



# TARGETS!

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Willis M. Platt

### CLUB QUARTERMASTER

Jan Makoske

### CLUB WEB MASTER

Doug Murray

### GENERAL CLUB MEETING

**The Annual Club Meeting for the election of Officers will be held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 PM. This is the most important meeting of the year and all members are urged to attend and participate.**

### CLUB WEB SITE/E-MAIL

Thanks to the efforts of Doug Murray the club has an excellent

web site. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on at the club.

The site address is  
[www.binghamtonrifleclub.org](http://www.binghamtonrifleclub.org)

Doug our web master would like to receive suggestions from the membership as to what they would like to see added to the site.

### CLUB NEWSLETTER

If you have received this newsletter by mail and have an email please send it to me so we can we can add you to the electronic mailing.  
[wplatt@attglobal.net](mailto:wplatt@attglobal.net) , Thanks

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This spring has been a very busy time at the club with all of the activities that have taken place plus the flood. I would like to thank all of the club members who turned out to support this activity, with you the club just could not run and the work would not get done. I would also like to thank the Broome County Sportmen's Association for offering to conduct the second day of our State Championship which was necessary to cancel because of the flood.

I would also like to encourage everyone who can make it to come out to the important Annual Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jack  
Fitzgerald  
President

BRC

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

We would like to welcome some new members to the club. They are Bill Casale, Mike Hanagan, Alexander Hanson, Bruce Hanson, Dave Hibbard, Walter Jones, Tom Koziol, Alison Leshinsky, Harlan Mosser, Ben Oliver, Lawrence Space, Susan Space, John Schering, and Chris Utyro.

**CLUB DUES**

There is still some of the membership that needs to pay their dues. If you fall into this category please make your check out to the Binghamton Rifle Club, and mail it to P. O. Box 823, Binghamton, NY 13902-0823.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - 200 5**

This year's Club Champion and Top Guns are:

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONS**

Matt Giswold - .22 Prone Rifle  
Mike Armstrong – Sporterifle, 3  
Position Air Rifle and Precision  
Air Rifle

**JUNIOR TOP GUNS**

Joe Brady – Sporterifle and  
Precision Air Rifle  
Mike Armstrong - .22 Prone Rifle  
and 3 Position Air Rifle  
Kurt Hakola – NYS American Legion  
Championship 3-P Team

**SPORTERIFLE CHAMPION**

Kevin Brown

**SPORTERIFLE TOP GUN**

Pete Matwey

There were no pistol championships

conducted this year due to inclement weather and no time to reschedule.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Our annual spaghetti dinner to honor the Club Champion and Top Guns for the year was attended by 51 hungry members and guests. It was another successful and enjoyable evening for everyone. This was the result of all the efforts put forth by a dedicated group of people. They are Helene Quackenbush for the decorations, Broome County Sportsmen's Club for the loan of their chairs and tables, Mary Matwey for cooking great spaghetti sauce, meatballs, sausages and salads, Carol Fish for the delicious homemade garlic bread, Jim Bates for his assortment of fine home made wines, Tom Tamblyn for his award winning champagne, Pat Mitchell for the hors d'oeuvres and Leah Newbury's des serts to top off the dinner off.

Pete  
Matwey

**LIFE MEMBER AWARD**

At the annual dinner in March the Binghamton Rifle Club bestowed Life Membership in the club upon JIM BATES. Among his many attributes, Jim was honored for his many years of outstanding leadership and guidance to the club and its members and for his shooting accomplishments and dedicated coaching to all who enjoy the shooting sports. Jim is a Club Champion and a Top Gun in every way.

**CLUB ELECTIONS**

The club election of officers will be held at the May 11<sup>th</sup>. Annual Meeting. If you would like to volunteer to run for office contact Harry Newbury, chairman of the nominating committee. We are

always looking for new blood.

#### **INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS**

The International Sectionals in free pistol, air pistol and standard pistol were conducted on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Poupard, the match director, wishes to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help run the match.

#### **NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The southern section of the New York State Indoor Pistol Championship was scheduled to be conducted on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The match on Saturday went off without a hitch, but on Sunday you would have required waders as the club was flooded for the second time in seven months. Jim Fish rescheduled the second day of shooting after the water receded and the club was cleaned up.

Jim Fish, the match director, wishes to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help run the match.

#### **THE FLOOD OF 2005**

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> there was 30 inches of water inside our club. To give you a perspective of 30 inches, it's the height of the bottom of the table in the club. The flood interrupted the 2005 NYS Indoor Pistol Championships being held at the club. The match was to be held Saturday and Sunday, but the shooters scheduled for Sunday had to wait two weeks to finish the match.

Fortunately, on Saturday Jim Fish, the match director, was paying close attention to the weather reports. We had a small crew on hand to put everything on top of tables, the counter and other high

places where we thought it would be safe. Jim Fish had about 1,500 pounds of bullets in paper boxes that he and Jerry Knapp put on top of the table.

On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM the water had receded below the level of the club floor. I spent 5 ½ hours cleaning up 3 garbage cans of soggy targets and pushing water out the back door. On Tuesday and Wednesday we had work crews to cleanup the club. We were extremely fortunate to have Guy Wilson and Don Bennedum bring down their shop vacs to aid in the clean up. I would like to thank all the people who assisted in the clean up. We were able to get the club back in shape for a match the following Friday. I should list your names, but you know who you are. I couldn't make the Wednesday work party, but one fellow brought a professional floor-cleaning machine. I was told it was awesome.

Harry Newbury

#### **FRIENDS OF NRA**

The 12<sup>th</sup>.Annual Southern Tier Friends of NRA Banquet was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Kalurah Temple, 625 Dickson Street, Endicott. Over \$14,750 worth of guns, gun accessories, camping equipment, hunting and fishing equipment, house decorations, a bicycle and gift certificates were given away, auctioned or raffled off. It was an impressive amount of stuff that found its way into numerous willing hands.

I am the Treasurer, so I have access to the figures. We made \$14,624 on this year's banquet. This means \$7,312 can be spent on local shooting programs for youth,

shooting sports and range improvement. The same amount goes to National programs. So all of the profit s goes back into our sport.

In 12 years we have made \$157,554. That's \$78,777 going into local programs. Our returning target system was one of the early grant recipients, \$739, as I recall. Our Venturing junior program has been a substantial beneficiary of grants in recent years.

In the last 5 years, ending in 2004, there were \$42,175 in grants to Binghamton Area organizations, including Baden Powell Council-Boy Scouts of America, Binghamton Gun Club, Broome County Sportsmen Association, Tioga County Sportsmen Association, Vestal American Legion and Whitney Point Sportsmen Association. In addition, there were \$30,810 in grants given to shooting and educational programs, including Eddie Eagle, NRA Range Department, NRA Youth Programs, National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation, Refuse to be a Victim and Women on Target.

On the grant forms it says, "The National Rifle Association continues to be the greatest friend that responsible, law abiding, American gun owners ever had. For more information on volunteer opportunities, the Friends of NRA fundraising program and grant awards, as well as other important NRA programs and services please contact your NRA Field Representative, Jay Rusnock, P.O. Box 943, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590, Phone 845-298-7233, email [jaurusnock@nrahq.org](mailto:jaurusnock@nrahq.org)." Jay is kind of busy, so you can ask me, Pete

Matwey, Willy Platt or Jack Fitzgerald. They'll steer you in the right direction.

Harry J.  
Newbury  
BRC Team 2  
Captain and  
Friends of NRA  
Treasurer

#### **JUNIOR ACTIVITY**

Another safe and successful junior rifle safety and marksmanship program has just completed its indoor practices and matches. The juniors compete as a team in the NYS American Legion air rifle league, fire for awards in sporterifle, CMP smallbore rifle (.22s) and in smallbore prone and 3 position. They also had a much better turn out for the Club Championship Matches this year than all of the Club's adult members combined!! The juniors who are up to the challenge now move outdoors and shoot at the Broome County Sportsmen's Association (BCSA) 50 yard range with .22 caliber rifles. We are thankful to BCSA for permission to use their range for our juniors. The outdoor shooting is primarily practice for the 2005 Empire State Game tryouts in June and beyond, but any youngster may join, and learn what 3 position target shooting is all about. Just contact Pete Matwey at 723-1418 to find out practice dates, etc.

The BRC Junior Program has received a \$2,084.00 grant for 2005 from the Friends of NRA through the NRA Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase shooting equipment, ammunition, safety items, training materials and shooting awards for the juniors who participate in the program. If you have some juniors (ages 12 through 21) in mind who would like to learn to shoot, the program is always open to new kids, Just call Pete. The future of the shooting sports is in our junior shooters.

Pete  
Matwey  
Jr.  
Coordina  
tor

May 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SPORTERIFLE**

The club's New York State Sporterifle team had a good finish this year competing in the top league. They had a 12 win – 9 loss record for a third place tie. Their average was fourth best in the entire state.

The team is looking to do better next fall, but we need help. We are always looking for new members so get your squirrel rifle and come on out. If you do not have a .22 caliber rifle the club has some you can use. The league will start up again in September. The team shoots on Monday nights starting at 6:30 or there about.

#### **NOTE:**

Check the web site for any possible additions or changes.

#### **CLUB IMPROVEMENTS**

We are making plans to accomplish several projects in June and July this year. Please call Jack Fitzgerald at 748-4428 to offer your help on the following:

**RESTROOMS RENOVATION TO BE FINISHED**

**PAINT OUTSIDE WALLS**

**UPGRADE BACKSTOP**

**PAINT INTERIOR FLOORS.**

**UPDATE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS**

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Gen. Mtg. & **Election of Officers**