



Brookhaven National Laboratory Rifle and Pistol Club Newsletter

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Club hotline x2658



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- ◆ Some very heavy things happening with the club now. See below for the details. But first, It's time to renew our memberships. The application form is attached. Please fill it out and mail it to me with your payment. As always, retirees **do not** need to pay but **do** need to fill out the application for our records.
- ◆ Well it's happened. One of our members has violated one of the cardinal rules of the club and that has brought a firestorm down upon the club. First - a reminder to all our members. **There is absolutely no valid reason for having firearms in your possession or in your car on-site with the following exceptions** - You are heading directly to a range or directly to Police Headquarters. Stopping somewhere in between is **strictly forbidden**. This rule and all the others are in the member handbook that everyone has been repeatedly reminded to read on the club web site at <http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/rpc/internal/handbook.PDF> As I've said before, if for some reason you can't get the handbook from the web site, contact me for a hard copy.
- ◆ As a result of this incident there are several changes for the Club. Right now the most noticeable change is the club locks being removed from our lockers and being replaced with Security locks. In order to open the lockers we have to get the key from the CAS operator, so just ask the Desk Sergeant for the key when you need access to store or retrieve your firearm. Also, we have been told by the Directors Office that they do not want us using the Ranges until after the upcoming elections. And finally, the Club Officers are in negotiations with Security about changing the community lockers to individual lockers so that Club members, especially those with handguns, will be able to use their own locks when storing firearms on site, more to come on this later. A special meeting of the Club was called to decide how the Club will handle the member who violated the rules and it was decided at that meeting that the member be suspended until further notice. The President will monitor the Laboratories actions regarding this incident and act accordingly.

Meetings - (The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except July & August) at noon in the building 535 conference/training room.)

Highlights of the last two meetings:

- ◆ We have been discussing the likely loss of our treasurer and vice president. We have two volunteers prepared to assume these responsibilities.
- ◆ We held a successful NRA course on site and several members have qualified for range officer or range instructor status.
- ◆ The Rifle team is restarting their season in October. They meet the first and third Monday each month.. As always, we need more people for the team for the next season.
- ◆ The automatic trap machine investigation still continues and seems to be making some progress.
- ◆ There have been a plethora of reasons for shutting down the live fire range this year and the summer was basically a wash as a result, although the pistol people have managed to do a little shooting off site..

Activity Reports - (Call the club hotline at 2658 for information/contacts)

- ◆ **Indoor Rifle** - The rifle team is starting the new season in October. See above. Call Ed at the number above to sign up for next season.
- ◆ **Indoor Pistol** - Due to the constant closing of the on-site range there has been sporadic activity mostly at the Medford range.
- ◆ **Outdoor Rifle/Pistol** - Almost nonexistent.
- ◆ **Trap/Skeet** - Skeet has been somewhat active off site at lunch time. Trap is at the Ridge range on Thursday at lunch time. Coordination is via the shotgun-L reflector or call Jim at 5993 or Rich at 5741.

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

NEW MEMBER
RENEWAL(update info)
RETIRED

NAME		PHONE	
ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP
BNL ADDRESS/BLDG #	BNL EXT.	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
NRA MEMBERSHIP NO.		EXPIRATION DATE	

1. Membership is limited to employees and their immediate families.
2. The membership year is from October 1 to September 30.
3. Dues are \$ 48.00 for the first year of membership or for renewal after a lapse of more than 3 years.
4. Dues are \$ 24.00 per year after the first.
5. All new members must contact a club instructor before firing at the range facilities for the first time.
6. Present members who obtain a pistol permit for the first time must contact a club instructor before using the range for the first time.
7. Make all checks payable to :BNL Rifle and Pistol Club.
8. Mail this completed form and check to: Treasurer, BNL Rifle and Pistol Club, R. Conte, Bldg. 911A.

As a member of the BNL Rifle and Pistol Club, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand all the range safety and operational rules, as established by the Club. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I will comply with all the safety rules and procedures required for use of the Trap/Skeet Range and the BNL Police Group Live Fire Range.

Signature _____

Date _____

For Club Use Only:

Form and dues received: Date _____ Amount _____ Treasurer _____

Membership card sent: Date _____ Secretary _____