

To: Bend Trap Club Membership

December-2008

Announcements

The calendar year is drawing to an end and with it comes our dues renewal process. The annual membership dues period is January-December, making the 2009-year dues payable by December 31, 2008. According to the club bylaws, a General Member must have his dues paid and be in good standing prior to the annual meeting date in order to vote in the 2009 annual general membership meeting. Dues are **\$35** for the basic trap club membership (\$10 credit allowance is given for a current NRA membership). Shooting periods are Thursday and Sunday for trap. Practice trap rounds are currently \$3 for members and \$5 for non members. Please fill out the enclosed Membership/Renewal application (note email address if available), sign and return in enclosed envelope. Once again, in order to retain general membership status, you must have your dues paid by **March 2nd, 2009**. Should a current Member neglect to pay dues within the time period allowed, subsequent application to the club will be as an Associate class Member.

BTC memberships were modified effective August of 2007. There are now 4 classes of memberships: Life, Associate, Probationary General and General. All membership classes (except Life) carry the same dues (\$35 per year). **All BTC members in good standing as of August of 2007 were automatically placed in the General membership class.** All new memberships begin as Associate members. All memberships (regardless of class) are considered as "Family". A Family member may be any person of the Member's immediate family, consisting of a spouse and any children under the age 18 who resides in the Member's residence. Only Life and General Members are entitled to vote on club matters of business. Should any Associate member wish to become actively involved in club operations, then contact any club director and ask to initiate the membership class change to General membership status.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, per the club bylaws, is to be held on the second Sunday of March. The meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2009 at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held at clubhouse. More agenda details and location directions will be provided early next year (in 30-60 days from now) as the date draws closer.

Club Relocation Status

This past year has seen the accomplishment of the club relocation to the Millican site. All primary development and building have been completed. The result is a clubhouse and storage facility, 9 primary trap fields and 1 combination trap/skeet field. The site development has followed the plan and details outlined at the 2008 annual meeting last March. Our new facility is open for practice and registered target shooting. Practice hours are 930 am to about 1 pm weekly on Thursday and Sundays.

Pennbrook Litigation

Pennbrook (which now includes Living Water Development) filed a lawsuit against the club on August 29, 2008. They are demanding that we pay Brosterhous property cleanup costs that are approximately \$5M. There is also a secondary action in the suit that alleges lease violations that caused an additional \$600,000 in damages that are also part of the lawsuit. The suit is loosely based on interpretations of the original Brosterhous sales contract and Oregon DEQ cleanup regulations. We forwarded the claim to our liability insurance carrier to determine if coverage exists for the legal defense costs. The latest word from the claims adjuster is that the insurance company is denying coverage for the litigation. Our pre trial hearing is set for January 5, 2009.

TURKEY SHOOT

Just a brief reminder that the Club's next Turkey/Meat shoot is scheduled for **December 14th**. Hours are 9 am to about 4 pm. Rounds are \$4 each in 1 to 5 round tickets. Everybody (purchasing a 5 round ticket) will be a winner! We have a prize exchange in case you don't want to take a turkey. Further details at the club.

Take highway 20 east toward Burns, go past Millican about 4 miles to mile marker 30. The club entrance is on the right hand (south) side (ODOT signs at entrance). Take the driveway to the back side of the property; club parking behind the building.

CARD PAYMENT SHOOTING SYSTEM

The club is implementing a new key card payment system for practice shooting. The credit card sized key system works in a manner similar to a gift card, where money is placed on the card and the cost of shooting is automatically deducted at the trap field. All active shooting members are encouraged to pick up a card on Thursdays or Sundays. **NOTE:** There is a \$15 deposit to obtain the card (basically this covers the replacement cost should the card be lost). The deposit is refunded when the card is no longer needed and returned to the club. Club membership is required to obtain a card. Shooting fees (\$3 per round via card) are automatically deducted by card readers placed at each of the 4 practice fields.

A shooter may still use cash to pay for the round, but the cash fee will be increasing to \$4 per round effective January 1st, 2009.

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.

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