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CLUB OFFICERS

At the May 2004 Annual Meeting the election of Officers was conducted. Your 2004-2005 Club Officers are:

Jack Fitzgerald, President (748-4428)
Willis L. Platt, Vice-President (723-2658)
Chris Daniel, Treasurer (648-3283)
Jerry Knapp, Secretary (849-3476)

TEAM CAPTAINS

Binghamton #1, Pete Matwey
Binghamton #2, Harry Newbury
Marathon, Jerry Knapp
Sporterifle, Will Platt

ANNUAL DUES

The Club's annual membership dues are due by the end of September. You may mail them to the Club by using the enclosed dues form, pay them through one of the Club Officers or Team Captains, or pay them at the General Meeting on September 15th at the Club.

GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting for all members is September 15th, starting at 7:30pm at the Club. You may pay your annual dues to our Treasurer at this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the school buses are back on the road, soon there will be a nip in the air and the BRC shooting season will be in full swing. It's time to put your golf clubs in the corner of the basement out of the way, hang your fishing poles up in the garage keeping them close for just one more outing, start thinking about where you left the lawn rake, whether or not you changed the oil in the snow blower last spring, and most importantly, start gathering supplies to see you through another fun packed season of shooting at BRC.

For those of you that have not spent time at the club this summer the first thing you will see when you enter is light, lots of light, our new ceiling and light fixtures in the ready room have really improved 1st impression and function of that area. After your eyes adjust to take a look around; you will notice that a few of our members have been very busy and a lot more jumped in to help as they could to make numerous improvements. The front part of our club is looking good but there's still plenty to be done. You will note that I didn't mention above stowing your tools for the season, we still need them with their owners to complete the improvements planned – paint brushes and rollers with your experienced help will go a long way to finishing up the projects started. Call or see any of your club officers and we will assure you are given an opportunity to make your contribution to club improvement.

The BRC teams are always looking for new members, if you're on a team don't hesitate to ask other members to join you, and if you're not on a team, you're just not having as much fun as you could have. There aren't try outs for our teams you only need to have the basic equipment, gun/shooting glasses/ear protection and a desire to enjoy shooting sports with some great people. Come on out – contact any club officer or team captain if you have any questions or want to learn more about our teams.

INTERSTATE PISTOL ASSOC. LEAGUE

The Club has three teams competing in the IPA. There are plenty of opportunities for members to join one of the teams. Contact one of the team captains for additional information (**Pete Matwey** @ 723-1418, **Harry Newbury** @ 754-8793, **Jerry Knapp** @ 849-3476). The first match for the 2004-2005-season will be September 24th. See your team captain for match dates and locations.

KIELBASA MATCH

The Club's annual kick-off for the fall pistol season will be held on September 17th starting at 6:00pm. Come out to shoot a little to remove that summer rust, swap some stories or just take part in eating some of that great food which is always served.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The junior club will start the 2004-5 season on September 21st at 7:00pm at Club with a sign up and registration with the Boy Scout Venturing program. Registration fees are \$15.00. If you know a young shooter who is at least 14 years old and would like to get some excellent firearms safety and marksmanship training, please bring them to this program. Contact coach Pete Matwey at 723-1418 or pmatwey@stny.rr.com for more details and questions.

GUARDIAN MEMBER

Each year the Club Officers grant a Guardian membership to a Club member who will perform routine Club housekeeping, minor repairs and Club inspections to help keep the Club orderly and clean. In return for performing these duties, the Guardian member will not be assessed annual dues. A full description of the Guardians duties can be found at the sign-in table at the Club. Let one of the Club Officers know if you are interested in the Guardian position.

SPORTERIFLE

This is a fun competition requiring a .22 caliber rifle and ear and eye protection. The Club has some rifles you may use if you don't own one. All shooting is done at the BRC range on Monday evenings starting at 7:00pm. The Sporterifle league will start the 2004/5 season on Sept. 20 with a meeting, practice and pizza thanks to Captain Will Platt. Contact Will Platt at 723-2658 for details or E-mail Will at wplatt@attglobal.net. Come on out and shoot with the Sporterifle guys.

EMPIRE STATE GAMES

Two Club members, Bruno DiRico and Pete Matwey, won gold medals in the Rapid Fire pistol team match. Bruno also won the silver medal and Pete the bronze medal in the individual Rapid Fire event. Our junior program shooter, Joe Brady, won a silver medal in the scholastic prone rifle team match and the bronze medal in the individual prone rifle match. Good shootin' guys.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT JOB

Thanks to a group of dedicated supporters, the Empire State Games' shooting events at our Club were well received by all competitors and guests. These SUPPORTERS deserve a great BIG HAND for a job well done:

JIM BATES, BOB HINMAN, JIM FISH, BOB POUPARD, JERRY KNAPP, GEORGE JENNINGS, TOM TAMBLYN, GUY WILSON, KEN LOPRESTI, WILL M. PLATT, WILL L. PLATT, BOB KOWALSKI, GARY INGRAHAM, JOHN LLEWELLYN, JACK FITZGERALD, PHIL FITCH, BRUNO DIRICO, PAUL VASEK, JAN MAKOSKE, TED MAKOSKE, JIM ARMSTRONG, PETE MATWEY and BILL SOULE.

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS - 2004

September

General Meeting.....Sept. 15
Sporterifle Practice.....Sept 20,27
Junior Program.....Sept 21,28
Kielbasa Match.....Sept 17
IPA Pistol Matches.....Sept 24

October

Board Meeting.....Oct 13
Sporterifle.....Oct4,11,18,25
Junior Program.....Oct5,19
IPA Pistol Matches.....Oct1,8,15,22,29

November

Board Meeting.....Nov 10
Sporterifle.....Nov 1,8,15,29
Junior Program.....Nov2,16
IPA Pistol Matches.....Nov5,12,19
International Pistol.....Nov 11,18

December

General Meeting.....Dec 8
Sporterifle.....Dec 6,13
Junior Program.....Dec 14,28
IPA Pistol Matches.....Dec 3,10,17
International Pistol.....Dec 9,16

ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2004-2005 CLUB YEAR ARE NOW DUE

ANNUAL DUES FOR FULL MEMBERS.....\$95.00

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$50.00

You must have been a member for the last 3 years and be at least 65 years of age by October 1, 2003.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$10.00

Spouse of a member.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$15.00

Students 18 and under.

COMPUTER CARDS ARE ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE CLUB. THESE CARDS ARE NOT ISSUED EVERY YEAR. YOU WILL USE THE SAME CARD EACH YEAR.

DUES ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1ST
GRACE PERIOD DEADLINE - OCTOBER 31ST

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES BY THE DEADLINE, WILL HAVE AN INVALID CARD AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GAIN ENTRY INTO THE CLUB.

Make checks payable to the BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB

If paying by mail, send the following information to:

Binghamton Rifle Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 823
Binghamton, NY 13902-0823

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I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP TO THE BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB:

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

TELEPHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

NRA MEMBER # _____

FULL _____ **SENIOR** _____ **ASSOCIATE** _____ **JUNIOR** _____ (check one)

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