

GREETINGS TO ALL MUZZLE-LOADING ENTHUSIASTS! I would like to introduce myself as the Iowa Black Powder Federation's Web Administrator (Scott Fruhwirth), and talk a bit about what our website can mean for you or your club. The main purpose of our website is to inform IBPF members and shooters alike of events, activities, and news in Iowa and surrounding states.

If you haven't been to our website (<http://www.IowaBlackPowderFederation.net>) you might be surprised at how easy it is to find what you're looking for. From Newsletters from our Board Members, shooting events, rendezvous, raffles, our yearly scholarship incentive, and links and contacts that you may find useful. You can also use this site to find final results to an event or shoot along with the ability to look at past years events and results.

I personally find myself going to the "Events" page quite often, and with today's technology I can do this right from my cell phone! This means information is easier than ever to find for me and everyone else. Not only does our site have all IBPF shoots and events but we also include regional NMLRA events, along with clubs that want their shoots and rendezvous listed as well. OH... you didn't know we will list your clubs events.. Yep! Just email or contact Norma Holcomb (norma.holcomb@q.com) with all relevant shoot or rendezvous information (event type, date/time, location, contacts), and when your event has come and gone... don't forget to send us your results for all of us to see.

Our website and the Powder Horn News are two great options we have to help us find the events we would like to participate in and to keep us informed. If you know someone not familiar with the IBPF or its website send them our link (<http://www.IowaBlackPowderFederation.net>). The more people we have participating the better our events will be for all! If there is something we are not providing that you would like to know more about or something you feel

would be a good addition to our website please contact Norma Holcomb via email (norma.holcomb@q.com). Thanks and I look forward to seeing some of you in this year's coming events!

Scott Fruhwirth

NOTES FROM NORMA:

HELLO TO ALL reading the IBPF article this month. As Secretary for the IBPF I have various duties and one is to see that articles are in the Powder Horn News each month. I asked Scott to write about the web site and what the IBPF can do for you the shooter. Now I hope you will look and see for yourself. One of our future articles will be how to pre-register for the Iowa Games by Tom Mowrer, information on Youth Hunter Educational Challenge (YHEC) by Bill Shipley, Ties between Buck Skinning and Black Powder Shooting by Randy Ohrt, BP Pistol Shooting by Darrell Gideon, a report from a brother and sister who enjoy shooting with their Grandpa and more. When I talk to people I see they have a special passion for black powder shooting and that started me thinking of ways to pass that along to you the readers. All of the people I have mentioned do have a passion for shooting. Anyone reading this are invited to send an article to me.

Once again we will have a **POSTAL MATCH**. The targets are printed and you will get them in the mail before you read this article. The instructions are on the back of the target. Have fun with this target at your club shoots. Don't ever think "my target is not good enough". You might be surprised!!

In the January issue of PHN Terry Kamstra, Chairman of the **Scholarship Program** talked about the requirements, etc. Terry would like to remind you time is getting short to submit your essay. We need them by March 1st so we can review submitted essays at our March 16th meeting. At that meeting we will select a winner or winners that meet the eligibility requirements. You will

find Terry's article on the website or in the January issue of PHN. Send your essay to me (Norma Holcomb at address at the end of this article or you are welcome to email too) so I can make copies for each member of the IBPF Board of Directors.

The shoot flyers will not be in the mail until after the March 16th IBPF Board Meeting, (IBPF Board Meeting are always open to membership to attend), but here are the dates and places of our BIG FIVE EVENTS.

2013 CHUNK GUN STATE SHOOT

Saturday, June 1, 2013
Beaver Creek Plainsmen's Range
Collins, IA

2013 RIFLE AND PISTOL STATE SHOOT

Fri, Sat, Sun - August 9, 10 and 11, 2013
Beaver Creek Plainsmen's Range
Collins, IA

2013 BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE STATE SHOOT

Fri, Sat, Sun - August 16, 17 and 18, 2013
(Home of the Pine Ridge Rifle Club)
Steamboat Rock (County Park), IA

2013 STATE HAWK AND KNIFE THROW

Sunday, September 1, 2013 -- 1:00 p.m. (Near The Grand Bins)
To Be Held at the Range of
Smokey Ridge Muzzleloaders
At Their Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous

2013 SHOT GUN STATE SHOOT

Fri, Sat, Sun - September 21, 22 and 23, 2013
Marshall County Gun Club
Marshalltown, IA

IBPF ANNUAL MEETING

March 16, 2013 - Altoona Public Library-12:30 p.m.
November 2, 2013 - Altoona Public Library-12:30 p.m.

Please put these dates on your calendars now. I mentioned I have various duties as Secretary for the IBPF and of course the main duty is to send out reminders of your renewals. I try to do this at the end of every month sending you an envelope back to me. I appreciate your immediate response in paying

your yearly dues. Thank you. When I send back your renewal card I put my name and phone number on the back so you can contact me. As always let me know what the IBPF Board can do for you to make your shooting more enjoyable. Even if you don't shoot we invite you to attend one of the events to see what is going on.

Looking forward to seeing you this year at our BIG FIVE EVENTS.

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