

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As I am writing this article for the February issue, of the Powder Horn News I am thinking of our past year and looking forward to another successful year for the Iowa Black Powder Federation. Each year we make changes in our shooting schedules to accommodate our shooters. Any time you have any suggestions, feel free to let me know.

FIRST, I would like to thank Norma Holcomb, our IBPF Secretary-Treasure for the **FANTASTIC** job she has done for the IBPF. 2012 will be her sixth year in this position, and she is planning on retiring in November. The board has a huge responsibility finding a person or persons to fill her position. If you have a desire to serve on the board or serve as Secretary or Treasure please let me or another board member know. Also, if you are asked to serve, please give the matter serious consideration.

SECOND, I challenge all members to sign up one new person to the IBPF and bring that person to a shooting event or events. The new member does not have to be an adult, don't forget our youth. They are our future. A good place to come into contact with our youth is at a 4-H Shooting Sports Program. One parent said, "I am in favor of anything that doesn't involve a cell phone, computer or TV but I never thought it would be shooting a 22 caliber rifle." This parent's child took second place in his age group at the State 4-H Shoot. For further information on the 4-H shooting program contact your local extension office.

THIRD, Let's talk about IBPF membership renewals. When Norma sends your renewal, don't put it on the counter and say I will send it later. Fill it out right away and send back in the enclosed envelope.

FOURTH, Scholarships. My daughter Jessie, received a scholarship for \$400.00 from the IBPF, which she thanks the organization. If you know of any student that would qualify make sure they fill out an application. You can find more information at: [www.iowablackpowderfederation.net](http://www.iowablackpowderfederation.net) Read again Terry Kamstra's article in the January issue of PHN. This article is also on the website.

FINALLY, I would like to thank Bob Campbell and Don Wheatley for serving on the IBPF board, as they went off the board in November. Please welcome to the board Bill Shipley, from the Southeastern Iowa

Sportsman's Society and Jack Patton from the Beaver Creek Plainsmen's Club. Even though Bob and Don are no longer on the board you will be seeing them at the state sponsored events working and shooting.

**(Regarding the postal match target)** As many times as we check over flyers to make certain all information is correct or included ... our attention has been called that we failed to list the required amount of shots. It should be stated - **5 shots** at 25 yards!!

At the present time all IBPF (flyers) shooting events with dates are listed on IBPF website. Right now start filling out your calendar with the events so you won't be making other plans and miss out on all the fun.

See you on Saturday, February 25th at the Jefferson Flintlock Frolic. No matter the weather there is always a good fire going on inside the club house so you can warm up. This shoot is always fun as it gives us a chance to see one another and catch up on what has been going on. There will probably be a few new guns to show off too.

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