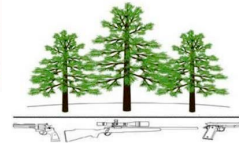


# BIG TIMBER

## RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB



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*"I don't think it's about more gun control. I grew up in the south with guns everywhere and we never shot anyone. This [shooting] is about people who aren't taught the value of life." - Samuel L. Jackson*

Well as I sit here writing the newsletter I'm thinking about the recent shooting in Texas and reading, listening to the media damning another "AR style" weapon and I'm wondering, why aren't they damning another, "mentally deranged SOB". Doesn't fit their agenda I guess. I'm beginning to wonder – do they believe it's more evil to kill somebody with an "AR" than a shotgun, handgun, car, bomb, knife or a baseball bat. Do they think there's a special place in Hell for people that use "AR's"? You'd think so the way they carry on about "AR's". I won't belabor the whole "AR" naming/branding thing but for those who care, and most of you already know, – **they aren't Assault Rifles or Weapons of War!!!** – that drives me nuts. If anti's are going to base a campaign of uneducated energy and focused destruction of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and individual freedoms and brand "AR's" and the people that own them as the single most evil threat to our society they at least ought get the nomenclature and function of their targeted rage right! OK, enough of that. So, you can believe the anti's have more than a plate full of arguments to serve up to legislators who have been trying for these many years to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. I'm afraid those legislators are going to have to start eating a little from that plate at Federal level. At a state level, in our state, most of the legislators have been gorging themselves from that plate for quite a while and they're full to bursting. Obviously we currently don't have enough Representatives and Senators to stave off the legislative avalanche that I think is going to come. How did we get in this mess, well as gun owners, stereotypically, we like to think of ourselves as independent and free thinking individuals. Sure we come together in loose knit groups as gun owners in clubs, groups, associations, organizations etc, that support our hobby and interests and those outfits sometimes talk about doing something about trying to protect those interests, and sometimes it actually comes to fruition, but our interests are diverse and multi-faceted. And we'll abandon those outfits as soon as it looks like we aren't getting what we, as individuals, want from them. On the other hand the anti's, stereotypically, are not very free thinking individuals, think Lemings. They may have several organizations, groups, associations, etc but they all have the **same agenda** and/or **passionate cause** and more importantly they all have the **same laser focus** – the elimination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and guns. If they can't pass *sweeping* control measures, and I mean *sweeping* your rights and guns away, they'll legislatively "nickel and dime" us to achieve what they want – NO GUNS!. In private conversation that's exactly what they discuss, how to legislatively get rid of guns. Not how to cooperate and compromise, that ship sailed and sank along time ago. Strong gun control legislation might, someday, happen at Federal level, but not before a lot of states, including ours, have already done the job. So, you may not be a joiner, please rethink that, or maybe you're an NRA member and figure that's enough, we'll see, I got a feeling the NRA isn't quite what it used to be. Look for a grass roots organization, CeaseFire started that way, or maybe a state wide organization that looks like it'll work for you and join and participate. Statewide I've become active in Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and am very pleased they took on the gun rights fight as well as their constant defense of hunting conservation issues. You may not know much about OHA, going to a meeting doesn't cost anything, but spend a little time and learn about OHA at state level, they carry a fair amount of clout in Salem. If you want something a little more aggressive check out Oregon Firearms Federation (OFF). One thing I know for sure is what we've done up to this point isn't working too well – we've gone from crisis to crisis and just barely managed to not lose the whole farm, but the antis are tenacious and they haven't weakened. There is strength in numbers and those numbers can bring about change with energy and a singular focus. If you don't believe it just look what we're up against now.

**WORK PARTY** - Several changes came about this year that affected BTRPC members; the mortgage was paid off, club dues went to \$100 + \$5 for a key and we got rid of the work bond, because it just wasn't working. And work is the focus of this little talk. Just because we got rid of the work bond doesn't mean there isn't any work to do at the range. I believe it is true, and it's been proven to me more than once, that

10% of the people do 90% of the work in most volunteer outfits but even accepting those statistics for BTRPC that would be about 30 people, give or take, for any given work party. We aren't getting anywhere near that. The same 5-6 people, every once in awhile there's a new face, show up every work party and by and large for any work besides a work party it's the same guys. You get a pass if you're still doing the 40-60 hours week to pay the bills or just can't get around other than being able raise your hunting rifle or personal protection pistol. I'm sure there's quite a few of you that fit somewhere in between and I'm sure that most of you want a range that is well kept and gets improvements periodically and I'm sure you all know maintenance and improvements cost money. We try to keep projects costs down by throwing in a little sweat equity. Maintenance is what it is and costs what it costs but it's your range so taking care of it is a pretty good idea. I'm just guessing, but it's a pretty good guess, that the same guys are starting to get a little tired of being the only ones taking care of things out there. And I'm thinking that if you want the grass and weeds cut so you can see your target or if you want something to hang a target on or something for you to sit on or anything else you think you'd like to have out there you may want to think about coming out for a work party now and then or helping out with a project. This Saturday Sept 7, 9:00 am, the grass needs mowing and weeds need cutting. Contact John Way if you can bring out a Brush Hog type of mower. It's going to take one from 200 yds out.

**HUNTER SIGHT- IN DAYS** – September 21 & 22, \$3 a gun. It's been said every year for as long as I can remember but it bears repeating. The \$3 per gun applies to **members** as well as non-members, I've been out there more than once when a member becomes all disgruntled because they either 1) didn't read the newsletter or more like it, 2) didn't think the fee applied to them. It does, you're a member you've got all year to square your gun away if you don't want to pay.

**NEW CLUB DUES** - Effective June 2019/20 membership year, BTRPC club dues will be \$100 plus \$5 for the gate key. Dues will be prorated for **new members only** from January 1 to June 30 at a rate of \$55. Renewal members pay the full annual rate regardless of when they pay their renewal.

**PROJECT ESTIMATE UPDATE** – It was approved at the August membership meeting for Jim Patrick to construct the rifle range stairs. He's hoping to start fairly soon.

**RANGE/EVENT CANCELLATIONS** – Weather cancellations will be done at the range. Some people like to shoot in driving wind and rain the rest of us are just wimps!

**RULE REITERATION** – **No rifles, shotguns, or pistols chambered for rifle or shotgun rounds, may be discharged at the pistol range. These rounds do way too much damage to the berm.**

### **RANGE AND EVENT SCHEDULE**

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| Sep | 7     | Work Party. 9:00 am. Contact John Way  |
|     | 13    | Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Pistol range closed all day. Contact: John Way or Mike Carey  |
|     | 14    | N.S.S.F. Rimfire Challenge Public welcome, 9am start. FREE .22 LR Ammo for Kids!<br>Pistol range closed all day. Contact: John Way or Mike Carey |
|     | 21-22 | Hunter Sight-In Days. Public welcome. Rifle range closed all day. \$3 per gun, all participants.<br>Contact: John Way or Mike Carey              |
|     | 28    | CHL Range Session Logical Response, LLC Pistol range 3-5pm. Range is open and shared.<br>Contact: Chris Miller                                   |

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>Work Party.</b> 9:00 am. Contact John Way
8	9 <b>BTRPC Board meeting</b> Wes's - 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13 <b>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.</b> Pistol range closed all day. Contact: John Way or Mike Carey	14 <b>N.S.S.F. Rimfire Challenge,</b> 9am start. Pistol range closed all day. Contact: John Way or Mike Carey
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