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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 FLOOD

This has been a very hard and busy summer as the June flood has totally ripped out the club. When the cleaning out of the mud and muck was completed we only had four walls left. Due to the hard work of a few the club has been cleaned and the rebuilding has begun.

I have been asked by many of you "why are we building again on the river bank?" It is the only choice that we have as we can not afford to move and rebuild from scratch. In the past, prior to the flood of the century, the maximum flood level has been 33 inches. So this time we are rebuilding the club to be flood friendly to the level of 48 inches. All of the replacement walls will be concrete, the furnace will be hung from the rafters and the electrical panel has been moved up stairs in the rafters. The plan is when we get hit with the next flood it will be at normal level and we will hose the club down and shoot.

The active shooting season is rapidly approaching and I am sure you will be happy to hear that we will be able to support this fall's activity. The IPA Teams, the sporterifle team, the junior club and open shooting will all start operation shortly. It would be sooner if we could just get a few more volunteers to help out.

The one BIG problem that we have is the club's treasury is just about broke. The surplus that has been built over the last few years has been exhausted by the cost of the rebuilding we have done to date. **Pete Matwey** has been working with FEMA, SBA, the State and the NRA in attempt to obtain financial support for the club. Today only the NRA Grant looks promising and that is only been possible since

we obtain 100 percent club membership. I thank all of you that recently joined the NRA so that we could obtain this required level of membership. There has also been several programs started that would help to raise the necessary funds to complete the rebuilding. Recently you all have received a letter pertaining to the "Club Bonding" program. Please take another look at this letter as it is away for the Club to obtain the money required to complete the rebuilding of the club as we have exhausted our reserve fund.

Last but most important it is that time of the year when the club dues are to be paid. It takes the dues of 100 plus members and what we make from the matches that we conduct to pay for the annual club expenses. I encourage you to please pay your dues as soon as possible. Soon of you have already sent in your checks and your Officers and Board of Directors THANK YOU. For those of you that are thinking that I might not want to rejoin, I ask you to come on down and see what has taken place in the rebuilding process as in the eyes of some of us the club will be better than ever.

There was a great deal of progress made on the Labor Day Weekend. It was a great step in bring the club back to life. BUT there is still a great deal left to do.

I would like to end by **THANKING** all of the people who came out and worked so hard to clean out the mess and who have worked so hard on the rebuilding.

George Jennings, Jr.
President BRC

2006 – 2007 DUES

It is that time of the year when you must get out that old check book and pay your dues. Please complete attach form and return it with your check, it is important that we have you NRA Number and if possible the expiration date of annual members.

CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

SPORTERIFLE

The first match for the 2006-2007 Sporterifle season will be fired on Monday, September 25th. The team's first practice will be held September 18th. Shooting starts at 6:30 and runs until everyone has finished.

We are always in need of new members 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, including the scope. 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).

KIELBASA MATCH

The annual Kielbasa match will again kick off the fall shooting season. The date will be October 27, 2006.

IPA LEAGUE

The club will again field three teams in the IPA League. The present schedule is to start shooting the first week of November. If you have never shot in the IPA come on out and give it a try as the teams are always looking for new members. The team captains are listed on page 1.

JUNIOR ACTIVITY

The first meeting for the Junior Marksmanship Program will be held at the Club on Sunday, September 24th, starting at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be for registration in the Venturing program which cost \$15.40 and kickoff of our junior shooting season from now until April 2007. A firearms safety class will be held before any shooting starts. Our schedule is not let firm, but will be as soon as the rebuilding of the Club makes more progress. Look to start shooting in October 2006. Sporter air rifle, .22 caliber target and sporterifle, plus some air pistol will be practiced during our program. All juniors between the ages of 12 and 18 are welcomed to join the group. Adult help is always welcomed. Contact Coach **Pete Matwey** at 723-1418 or pmatwey@stny.rr.com for more details.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Yes, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the Club next spring to honor the Club Shooting Champions. Right now the date for the dinner is tentatively set for March 10, 2007. Watch for updates to our schedule and plan on attending.

Contact – Pete Matwey

INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS

The International Sectionals are being planned for March 24 and 25, 2007. These national level matches have been held at the BRC for the last 12 years and are attended by some of the best shooters in the country. The events include Free Pistol, Standard Pistol plus Women's and Open Air Pistol. Club members will be needed to score targets and writing results so plan on coming out to help.

Contact – Pete Matwey

NYS PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jim Fish is preparing to hold the Central Section New York State 2007 Indoor Pistol Championship on March 17th and 18th. This match has been held at the BRC for over 45 years and is a good moneymaker for the Club. Your help is needed, either to work or shoot during the match at the Club. Tell Jim or Harry Newbury when you can work during the match. Entry forms to shoot will be available at the Club.

Contact – Jim Fish

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Harvie Loomis and Gary Spear on being members of the New State Team that won the National .22 Cal Pistol Team Championships.

ENTRY TO THE CLUB

The bar code entry system went away with the flood. When the Club becomes available for general use, and that will be soon, entry into the Club will have to be done using the combination lock. The combination will be made available to the membership when the Club becomes available for shooting.

NOTE – The combination will be changed on the 1st of October and is made available to the paid up members at that time.

YES THE CLUB HAS BEEN ON LIFE SUPPORT, BUT IT IS COMING BACK STRONG AND BETTER THAN EVER.

We need your help to make the final push so the fall activity can begin on time. Just a few hours of your time could make the difference.

Please contact Harry Newbury at 754-8793 to schedule your time.

ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2006 – 2007 CLUB YEAR ARE NOW DUE.

ANNUAL DUES FOR FULL MEMBERS\$95.00

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP DUES\$50.00

You must have been a member for at least 3 years and
be at least 65 years of age by October 1, 2004

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.

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 your check out to the Binghamton Rifle Club

If paying by mail, send the following information to:

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

I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP TO THE BINGHAMTON RIFLE CLUB:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

NRA MEMBER # _____ **USA SHOOTING #** _____

ANNUAL NRA MEMBER RENEWAL DATE: _____

FULL _____ **SENIOR** _____ **ASSOCIATE** _____ **JUNIOR** _____ (check one)

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