



TARGETS!

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2009 – 2010 DUES

It is that time of the year when you must get out that old check book and pay your dues. Please complete the enclosed renewal form and return it with your check, it is important that we have you NRA Number and if possible the expiration date of annual members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new slate of club officers were elected at the May 28th general meeting, the major change is the president position, I have replaced Pete Matwey for the next two-year term, effective July 2009 (refer to the CLUB

OFFICERS list in this newsletter for the updated list). A big thanks to Pete for all his efforts over the past two years. Pete will remain active in the club serving on the By-Laws Committee, leading the junior programs, etc. and no doubt helping me (along with the rest of the Board of Directors) get up to speed.

This spring / summer a number of successful events were conducted at the club including the Club Championships, Annual Spaghetti dinner, Indoor Pistol Championships and the International Pistol Sectionals. The board is currently reviewing the proposed schedule of events for the upcoming SEP 2009 – AUG 2010 year and the Kielbasa Match, IPA League, Sporter rifle League, Junior Marksmanship Program, etc. are all included. The schedule will be published once approved.

Membership renewals are due this month and the club is currently at a record membership level with over 150 members! I hope that all current members will renew their memberships and we will continue to recruit new members whenever possible. The membership renewal form is attached for your convenience (the form can also be downloaded from the club website and printed); please remember to include your annual dues. While we all hope everyone will renew, inevitably some folks let their membership lapse. If you will not be renewing your membership please return your access card to the club, either in person or via the mail, so that it can be reissued saving the club replacement expenses.

Over the past few months there have been several incidents and discussions regarding damage to the range (and subsequent repairs). Range care and proper use of the facilities is the responsibility of all members.

In this newsletter we've included the 'Range Rules and Regulations' as a reminder to all.

If you have any questions or comments that you would like to share feel free to give me a call @ 607-693-3334 or send an e-mail to finnsfive@aol.com . John Hakola

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

SPORTERIFLE

Where has the summer gone? It will not be long before the fall shooting season will be going strong at the club. This will include another year of the Sporterifle league. The first night for practice is September 14, followed by our first match on September 21.

The team is always looking for new members. The competition is fired with a .22 light rifle with scope that weights no more than 7 ½. If you light to try it and do not have a rifle the club have several you can use to get started. You do not have to be an expert shooter to join the team; all that is needed is the desire to shoot a little and to have a lot of fun. The league is a postal league with awards given in several classes from the novices to the very best of the best.

We shoot on Monday nights. I will be sending out additional information to the team as soon as I get it from the league. If you would like your name added to the Sporterifle mailing list just drop me a note.

Will Platt at wplatt@stny.rr.com

KIELBASA MATCH

The annual Kielbasa match will again kick off the fall shooting season. It will be held on September 25th starting 6:30pm. If you don't shoot in the competitive league come down anyway and help eat the kielbasa and other goodies. It is also a good time to take part in some interesting conversation.

IPA LEAGUE

The club will again field three teams in the IPA League. The present schedule is to start shooting the first week of October. If you have

never shot in the IPA come out and give it a try as the teams are always looking for new members. New shooters are needed on each team. The team captains are listed on page 1.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY

The first meeting for the Junior Marksmanship Program will be held at the Club on Sunday, September 13th, starting at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be for registration in the Venturing program at a cost of \$15.00 and kickoff our junior shooting season from now until April 2010. A firearms safety class will be held before any shooting starts. Look to start shooting by September 21st. Sporter air rifle, .22 caliber target and sporterifle, plus some air pistol will be practiced during our program. All juniors between the ages of 10 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.



Above are two of our junior shooters who are North East champions in the US Army open air gun matches earlier this year. Stephen Jensen (left-4H program) was first in the North Eastern states and Kurt Hakola (right - BRC) was third. Stephen was first in NY, Kurt was second.

In the 2009 NYS American Legion Air Gun Championship, Kurt Hakola won four gold and one bronze medal – which included first overall champion. Kurt is now in his first year at the Air Force Academy and shooting on their rifle team.

The BRC team placed third in the American Legion Matches and three of our first year shooters came home with medals in class; Damiana Mellen won two gold and one bronze

medals, Caitlin Mellen came home with a silver and Ian Edmister won a silver and two bronze medals.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the Club next spring to honor the Club Shooting Champions. Right now the date for the dinner is tentatively set for March 13, 2009. Watch for updates to our schedule and plan on attending.

Contact – Pete Matwey

NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club is preparing to hold the Central Section of the New York State 2009 Indoor Pistol Championship on March 20/21, 2010. This match has been held at the BRC for over 45 years and provides some income for the Club. Your help is needed, either to work or shoot during the match. Entry forms to shoot will be available at the Club.

Contact – Will Platt

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

The International Sectionals are being planned for March 27/28, 2010. These national level matches have been held at the BRC for the last 15 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 score targets and writing results so plan on coming out to help.

Contact – Pete Matwey

TOP GUN AND CLUB CHAMPIONS

Here are the 2009 BRC Top Guns and Club Champions:

Pistol – Harvie Loomis

Sporterifle - Bob Goeckel

2-Hand Open 22 – Mark Radley

2-Hand Open CF – Brian Pfleuger

We would like to see more of our new members come out for these matches. Top Gun and Club Champion get a free BRC Spaghetti Dinner ticket.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

If you have received this newsletter by mail and have email please send it to me (Pete Matwey – pmatwey@stny.rr.com) so we can we can add you to the electronic mailing.

Thanks

TRAIN/PRACTICE/TRAIN/PRACTICE

CLUB CALENDAR

Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

SEPT 1-30 - Annual Club Dues are due

SEPT 13th – Start of the Junior Program

SEPT 14th – Start of Sporterifle

SEPT 24th – General Club Meeting

SEPT 25th – Annual Kielbasa Match

October 2rd – Start of the IPA League

The **Board of Directors** meets on the last Thursday of the month. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 Club's web page 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.

NOTE – Check the web site for any possible additions or changes.

Binghamton Rifle Club ----- RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Access Method- Access is only by use of membership proximity reader card. Officers/team captains have combination.

2. Range Fee. Place range fee in the red box at the door before shooting. Always sign in at the sign-in book. Sign out when leaving. Make sure lights are off, furnace is turned down, range heat is off and that the door locks behind you.

3. Furnace control locations. Ready room thermostat to be set at 50°F when leaving. Range heater(s) to be on only when shooting and shut off after shooting.

4. Location of targets and use of new and used targets. Use new targets for 22 caliber only and used targets for center fire practice. Use only the proper targets for the course being fired. **No targets larger than 14"x14" are allowed.**

5. **All targets except air gun targets must be mounted on the carriers and placed at 50 feet before being shot at. No pistol targets should be placed closed than 50 feet to the firing line.**

6. Ammunition and guns allowed. **No rifle or shotgun cartridges are allowed to be fired on the range. Jacketed and magnum pistol cartridges up to .44 mag are only allowed on lanes 12, 13, 14 and 15. Target loads for .32, .38, .380, 9mm, .40 and .45 caliber pistols are allowed on all lanes. 22 caliber rim fire ammunition is allowed on all lanes.**

7. The range is for bullseye and target shooting not for combat type shooting. No shooting at moving targets

8. Report any damage/breakage that occurs by leaving a note at the sign-in table.

9. Range doors. All range doors are to be kept closed except for those positions actually being used. Close doors when done.

10. Work parties are held at various times to repair and clean the Club. All members are expected to donate a few hours each year to support the work parties.

11. Keep the Club clean. Each person is expected to pick up his/her own trash and targets. Targets are recycled and should be placed in the appropriate boxes after shooting. Paper and plastic are recycled in the yellow boxes on the range.

12. Sweep up your brass after shooting. Place empty brass in the cans located at each end of the range.

NEVER PLACE LIVE OR DUD ROUNDS IN THESE CONTAINERS. PLACE DUD AMMUNITION IN THE BOXES LOCATED ON THE RANGE OFFICER'S STAND ON THE RANGE

13. General membership meetings are held quarterly, all members are encouraged to participate. Annual meeting for the election of offices is held in May. Schedule for meetings and Club activities is shown on the Club web site <http://binghamtonrifleclub.org>.

14. No long distance phone calls are allowed from the Club phone.

BEFORE LEAVING – TURN OFF THE RANGE HEATER(S), TURN THE READY ROOM THERMOSTAT DOWN to 50°F, TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS, SIGN OUT AND MAKE SURE THE DOOR IS LOCKED

ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2009 – 2010 CLUB YEAR ARE NOW DUE.

ANNUAL DUES FOR FULL MEMBERS\$95.00

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES\$50.00

(You must be a member for at least 3 years and be at least 65 years of age by October 1, 2009)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES\$15.00

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 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1ST.

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 your check out to the Binghamton Rifle Club.
Please complete all appropriate lines below
and submit the following with you payment.**

If paying by mail, send the following information to:

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

I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP TO THE BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

NRA MEMBER # _____ **USA SHOOTING #** _____

ANNUAL NRA MEMBER RENEWAL DATE: _____

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

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