



# TARGETS!

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### CLUB WEB MASTER

Doug Murray

### GENERAL CLUB MEETING

The next General Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> mark your calendar.

### 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 site 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.

### CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

[wplatt@attglobal.net](mailto:wplatt@attglobal.net) , Thanks

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are well within the 2004/2005 indoor shooting season, and the biggest improvement from last season to this is not the scores but comfort. After the flood of 2004 clean-up it was clear that at least the furnace that supported our range needed to be replaced – long story short – we have two new furnaces and for the first time I can remember you can easily feel comfortable on our range within a few minutes of giving the timer a twist (located on the inside wall of the range just above the cold air return).

Just a note on our teams - After sweeping the season last year in their old league our BRC sporterifle team was moved up to the big leagues, and I understand that their holding their own, a good performance for the first year in this tough league. I just took a look at the latest report from Jim Fish and it looks like our Marathon team is letting the Interstate Pistol League know that the BRC is a force to be reckoned with. Bing 1 is a couple wins ahead of Bing 2 but I understand that Bing 2 is about to start a significant winning streak. As I have written before – every member is welcome to join a club team – it's a great way to share your sport and make a lot of new friends. I have enjoyed competing in shooting sports for many years now and have thoroughly enjoyed myself, met hundreds of great people, and made many new friends, come-on-down. By the way – their aren't team try-outs, every one that wants to be on a team can be, and every team member will compete, the final team score is the total of the top five for that event.

I'm not going to write a 1000 words about the tasks that need our attention and plea for assistance but ask that you stop reading for 28 seconds and visualize yourself spending an hour or two cleaning, painting, building, ----- at the BRC. Now didn't you get a twinge of satisfaction from your visualized efforts, just wait until you take it to the next step, you self satisfaction will go through the roof like a last shot from a .45 that went full auto.

Our shooting sports future is in the hands of our youth and I want to thank Pete Matwey again for all his time and effort to keep our youth program alive and

well. We need to continue to support the youth programs at BRC and to help us continue and grow our program I want to try something. In the next week or two I will put a box in the club marked "BRC Youth Fund" or something close to that. I would ask that as each of us enter the club we drop 50 cents or a buck in the box if we haven't shared our sport with a young person in the past month. I will also take some items to the club that I have no use for, like 500 + small pistol primers, ----, and ask that if there is anything there that you can use that you make a contribution to the youth fund in trade.

Well that's a wrap for now - Enjoy the balance of your winter and to help take your mind off our weather break out your guns and do some indoor (warm) shooting - See Ya At Our Club.

Jack Fitzgerald  
President BRC

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

We will like to welcome some new members to the club. They are **Jim Armstrong, Don Bennedum, Wayne Alan Card, Robert Cahill, Mike Elsner, Mike Frawley, Mike Mosser, Michael Ray, Julie Rustine, Mark Rustine, Philip Rustine, Joshua Stampfler, Don Woolsey, and Sue & Mike Langton.**

We would like to welcome back **Mike Beard, Dale Gunning, Dave Hubbard and John Schering.**

### **CLUB DUES**

There is still some of the membership that needs to pay their dues. If you fall into this category please make your check out to the Binghamton Rifle Club, and mail it to P. O. Box 823, Binghamton, NY 13902-0823.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2005**

The club's 2005 Championships will be held in February in sporterifle and pistol.

Sporterifle will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> .starting at 7:00 o'clock. The pistol championships will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.in .22 and center fire starting at 7:00 o'clock. You can fire on either of the two days. The championship will be awarded on the aggregate of the two scores, but you can fire just one event if you want.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The annual Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 5, 2005. It will be held at the Club.

Each year the dinner honors the current Club Champions and Top Guns in pistol, sporterifle and from our junior shooting program. This year's dinner will start at 6:00pm with pre-dinner snacks and beverages from the breweries of **Jim Bates** and **Tom Tamblyn**. Fresh homemade bread by **Carol Fish** and **Leah Newbury's** delicious deserts will be some of the menu's features. As in the past, **Mary Matwey's** great spaghetti sauce, meatballs and sausages will be served to all you hungry members and quests. The cost is \$7.00 for all you can eat and drink. Plan on coming to the dinner, you'll have a great time. Call **Pete Matwey @ 723-1418** to get your name on the attendees list.

### **CLUB ELECTIONS**

The club election of officers will be held at the May 11<sup>th</sup>. General Meeting. If you would like to volunteer to run for office contact **Harry Newbury**, chairman of the nominating committee. We are also looking for new blood.

### **INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS**

International Sectionals in free pistol, air pistol and standard pistol will be conducted on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and compete in it or lend a hand in running the event. **Bob Poupard** is the club contact responsible for conducting this event. Volunteers are needed so give Bob a call.

### **NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The club will be conducting the southern section of the New York State Indoor Pistol Championship on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The club contact is **Jim Fish**. This match requires a lot of membership support to conduct. If you can volunteer a few hours contact **Harry Newbury**.

### **FRIENDS OF NRA DINNER**

The 12<sup>th</sup>.Annual Friends of NRA Fundraising Banquet is be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>.at the Kalurah Temple, 625 Dickson Street, in Endicott from 5:30 to 10:00 PM.

Binghamton Rifle Club members can get tickets from Jack Fitzgerald, Will Platt, Pete Matwey or Harry Newbury.

Prices:

**Regular Dinner Ticket** - \$30.00

**Banquet Bonus Package** - \$260.00 (includes 2 dinner tickets, a Rough Rider Bronze Statute, a special gun drawing and a whole lot more).

**Pre-Event Raffle for the Gun of the Year** – a .45 ACP, Kimber Eclipse II. Pete, Jack & Harry have a picture of the gun.

1 Ticket for \$5.00

3 Tickets for \$10.00

7 Tickets for \$20.00

I urge everyone to attend this great event for great food, outstanding guns and accessories, ladies items and for the Good Cause of Helping the Shooting Sports. If you can't attend please buy a chance on the .45 Kimber Eclipse II. If you win the drawing and don't want the kimber, we'll give you \$500. We aim to please. If your convictions prevent you from buying a raffle ticket, just send the "Friends of NRA" a donation.

Flyers will be coming out soon with all the details. All prior attendees should get a special mailing about the banquet.

If you need more information, want to volunteer, donate an item, be a special cash sponsor of one of the NRA items, contact:

Jay Langton or Sue Langton II

607-862-4692

Jay is the Chairman and Sue II is the Secretary

Thanks

Harry J. Newbury

BRC Team 2 Captain and

Friends of NRA Treasurer

### **Editors Note:**

It is important to remember that 50 percent of the money raised by the Friends of NRA stays in the local region and is given out as grants to promote the shooting sport. This year our club will again receive a grant to support our junior program. As a club we should show our support for the Friends of NRA by having a strong showing at the dinner. Besides it is a very fun night.

### **JUNIOR ACTIVITY**

Another year of junior shooting started in September 2004 and will continue through the Empire State Games in July 2005. The Junior Program has been greatly supported by the Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation. The program is affiliated with the Boy Scout's Venturing Program and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Conklin American Legion Post 1845 also sponsors our junior shooting program. The juniors, guys and gals, have been competing in three-position air rifle as a team in the NYS American Legion league. The juniors also shoot 22 cal. sporterifle, smallbore three-position, precision air rifle and silhouette rifle. On February 19th the juniors will travel to Utica to compete in the American Legion's NYS sporter air rifle championships.

Good shooting to the team. New junior members are always welcome. Contact coach **Pete Matwey @ 723-1418** for details on the junior program.

Pete Matwey

Jr. Coordinator

### **Editors Note:**

Our junior club, under the guidance of **Pete Matwey**, hosted a shoulder to shoulder match 3-Position Air Rifle match against a team from the **Oxford Rod and Gun Club** on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a great experience for the shooters and it gave the adults an opportunity to swap some stories.

The Team Award was won by the OxfordRod and Gun Club with a score of 901 to Binghamton Rifle Club's 885. The BRC members were **Kurt Hakola, Mike Armstrong, Matt Griswold** and **Monica DeMario**.

First place individual was **Kurt Hokola**, BRC with a score of 247; Second place went to **Mike Armstrong**, BRC with a score of 239 and third place was **Luke Debrita**, OR&GC with a score of 234. **Matt Griswold** was forth with a 233.

### **SPORTERIFLE**

Your club's New York State Sporterifle team has been moved up into the top league in the state, shooting against the big boys (and girls). The season is now half over and we are holding our own with 9 wins – 5 loses.

The team is always looking for new members so get your squirrel rifle and come on out. If you do not have a .22 caliber rifle the club has some you can use. The team shoots on Monday nights starting at 6:30 or there about.

### **NOTE:**

**Check the web site for any possible additions or changes.**

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### **CLUB IMPROVEMENTS**

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

- RESTROOMS RENOVATION TO BE FINISHED
- PAINT OUTSIDE WALLS
- UPGRADE BACKSTOP
- PAINT INTERIOR FLOORS.
- UPDATE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Club Championships:

- Junior Championships Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Sporterifle .....Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Pistol .....Fed. 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MARCH**

- Annual Club Dinner.....Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- General Meeting .....Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Intl. Pistol Sectional Mar.....19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **APRIL**

- NYS Indoor Pistol Championship  
Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **MAY**

- Gen. Mtg. & Election of Officers  
May 11<sup>th</sup>.