

To: Bend Trap Club Membership

15-August-2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clubhouse has completed the first wave of final inspections for occupancy. All of the outstanding issues have been addressed and we are awaiting final approvals. The 11 kw solar system is installed and inspections will start the week of 18th August. Some minor projects remain to be completed, but in general, the 9 trap fields and clubhouse facilities are completed.

The sale of the Crook property was finalized in June after an overwhelming positive response from the membership authorizing the sale. Proceeds from the sale were utilized in the completion of the clubhouse and grounds. All IRS capital gain tax considerations from proceeds of both the Brosterhous and Crook property sales have been addressed. The board expects to be able to re-establish a scaled down reserve fund to help subsidize club operational expenses. The reserve fund will be sized so that earnings will not jeopardize the club's non-profit status.

Practice shooting has commenced for **Thursday** and **Sunday** mornings from about 9 am to 1 pm. Until a club operational budget gets established, shooting round pricing is \$3 for members, \$2 for junior members, \$5 for non-member guests. Members may purchase components (wads, primers, shells) when the club is open for practice. Club membership remains at \$35 per year; a \$10 discount is available for those applicants that can verify their NRA membership.

Again, the pricing is subject to change and will depend to a large extent on the volume of shooting; more shooting will help keep prices lower.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Landscaping and irrigation system installation for the 9 trap fields is complete and hydro seeding of the grounds should be completed by week of August 18th. The next 2-3 weeks will have an aggressive watering schedule that has the grounds watering program starting every 4 hours. Each trap field gets watered for 20 minutes. The schedule is necessary to keep the seeding areas moist for germination. This will require that we stay off the dirt areas in order to not disturb the seeded soil areas. The ground will likely be very soft so please stay on the sidewalk areas. The watering schedule will affect selection of practice fields in use so please be patient over the next few weeks until the landscaping has had a chance to get established.

TURKEY SHOOTS

We have scheduled 2 turkey (meat) shoots for November 16th and December 14th. These dates have been selected to avoid conflicts with the Redmond gun club. Additional details will be provided in October.

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- RV parking areas have 120/240v power available at 20 pedestals
- RV parking supports more than 60 medium to large vehicles
- Dedicated paved clubhouse parking for 50 vehicles
- Clubhouse has large restrooms with showers
- 11,880-watt solar array for grid tied power generation
- Geothermal heat pump system for facility Heating/Cooling
- ADA compliance in clubhouse, bathrooms and trap fields
- Large walkways with on-deck shelters for trap shoots
- Large covered patio area
- Low maintenance concrete constructed facilities
- Commercial quality kitchen
- Large storage facility for targets and club equipment
- Walk in trap houses with 120+ target case storage
- New PAT traps and wireless voice calls
- Automated irrigation system for landscaping
- Caretaker on site

Additional projects to be completed involve improving the access roads, trap field lighting and some finish work inside the clubhouse.

For those of you that have not been to the club site, take State Hwy 20 **east** to mile marker **30**. Just past the marker is our driveway on the south (right hand) side. Go through the gate and follow the drive to the rear of the property where the clubhouse and parking is located. Please do not take any of the side access roads as these are for maintenance use only. A caretaker is on site so be prepared to show your membership card. Additional information and pictures may be found on the club's web site at www.bendtrapclub.com.

This newsletter marks our first attempt at email distribution. Mail delivery is equivalent to the cost of 6 targets for each newsletter mailed. If you receive this newsletter via postal service, then we don't have an email address from your membership application. Please send an email address if you have one available.

Finally, I invite everyone to send questions and comments to the club address (noted below). If you would prefer a personal contact, check the BTC website at www.bendtrapclub.com for email addresses if you have computer Internet access. The website also contains photos that detail the facility's construction progress over the last year.

For the BTC board,
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