



**IOWA BLACK POWDER FEDERATION**  
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January 1, 2025

Dear Loyal Members of the Iowa Black Powder Federation (IBPF)

Our Federation was established in 1984 with the agenda of "the safe use of, the history and importance of black powder firearms". With a charter membership of 184 who would have thought we would survive 40+ years?

How things have changed! Having been truly "incorporated" and having earned our federal 501(c) 4 "not for profit" status we strive to not only focus on our black powder heritage, but have been able to support a scholarship program, make contributions to other worthwhile entities such as local black powder clubs, the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) and Ronald McDonald House.

Faced with diminishing numbers, participants and volunteer we (the Officers and Board of Directors) find it necessary to make subtle changes to keep up with the times. As technology progressed we did well keeping up with the likes of our website ([iowablackpowderfederation.net](http://iowablackpowderfederation.net)), electronic IRS filing, insurance requirement and etc.

Looking into the future we find standing alone more difficult and complex than in the past. Beginning in 2025 the IBPF is going to take some major steps forward. We will be uniting with the Greene County Sportsmen's Club (GCSC). They have been a long-time supporter of the IBPF, will give the federation the sense of a "home" and provide some much-needed assistance with the duties that fall upon volunteers.

What does that mean as an IBPF member?

1. No change in dues (remain \$26.00), however, we must convert from the many renewals dates we have allowed in the past. Beginning in 2025 all membership fees will be due January 1st annually (a typical annual membership which will allow one membership dues mailing rather than by the date of individual renewal).

2. All IBPF members in good standing will automatically be granted all the range benefits of a GCSC member, range located at Sliningers Woods, 1430 Jordan Ave. Jefferson, Iowa and provided with a combination number to access the property through the gate. This combination number changes April 1<sup>st</sup> annually, another justification for January mass mailing renewal.
3. The IBPF can look forward to a bright future. Already plans are underway for many 2025 shooting events and a fine custom built rifle raffle is scheduled

I would like to extend a special "Thank You!" to all our members, the volunteers for their time and effort which supports the IBPF in so many ways and to the GCSC for stepping up and allowing this partnership.

Respectfully yours,

*Roger Eichelberger*

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President, IBPF

### Note from Norma.....

You have now read the above letter from the IBPF President and Board of Directors regarding your 2025 membership dues. The amount \$26.00 will remain the same just the month paying t will change.

**Please add your email address and phone number and return to me as soon as possible. If I do not hear back from you by end of February I will send a second notice only.**

Since we are joining up with the Greene County Sportsmen's Club you will have access to the Jefferson range. When I return your membership card it will include the combination lock code.

The shoot dates are in place and flyers will be sent out early spring. For now, enclosing a copy of the 2005 schedule so you will not miss a shoot. Start right now thinking about which one you plan to attend and mark on your new blank calendar.

Thank you for supporting Iowa Black Powder Federation and black powder shooting in 2025 and the many years to follow.

Sincerely,

*Norma*