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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

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 email please send it to me so we can add you to the electronic mailing.

wplatt@stny.rr.com

Thanks

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE YEAR

I hope that everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and we are now looking forward to the New Year. 2006 was a very tough year for the club and some of our club members, but we made it through and from the club aspect we are looking forward to a great New Year.

The club is about 80 percent to being back to normal and with the holidays being behind us it is time to get back to completing the job. Pete Matwey will be forming some work details to finish the job. Please give him a hand.

Do to the effort of all of the individuals who help clean up the mess and take on the reconstruction the club has started to get back to be fully operational. We have three teams competing in the Interstate Pistol League, the Sporterifle Team is shooting in the New York State postal league and the International Pistol League is going strong. Also our Junior Program under the guidance of Pete Matwey is meeting on a regular basis.

In the near future we will be holding the Club Championships in pistol and rifle. We should all plan to support these matches. The championships are fun and are followed by our Annual Club Awards Dinner which is always a lot of fun.

In addition to your effort we needed money in order to save the club. The cost of the reconstruction will top 30 thousand dollars. That is a lot of money, money which we did not have in July. I want to thank everyone who reached down into their pockets and donated to the fund. Also a huge thanks goes out to those of you who purchased the bonds, it was a big help.

Very big thanks must go to **Pete Matwey** who headed up the grant activity. Because of his hard work we were fortunate to have received grants from the State and the NRA Range Fund. Pete is still working on several other grants. But please remember to pay your dues for the Club's day-to-day expenses, and get your friends and their friends to join the fun.

I would like to end by **THANKING** all of the people who came out and worked so hard to clean out the mess and who have worked so hard on the rebuilding.

George Jennings, Jr.
President BRC

2006 – 2007 DUES

There are still a few of you who have not let paid your dues. It is the member's dues that support the club's annual expenses. Let's get that checkbook out and take up that pen.

FRIENDS OF NRA DINNER

The Friends of NRA Dinner will be held April 19th. In the past our club has received several grants to support our junior program and to make club improvements. This year we have applied for a grant to help to rebuild the club. As individuals we should make a very big effort to support the dinner in April. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club will be conducting the annual club championships in the following disciplines.

Junior Championships

February 11, 25 – 2:00PM

March 4 – 2:00PM

Pistol Championships

February 27, 28 – 7:00PM

Sporterifle

February 19, 26 – 7:00PM

SPORTERIFLE

We are half way through the season and we looking forward to the home stretch.

We are always looking for new members so come on out and give it a try all you need is a .22 caliber rifle that weighs a maximum of 7 ½ pounds, including the scope. If you do not have a rifle the club has a few that you can use to get started. We meet on Monday nights starting at about 6:30 PM.

Contact **Willis L. Platt** for additional information. (wlplatt@stny.rr.net).

KIELBASA MATCH

The annual Kielbasa match was a great success and was a great way to reopen the club. **Jim Fish** wants to thank all who came out to shoot and also those who just came out to eat kielbasa.

IPA LEAGUE

The club is again fielding three teams in the IPA League. All of the teams could use additional members. You do not have to be a master shooter; all you need is an interest in having fun and enjoy shooting. Contact the team captains which are listed on page 1.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY

The Junior Marksmanship Program is being held at the Club on Sunday afternoons starting at 2:00 PM on the following dates. January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 17, 25; March 4, 11 and April 15, 22, 29.

All juniors between the ages of 12 and 18 are welcomed to join the group. Adult help is always welcomed.

Contact Coach **Pete Matwey** at **723-1418** or pmatwey@stny.rr.com for more details.

Pete Matwey
Jr. Coordinator

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner to honor the Club Shooting Champions is scheduled for March 10, 2007 starting at 6:00

Contact – Pete Matwey

NYS INDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jim Fish is Scheduled to hold the Central Section of the New York State 2007 Indoor Pistol Championship on March 17th and 18th. This match has been held at the BRC for over 45 years and is a good moneymaker for the Club. Your help is needed, either to work or shoot. Call Jim and let him know when you can work during the match. Entry forms to shoot will be available at the Club.

Contact – Jim Fish

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

The International Sectionals will be held on March 24 and 25, 2007. These national level matches have been held at the BRC for the last 12 years and are attended by some of the best shooters in the country. The events include Free Pistol, Standard Pistol plus Women's and Open Air Pistol. Club members will be needed to help conduct this match so plan on coming out to help.

Contact – Pete Matwey

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JANUARY

Board Meeting – 25th at 7:30 PM
Junior Program – 7, 14, 21, 28 at 2:00 PM
Sporterifle – 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 11, 18 at 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

General Meeting – 22nd at 7:30 PM
Junior Program – 4, 11, 17, 25 at 2:00 PM
Sporterifle – 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 8, 15 at 7:00 PM

MARCH

Board Meeting – 22ND at 7:30 PM
Junior Program – 4, 11, at 2:00 PM
Sporterifle – 5 at 6:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 8, 15 at 7:00 PM
Annual Spaghetti Dinner – 6:30 PM

APRIL

Board Meeting – 26th at 7:30 PM
Junior Program – 15, 22, 29 at 2:00 PM
Intl. Postal League – 12, 19 at 7:00 PM

MAY

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
24TH at 7:30 PM

NOTE – Check the web site for the complete club calendar. Any additions or changes will be posted there.

ENTRY TO THE CLUB

The bar code entry system has not yet been replaced. When it is all paid up members will be advised on how to enter the club.

CLUB GUARDIAN POSITION

The club has a position open for a "**Club Guardian**". An individual accepted for this position will receive a free membership. In order to apply an individual must have been a member of the club for one year. A list of duties can be obtained from Pete Matwey. All letters of interest are to be mailed to the Binghamton Rifle Club, P.O. Box 823, Binghamton, NY 13903.

NOTE

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Your officers & Board of Directors encourage you to take part in your Club Championships. You do not have to be a member of a team to shoot in the championships. The events are open to every club members.

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Thought of the day.

“IT IS NOT HOW GOOD YOU ARE NOW; IT IS HOW BAD YOU WANT IT.”

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