

To: Bend Trap Club Membership

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Announcements

The 2008 calendar year has started and by now you should have sent in your 2008 membership renewal. The annual membership dues period is January-December, making the 2008-year dues payable by December 31, 2007. 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 2008 annual general membership meeting.

In order to retain your general membership status, you must have your dues paid by March 3rd, 2008.

Be sure to fill out a Membership/Renewal application (note email address if available), SIGN on reverse side, and return to the BTC address noted below. Application forms are available by contacting the club or any director.

Dues are **\$35** for the basic trap club membership (\$10 credit allowance is given for a current NRA membership). The board of directors decided against renewing the MOU with RRG. BTC members should purchase a RRG membership to ensure shooting costs stay at membership rates. Shooting periods are Wednesday and Sunday for trap, and Wednesday evenings after 5pm for trap games. Practice trap rounds are \$4.00 each. A 10 round coupon book is available to RRG members for \$30 (\$3.00/round).

New this year (Important Notice)

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 have been 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.** A copy of the current club bylaws was included in the 2007 November newsletter mailing. ***All 2007 members must renew before the annual meeting in March in order to maintain voting privileges.***

The BTC membership dues have an **optional** \$10 credit for those members having a current NRA membership. After this credit, **the net BTC dues are \$25.** Be sure to indicate NRA membership number and date of expiration for the discount to be properly applied to the dues payment. NRA Membership can be obtained through BTC Board Member and NRA recruiter Peter D. Field Sr. Entry level membership starts for as little as \$10.00. All NRA recruiting commission money will be returned to the NRA member. You can contact Peter at 541-390-7029 between 10am and 4pm Monday through Friday. REMEMBER, NRA membership supports your right to shoot and also aids our club through possible grant monies and discounted rates for club liability insurance. 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.

Annual Meeting Agenda

The annual meeting, per the club bylaws, is to be held on the second Sunday of March. The meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2008 at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Boyle Educational Center (on the Central Oregon Community College campus) in room 155. Annual meeting agenda will cover the usual reports by the officers, 3 open director position elections, as well as a special voting measure regarding club financing for the new site. The modified club bylaws will also be presented.

Once again, you must have been a 2007-year member and also a current 2008 member in order to vote in elections and on any issues presented at the annual meeting.

Relocation Status

Due to the successful completion of the Millican property conditional use application, the relocation to the Crook property location has been canceled. Development issues with the Crook site have been documented during the course of 2006-2007 and have been reported in several newsletters during that period. About 280 acres of land east of Millican (just past mile post 30 on highway 20) were purchased for a gun club site. Conditional use and site plan applications have been approved by Deschutes County for building the new trap club facility. The facility will cover approximately 80 acres of the acquired property. Design and details of the facility will be presented at the 2008 annual meeting. The intent of the BTC board is to have the Millican facility operational for shooting by spring of 2008 (in time for the annual Memorial weekend PITA shoot at the end of May). The actual opening date will depend on winter weather conditions (for construction). At the present time, there are 7 shooting station pads completed and 5 trap houses installed. The site has been graded for traps 1 through 6. The club house/storage building has the foundation excavated, but not poured due to current weather restrictions.

The Millican property acquired by BTC has a 900 square foot, 3-bedroom manufactured home on site that has been refurbished by the club for use as a caretaker's residence. A caretaker has moved into the home in order to provide basic security and site monitoring during the construction phase of the project. The caretaker will remain on site after the facility opens in order to provide security and basic grounds maintenance.

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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