



L.C. Smith Collectors Association

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Dear Art,

It was with extreme pleasure and delight that I, as Executive Director of the L C Smith Collectors Association, received the Challenge Cup from a thoroughly beaten and humiliated Parker Gun Collectors Association Saturday afternoon; so in that regard, I extend my heartfelt condolences for Team Parker as they nurse their collective battered and bruised egos. And in all honesty, while I may have been totally surprised at our margin of victory, Team LC was prepared; and no attempt to explain away the Team Parker debacle by claiming they were instructed to “roll over” will serve to diminish their utter humiliation, nor lessen the exceptional collective efforts of Team LC! So now, after suffering through four consecutive years of disappointment and eating crow, it is with a sense of great pride (and a slight tinge of gloating), that I hereby, on behalf of the LCSCA, proudly accept the congratulations of the Parker Gun Collectors Association. And although no one can know what the hands of fate may hold for future events, the severe trouncing Team Parker received at the hands of Team LC shall forever be fondly remembered with great satisfaction!

But with all boasting and gloating momentarily laid aside, let me say with all earnestness that of all the events in which our respective organizations have jointly participated to date, this was by far the most enjoyable; and I would have made that affirmation whether the LCSCA had been victorious or not, (although it would have been with a little less enthusiasm). With each passing year the spirit of fellowship continues to increase; and our bonds of friendship grow stronger. Each organization is composed of the finest men and women representing the best traits humanity has to offer; and we at the LCSCA are proud to refer to the PGCA as our friends!

In closing, members of the PGCA may rest assured that we members of the LCSCA will indeed celebrate our tremendous victory; and will thoroughly enjoy the long overdue return of **our** Challenge Cup. It is after all, the contention of the LCSCA that the Cup again resides where it rightfully belongs; therefore we will not only cherish its return, but will muster our shooters in Sanford, NC once again next April to demonstrate that the beat-down Team Parker received at the hands of Team LC was anything but a fluke!

Until then, I wish you my fondest regards,

Frank Finch