



# TARGETS!

## The Official Bulletin of The Binghamton Rifle Club

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### CLUB OFFICERS

At the May 2003 Annual Meeting the election of Officers was conducted. Your 2003-2004 Club Officers are:

**Jack Fitzgerald, President** (770-1011)  
**Willis L. Platt, Vice-President** (723-2658)  
**Chris Daniel, Treasurer** (648-3283)  
**Dewey Quackenbush, Secretary** (785-6654)

### TEAM CAPTAINS

**Binghamton #1, Pete Matwey**  
**Binghamton #2, Harry Newbury**  
**Marathon, Jerry Knapp**  
**Sporterifle, Will Platt**

### ANNUAL DUES

The Club's annual membership dues are due by the end of September. You may mail them to the Club by using the enclosed dues form, pay them through one of the Club Officers or Team Captains, or pay them at the General Meeting on September 10th at the Club. All members who pay their dues by the end of September will receive one of the new **CLUB PINS**. The pin looks like the Club patch, above left. Additional pins may be purchased for \$3.00 each at the meeting.

### GENERAL MEETING

**The next meeting for all members is September 10th, starting at 7:30pm at the Club. You may pay you annual dues to our Treasurer at this meeting.**

### EMPIRE STATE GAMES

At the eleventh hour shooting was returned to the Empire State Games. This came about due to the effort of many individuals, but we should especially remember to thank **Chuck Meyer** for the effort he put in to organize the Festival and the **NYSRPA**,

which we all should be a member of. Also the state legislators who supported us such as **Tom Libous** and **Bob Warner**, we are quick to criticize these people when they act against us, and we should be as quick to thank them now for the help they have given us. We also need to thank **Bob Hinman** our Central Region Shooting Director for all of his hard work in organizing our shooters.

Our Club was represented by **Pete Matwey**, smallbore rifle prone and **Joe Brady** in prone scholastic smallbore rifle. Pete was a member of the open silver medal team and Joe won two gold medals, one each in the prone team and the individual matches. Joe had a great write-up in the Press and Sun Bulletin.

In the shotgun Empire State Games Festival your past president **Will Platt** was a member of the silver medal trap team.

### FRIENDS OF NRA

Your Binghamton Rifle Club has again obtained a grant from the Friends of NRA to help support our junior team. It was in the amount of \$1200.00.

The NRA is another organization we should all be members of.

### INTERSTATE PISTOL ASSOC. LEAGUE

The Club has three teams competing in the IPA. There is plenty of opportunity for members to join one of the teams and have some fun. Contact one of the team captains for additional information (**Pete Matwey** @ 723-1418, **Harry Newbury** @ 754-8793, **Jerry Knapp** @ 849-3476). The first match for the 2003-2004-season will be September 26th. See your team captain for match dates and locations.

## **SPORTERIFLE LEAGUE**

This is a fun competition that only requires a .22 caliber rifle and a little of your time. Come on out. The Club has some rifles you may use if you don't have one of your own. The Sporterifle league will start the 2003-2004 season in September. The league start date has yet to be set, watch the Club bulletin board and web site for details or contact Will Platt, 723-2658 or email [wplatt@attglobal.net](mailto:wplatt@attglobal.net).

## **KIELBASA MATCH**

The Club's annual kick-off for the fall pistol season will be held on September 19th starting at 6:00pm. Come out to shoot a little to remove that summer rust, swap some stories or just take part in eating some of that great food which is always served.

## **JUNIOR CLUB**

Our junior club under the direction of **Pete Matwey** had a great past season. Their latest achievement was winning 1st place team in the American Legion 6th District 2003 NYS Championships. The junior club will start the 2003-4 season on September 16th at 7:00pm at Club with a sign up and registration with the Boy Scout Venturing program. Registration fees are \$15.00. If you know a young shooter who is at least 14 years old and would like to get some excellent firearms safety and marksmanship training, please bring them to this program. Contact coach Pete Matwey at 723-1418 or [pmatwey@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatwey@stny.rr.com) for more details and questions.

## **GUARDIAN MEMBER**

Each year the Club Officers grant a Guardian membership to a Club member who will perform routine Club housekeeping, minor repairs and Club inspections to help keep the Club orderly and clean. In return for performing these duties, the Guardian member will not be assessed annual dues. A full description of the Guardians duties can be found at the sign-in table at the Club. Let one of the Club Officers know if you are interested in the Guardian position.

## **THANK YOU FOR A GREAT JOB**

Many thanks to **Bob Poupard** and **Jim Fish** for all their work to complete design/installation of the new target carriers. Thanks to **Joe and Tom Cipollina, Harry Newbury, Ken LoPresti, Paul Vasek** and **Pete Matwey** for their help with the carrier installations. Thanks also to **Jerry Knapp** and **George Jennings** for cleaning out the backstop lead again and recycling the sand.

## **GUESTS AND RANGE DAMAGE**

Many members are complaining about all the very low shots on positions 12 -15. As you have been instructed upon becoming members, shots must be made through the openings where the targets are hung. **Guests are NOT ALLOWED to fire pistol at the Club if they do not have a valid pistol permit, PERIOD!** **ANY GUEST WHO CANNOT KEEP THEIR SHOTS IN THE TARGET OPENING AREA SHOULD NOT TO BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT UNTIL THEY GET PROPER INSTRUCTION.** The special steel plates for positions 12-15 do not extend to the floor level. Low shots on these positions, especially with jacketed bullets or magnum calibers cause backspatter and backstop damage. Both conditions are unacceptable to the Officers and other members of the Club. If you or your guests are guilty - **STOP NOW!**

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS - 2003**

### **September**

General Meeting.....Sept. 10  
Sporterifle Practice.....Sept 15,22,29  
Junior Program.....Sept 16,23  
Kielbasa Match.....Sept 19  
IPA Pistol Matches.....Sept 26

### **October**

Board Meeting.....Oct 8  
Sporterifle.....Oct 6,13,20,27  
Junior Program.....Oct 7,21  
IPA Pistol Matches.....Oct 3,10,17,24,31

### **November**

General Meeting.....Nov 12  
Sporterifle.....Nov 3,10,17,24  
Junior Program.....Nov 4,18  
IPA Pistol Matches.....Nov 7,14,21  
International Pistol.....Nov 13,20

### **December**

Board Meeting.....Dec 10  
Sporterifle.....Dec 1,8,15,22,29  
Junior Program.....Dec 2,16  
IPA Pistol Matches.....Dec 5,12,19  
International Pistol.....Dec 11,18

**ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2003-2004 CLUB YEAR ARE NOW DUE**

**ANNUAL DUES FOR FULL MEMBERS.....\$95.00**

**SENIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$50.00**

You must have been a member for the last 3 years and be at least 65 years of age by October 1, 2003.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES.....\$10.00**

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**  
**GRACE PERIOD DEADLINE - OCTOBER 31ST**

**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 checks payable to the BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB

If paying by mail, send the following information to:

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

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**I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP TO THE BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NRA MEMBER #** \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL** \_\_\_\_\_ **SENIOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **ASSOCIATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUNIOR** \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

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