



BIG TIMBER

RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another fiscal year has gone by. It has been my pleasure and honor to be your president and now it is time to move on. I would, however, like to stay on one more year as member at large for several reasons. First and foremost I have been a member of Big Timber for at least twenty years and during that time I have seen a few changes, some for the better and recently for the worst. The worst being the legal issues we have with John and Earl. I would like to see this through to the end as this occurred while I was on the Board. I would like to end my involvement knowing Big Timber is whole and going in the right direction.

I am looking to all of you to ensure Big Timber stands the test of time and continues to provide a safe environment for people to increase their skills in weaponry and teach our young people the importance of the second amendment and weapon safety.

As always, the strength of our club relies on its members. We thank you, we appreciate you.

Bill Henderson

RANGE REFLECTIONS

Hello to all. At this time it looks like the logging behind the pistol range has been postponed for a year or two so there shouldn't be any closures in that regard for a while. Weyerhaeuser did complete their survey of the property which is very helpful for knowing exactly where to place the new berm for the new 50 yard range. Work on the 50 yard range will be picking up as the soil has dried out and can be moved. On the rifle range we have installed a red beacon light to indicate when a person is down range. Please turn on the switch located on the middle post just below the beacon when going down range. On the upcoming work party day June 3 we could use help with weed eaters and general clean up as it's that time of year. Thanks.

Mark Mills

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Nominations were accepted at the May 15th Membership Meeting. Last chance nominations will be accepted at the June 19th meeting followed by the elections for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.



The nominations are as follows:

President: Jim Patrick and Dave Holliday
Vice-President: Mark Mills
Secretary: Marilyn Smith
Treasurer/Membership: Joe Oberding
Member at Large: Bill Henderson and Steve Aleckson

Reminder: to be a voting member means you need to have attended three events/meetings within the six months preceding the elections.

2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Fillable PDF forms are available on-line or you can pick up an application at Wesley's Trading Post.

You can take the application to Wesley's Trading Post or you can mail the application to BTRPC, PO Box 669, Toledo, OR 97391.

If you take the application to Wesley's Trading Post they can accept cash or check only. If you want to pay via credit card you can request an invoice be emailed to you so you can complete the credit card transaction online or request a call to process the credit card transaction. Either way your credit card information will not be kept on file. Applications are required for all renewing members. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

AUGUST CONCRETE PROJECT

The August 5th range day will consist of prep work for the installation of the concrete flooring at the Rifle Range. This prep work will be moving EVERYTHING out of the building, i.e. chairs, wood stove, storage items, etc. The stands will be moved 25' forward of the building so people can still shoot while work is being performed. Many hands make light work so, please plan on helping. If you have any questions contact Mark or Jim.



The parking lot at the rifle range has doubled in size with the expansion.

A solar powered beacon was installed at the middle post to alert people are down range.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

Some of the projects:



We now have a working well by the classroom. The pump was repaired and is now operational for hand washing or filling the portable water tank, however, is not potable water.

The blockage from the creek by the rifle range parking lot has been cleared, and the culvert between the classroom and pistol/rifle range was extended and the water is flowing much better.



The conduit located between the classroom and the rifle range has been unearthed and the path has been cleared so we can revisit extending power to the rifle range.



The classroom roof has been repaired and coated, gutters have been installed, the building painted, doorknobs replaced and anti slip surface has been installed on the ramp



The wall has been installed between the pistol range and 50 yard range. The pistol range will not have to



be closed when work is being performed on the 50 yard range. In May the poles were installed at the back of the 50 yard so the berm can be worked on. Hopefully we will have this range in use, however, it may be a while before the building is constructed.



A target was installed at 500 yards, below the 500 meter target, as well as a wind sock at the 500 meter.



300 meter target improvements were installed, the berm has been repaired and a wind sock has been installed.



200 meter target, railing and berm improvements were completed.

100 meter target improvements were completed. These targets are similar to one of the regularly scheduled shoots.



Drainage by the 300 meter was installed improving water runoff and driving conditions down range.