

HELLO TO ALL IBPF MEMBERS AND BLACK POWDER

SHOOTERS: My name is Jack Patton and I serve as a member of the IBPF Board.

I live in rural Bondurant with my wife Judy. We have two daughters, Allison Bishop and Shelly Massey, two grand daughters Cassandra and Olivia Bishop and a step grand daughter Sam and step grand son Robbie. I worked at the Bondurant Elevator for many years retiring in 2003 I still help some farmers in the area during crop season driving truck to the elevator. I am presently serving as President of the Beaver Creek Plainsmen shooting club.

I have built several guns and presently building a half stock rifle for grand daughter Olivia's graduation in May and a Bedford full stock 45 cal for grand son Robbie. Every gun I shoot I have made. The pride you feel when you build something, shoot it and actually hit something and win a medal has a good feeling.

One of the nice things about shooting State Rifle and Pistol Matches is this is reentry targets on all matches except the Championship Aggregates and they are one time only. The other matches you can shoot over and over until you get a better score. Highest score counts. There is a \$10.00 punch ticket so this helps not to have to get a dollar bill out of your pocket each time. Saves a lot of time for the target people too.

I shoot many events at the IBPF State Rifle and Pistol matches. I used to shoot only percussion rifle but have been shooting Smoothbore (a.k.a. Trade Gun which is with front sights only and always 54 cal and up) and Sighted Smoothbore can be any caliber. Both Smoothbore and Sighted Smoothbore are becoming more popular among the shooters.

One of the tricks when shooting smoothbore is to take a piece of sandpaper and roughen up the balls and they shoot better. FYI: If they do or not I am not sure but it seems to help a little, however every shot with a smoothbore is different from shot to shot and day to day. You just never know....maybe kind of "mind game" going on. I find smoothbore a lot of fun.

Last year "Over 70" shoot was added to the schedule and many took advantage of that event, including me. We referred to this aggregate as the "old guys" matches.

There is heavy bench and light bench matches. Benches available so you don't have to bring your own.

New this year will be Cross Stick Aggregate. You can use a traditional rifle, 14 pound limit, with any open iron sights. This will be a welcome addition as many shooters do not own a musket, flintlock or pistol.

We hear many times "I am not good enough to shoot in a state shoot" so they stay away thinking the competition will be too much. The IBPF has a NON-MEDALIST for both Rifle and Pistol. This means if you have never received a medal at the IBPF State Rifle and Pistol Matches you are eligible for this aggregate. This would be like a novice match. Not many shot in this category last year, as maybe they didn't understand what it was about.

Then for Pistol Shooters we have Handgun and Revolver matches, both flint and percussion and Percussion Revolvers. This is a very popular shoot.

For the young people we have Sub-Junior-Not reached 12th birthday, Junior for one not yet 16 and intermediate for 16 and over but not yet 21 years old. This is for both boys and girls. Sub-Junior and Junior have a \$4.00 registration fee but no charge for the targets. And we don't leave out the ladies and they also have matches available to them.

The IBPF Board is very acceptable to new ideas for matches so if there is something you would like to see come to the annual meeting and express your ideas or talk to a board member.

New to us this year will be a 1.5 inch medal for match winners and 2 inch medals for aggregate winners. We hope you are one receiving a new medal. Remember you can't win unless you show up and enter.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 10, 11 and 12, 2012 are the dates for this years IBPF State Rifle and Pistol Matches. Location is Birmingham, Iowa (Fairfield area) and the Range of the "Southeastern Iowa Sportsman Society" (For GPS the address 11867 Hickory Avenue, Birmingham, IA). They have a newer range and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner at very reasonable cost in their inside club house. The shooting area is covered with 25, 50 and 100 yard firing points. They have a few modern camping sights and also primitive. Bring you own drinking water and fire wood and no electric or sewer hook ups. Nearby at Fairfield there is a very nice state park for camping. Also motels in Fairfield.

Have you ever looked at the IBPF website? Scott Fruhwirth has listed all IBPF shoots and also for any shooting club that will send him a flyer. After the shoots he will list the winners if the club will send the scores to him. If you want to attend a shoot and don't know where to go just look us up. You will be surprised at all of the information.
www.iowablackpowderfederation.net

I hope I have interested you in attending and or shooting in the IBPF State Rifle and Pistol Matches. Just come and watch and I think you will catch the shooting spirit with all of the camaraderie. We just have fun and meet new people who will become good friends very fast.

See you on the firing line.
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