



# TARGETS!

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### IN MEMORIAM

**Two long time members and faithful supporters of the BRC passed away during the last few months. Myron (Mike) Langdon in October 2003 and Martha Bates in January 2004. All who knew them, as friends, teammates and Spaghetti Dinner guests will miss them.**

### CLUB OFFICERS

**Jack Fitzgerald, President** (748-4428)  
**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**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You know – we're a lucky bunch; lucky to live in the greatest country in the world, lucky to live in a great area of the country and lucky to have a gun club that we can use at our convenience. No one knows better than I, check the logbook, how great it is to be able to test reloads, fine tune a pistol, and practice when you want to. Being a member of BRC even beats the range I enjoyed growing up in the country. In our home a .22 rifle always leaned against the wall in the corner of the kitchen, a box or two of ammo could be found behind the clock on the shelf and unlimited targets were just outside the back door and across the creek, but even in the country, when gun shots were common, a volley of .45's after dark would cause porch lights to go on at the neighbors. We don't have that problem at BRC we can enjoy

shooting at one of the best ranges in the North East, any time of the day, regardless of the weather. Now that you have taken the time to realize just how lucky you are to be a member of BRC please help to keep our club in ship shape, there is always a list of to-do's and your help will never be refused – see or contact any team captain or club officer if you want to help to make a difference.

To all members that are not part of a team: Why Not? BRC has a sporter rifle team and three pistol teams, I know a lot of the team members and you would be hard pressed to find a finer group of people. If you just can't find the time or commit at this time just remember your always welcome just contact a team captain, team member or club officer when you're ready.

I really enjoy the Shooting Sports and believe that just about anyone who gives it a try likes it; the problem is, unlike my old neighborhood where every home had at least one gun and most several more, today's youth is not routinely exposed to shooting and shooting sports. Anything we, you, the BRC, and I can do to promote shooting and shooting sports will help assure their existence for future generations. Programs like the CMP smallbore rifle clinic held at our club on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> are excellent ways to promote gun safety and shooting sports. Pete Matwey did an excellent job pulling this clinic together; see the pictures at the club. I was happy that I could be there to witness the transfer of knowledge and enjoyment from Pete to the guests. Without exception every new shooter within an hour on the range significantly improved and again without exception all smiled when their target returned with ever-decreasing group sizes. I noticed that nearly every participant left the club smiling with their best target in hand, a great sign. It was a rewarding afternoon,

thanks BRC and thanks Pete, not until Saturday have I witnessed a child with both parents, and a grandfather with his grandchild, all enjoying, many for the first time, a sport, our sport, shooting sports.

Last thought – If you ever want to contact me it's real easy, during the IPA season I am at the club nearly every Wed night about 7:00 and around noon on Sunday practicing, you can call me at home 748-4428, at work 751-3860, send me a e-mail [jgfofssr@aol.com](mailto:jgfofssr@aol.com) Or, Better Yet, Come to a Club Meeting.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The annual Club Championship Matches are scheduled for Sporterifle on February 9th and for Pistol on February 10th and 11th. The Junior Club Championships will be held from January 27th thru February 3rd. All of the matches will start at 7:00pm. The Club Champion award goes to a member who has not won it before, thus everyone who shoots can eventually be the Club Champion for that year. The Top Gun award will go to the shooter who has the highest aggregate score in each of the matches. This is your year to win and get a free ticket to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 14th, starting at 6:00pm. The Club Champion and Top Gun winners will be announced at the Dinner. This is a great night out for meeting fellow Club members and an all-you-can-eat meal for \$7.00.

Helene Quackenbush is planning some special decorations for the Club to help us forget we're in the middle of winter. The famous menu will feature Jim Bates' home made wine, Mary's spaghetti sauce with meatballs and sausage, Carol's home baked garlic bread, and Leah's home made desserts to top it all off. Mark it on your calendar; bring you spouse and kids, you'll have a great time. Call Pete Matwey at 723-1418 and say you're coming to the Dinner.

### **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

The next business meeting is scheduled for February 11th starting at 7:30pm. All members are urged to attend and participate. You can also shoot the Pistol Champion Match on the same night.

### **A WORD OF THANKS**

Thanks to Jim Armstrong and Will M. Platt for repairing the leaky roof over the ladies room before the snow flew. Thanks to Bob Hinman for the 22 ammo he has donated to the Junior Program. And thanks to Jim Fish for his constant tweaking of the target carrier system to keep it aligned.

### **CMP CLINIC**

Our first CMP Clinic was held on November 1st. Pete Matwey taught the attendees about safe firearm handling and marksmanship fundamentals. Over 20 juniors and adults attended the clinic and all were pleased they came to learn and practice with 22 rifles and air rifles. Some very good junior shooters came from the clinic to our Junior Program. Thanks to Jack Fitzgerald, Harry Newbury, Joe Ziegler, Jim Armstrong, Will L. Platt, Mike Lurie and Bob Hinman for their assistance to Pete in conducting a successful clinic.

### **INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS**

Bob Poupard has scheduled the International Sectionals in free pistol, air pistol and standard pistol for March 20 and 21. Check with Bob to see where he can use your help in running the matches and the stat office.

### **NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Jim Fish is preparing to hold the New York State 2004 Indoor Pistol Championships on April 3rd and 4th. These matches have been held at the BRC for over 45 years. Your help is needed, either to work or shoot during the matches at the Club. Tell Jim or Harry Newbury when you can work during the matches. Entry forms to shoot are available at the Club.

### **FRIENDS OF NRA DINNER**

The 11th annual FNRA Dinner will be held Thursday April 1st at the Kalurah Temple, 625 Dickson Street, West Endicott, NY. The Binghamton Rifle Club has benefited from FNRA grants for our successful Junior Program and we should support this fund raising dinner. See Will L. Platt or Harry Newbury for tickets.

### **JUNIOR PROGRAM**

The Junior Program continues to be very active and competitive. There are 14 kids on the roster this year. The junior sporter

air rifle team tied for first place in the NYS American Legion league. Conklin Post 1845 sponsors our American Legion shooting team. The team will compete in the NYS American Legion Championship on February 21st in New Hartford, NY. The juniors also compete in the NYSPRA air rifle and 22 cal rifle postal matches. The team will also compete in some of the national level matches sponsored by the American Legion. If you know of a youngster who would like to learn firearms safety and marksmanship bring them down to the Tuesday night practices. Call Pete Matwey at 723-1418 for more information.

### **INTERSTATE PISTOL LEAGUE**

Our three teams shoot matches on Friday evenings. The matches are fired in 22 cal pistol and center fire pistol on the standard 50-foot NRA targets. The teams fire about half of the matches at home or travel to another team range to compete. There is plenty of opportunity for members to join one of the teams, meet some good guys, and have fun shooting. Contact one of the team captains for more information (Pete Matwey @ 723-1418, Harry Newbury @ 754-8793, Jerry Knapp @ 849-3476).

### **SPORTERIFLE**

The Club's Sporterifle team is going strong this year with 13 straight wins for 13 matches. The return of some former team members and the addition of new members have really strengthened the team. The team is always open to new members and is ready to get you into the game on Monday evenings. The Club has 22 cal. rifles you may use if you don't have your own. Contact Will Platt at 723-2658 for details.

### **WEB SITE/E-MAIL**

The Club's web site is [www.tier.net/~brc/](http://www.tier.net/~brc/). Visit the site and see if you think we should change or add anything. Also, to send e-mail to the Club use [brc@tier.net](mailto:brc@tier.net).

### **CLUB IMPROVEMENTS**

We are making plans to accomplish several projects this year. Please call Jack Fitzgerald at 748-4428 to offer your help on the following:

RESTROOMS RENOVATION  
PAINT OUTSIDE WALLS  
UPGRADE BACKSTOP

PAINT INTERIOR FLOORS.  
UPDATE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS  
REPLACE BACK DOOR

### **EMPIRE STATE GAMES**

The Empire Games will be held in Binghamton July 28th - August 1st. The BRC will host the rapid fire, air pistol and air rifle events.

There will be tryouts for the Central Region shooting team on Saturday, May 22nd. Tryouts will be held at BRC and BCSA as in the past. Watch the bulletin board for the tryout events schedule. This year any individual may tryout for the air gun teams even though they did not tryout and make one of the 22 caliber teams.

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

FEB 11--QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING  
FEB 6,13,20,27 -- IPA MATCHES  
FEB 2,9,16,23 -- SPORTERIFLE  
FEB 3,24 --JUNIOR PROGRAM  
FEB 9,10,11 --CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS  
FEB 14 -- SPAGHETTI DINNER  
FEB 12,19 -- INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

#### **MARCH**

MAR 10 -- BOARD MEETING  
MAR 1,8,15,22,29 --SPORTERIFLE  
MAR 5,12,19,26 -- IPA MATCHES  
MAR 9,23 -- JUNIOR PROGRAM  
MAR 11,18 -- INTERNATIONAL MATCHES  
MAR 20,21 -- INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

#### **APRIL**

APR 14 -- BOARD MEETING  
APR 3,4 -- NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP  
APR 6,20 -- JUNIOR PROGRAM  
APR 2,9 -- IPA MATCHES

#### **MAY**

MAY 12 -- ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTIONS  
MAY 15 -- IPA BANQUET  
MAY 13,20 -- INTERNATIONAL MATCHES  
MAY 22 -- EMPIRE GAMES TRYOUTS

#### **JUNE-JULY CLUB IMPROVEMENTS**

**JULY 28 - AUG 1--EMPIRE STATE GAMES**