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IN MEMORIAM

This newsletter is dedicated to Jim Bates who passed away on August 29, 2010. Jim was a life member of the BRC and through his guidance and benevolent support our Club has grown over the last 56 years and prospered to foster a favorite center for conventional and international pistol shooting, smallbore rifle shooting, and home to two really good junior shooting programs which were one of his favorite means to promote shooting sports. Jim was a life member of the NRA and NYS Rifle and Pistol Assoc. He was a past president of the BRC and IPA.

Jim carried a Master Pistol rank and had earned the Distinguished Pistol Badge. He coached and shot on the NYS pistol team at many national matches where he was high civilian one year.

Jim was always there to plan, participate and help— whether it was the State match, the Friday night IPA league, the Empire State Games , the International Sectionals, Sporterifle and our junior programs. Jim especially enjoyed our annual Spaghetti Dinners where he would share his latest Bates vintage of wonderful homemade wines.

As a good friend and mentor to many of our members, never too busy help a fellow shooter improve their skills, Jim will be greatly missed everytime we gather for a BRC function.

CLUB OFFICERS

John Hakola, President (693-3334)
Ted Makoske, Vice-President (754-2661)
Willis L. Platt, Treasurer (723-2658)
Greg Nowark, Secretary (772-3515)

TEAM CAPTAINS

Binghamton #1, Pete Matwey (723-1418)
Binghamton #2, Jan Makoske (754-2661)
Marathon, Jerry Knapp (849-3476)
Sporterifle, Will Platt (723-2658)

CLUB GUARDIANS

Linda Hitchcock
Greg Nowark

CLUB QUARTERMASTER

Jan Makoske

CLUB WEB MASTER

Doug Murray
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a year since the last newsletter, all the scheduled activities for the 2009-2010 year, the Kielbasa Match, IPA League, Sporter Rifle League matches, Junior Marksmanship Programs (BRC & 4-H) were a success. Reports and information on the leagues, updates on some of our club members, etc. appear in accompanying articles. The schedule for the 2010-2011 is under development and will be distributed and posted when it is finalized.

Worth noting is that the Annual Spaghetti Dinner held 13.MAR.10 at the club saw record attendance (at least in collective

memory of some senior members) – over 60 folks came down to the club to enjoy wine sampling, great food and camaraderie as well as see the club's top shooters receive their various awards.

Early last September, at the request of the board, Pete Matwey sent out a note to all members seeking person(s) that might be interested in filling the Club Guardian position. At the October board meeting members Greg Nowark (who also serves as club secretary) and Linda Hitchcock volunteered to fill the position. Thanks to both for stepping up to keep the facility clean and taking care of garbage over the past year.

Also at that time, with winter approaching, we solicited members for snowplowing services, however, no current members offered to provide the service. Recognizing that the time and expense of keeping the club parking free of snow can be costly the board offered to negotiate services with any interested members but no response was received and the board took action to seek outside contract plowing services. The board and membership present at the December general membership meeting unanimously approved the contracting of services for snow removal. Although the contractor provided the services at a discounted rate, recognizing we are a non-profit organization, snow removal is expensive and the associated cost now appear as a new line item on the monthly expense report. The contract negotiated provided for snow removal on a call-in 'as needed basis'. Generally, this meant that the parking lot will only be cleared prior to *scheduled* events. A 'Snow Plowing Donation Can' was placed at the club and funds collected helped offset most of the costs incurred during the winter season, that donation can will no doubt appear again in a few months.

Throughout the past year we continued to see new members and as of the last board meeting we have over 180 members, a historical high point for the club. Membership renewals for 2010-2011 have commenced, 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. 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.

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

2010 - 2011 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.

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

KIELBASA MATCH

The annual Kielbasa match will again kick off the fall shooting season. It will be held on September 24th 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. Tom Tamblyn will be doing the cooking and he's looking for some help. If you can help out call Pete at 723-1418.

IPA LEAGUE

The club will again field three teams in the IPA pistol League. The present schedule is to start shooting the first week of October. Our teams shoot some of their matches at home and travel to other club for the remaining matches. 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.

SPORTERIFLE LEAGUE

The Sporterifle will begin another season on September 20th with a team practice and organizational meeting being held on the 13th at 6:30. This is a great way to spend a Monday night and we always complete in time to see the football game. New members are welcome. All you need is a .22 caliber rifle. If you would like to try it out but not have a rifle the club has a loner that you can use. Contact Will Platt for additional information at wlplatt@stny.rr.com.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY

The first meeting for the BRC Junior Marksmanship Program will be held at the Club on Sunday, September 12, starting at 12:00 noon. This meeting will be for membership registration in the program at a cost of \$15.00 and a kickoff of our junior shooting season from now until June 2011. A firearms safety class will be held before any shooting starts. Look to start shooting by September 19th. 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 information.

For details on the 4H Junior shooting program that follows the BRC junior group on Sundays, please contact **Bob Jensen**, 4H coach, at 607-849-6191.

CLUB CALENDAR

Sept 1-30 - Annual Club Dues are due
Sept 12,19,26 -Junior Program shooting
Sept 13,20,27-Sporterifle
Sept 24 – Annual Kielbasa Match
Sept 30 – General Club Meeting
Oct 1,8,5,22,29 - IPA League
Oct 3,10,17,24,31- Junior shooting
Oct 4,11,18,25 – Sporterifle

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.

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 19, 2011. Watch for updates to our schedule and plan on attending.
Contact – Pete Matwey

NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates of April 9 and 10, 2011 have been set for the Central Section of the New York State Indoor Pistol Championship. Mark your calendar.

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

The International Sectionals are being planned for March 26/27, 2011. These national level matches have been held at the BRC for the last 17 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

THE WORLD OF SHOOTING

There are many organizations that conduct and /or govern shooting activity which includes your club.

The Binghamton Rifle Club

It is not only a great place to go and enjoy recreational shooting, it also conducts the Central Section of the New York State Pistol Championship and the NRA International Pistol Sectionals each year. The club also supports three teams in the IPA league and one team in the NYS Sporterifle League. The club supports two junior teams which are the future of the shooting sport. Take a few minutes and visit our web site.

www.binghamtonrifleclub.com

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Was organized in 1876 to conduct rifle and pistol competition. If you want to read about some of the early competition look up the "Creedmoor" matches. Today they sponsor competition in small-bore rifle, high power rifle, pistol, airgun and several other disciplines.

They are also working very hard in the world of legislation so that we can maintain our right to bare arms. If you are not a member of the NRA you should consider joining to show your support. www.nar.org

USA SHOOTING

Is responsible to assemble and train the teams which represent the United States (you and me) at the international events conducted around the world. This includes such events such as the Olympics Games, World Shooting Championships, Pan American Games and World Cups just to name a few.

www.usashooting.com

CLUB NEWSLETTER

If you have received this newsletter by land mail and have email please send it to me so we can we can add you to the electronic mailing.

wplatt@stny.rr.com

Thanks

Check this out:

Be sure to tell your friends to sign up for their **FREE** *Shooting Sports USA* digital edition at the following web site: <http://www.nrapublications.org/ssusa/>

ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2010 – 2011 CLUB YEAR ARE NOW DUE.

ANNUAL DUES FOR FULL MEMBERS\$95.00

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES\$50.00

You must have been a member for at least 3 years and
be at least 65 years of age by October 1, 2004

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 BY 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 fill out the attached form so we can keep our files updated**

If paying by mail, send the following information to:

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

Please print

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)