

To: Bend Trap Club Membership

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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 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 60 days prior to the annual meeting date in order to vote in the 2008 annual general membership meeting. Dues are **\$35** for the basic trap club membership (\$10 credit allowance is given for a current NRA membership). Pending a renegotiated MOU with the RRG, we expect to continue to shoot at the Redmond Rod & Gun Club facility (RRGC) until the relocation process has been completed. Our (trap) membership should again be honored at the RRG facility. 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 members for \$30 (\$3.00/round). Please fill out the enclosed Membership/Renewal application (note email address if available), sign and return in enclosed envelope.

Dues should be remitted to the BTC address below.

New this year (Important Notice)

BTC memberships have been 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 has been included in this mailing.

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

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. More agenda details and location directions will be provided early next year as the date draws closer.

Relocation Status

Relocation to the Crook property location has been delayed due to funding considerations, site planning and legal issues. Discussions have been held with the BLM and the Crook County Development Department (CCDD) regarding the CUA and a proposed phased implementation of construction at the site. The original Crook site conditional use does not expire, only permits pulled under the CUA expire. According to CCDD, the CUA primary use is to limit the scope of the site development, but not limit the time required to achieve that objective.

The 2007 annual membership meeting prompted the board to evaluate alternative site options, as the Crook location was deemed unsuitable for BTC's long-term objectives. 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.

Subsequent to the 2007 annual meeting, approximately 280 acres east of Millican have been purchased by the club for use as a new gun club site. Conditional use and site plan applications have been filed with Deschutes County in preparation for building the new trap club facility. A public hearing was held on September 10, 2007. The County staff has recommended approval and BTC is awaiting the final decision from the hearing's officer. The proposed facility covers 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 mainly on Deschutes county (CUA and permits) as well as winter weather conditions (for construction). The annual meeting announcement (in 30-60 days from now) will contain updates and additional details on the Millican site project.

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.

Facility Caretaker Request

BTC is currently taking applications for persons wishing to act as a caretaker for the new trap club facility. Details and duties of this position are available by contacting Peter Field Sr. at 541-390-7029 (between 10am and 4pm), or through the club's mailing address (below).

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.

For the BTC board,
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