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OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2019 IBPF NEWSLETTER

TO: Iowa Black Powder Federation Members:

This first issue newsletter is a new venture in the life of the Iowa Black Powder Federation and your help is greatly needed. Our members have been without a source to receive IBPF information since December 2018 when the Powder Horn News stopped publication due to the medical condition of Dee Sanders, Editor and Publisher of the Powder Horn News. There were a couple possibilities of someone taking over the paper or a similar paper but this fell through. You have continued to be loyal IBPF members, paying your dues each year and for that we thank you.

At the IBPF Board Meeting, one of the items on our agenda was what can we do to continue to serve our members. We have the website (www.iowablackpowderfederation.net) however not everyone has a computer or internet. A **card is enclosed** to mark your choice of option 1 **receiving newsletter by mail** each quarter or **do not receive the newsletter** each quarter or **checking the website for the newsletter** each quarter. Option 2 **is receiving by email** when that service becomes available. It is important you mark both options. (My test group did not do very well doing this.) Please return your card in the envelope enclosed. Envelope is already stamped.

Plans are to send out timely topics, IBPF Board Meeting Minutes, scholarship program guidelines, flyers, raffle tickets, scores, Iowa Summer Games Shooting Sports, etc. Format may change from time to time as we learn the needs of our members. Any suggestion will be appreciated.

The IBPF wants to keep black powder/muzzle loading shooting alive in Iowa. One of the ways you can help is to send your shoot dates for the entire year (shoots open to other shooters not your club shoots). I will include them in the newsletter. They must arrive in time for our newsletter dates, similar to what the PHN published. Jefferson has already sent me all of their dates for the year.

Places to go

March 21 – IBPF Board Meeting – Library – Pleasant Hill, IA – 12:30 p.m.

March 28 – Flintlock Frolic- Raccoon Valley Muzzle Loaders – Jefferson
Charlie Rice – 515-370-1043

You are invited to send your shoot flyers to Peter Sheets prsheets@southslope.net or by mail (Peter Sheets, 188 Lockmoor Circle, North Liberty, IA 52317) to request your shoot on the website.

Who are the IBPF members? I (as secretary) only meet the shooters, others from phone conversations but the one thing they all have in common is their interest in black powder in one way or another. Shooters enjoy the competition but some of our members are campers, gun builders, history buffs, blacksmiths, knife makers, antique arms collectors, traders and many more individuals. This is the reason diversity in our members make black powder/muzzle loading and the IBPF, interesting and fun.

I am borrowing some words from an article Pevine (aka Jim Jaskoviak) wrote in an article several years ago and I think it is very timely in today's world of technology.

Pevine writes: "As of late I'm finding a new and emerging group with previously mentioned interest with a focus on technology. Researching on the "net", joining "chat" groups to share information and throw in collecting, buying, selling and trading on the world wide web. Years ago, finding some obscure piece or part could take years - today it takes seconds. Need a part, a sight, a lock or a complete muzzle loader - "Google it!" Odds are you'll be looking at what you want or need in seconds. Want a bargain? Check out the muzzle loading and antique categories on Gunbroker. Want to see what the finest traditional craftsmen in America are making for muzzle loaders powder horns, knives, shooting bags? Have a peek at the Contemporary Longrifle Association (CLA) web site or ask to join their "closed group" to watch video of the likes of Frank and Hersel House turning out muzzle loaders and knives. If you have a computer with internet in your home it's all available. If not, those internet services are available to everyone, free of charge, by simply visiting your local public library."

My granddaughter is dating a fellow and said "Grandma, I think he does that stuff like Grandpa used to do". Recently I met this young man and he is interested in the history portion and is a "civil war reenactors" with a group in Missouri. They set up camp adjacent to a homestead that was used as a hospital, the pictures and the camp is pristine. The hawk block was one of the nicest pictures I have ever seen. (I even used the picture on the Hawk/Knife flyer this year, however black and white, does not do it justice.) Talk about passion, this young man is outstanding.

You are receiving many items in this mailing. Look them over and return the card as soon as possible. As I end this first newsletter, I am thinking about the next issue to come out the end of March.

That issue (January, February and March) will include minutes of our March board meeting, all IBPF flyers, Places to go etc. Another reminder to send me your shoot dates for this year now, so I can have on my clip board. You may send by email at address in the letter head. Please do not text, sorry to say I still use a flip phone.

Merry Everything and Happy Always to you!

Until next time, I am your IBPF Secretary,

Norma Holcomb

Note: Did you know you have the Iowa Black Powder Federation to thank for the Muzzle Loading early and late deer seasons?