

# **BALD EAGLES NEWS**

**Bald Eagles Rifle Club, Box 604, Raton, NM 87740**

**www.baldeaglesrc.org**

**NOVEMBER 2009**

## **IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES**

Dues are not due until the first of the year, but there's no harm in getting the word out early. Please take a minute to write a check to the Bald Eagles Rifle Club for your 2010 dues. I am sending this newsletter out via email AND snailmail. If you like you can write a check to "The Bald Eagles Rifle Club" and mail it to me at:

John Gaines  
122 Hidden Haven Dr.  
Boerne, Texas 78006.

## **UPDATING INFORMATION**

As your secretary one of my tasks is keeping up with the names and addresses (especially email addresses) of the members, so I have created this questionnaire to help me out. If you have *not* moved to a new residence or changed internet providers just write me a check and send it in. If you *have* made a change please print this form, enter your new information and send it with your check.

*By the way, some of you have firewall software that kicks back any message with more than several addressees. It thinks this is SPAM and can't recognize literary genius. Unless you tell it to let my email through ([jrgaines@gvtc.com](mailto:jrgaines@gvtc.com)) you won't get any of our "urgent" notices or erudite newsletters. In fact, you are probably not reading this email. I will send out snailmail notices to the non-email addressees, and I'll send one to the electronic "undelivered" folks too.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DUES AMOUNT:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 (IF BETWEEN 55 AND 60 YEARS)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 (IF OVER 60 YEARS)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Each of you received a new membership card in 2008. It's white, laminated plastic and has your name, member number and "NRA AFFILIATE B-63305". We will use it to squad you at the coming matches. When you pay your dues I will mail you a sticker with "PAID 2010" on it. Place this sticker on the back of the card. If you are a new member you will receive a new card and a sticker. If you don't have a card or if you have any questions, call me, John Gaines, 830-249-2095 or email me [jrgaines@gvtc.com](mailto:jrgaines@gvtc.com).

## **THE 2009 SPIRIT OF AMERICA MATCH**

The SOA matches were a great success. We had good weather every day and while attendance was off a little from last year, we still had a good crowd. I'm including the names of the winners here, but you can always go to the website [www.baldeaglesrc.org](http://www.baldeaglesrc.org), and get all the results.

Overall match winner in the TR (target rifle) category was Bryan Litz with 1793-121X, followed by Mitchell Maxberry with 1788-108X and Nancy Tompkins with 1778-112X. Michelle Gallagher was "High Woman" with 1784-106X. Eddie Newman was "High Senior" with 1775-95X, and Barry Smith was "High Grand Senior" with 1771-79X. In the F Class contest Charles Ballard was the match winner with 1775-94X followed by Danny Biggs with 1770-83X and Larry Bartholome with 1769-103.

Bryan Litz was the winner of the Short Range Aggregate and the Long Range Aggregate. Walter Lange was the Short Range Aggregate F Class winner and Charles Ballard was the Long Range Aggregate F Class winner.

Winners of the several individual and team matches were as follows:

McGee Rifle Stocks Individual Match (300, 500, 600 and 900 yards):

Bryan Litz with 450-30X in TR.  
Danny Biggs with 441-19X in F Class.

U.S. Armed Forces Individual Match (300, 500, 600 and 1000 yards):

Bryan Litz with 449-31X in TR.  
Jim Murphy with 447-28X in F Class

Sinclair International Individual Match (300, 500, 600 and 900 yards):  
 Russel Theurer with 449-24X in TR.  
 Larry Bartholome with 447-25X in F Class.

Sierra Bullets Individual Match (300, 500, 600, and 1000 yards):  
 Bryan Litz with 448-30X in TR.  
 Danny Biggs with 446-24X in F Class.

Cunico Automotive Team Match (300, 500, 600, and 900 yards):  
 “Palma Red” Trudie Fay, Captain and Steve Cunico, Coach  
 Members: Bryan Litz, David Crandall, Trudie Fay and Noma Mayo.  
 Score: 1570-82X  
 F Class Team:  
 “Team Berger” Larry Bartholome, Captain, and Jim Murphy, Coach  
 Members: Jim Murphy, Ed Eckhoff, Dan Biggs, Larry Bartholome.  
 Score 1551-64X

Folsom Shooting Club Team Match (300, 600, 900, and 1000 yards):  
 “Palma Red” (same as above) Score: 1590-74X  
 (No F Class teams)

Sierra Bullets Team Match (300, 500, and 600 yards):  
 “Palma Red” (same as above) Score 1199-84X  
 (No F Class teams)

Galaxy Glass Long Range Team Match (two 15 shot strings at 1000 yards):  
 “Palma Red” (same as above) Score 592-28X  
 (No F Class teams)

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The AGM was held in the Eagles Nest building. An election of officers was held for two positions on the board. John Gaines and Middleton Tompkins were up for re-election to the board. Susan Bowman was nominated to run against Middleton and she won. So now the board consists of Lonnie Kuhns ('10), Bill Lair ('10), Larry Bartholome ('11), Dave Driscoll ('11), John Gaines ('12), and Susan Bowman ('12). The dates in parentheses are the dates our terms expire. Officers are Lonnie Kuhns, President and CEO; Bill Lair, Treasurer and CFO; and John Gaines, Secretary. Dave Driscoll was elected Vice Chair of the Board.

Other news items:

- The toilet building has been reviewed by the Whittington Center and put on their list of things to do. It will be increased in size to accommodate 400 people for special events.
- We are looking into the possibility of expanding the Eagles Nest building by two more bays, enlarging the kitchen and adding more storage rooms.
- One of the target sheds in the pits has been assigned to us exclusively for our targets.
- Both the NRA and ICFRA have approved the Bald Eagles to host the 2013 World F Class Championships, and the US F-Class Nationals. It is thought that we will combine these with the Rocky Mountain Palma matches in July of that year.
- The 2015 World Palma Matches will be held in the United States, but the venue has not been announced.
- The Rocky Mountain Palma matches and the Santa Fe Long Range Regional will be combined in 2010 for six days of shooting 10-15 July of 2010.
- The 2010 Spirit of America matches will be held September 11 thru 19.

### **RAFFLE RIFLE READY**

Doan Trevor is almost finished with the Palma rifle we raffle off to raise funds for the USA Veterans Rifle Team. Doan is a master rifle-smith and works wonders with wood and steel. This year's rifle is based on a Stiller Precision action, Krieger barrel, and a wood stock from Richards Microfit (and Doan Trevor). Alan and Dan Warner donated the rear sight and base, and Scott Riles donated the front sight. Doan is doing all the metal and wood work. Folks, it doesn't get any better than that. Mike Sinclair has the raffle tickets so get yours today and sell, sell, sell!

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING – MERRY CHRISTMAS – HAPPY NEW YEAR*