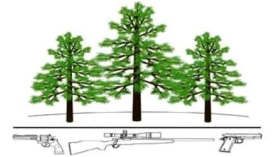


BIG TIMBER RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB



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October 2023

Range and Event Schedule

- Sep 30 Hunter's Sight-In Days
- Oct 1 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Rifle Range open to the Public
Contact: Mark Mills
- Oct 5 Parole and Probation
8:00 am-5:00 pm
Pistol Range closed
Contact: Mark Mills
- Oct 7 Work Party
9:00 am-3:00 pm. All ranges closed
Contact: Mark Mills
- Oct 16 BTRPC Membership Meeting
6pm at the Timbers Restaurant, Toledo
Contact: Jm Patrick
- Oct 16 BTRPC Board Meeting
7pm at the Timbers Restaurant, Toledo
Contact: Jim Patrick
- Nov 4 Work Party
9:00 am-3:00 pm. All ranges closed
Contact: Mark Mills
- Nov 4 Range Orientation
9:00 am-10:30 am
at the Range Classroom
Contact: Lurlyn Patrick

Upcoming Events/Activities

WALT HELLER KNIFE RAFFLE



\$1 per ticket
or
6 for \$5

Custom made Walt Heller knife and sheath. Drawing will take place at the 2023 Turkey Shoot. Tickets available at Wesley's Trading Post or at the next Membership Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The rifle shed is back in service with new benches and concrete floor and have the storeroom built. Everyone seems to like it. Still need to make the sit down bench for the east end and the stand-up/prone stand for the west side. This coming range day would like to set poles to reverse the sliding garage door to open the other way. Going to set some more poles in the same area to make a covered storage for wood. Would like to take a load of scrap to the dump on that day too. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped get us this far.

Jim Patrick

Go to the website www.btrpc.com and check the calendar for updates before going to the range.

“Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.”

—William Shakespeare, Macbeth



THANK YOU TO OUR



The Rifle Range looks absolutely amazing and would not have progressed as quickly without all the volunteers.

Starting with August 5th demo:

Mike Holt, Tom Zimmerman, Jim Brostowitz, Steve Lambert, Otis Franklin, Jim Franklin, Art Soria, Paul Rushfeldt, Joe Oberding, Mark Mills, Chuck DesGeorges, Brian Till, Bill Jernigan, Todd Peterson, Art Murray, Chet Lee, Dan Geisert, Weldon Jerry, Peter Quinton, Paul Wells, Dave Holliday, Greg Wolcott, Steve Aleckson and Jim Patrick.

Concrete Pour's:

Dave Blanchard, Greg Wolcott, Todd Peterson, Larry Hall, Nathan Thomas, Brodie Schubert and Jim Patrick.

Reconstruction:

Dale Brewster, Bill Jernigan, Todd Peterson, Jim Vickers, Nathan Thomas, Brodie Schubert and Jim Patrick.



More needs to be done before it can be said the upgrade is finished, such as installing the wood stove, restacking the firewood, installing the rail for the storage door, finishing the storage/event room, painting the inside, installing gutters and more. Contact Mark Mills or Jim Patrick for more information.

THE HOG BARN A Field and Stream Deer Hunting Story, published October 20, 2021

I turn off the hardtop and follow the headlights as they sweep across the soybeans, and there it is, low and ghostly white against the big timber. The hog barn. It's dark as sin this morning. No sign of a truck. Scott must still be on the way.

The big doors screech in the old tracks, so loud I flinch. I've opened these doors a million times, but I still half expect some crazy owl or rabid opossum to come flying out. My headlamp beam lights up a hodgepodge of gear inside, then flashes on the laminated pin-in map. Peering close I start the obsessing—plotting the approach to the stand, drawing imaginary whorls of wind through the woods, recalculating the deer's likely movements from the oak ridge to the swamp thicket.

An outside light jabs the dark interior, little stilettos knifing through holes in the walls. Must be Scott. He knows where I am. We're meeting at the hog barn.

It's been this way for years, every time we hunt. For us, every day in the woods begins and ends at the hog barn. It's where we plan the hunt about to take place and dissect the hunt that's over. It's where we change clothes, skin the deer, chew the fat, commiserate, celebrate. Every hunt begins and ends with a shibboleth, anchored in this most prosaic of structures.

Meet you at the hog barn.

Leave the chain saw in the hog barn.

Are the keys in the hog barn?

See you back at the hog barn. Good hunting.

This morning is no different. Scott and I talk in hushed voices, pull on knee boots, grab backpacks, mute cellphones, agree on how long to stay in our treestands. Then it's into the woods. No reason to run a light. We both know the way. Scott disappears into the dark like vapor. We can plot and plan all we like, but whatever happens over the next few hours is the great mystery of deer hunting. Except for this: We'll hear about it at the hog barn.
—T. Edward Nickens

BIG TIMBER

RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Hunter's Sight In Days 9am-3pm	2	3	4	5 Parole & Probation 8am-5pm pistol range closed	6	7 Range Day 9am-3pm Range Orientation 9am-11am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 BTRPC Member & Board Meeting 6pm Timbers Rest. Toledo	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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“There is a child in every one of us who is still a
trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch.”

— Robert Brault

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