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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

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 email please send it to me so we can add you to the electronic mailing.

wplatt@attglobal.net

Thanks

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holiday season has come and gone and I hope that each and everyone had a great time and Santa Claus treated you well. The passing of the holidays means we are entering a very busy time at our club. Shortly we will be conducting the Club Championships which I encourage you come out and shoot. You do not have to be a member of a team in order to participate. So join us for the fun and to meet other members, as an equal amount of bull is shot as targets.

Our Annual Club Dinner which is always a lot of fun, will follow the Championships.

In March the club will be conducting the International Pistol Sectional and a section of the New York State Pistol Championships. I would suggest you compete in them. But if that is not your cup of

tea I would recommend that you come and lend a hand in conducting them.

In the spring we will be doing a total rebuilding of the back stop which will include replacing the metal sheets. This is greatly needed will require the assistance of the membership in order to get it done. We are also planning to put a new finish on the floor which will make the club look a lot better.

Looking forward to see you at the club.

George Jennings, Jr.
President
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome some new members to the club. They are Jim Allen, Thomas Bernthor, Ed Bundga, Daniel Dickerson, James Dickerson, Suzanne DiLella, Francis Follette, Judith Fortunato, Dan Quach , and John Stanko .

JIM BATES' FUND SALE

Due to the generosity of Jim Bates, the club now has a fund of over 7,000 dollars to be used to rebuild the back stop.

The re are still a few guns for sale.

FRIENDS of NRA

The Friends of NRA (FNRA) dinner will be held on April 6th at the Kalurah Temple in Endicott. Besides having a good time at the FNRA dinner it serves a great need for the local clubs. Fifty percent of

the money raised at the dinners in our region is distributed as grants to support local club. The Binghamton Rifle Club, your club, has received many grants in the past to support our Junior Program.

The membership of our club should make every effort to attend the dinner to show our thanks and to support the Friends of NRA. The tickets are \$30.00 each and can be obtained from Pete Matwey, Harry Newbury or Will Platt.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Club on Saturday, March 4, 2006. 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 still \$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.

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

The 2006 Open NRA International Sectionals in free pistol, air pistol and standard pistol will be conducted on March 18th and 19th. Come out and compete or lend a hand in running the event. Pete Matwey is the club contact responsible for conducting this event. Volunteers are needed so

give Pete a call.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY

We are in the middle of our shooting year for the juniors. There are nine aspiring junior riflemen on the team. The current focus is on three position air rifle as the kids practice for the NYS American Legion Championships and for the national American Legion postal championships in February. The juniors are also competing in the American Legion postal matches which end in January.

The year started with 22 caliber target rifle work and two of our Juniors, Mike Armstrong and Alex Hanson, did some good shooting at the Rotterdam Match in November. After the American Legion Championships, the juniors will get back to some serious 22 target rifle training as they prepare for the Empire Games tryouts on June 10th. The tryouts will be in Binghamton this year.

Thanks to Dana Benjamin and Jim Armstrong, who stepped up to help with the program, we have a few willing individuals from the Club who want to pass on the shooting sports to our next generation of marksmen/ladies. All members interested in becoming involved with the program, please contact Pete Matwey at 723-1418.

Contact Coach Pete Matwey at 723-1418 or pmatwey@stny.rr.com for more details .

Pete
Matwey
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tor

Did you know the Binghamton Rifle club was established in 1915 and became affiliated with the NRA in 1919

SPORTERIFLE

Your Sporterifle Team is competing in the Finger Lake League, which is the top league in the state. We are presently at 6 wins and 8 losses, but we are still having fun. The number of team members is growing and we are showing improvement having won our last three matches, but we can always use more help. It is a fun sport so come on out and give it a try all you need is a .22 caliber rifle that weighs a maximum of 7 ½ pounds. If you do not have a rifle the club has a few that you can use to get started.

Contact Willis L. Platt for additional information.
(wlplatt@attglobal.net).

IN REMINISCE

It was recently reported that renowned gunsmith Austin Fred Behlert passed away on October 7, 2005. Fred Behlert was a fixture at our club during the State Champions that we conducted in the 1960 and 1970's. He would come up from New Jersey and provide us with much needed "gunsmithing" and "interesting conversation".

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

JANUARY

Board Meeting – 26th at 7:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 12, 19 at 7:00 PM
Junior Program – 8, 22 at 1:00 PM
Sporterifle – 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Board Meeting – 23rd at 7:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 9, 16 at 7:00 PM
Junior Program – 5, 12, 19 at 1:00 PM
Sporterifle – 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 PM

MARCH

General Meeting – 30th at 7:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 9, 16 at 7:00 PM
Junior Program – 5, 26 at 1:00 PM
Sporterifle – 6 at 7:00 PM

APRIL

Board Meeting – 27th at 7:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 13, 20 at 7:00 PM
Junior Program – 23, 30 at 1:00 PM

MAY

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
25th at 7:30 PM
Intl. Postal League – 11, 18 at 7:00 PM

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Championships

January 22nd.

February 5th, & 12th

Each date will be a different discipline

Contact – Pete Matwey

Sporterifle Championship

February 13th.

Contact – Will Platt

Pistol Champion

February 15th.

Contact - Jack Fitzgerald

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

March 4th.

Contact – Pete Matwey

INTL. PISTOL SECTIONAL

March 18th & 19th

Contact – Pete Matwey

NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 1st & 2nd

Contact – Jim Fish

NOTE – Check the web site for any possible additions or changes.

NOTE

CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Your officers and board of directors encourage you to take part in your Club Championships. You do not have to be a member of a team to shoot in the Championships. The events are open to every club member.

It is also a great opportunity to swap some wild tails.