



# TARGETS!

## The Official Bulletin of The Binghamton Rifle Club

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### Binghamton Rifle Club 2011/2012

#### Officers

**At the July General Meeting the following Officers were elected.**

President – Dave Johnson

Vice-President – Michael Elsner

Secretary – Greg Nowark

Treasurer – Willis L. Platt

#### TEAM CAPTAINS

Binghamton #1, Pete Matwey (723-1418)

Binghamton #2, Jack Fitzgerald (748-4428)

Marathon, Jerry Knapp (849-3476)

Sporterifle, Will Platt (723-2658)

#### CLUB GUARDIAN

Harry E. Platt

#### CLUB LADY QUARTERMASTER

Jan Makoske

#### CLUB WEB MASTER

Doug Murray

webmaster@binghamtonrifleclub.org

### MEMBERSHIP

For those of you who have paid your dues we thank you, as it is our member dues that keep our club solvent. For those of you who have been waiting to see if we were able to recover from the flood, it is time to make the decision to send in your check and get back to having fun.

Make the check out to **Binghamton Rifle Club** and mail it to:

**P.O. Box 823**

**Binghamton, New York 13902**

The grace period for your dues will end on **November 30<sup>th</sup>** at which time we will reluctantly be forced to deactivate the cards of all unpaid members.

### \*\* CLUB STATUS \*\*

Due to the very hard effort of a few of our membership the club is nearly back to normal. The targets are operational, the heat is on and the ready room is 75 percent completed. The entry system has been repaired and works with the card that you presently have. There are a few other items that need some work but the bottom line the **club is ready for you to get shooting.**

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What can I say? The Club looks amazing. I just wouldn't have believed we would be back up and running this soon after such devastation. It is all because some dedicated members stepped up and "got it done." All of us owe a debt of gratitude to those members. It's because of them that we are able to continue shooting in "Our" Club.

Not only did it take a lot of effort but it also cost a lot of money to get the Club refurbished and we were not able to secure any grants. But once again, some Club and non-Club members came to our aid. Their generosity is overwhelming. The shooting community showed it's true colors as it always does. I am so honored to be a part of it.

Dave Johnson

### CLUB ACTIVITY

#### KIELBASA MATCH

The annual Club Kielbasa Match which was canceled due to the flood has been rescheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm. It is a night of fun shooting, great conversation and good eating. Don't miss it!

## **JUNIOR FUND RAISER**

If you have not yet bought the tickets that were sent to you there is still time to do it and send them in. (If you are not going to buy or sell them, send them back right now so we can sell them) The drawing will be held at the pizza party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The junior team lost some equipment in the flood and this fund raiser will help them to recover and also get some new equipment that they need.

Need more tickets?.....,contact Will Platt at [wplatt@stny.rr.com](mailto:wplatt@stny.rr.com).

## **CIVIL WAR ILLUMINATION**

The Binghamton Civil War Historical Society annually places candles on over 500 Civil War Veteran graves in three local cemeteries. This year Pete Matwey and our Junior Rifle Team along with some parents volunteered to help with setting up the candles.

## **IPA LEAGUE**

The three teams which we support in the IPA League will be shooting their home matches at our facility after Thanksgiving. The schedule can be viewed on the BRC website. See the team captain's list if you wish to join one of these teams. We shoot bullseye on Friday nights and would like to see more member participation in the sport. At least find out more about it and how it can help you with other pistol shooting disciplines. It's not difficult and Dave Johnson is more than willing to show you how the match is shot. Beginners are welcome.

## **SPORTERIFLE TEAM**

The sporterifle team shoots on Monday nights at 6:30. It uses a .22 caliber light rifle with scope. It is a lot of fun and the team is always looking for new members. Same goes here, find out what sporterifle is about , the practice helps in pistol shooting too.

## **JUNIOR TEAMS**

### **(The Future of Our Shooting Sports)**

The Binghamton Rifle Club is currently conducting two junior programs. **If we don't do it who will?????**

Our original program consisting of airgun and .22 caliber rifle is still being conducted and Coached by **Pete Matwey** at **723-1418** or [pmatwey@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatwey@stny.rr.com) for more details. The junior team is practicing Sundays 1:00pm to 4:00pm with air rifle now and competing in the NYS American Legion league. The Juniors will also enter some national level matches to find how their shooting compares to 700-800 kids from across the USA. **We do have excellent team members who are also excellent students.**

## **MORE ON JUNIORS**

In addition we have now started a BB gun for kids 8 to 15 years old. The team meets on Sundays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Rob Jensen is our Coach / Instructor. The young boys and girls really enjoy this sport and welcome all new junior BB gun shooters. Here's another team of excellent kids who shoot well and do well in school.

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

The next Board of Director's meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> which is a week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving. All club members are welcome to attend.

The next General Meeting will be December 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **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](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.

