

# Loudoun Outdoors

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## MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

### *Membership e-mail contact information*

E-mail requests for membership information from both existing and prospective members should be sent to [membership@loudouniwa.org](mailto:membership@loudouniwa.org). To ensure the receipt of a response, please ensure that the e-mail address [secondvp@loudouniwa.org](mailto:secondvp@loudouniwa.org) is recognized by your e-mail program or mail server as a safe and friendly e-mail address. E-mail sent to the membership address is automatically forwarded to the secondvp e-mail address and any responses are sent from the secondvp e-mail address.

There have been instances where the response was blocked as suspected SPAM or where the recipient's e-mail service used a challenge and response process to verify that e-mail addresses that are not on a safe list were sent by an actual person and not by an automated process.

In general, if any reply is met by a requirement to validate the sending address (such as the challenge and response process), the e-mail will probably not be delivered. If you are expecting a reply to an e-mail to the membership address, you need to ensure that the two addresses noted above are recognized as safe and friendly addresses.

### *Membership Renewals*

The season for membership renewals is approaching. It is expected that renewal forms will be mailed to current members starting in September. The renewal dues will not change for the 2006 membership year. They will be the same as they were for 2005.

This column will discuss two of the requirements in the bylaws regarding renewals. More detailed information on the renewal process will be included in next month's newsletter.

The first is that the bylaws state that membership renewals are due and payable by November 1. The bylaws further state that if all materials (renewal form, renewal dues, workday information or workday fee) are not received by December 31, the:

"... membership shall be terminated, and a former member whose membership has been terminated must re-apply as a new member and is subject to new initiation fees. Unusual circumstances may be appealed to the Board of Directors at a regular Board Meeting and based upon such appeal the above provision may be waived by the Board of Directors."

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This requirement was not strictly applied for renewals for the 2005 year because of the delays that occurred in sending out the renewals and in obtaining the membership cards for the new year. Any leniency for the renewals for the 2006 year will need to be approved by the incoming Board of Directors.

The second is that the bylaws state that:

“All members shall attest in writing, at the time of membership renewal, that workday service has/has not been performed subject to such attestation by Committee Chairperson(s).”

A section is provided on the renewal form for the renewing member to state how the workday requirement was met. This needs to be completed or the workday fee needs to be added to the renewal dues for the renewal materials to be considered complete. In addition, please make sure that the appropriate committee chair reports your attendance at any workday activities or reports other work performed for the chapter so that your workday activities can be validated.

The workday requirement was discussed in a prior newsletter. The following membership types do not need to meet the workday requirement: Chapter Life, Senior Citizen, Senior Chapter Family, and Youth members. Any member may request, for due cause, that the Board of Directors grant special exemptions from the workday requirement. One example of a situation where the Board of Directors may approve an exemption to the workday requirement is the case of an absentee member. This is a member who is temporarily living out-of-state or overseas due to job requirements.

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#### UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPECIAL EVENTS

Come listen and learn from recognized experts in archery and rifle marksmanship. The September meeting will cover archery and the October meeting rifle marksmanship.

A presentation on archery will be given by Mr. Steven Stark of B&B Archery, Manassas. Steven has an impressive list of accomplishments including twelve time Virginia Champion, three time Mid-Atlantic Region Champion, and he most recently competed at the World Championship level, taking First Place. Steven will be discussing a variety of topics related to archery, including bow tuning, ingredients to accurate shooting, and other important archery tips.

Presentation on rifle marksmanship of interest to all by Capt. Harland Pelle, US Air Force. Capt. Pelle is a member of the USAF Rifle Team and has been recognized as a Distinguished Rifleman. Capt. Pelle has an outstanding list of achievements to include Presidents 100 - 1994, Four-Time National Infantry Trophy Champion 1991-1994, and the National Hearst Champion 1994. Capt. Pelle will be discussing a variety of topics related to rifle maintenance, ingredients for accurate shooting, and related topics.

The membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 PM.

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#### RECENT CHANGES TO OUR WEB SITE

We have recently updated the calendar on our web site to use a standards based mechanism. This allows us to more efficiently manage the event scheduling, and offer calendar subscription to our members. Subscription allows the calendar to be viewed at any time without visiting the chapter web site. We hope these changes will provide an improved and more timely dissemination of information to our chapter members.

Mac users may subscribe by visiting the calendar page, then select the “subscribe to this calendar” button and iCal will do the rest. Windows and Linux users may subscribe using Mozilla Firebird or

Thunderbird with the calendar extension, or the standalone Sunbird. These softwares are available free of charge from [www.mozilla.org](http://www.mozilla.org). To subscribe, create a remote calendar with the the URL reference of <http://homepage.mac.com/dan.s/calendars/LCCIWLA.ics>. One day when hell finally freezes over and Microsoft chooses to use standards based approaches, Internet Explorer may also be supported. As mentioned last month, please check feed://[www.loudouniwl.org/lcc.rss](http://www.loudouniwl.org/lcc.rss) for news and other updates.

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## CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Chapter elections were held at the August general membership meeting, and four new directors were elected. We welcome Kameron Turner, James Vaeth Jr., Donoval Reid, and Ed Fortney, and look forward to benefiting from their participation as they help us plan improvements and ongoing operations of our chapter.

The position of first Vice President remains open, and all interested parties should contact Herb Goodfellow at [president@loudouniwl.org](mailto:president@loudouniwl.org). Will you be the one to step forward and make a difference ?

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## RIFLE-PISTOL RANGE REMINDER

Range work days are the second and the fourth Sunday of each month during the summer. If you use this facility and have ideas on improving these facilities, then you are exactly the person we wish to talk to ! Contact Butch Thompson at [range@loudouniwl.org](mailto:range@loudouniwl.org), or visit the contacts page in the members area of our web site for Butch's telephone number .

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## TWO BUCKS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hunters in Virginia are now able to voluntarily contribute to those in need by making a donation of \$2 to the [Hunters for the Hungry](#) program when they purchase their hunting licenses. Each \$2 donation from a hunter in Virginia will enable Hunters for the Hungry to provide 13 additional servings of venison. Hunters for the Hungry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association that provides donated venison to people in need across Virginia. The group was established in 1991 and, since then, has provided more than **6.6 million** servings of venison.

During the hunting seasons, successful hunters donate deer that are surplus to their families' needs to Hunters for the Hungry. The organization receives donations of deer throughout the year through special damage permits and municipal deer programs. Annually, Hunters for the Hungry is unable to accept thousands of pounds of deer due to a shortage of funds to process and package the meat. These \$2 voluntary donations will now provide the needed funds to help bridge this gap. Consider making a \$2 donation to Hunters for the Hungry when purchasing your license this year

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## YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION

Attention young sportsmen and women ages 10 -18. Interested in improving your hunting skills and learning more about hunting methods and game species with other young hunters? Then join us, The Youth Hunter Education Challenge ( YHEC ) program on Sundays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm for a unique opportunity to test and improve your abilities in a variety of hunting techniques and skills.

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge program is an international program that instructs young people in the outdoor skills, ethics and safety training necessary to be a safe and responsible hunter. It is recognized as the most comprehensive youth hunting program anywhere in North America.

The program includes training in the use of shotgun, rifle and bow as well as instruction in outdoor skills such as wildlife identification, hunter safety, ethics and map and compass orienteering. State and provincial level YHEC programs draw an estimated 15,000 youths each year. Top ranked individuals advance to the annual NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

Since its inception in 1985, YHEC has reached more than a million young sportsmen and women. Our program has participated at the state level for the past several years as well as at the international level.

For more information contact Dan Davis at [yhec@loudouniwa.org](mailto:yhec@loudouniwa.org), or simply come out to the chapter on any scheduled Sunday at 1:00pm and join the fun. Please check the Event Calendar on the chapter web site for the next scheduled dates.

We also have a need for YHEC coaches. This is an opportunity for you to share your knowledge with young people who are just starting out in the tradition of hunting. If you can give some of your time to this program please contact Dan.

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