



# TARGETS!

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### IN MEMORIAM

Two long time members and ardent supporters of the BRC passed away during this past year. **Donald Bennedum**, a hard working member and faithful member of the Sporterifle team. **Carl Houghtalen**, who worked hard to advance the shooting sports, falconry, outdoorsmanship, and supported many of the activities at BRC and BCOSA. Both are greatly missed.

### CLUB OFFICERS

Pete Matwey, President (723-1418)  
Ted Makoske, Vice-President (754-2661)  
Willis L. Platt, Treasurer (723-2658)  
Greg Nowark, Secretary (772-3515)

### TEAM CAPTAINS

Binghamton #1, Pete Matwey (723-1418)  
Binghamton #2, Jan Makoske (754-2661)  
Marathon, Jerry Knapp (849-3476)  
Sporterifle, Will Platt (723-2658)

### CLUB GUARDIANS

Harry E. Platt, Jr.  
Willis M. Platt

### CLUB QUARTERMASTER

Jan Makoske

### CLUB WEB MASTER

Doug Murray  
webmaster@binghamtonrifleclub.org

### 2008 – 2009 DUES

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first eight months have been a busy time at the BRC. Several events were successfully held. The IPA league matches for our three pistol teams were completed and the sporterifle team had another winning season. The International Pistol Championships and the New York State Indoor Conventional Pistol Championships were held in March. The Spaghetti Dinner in April was coupled with the Flood Recovery Raffle for Bond Payback Part #1. The Empire State Games (ESG) shooting tryouts and games finals were held at the BRC. The #2 lady 3P rifle shooter on the USA's Olympic team won two ESG gold medals at the BRC. Our 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Team held the first NYS 4-H Championship at our Club range. Gold medal went to our own **Stephen Jensen**. NYS American Legion Junior Shooting Championship was won by our own **Kurt Hakola** with three golds and one silver. All in all it's been a good year at the BRC. Good shooting was exhibited by our Juniors and our adult members. Most important everyone did it in a safe manner. If you are not participating with some of the above teams – why not? Every BRC team and activity is always looking for more of our members to join in. Just contact one of our officers or team captains and you will enjoy the move.

However, 2008 has not just been all fun and games at the BRC. You should have noticed some work getting completed by our old stand-by guys. I'd mention their names, but I won't for fear of leaving someone out. Suffice it to say that you old stand-by guys do a great job and the rest of the BRC members are glad you do it. The new concrete entry pad, the painting and door/wall frame work are looking good. This also includes the guys and gal who volunteered to make our portion of the Empire State Games a success. It's been a good year.

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

### **SPORTERIFLE**

The first match for the 2008-2009 Sporterifle season will be fired on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team's first practice will be held September 15<sup>th</sup>. Shooting starts at 6:30pm 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 a 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@stny.rr.com).

### **KIELBASA MATCH**

The annual Kielbasa match will again kick off the fall shooting season. It will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> starting 6:30pm. If you don't shoot in the competitive league come down anyway and help eat the kielbasa and other goodies. It is also a good time to take part in some interesting conversation.

### **IPA LEAGUE**

The club will again field three teams in the IPA League. The present schedule is to start shooting the first week of October. If you have never shot in the IPA come out and give it a try as the teams are always looking for new members. New shooters are needed on each team. 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 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be for registration in the Venturing program at a cost of \$15.00 and kickoff our junior shooting season from now until July 2009. A firearms safety class will be held before any shooting starts. Look to start shooting by September 21st. Sporter air rifle, .22 caliber target and sporterifle, plus some air pistol will be practiced during our program. All juniors between the ages of 10 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](mailto: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 14, 2009. Watch for updates to our schedule and plan on attending.

**Contact – Pete Matwey**

### **INTERNATIONAL SECTIONALS**

The International Sectionals are being planned for March 28/29, 2009. These national level matches have been held at the BRC for the last 14 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**

The club is preparing to hold the Central Section of the New York State 2009 Indoor Pistol Championship on March 21/22, 2009. 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. Entry forms to shoot will be available at the Club.

**Contact – Will Platt**

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

### **FLOOD RECOVERY BONDS**

By now you all have received a letter from our President, Pete Matwey, pertaining to the repayment of the "Flood Recovery Bonds". The issuing of these bonds was critical to the timely recovery of our club and this is the second step in the process of repaying.

**The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and there is no limit on the number you can purchase.**

**You can also save a stamp by including you request for tickets along with you dues check.**

## EMPIRE STATE GAMES

The finals for the ESG shooting events were held at BRC and also at BCSA. We hosted the open and scholastic air rifle, the men's and women's air pistol and the open rapid fire matches. For the third straight year, **Kurt Hakola** and **Stephen Jensen**, from of our Junior Program, were on the Central region's scholastic rifle team. Kurt came through with silver medals in air rifle and 3-position smallbore rifle and bronze in the 3-P team match. Kurt adds these to his growing list of top place finishes. Good shooting Kurt.

## CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

[wplatt@stny.rr.com](mailto:wplatt@stny.rr.com)

Thanks

## CLUB CALENDAR

Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

**SEPT 1-30** - Annual Club Dues are due

**SEPT 14<sup>th</sup>** – Start of the Junior Program

**SEPT 15<sup>th</sup>** – Start of Sporterifle

**SEPT 25<sup>th</sup>** – General Club Meeting

**SEPT 26<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Kielbasa Match

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Start of the IPA League

The **Board of Directors** meets on the last Thursday of the month. All members are encouraged to attend.

## 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 Club's web page 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.



## OLYMPIC GAMES

The United States Shooting Team which represented us in Beijing did us proud. They won six medals.

**Corey Cogdell**, Bronze Medal, Women's Trap. Won her medal in an exciting four person shoot off.

**Walton Eller**, Gold Medal, Men's Double Trap

**Kimberly Rhode**, Silver Medal, Women's Skeet. Kim has appeared in four Olympic Games and has medaled in all four. She has two gold and a bronze medal in Double Trap and now a silver in skeet.

**Jason Turner**, Bronze Medal, Men's 10m Air Pistol. Jason is a resident of Rochester, NY.

**Matthew Emmons**, Silver Medal, Men's 50m Rifle Prone.

**Vincent Hancock**, Gold Medal, Men's Skeet. Vince is 19 years old.

**ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2008 – 2009 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 .....\$15.00**

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 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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.**

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**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)