



TARGETS!
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**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 MEETING:**

May 14, 2003: 7:30 PM AT THE CLUB

(All members are encouraged to attend this quarterly meeting)

CLUB OFFICERS:

President.....Will L. Platt
 Vice President..... Jack Fitzgerald
 Secretary.....Dewey Quackenbush
 Treasurer.....Bernie Leshinsky
 Quartermaster..... Jan Makoske
 Guardian.....Willie M. Platt

TEAM CAPTAINS:

Binghamton # 1Jim Bates
 Binghamton #2.....Harry Newbury
 Marathon.....Jerry Knapp
 Sporterifle.....Will L. Platt

CLUB WEBSITE: www.tier.net/brc

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

For those of you who missed the annual club dinner, all I can say is that you missed a good one. It was the largest dinner that anyone could remember, which in my mind is a testimonial to just how much people look forward to this annual outing.

It goes without saying just how much work it takes to put this dinner on. I would like to thank the following people who were the main movers and shakers that made it happen. They are Jim Bates, Scott Contrera, Carol and Jim Fish, Jack Fitzgerald, Joan and Carl Houghtalen (and BCSA), Helene and Dewey Quackenbush, Jan and Ted Makoske, Mary and Pete Matwey, Jan and Pat Mitchell, Leah and Harry Newbury, Willie Platt, Bill Soule, and Tom Tamblyn. Also the Binghamton # 1 and Marathon Teams. If I missed anyone, please forgive me. I don't know about you but I am already looking forward to next year's dinner.

CLUB OFFICERS:

I would like to thank the present club officers; Jack Fitzgerald, Bernie Leshinsky, Jan Makoske, Willie Platt and Dewey Quackenbush for their hard work over the past year. Also a big thanks goes out to Jim Bates, Jim Fish, Bob Poupard, Pete Matwey and Harry Newbury for their hard work and guidance.

Election of new club officers will be held at the annual May meeting. If you would like to be considered for office, please give me a call (723-2658) or drop me an e-mail at wplatt@attglobal.net.

Will Platt

EMPIRE STATE GAMES:

I am sure that by now you have all heard about shooting being dropped from the Empire State Games. Shooting has been in the Games since their inception in 1978. Work is going on to try to hold a shooting event at the combined clubs of BRC, Binghamton Gun Club and BCSA with some financial support from the State. A special meeting was held to discuss sponsoring such an event and there was agreement to try to hold such an event. Many volunteers will be needed. The event will probably take place in July sometime. We will let you know if this event is a go as soon as we know.

FRIENDS OF NRA:

Your Binghamton Rifle Club has again obtained a grant to help support our Junior Team.

The annual dinner was held at the Kalural Temple on April 3. It was a great success and we thank all our members who attended. We have received many generous grants from the Friends of NRA which have enabled our Venturing Junior program to grow and get much needed equipment.

VENTURING JUNIOR PROGRAM:

Our junior shooters have been doing great this year. We have 15 juniors who started in September and 12 are still very active today. Our indoor program completes at the end of April. We will try some outdoor 50-yd shooting at

BCSA if we can fit in their range schedule and get the OK.

American Legion Post 1845 has sponsored our juniors in the New York State American Legion Air Rifle League and at the NYS championships. The team had a winning year in the postal league. At the NYS Championships Matt Stampfler won a silver medal in offhand and was fourth overall; Mike Armstrong was fourth in first year shooters and Joe Brady placed in the top 12. This was at a match where 112 juniors showed up to compete. Not a bad showing for our guys.

Sporterifle is another favorite for our juniors. This year Adam Bowman, Aaron Bowman, and Jason Kolanda achieved Distinguished Expert awards; Matt Maskell achieved Expert, and Nick Havens achieved Sharpshooter. We could use these guys on our senior sporterifle team.

Three position 22 rifle and three position air rifle shooting are also favorites with the juniors. This year Matt Stampfler, Joe Brady, and Adam Bowman qualified as Experts in the CMP matches we conduct as a member of the CMP. Also qualifying with the CMP were Aaron Bowman as Sharpshooter and Mike Armstrong as Marksman.

In addition to the CMP matches, our junior 3 position team competed in the NYSRPA junior postal league matches with both 22 rifle and precision air rifle. Matt Stampfler, Joe Brady, Mike Armstrong, Bob Kingsley, Nick Havens, Lee Penwell and Paul Savard made up our junior 3P team. Matt Stampfler has come within 1/64th of an inch of shooting two perfect scores this year with air rifle. Matt has two 99s to be proud of, one was a 99-9x. We'll miss Matt after he graduates from high school this year and starts on his career. Best of Luck MATT!!!!

Our Junior Program is open to all between the ages of 14 and 19 years. Get your kids, grandkids, and neighbor's kids involved in our program. The future of the shooting sports will be in the hands of today's youngsters. Let's teach them the safe way and fun way to use firearms. Contact Pete Matwey at 723-1418 or pmatwey@stny.rr.com to get a youngster involved in our junior program.

SPORTERIFLE REPORT:

The season has concluded and we bring to an end a very good season for your team. The team finished in fourth place just two loses out of the top spot. With new people that have joined and with the prospect of getting back some of our old shooters, next year might just be ours.

Team members did collect some trophies:
Pete Matwey 2nd Male Senior 282.66 average

Willis M. Platt 1st Sharpshooter with a 275.38 average that just edged out his son by 0.2 of a point
Nick Platt 2nd Sharpshooter with a 275.18 and Nick was also High Male Junior.

Dave Bunker 2nd Marksman with a 266.66
GOOD WORK GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONAL:

Thanks to Bob Poupard and his crew we had another successful sectional. There were a record 29 shooters. Most shot all three guns. It was a smooth match with only a few problems.

Local winners were:

Gary Spear- Free Pistol Gold & Standard Pistol Gold
Rick Eickhoff (shoots locally but is from Elmira)- Free Pistol Silver & 1st Master in Standard Pistol
Harvie Loomis – Free Pistol 1st Master
John Thompson – Free Pistol 2nd Sharpshooter & Air Pistol 1st Sharpshooter
Fran Spear – Standard Pistol 2nd Expert
Bill Hryck- Air Pistol Silver

We would like to thank all the following for volunteering their time to help make this a successful match: Pete Matwey, Jim Bates, Jack Fitzgerald, Bob Hinman, Will Platt, Greg Nowark, and Linda Hitchcock.

STATE MATCH:

Jim Fish needs a handful of thanks for running another successful State Match. We had 38 entries and a good time by all. Harry Newbury can be thanked for arranging all the volunteer help and helping things operate smoothly. People who helped make this a successful match include: Gary Ingraham, Jack Fitzgerald, Mike Lurie, Joan Houghtalen, Jerry Knapp, Bill Hryck, Guy Wilson, Ken LoPresti, Gary Spear, Dan Horton, Paul Vasak, Willie Platt, Harry Newbury, Carl Houghtalen, Bob Hinman, Pete Matwey and Bob Poupard. We sincerely appreciate your time and thank you for helping us to make this another successful match.

FOR SALE ITEMS:

For the benefit of the Junior Program:

Four (4) Savage-Anschutz Mark 10B Target Rifles @ \$300.00 each:

- Single Shot
- Adjustable Trigger

- With aperture sights
- Leather target sling
- Some stock wear, all mechanicals are very good

One(1) Tasco 6x40 riflescope with 30/30 rangefinding, excellent condition \$25.00

Second, some personal wood working equipment in good to very good condition, all come with manuals:

- Shopsmith Mark 5 (older model) - \$200.00
- Craftsman 10 inch Radial Saw w/steel stand and blades- \$120.00
- Craftsman 15 ½ inch, 8 speed Drill Press w/wood stand - \$ 80.00
- Craftsman 6 inch jointer w/motor, extra blades and wood stand - \$ 80.00
- Craftsman 6 x 48 inch Belt Sander w/motor, steel stand & 6 inch disc attachment \$ 75.00

CONTACT PETE MATWEY @ 723-1418 IF INTERESTED IN ANY FOR SALE ITEMS.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

This year's Club Championships are as follows:

Pistol.....Jack Fitzgerald
 Sporterifle..... Nick Platt
 Jr Sporterifle.....Aaron Bowman
 Jr Prone Rifle.....Joe Brady
 Jr 3 Position & Precision
 Air Rifle..... Joe Brady
 Jr 3 Position Sporterifle
 Air Rifle..... Matt Stampfler

TOP GUNS FOR 2003:

Aggregate Pistol.....Jack Fitzgerald
 CF Pistol.....Jack Fitzgerald
 22 Pistol.....Dan Horton
 Sporterifle.....Pete Matwey

JUNIORS:

Sporterifle.....Jared Klossner
 Prone Rifle..... Matt Stampfler
 3 Position Precision
 Air Rifle.....Joe Brady
 3 Position Sporter Air Rifle.....Matt Stampfler

NEW TARGET RETURN:

Thanks to Bob Poupard we have one new style target return in operation. Bob is satisfied with its operation and will gladly instruct volunteers to install the new units when it's time to install the remainder of the returns.

NEW LIGHTING:

Jim Fish has installed additional lighting on the range to overcome our "dark" range. Any comments or suggestions –please contact Will L. Platt.

LEAD MINING:

Thanks again to Jerry Knapp and George Jennings for mining the lead.

GOOD NEWS – NO FLOODING:

Many of our members were on alert watching for flooding. Hopefully our fears are over for this year!!!!!!!!!!!!

REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FRONT DOOR IS COMPLETELY CLOSED BY PULLING ON THE HANDLE FOR A POSTIVE CHECK: WE'VE FOUND IT UNLATCHED SEVERAL TIMES!!

IPA DINNER: MAY 17TH AT THE POLISH COMMUNITY CENTER. 347 Prospect Street, Binghamton. CONTACT JIM FISH FOR DETAILS.

The price is \$15.50 including tax and gratuity. Dinner will include chicken and halupki among other things and ice cream for desert. Please let your team captain know if you are planning on attending. The banquet is the final gathering of this season and awards will be presented to those lucky people who worked hard to deserve them. Come join us for a night of friendship and good food.