

## IBPF March 2011

### News Letter

HELLO from the “Deep Freeze”! As I am authoring this article (1<sup>st</sup> week of February) we are experiencing an extended period of sub-zero temperature in North Iowa... but it won't be long and we'll be @ the July Beaver Creek Plainsmen shoot in Collins, Iowa just hoping to catch a breeze on a sultry 97 degree day... what a state of extremes.

Still a plenty busy time of the year for Iowa Black Powder Federation (I.B.P.F.) activity... **if** you want it to be. Trade Fair season is upon us. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends, swap some muzzleloaders and “pitch” the I.B.P.F. Albert Lea and New Ulm, Minnesota are 2 that I attend, display the I.B.P.F. wares, answer lotsa' questions and always sign a few new members. We've got state shoots, postal matches, raffles, a “renewed” web presence, door prizes at every shoot, free subscription to the Powder Horn News included... why wouldn't anyone interested in muzzleloading not want to become a member? In todays economy this \$26.00 is the biggest “bang” you'll get for your recreational dollar. Again, my plea, “if you're not a member”, please join now... if you are; please commit to sign at least “1” new member this year... Thank You!!

Earlier I said “renewed” web presence, here's why I said it. Scott F., our “web master” has been trying to keep our web presence alive “on a shoe string”. He had “ferreted” out a no-charge server and at least we were on the world wide web... but as the old skinner sayin” goes, “you get what you pay for”. We weren't getting much. Now a minor expenditure has been approved and the I.B.P.F. is in control of it's own “web destiny”. The “Web Master” says, “now when I put something out there... it's out there.” So profound! I'm sure we'll see a marked improvement as time marches on.

One more “postal match” pitch. We're miles ahead of last year. We've got targets already “turned in” in 4 of the 7 categories. Recently I read a hunting article stating “the only sure miss is the shot you don't take”. Kinda how the postal match works. Targets are available now from the I.B.P.F by mail or you can pick some up at trade fairs or shoots.

Now I want to mention the latest I.B.P.F acquisition. We are the proud owners of an official I.B.P.F. cargo trailer. To this point all targets and equipment to support an event was transferred by an all willing I.B.P.F. members. This usually meant Mr. Eichelberger would “borrow” some contractors trailer and temporarily “up-fit” it with target racks, tables, awnings, targets and Secretary Holcomb hauled the scoring, record keeping and financial support equipment. Well, member Tom Podhajsky located a nice Pace American cargo trailer at quite an affordable price. It's black, walk-in double doors on the back, single walk-in on the side and soon to carry “boldly” the logo of the I.B.P.F. and associated web address and phone number. This should now be a “hook up and go” proposition to support our events and talk about a nice traveling bill board. Already there are thoughts of parking it at gun shows and other like events in solicitation of new members. Photos have been taken and by the time you

read this viewing should be available on our web site, [www.iowablackpowderfederation.net](http://www.iowablackpowderfederation.net)

I wasn't sure where to include this "shooters tidbit" but here's as good a spot as any. As many of you know I build, re-build and re-sight a bunch of muzzleloaders every year. I also watch shooters struggle with initial "sight-in" of traditional muzzleloaders. The proverbial question is "how far should I move or file those sights?" Well, you'll need a tape measure and a quality caliper and this info: first shoot a group @ either 25, 50 or 100 yards. Then use this formula. Sight radius (the distance from the back of the rear sight to the back of the front sight) multiplied by the amount you want to move the group in inches (measure from the center of the group to where you want the new group to center) divided by the distance to the target in inches

(25 yds=900 inches, 50 yds=1800 and 100 yds=3,600). The answer will be in .001 inch increments. Remember the group travels in the same direction as the rear sight and the opposite direction of the front sight. This is pretty handy information when you need it.

In closing, please keep in mind **that this is your Federation!** If you don't belong, participate in and help take care of it...it will go away!!! We've got many members who contribute their time, talents and resources to this Federation to keep it healthy. But, we need your help too! Helping out in any way you can is all we ask. It won't be much of a game if everyone just sits on the sidelines. It's time to "roll up your sleeves", "get your hands dirty" or whatever old cliché you like, but **DO GET INVOLVED!** Build something for a raffle, bring a crew of new shooters to an event, hold a shoot at your local club and shoot up 100 postal targets, volunteer some of your time at a shoot as a range officer so everyone can shoot...it doesn't take much. You'll feel good about it and the I.B.P.F. will appreciate it and be around for a long time for you to enjoy.

My best personal regards and I truly hope to "see ya' on the firing line",

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