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JAN-FEB-MAR-APR-MAY-JUNE 2020 IBPF NEWSLETTER

Iowa Black Powder Federation Members:

IBPF SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING “PISTOL, RIFLE AND CARTRIDGE” EVENTS

If you are not feeling well, coughing, have a fever.... please stay home for everyone's safety.

Maintain “*social distancing*” at all times. Be considerate of others. (Wear a mask and/or gloves if you choose)

Everyone is responsible for their own sanitation. Bring your own sanitizer, hand wipes, disinfectant, tissues, etc., as soap and water cannot be provided.

Target distribution and scoring areas will be “*off limits*” to all except “*authorized persons*”. Those persons will be wearing “personal protection” (gloves, masks, sanitizer) while handling targets.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these trying times. It is always better to be “*safe than sorry*” and we all truly look forward to normal times.

Hope to “see” you all soon!

DO THE WORST FIRST
PLANS ARE USEFULL – JUST DON'T GET ATTACHED!
IF PLAN “A” DOESN'T WORK – THERE ARE 25 MORE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET

I have the three above signs (sayings) on my office door. I am a big planner of things to do or needs to be done. This Covid-19 Virus has changed my routine (same as yours) so when I see my “plans are useful” saying I see the other sign that says “If plan A doesn’t work” etc. Plan A was to send out the minutes of the March meeting, the 2020 shoot flyers and write a newsletter telling you about the Table Shoot, the Chunk Gun Matches and why you should come to the NMLRA Territorial and have in the mail by the first week of April. Well, that didn’t happen, as all three shoots were cancelled, no scores to report, so now I am on Plan B. Instead of a 3-month, it is a 6-month newsletter. Plans can still work out as I now have 2021 Jan-March newsletter started. Hopefully all will be okay and a NMLRA Territorial will be held in a new location, during Memorial Day Weekend and I will let you know why you should attend.

Many shoots have been cancelled. Beaver Creek Plainsmen (Collins) has cancelled their July shoot and Raccoon Valley Muzzle Loaders have cancelled their 4th of July event.

At the present time Iowa Black Powder Federation is going (planning) to hold our shoots. Flyers are being sent in this letter. **NOTE: GUIDELINES IN NEWSLETTER.** Please read and follow them. It would be a good idea to always phone ahead to make certain shoot is still going on.

2020 RAFFLE: IBPF raffle is a “1858 Remington Stainless Steel Target Pistol” or a framed print “The Spirit of America” by David Wright. You were sent tickets, which many have returned. Tickets will be on sale at each event. If you need more tickets contact me and I will send. Drawing will be held at the Shot Gun shoot, Sunday September 27. The pistol offered is very unusual, no longer available and has a 12-inch barrel.

PISTOL/RIFLE AND IOWA GAMES: Iowa Games has cancelled some of their events needing close contact, but the pistol and rifle shoots are still on. You will find a description of targets etc., for each. I hope you will consider entering in one or both this year. \$23.00 fee includes a t-shirt. The medals are given out at award time.

HAWK/KNIFE THROW: New this year. IBPF is holding their throw alongside the Smokey Ridge event. We will be using different blocks. You still need to pre-register and cost is as shown on flyer. In the past so many events for SMR people was held at the same time as our throw, so this will permit everyone to participate.

SHOT GUN: This event is one that needs more recognition among black powder participants. In 2012 Lynn Hertzke wrote an article for the Powder Horn News and I am going to repeat it again. Attendance is from 15 at the least to 20 at the most and one of the easiest events for me to work. The flyer never changes, same from year to year, another plus for me. The guys come in I give them a card showing the Match #, yardage and birds (they may take 2 for the same match as this is re-entry), they go out to shoot all at once and I don’t see anyone for a long time so I do a lot of reading. When the cards come back in, already scored I post on to the board. They take more cards and go out again. They all run a tab so that is easy. Now let me get to Lynn’s article.

MUZZLE LOADING SHOTGUN GAME. LET'S SPREAD THE WORD. (By Lynn Hertzke)

I was talking to a guy the other day. I told him I was going to a muzzle loading shot gun shoot. He said really! I didn't know they made muzzle loading shot guns. Well, yah, for the last several hundred years. He is one of those inline deer season shooters. That's ok too. This guy is no dummy, let's just say he is uninformed, kinda like talking politics with my sister.

So, he says, "how many pyrodex pellets can you put in one of those things"? I knew this conversation was going to take a while. I explained the sequence of loading. First the powder from a measure, not from the can. Then the nitro card pushed down with a ramrod, then a fiber cushion, again pushed down with the ramrod and then dump in the shot finishing with an over shot card. Now it's ready to prime and shoot. He is standing there shaking his head and rolling his eyes and says that too much work, I think I will stick to my Ruger Red Label.

The point I want to makes is you have to take the newcomer to the range and show them how it works. You can't just tell them. Let them get their hands dirty and bust some birds. If you get them hooked then you can help them find a gun and supplies and have a partner to go to shoots with you.

You can check with the traders at shoots and rendezvous, sometimes they have a used shotgun for sale. If you want new you can go to one of the big fancy stores that have all the dead animal heads hanging on the wall, but beware, you will pay the big bucks there. I have the best luck finding a gun at fun shows, but if you buy an original be sure to check it over really good to make sure its sound and safe to shoot.

Here in North Iowa we have some local clubs that give the opportunity to shoot some trap. Places like Jefferson, Cherokee and Collins all throw a few birds for us at their shoots.

Then there is the big one. Three days of 10, 16 and 20 yards of trap. Traditional and 10-yard flint, 10, 16- and 20-yard black powder cartridge trap plus muzzle loading and cartridge skeet. This is the Iowa Black Powder Federation State shoot open to all. Hosted by the Marshall County Gun Club, located north of Marshalltown, Iowa. Dates for 2020 is September 25, 26 and 27. Come for the day or come for the whole 3 days or maybe just come to watch. After dark Saturday night there is shooting under the light.

Next issue will feature scores. You can always check us out on the website.

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Hope to see you on the firing line.

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