



BIG TIMBER RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

Nov 2024

Big Timber Rifle & Pistol Club
<https://www.btrpc.com>

Event Calendar

- Nov 2 — Work Party 9:00 am—3:00 pm.
All ranges closed
Contact: Mark Mills, (541) 410-0530
- Nov 2 — Range Orientation 9:00 am—11:00 am
At the Range Classroom
Contact: Lurlyn Patrick, (541) 270-0785
- Nov 4—8 — Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 5:00 pm—9:00 pm
50 yd range closed
- Nov 18 — Membership Meeting 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
Timbers Restaurant & Lounge
181 South Main St, Toledo, Oregon, 97367
- Nov 20 — DPSST Training-Logical Response 9:00 am—5:00 pm
50 yard range is open and shared
- Nov 23 — Turkey Shoot 9:00am—finish
Contact: Jim Patrick (541) 270-0785
- Nov 30 — Rimfire Challenge
Check Website Calendar for more info

President's Message

At a board meeting and our membership meeting this month we discussed procedures for violations of range rules. This was driven by the damage to the roof and ongoing instances of people downrange with weapons on the tables on the rifle range. One of the things we discussed is putting photos on the website as a wall of shame. Most times we don't know who the people are in the photos. We are hoping this serves as example of what not to do. For this and other violations, we discussed progressive discipline. First starting with a warning. Second would be discussion of the incident with one or more of the board to determine the proper action (s) to be taken. Third can be suspension from

using the range for a set time. Last would be expulsion from the club as provided by our by laws. Any damage to range property will be required to be fixed and paid for by the violator. Steps may be skipped depending on the severity of the violation. We are trying to come up with a standard method to deal with violations to give members certainty when incidents happen. If members have any input on this issue, please contact me or one of the board members. If I don't get any more additional feedback or receive any rebuttals, we will implement the policy as described. — Jim Patrick

TURKEYSHOOT



Saturday November 23 Big Timber Rifle and Pistol Club is having their Annual Turkey Shoot. Open to the public as well as members, it will start at 9:00 am and will give shooters an hour to warm up and practice. Then at 10:00 am the shoot begins! All you're going need is your favorite rifle or handgun, and \$5.00 per gun. You are limited to 2 Scoped rifles, 2 iron sight rifles, and 2 handguns. Scoped rifles will be setup to shoot 200 yards while the iron-sighted rifles will be at 100 yards. Handguns will be at 50 yards and the .22 rimfire targets will be at the 100 and 50 yards. Firing will be from a standing position. If you hit the target, you win a turkey! (or ham!)

For information or if you have questions: Jim Patrick (541) 270-0785

Steel Challenge

A couple of members have approached me concerning having a steel challenge pistol match. This is for larger caliber handguns (9mm, 45acp etc). If you are interested please let me know at manager.btrpc@gmail.com. There are numerous videos on youtube, search for steel challenge.

Remember no steel targets on the 50 yard range except during scheduled official matches that are hosted by range personnel. Also no shooting from positions forward of the benches, we are hoping to get a red firing line painted soon, Thank you, be safe and have fun!

Gun Giveaway



There is a Christmas Raffle this year and a Vintage J.C. Higgins Rifle Model 103.16 .22 LR is being raffled thanks to Walter Perill. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be done December 16, 2024 Membership Meeting, you are not required to be present to win. Only 500 tickets available at Wesley's Trading Post or from Board Members at special events, and you must be at least 18 years of age. For more information contact Jim Patrick at (541) 270-2767

John & Earl Felony Outcome

The final results are in and we can report to all members what has happened following the discovery of the theft of funds by John and Earl. First, and foremost, thank you for your patience while we navigated the legal process.

Earl A. Agee, Treasurer, was indicted on April 4, 2023 for Aggravated Theft in the First Degree, a Class B Felony. He pled guilty and was sen-

tenced on December 4, 2023 to 24 months supervised probation and ordered to pay \$40,823.37 in restitution.

John E. Way, President, was indicated on April 4, 2023 for Aggravated Theft in the First Degree, a Class B Felony. He pled guilty and was sentenced on October 25, 2024 to 24 months supervised probation and ordered to pay \$41,642.25 in restitution.

Timeline to discovery and the outcome.

As near as we can determine with bank records, Earl first wrote a check to himself in March 2018 followed by John completing an over the counter withdrawal in May 2018. Both continued to take money for their own purposes from that time on. Earl and John were the only two authorized signers on the bank accounts.

At meetings Earl would report "bills have been paid" and would indicate how much money was in the bank account. No financial records were produced in the form of Profit and Loss Report or Balance Sheet. Beginning in 2021 questions started being asked regarding transactions and the request for proper financials to be produced. Following several months of resistance and excuses at the November 2022 membership meeting it was agreed that if Earl was unable to attend the next meeting that another person would be authorized to assist Earl with generating proper financials. At the December meeting Earl was not in attendance and Jim Patrick was appointed as co-Treasurer. The board authorized Jim to be added to the bank accounts. He obtained two years bank statements, realized there was an issue and collected three more years bank statements. When Jim received the bank statements he discovered there were checks made to unknown accounts and over the counter withdrawals had been made. Beforehand it was believed Earl was just incapable of producing financials. It was now determined both John and Earl were misusing

funds. Jim had contacted the board and requested a special meeting. The board members had contacted the board and requested a special meeting to be held. Four of the members had arrived early wherein Jim provided them with the statements and had indicated funds were being misused. When John arrived at the meeting he was asked about his over the counter withdrawals. He indicated he had taken the money. He asked if he could remain president, however was told he could not remain president and was asked to leave.

The statements were received and a spreadsheet was created to reflect any and all questionable transactions. The results were provided to the Lincoln County Sheriff for investigation. Following the investigation both were indicted on the felony charges. As a result of the felony charges Earl lost his FFL license and the privilege of gun ownership; John lost his privilege of gun ownership. Both have been ordered to pay full restitution.

Since the discovery the board has reviewed all aspects of the operations of the range and has made several changes. Some of the changes are that board meetings are open to all members; there are three authorized signers on the bank accounts and two others that are able to view activity; By-Laws have been reviewed and all members are welcome to ask questions.

Now that all funds received are actually being used on the range we have proceeded with much needed improvements. The first big improvement was pouring concrete and reconfiguring the rifle range. The second improvement is in process - the 50 yard range building. We will continue to improve the range and are committed to ensuring a safe, pleasant place to shoot.

[Letter from the Editor]

Hello, I am Ellie, I am the new editor for the newsletter and will help keep you informed on

what is going on in and out of the club when it comes to the 2nd amendment. I have visions where I would like to take this newsletter but for now we are going to be taking small steps to bring you what you want to know about. So this brings me to my question to all of you. What would you like to know more about in the 2A community? Would you like to know more about legal stuff or more on hunting or information on new equipment and guns? I want to make sure we are providing you what you want. I will still be sharing any information I can get on the club as well and what's going on. So feel free to email me at newsletter.btrpc@gmail.com and let me know what you want to see. Anyways, I look forward to providing you news from the club.

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