CHRIST



### Don't Forget The Annual Club Christmas Party

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## Monthly Meeting Menus

### December

Pork Tenderloin  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Onions or Corn  
Apple Sauce  
Dinner Roll

### January

Fish or Chicken Sandwich  
French Fries or Onion Rings

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### New Junior Shotgun Program

**Ray Giacobone** and the Shotgun Committee are conducting a Jr. Shotgun Program for kids age 11 to 18. Parents will have to be present and sign a waiver. The Juniors will start out with trap, move onto Skeet and then have a special day to work on Sporting Clays. They'll meet on two Saturdays per month.

For more information contact **Ray Giacobone** at **586-781-4297**.

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### LOST

Keyring with two (2) key attached. Near the old pistol building or the main gate. If found, contact **Paul Butkis** at **248-628-5435**

Benchrest Pads left on the rifle range. If found, contact **Joe Evely** **810-724-5527**

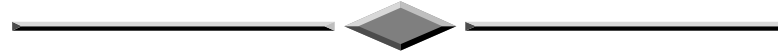
## **New “Casual” Shooting Rules**

Effective November 1, 2004 “casual” shooting of firearms will be permitted only in the following locations:

1. The Rifle Range
2. The New Pistol Range
3. The pattering Board at the West end of the trap field
4. The area under the east tower for hand throwing skeet

“Casual” shooting means shooting that is not part of an organized Club activity or specifically permitted by an action of the Board. Note that the pistol range on the east end of the shotgun area is **not** included in the permitted locations for “casual” shooting. It is for use only during organized and/or authorized events.

This rule is not intended to discourage members from using Club facilities for “casual” shooting. It has been put in place to help make sure everyone on Club property is as safe as possible.



## **Sometime You Probably Did Not And Probably Will Not See On The “Unbiased” Media Marine sacrifices his life for others in grenade blast**

By Gordon Trowbridge  
The Army Times

FALLUJAH, Iraq - Sgt. Rafael Peralta built a reputation as a man who always put his Marines’ interests ahead of his own.

He showed that again, when he made the ultimate sacrifice of his life Tuesday, by shielding his fellow Marines from a grenade blast.

“It’s stuff you hear about in boot camp, about World War II and Tarawa Marines who won the Medal of Honor,” said Lance Cpl. Rob Rogers, 22, of Tallahassee, Fla., one of Peralta’s platoon mates in 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Peralta, 25, as platoon scout, wasn’t even assigned to the assault

team that entered the insurgent safe house in northern Fallujah, Marines said. Despite an assignment that would have allowed him to avoid such dangerous duty, he regularly asked squad leaders if he could join their assault teams, they said.

One of the first Marines to enter the house, Peralta was wounded in the face by rifle fire from a room near the entry door, said Lance Cpl. Adam Morrison, 20, of Tacoma, who was in the house when Peralta was first wounded.

Moments later, an insurgent rolled a fragmentation grenade into the area where a wounded Peralta and the other Marines were seeking cover.

As Morrison and another Marine scrambled to escape the blast, pounding against a locked door, Peralta grabbed the grenade and cradled it into his body, Morrison said. While one Marine was badly wounded by shrapnel from the blast, the Marines said they believe more lives would have been lost if not for Peralta's selfless act.

"He saved half my fire team," said Cpl. Brannon Dyer, 27, of Blairsville, Ga.

The Marines said such a sacrifice would be perfectly in character for Peralta, a Mexico native who lived in San Diego and gained U.S. citizenship after joining the Marines.

"He'd stand up for his Marines to an insane point," Rogers said.

Rogers and others remembered Peralta as a squared-away Marine, so meticulous about uniform standards that he sent his camouflage uniform to be pressed while training in Kuwait before entering Iraq.

But mostly they remembered acts of selflessness: offering career advice, giving a buddy a ride home from the bar, teaching salsa dance steps in the barracks.

While Alpha Company was still gathering information, and a formal finding on Peralta's death is likely months away, not a single Marine in Alpha Company doubted the account of Peralta's act of sacrifice.

"I believe it," said Alpha's commander, Capt. Lee Johnson. "He was that kind of Marine."

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