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Trap Shooting

Tuesday shoots start April 6th at 6pm. Shoots are open to the public. \$4 per round (25 shots) \$2 for youth. Sundays start April 11th at 1pm.

75yd 22lr Groundhog Shoot

First week is Mon, June 7th. The shoot is open to the public with and the cost is \$6 per scored set of targets. 25 shots at 75yrds on a rest and 5 shots off hand at 50 yards. Prize money will be paid out each week. blairgame.com/groundhog

T-Shirt Sale

Check out the last page of the newsletter! It is the form for our Preorder Shirt Sale. Forms must be submitted by April 1st and we expect shirts will be available for pickup by Mid-May. Order online at blairgame.com/store

More Concrete Work Scheduled

This spring and summer we are trying to schedule more concrete work on the ranges and our pavilion. This work will complete our multi year project of having a concrete surface to shoot from at every range. We also feel it's important to upgrade our pavilion with a concrete floor for rentals and special events.

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Spring Raffle

Check out the prizes for this year's spring raffle. Tickets are \$5. Drawing is May 15th at 4:30pm. More tickets are available at the Lodge.

ALL GUNS ARE AVAILABLE.

The club has decided to purchase all the guns on the raffle ticket, so they will be available in a timely manner.

1st S&W M&P M2.0 9MM (or \$480) 2nd KelTec PMR30 .22WMR (or \$400) 3rd S&W Shield 9MM (or \$380)

4th Ruger Security-9 9MM (or \$450) 5th Browning Buck Mark Micro Bull UFX .22lr (or \$280)

6th Ruger American Copper Mica 270 (or \$300)

7th Thompson Center Compass 6.5 Creedmoor (or \$280)

8th Ruger American Copper Mica 30-06 (or \$300)

9th Thompson Center Compass Synthetic .270 (or \$280)

10th Steyr Scout RFR .22LR (or \$240)

If you provide your email address with your tickets, you can get a receipt.

\$5 Increase in Membership Planned

The board will be presenting changes in the bylaws and dues for the next 3 membership meetings. The proposed increase is \$5. All members are welcome to discuss this at each of these meetings. Proposed new dues rates are as follows:

Worker: \$25 renewal

New Adult: \$60 (\$55 renewals) New Senior: \$35 (\$30 renewals)

Junior: \$5 Adult Life: \$550 Senior Life: \$300



May 15th is the 6th Annual Blair Women Take Aim event. We are tentatively scheduling the event for 80 women. Pre-registration is required to participate and will not be open until April 1st. Events include rifle, pistol, shotgun and much more. For more information check out blairwomentakeaim.com. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at 814-942-8522.

Important Dates

March 4th Membership Meeting March 6th Work Day 9am start March 11th Aux Meeting March 18th Mid Week Work Day April 1st Membership Meeting April 6th Trap Starts 6pm April 8th Aux Meeting April 11th Muzzle Loader Woods Walk April 15th Mid Week Work Day April 11th Trap Starts on Sundays May 1st Spring Cleanup May 2nd Spring Cleanup May 6th Membership Meeting May 7th Muzzle Loader Woods Walk & Black Powder Trap Shoot May 8th Spring Tryouts Muzzle loader May 13th Aux Meeting May 14th Work Day May 15th Blair Women Take Aim May 20th Work Day May 23rd Muzzle Loader Pistol Match June 3rd Membership Meeting June 5th Youth Field Day June 7th Ground Hog Starts June 10th Aux Meeting June 12th Summer Picnic and Fireworks

June 17th Work Day

June 26th Work Day

Indoor Shooting Events

The 22 Pistol league is back again this year on Wednesdays at 6pm, running until March 10th. We have had a lot of positive feedback with this in the past and it looks to be another great year. Check out the weekly scores on blairgame.com/pistol. \$3 per round.

22 Bottle Cap league is also going well. Shooters compete with 22 rifles to see who can get closest to the center. \$10 per night on Thursdays thru March with money prizes every night.

These events are all open to the public.

Youth Air Rifle

We are still running youth shooting every Monday evening at 5:30pm Ages 8-18 (Public Welcome).

\$2 fee per week and everything is provided. We are also looking for volunteers to help.

Orientation/ Tours

Every second Thursday of each month we provide tours of buildings and main property. Tours normally last between 30 minutes to an hour. These tours are full of historical facts about the club and great information on what is available for members to use as well as basic range etiquette. Members or potential members are welcome.

Youth Field Day

This year is the 27th anniversary of the Keystone Sportsmen for Youth Field day on June 5th. We will be hosting here at our club with the help from many other organizations.

2021 Archery

The 2021 3D Archery Season will begin on Sunday June 6th. Open every day at 8:30am until dark. The 15 targets are positioned along a shortened wooded trail to allow quicker shooting sessions.

There are reduced prices for members and children under the age of 18. Season passes are also available.

Crossbows are not allowed.
The targets are Field Tip only.
Members pricing starts at \$5
Non-members Starts at \$10
Youth Start at \$3
More info at blairgame.com/3d
We need help with the arch

We need help with the archery course! Contact us if you are interested in helping!

Muzzleloader Matches

2021 Shoot Dates:

March 27: PFBPS Fun Shoot 9am & Banquet 6pm Light lunch available

April 11: Woods Walk 1pm

Any muzzle loading rifle, any ignition. **May 7-8:** PA Company of Rifleman

Spring Tryout

Friday- Primitive Woods Walk 11am;

Period dress encouraged

-Black Powder Trap 7pm

Saturday- Qualification Agg. and

paper re-entry

May 23: Pistol Match 1pm

Any black powder pistol.

November 14: Woods Walk 1pm

Legal PA Flintlock season guns only **December 12:** Rest Match 11am

Any muzzle loading rifle, any ignition, iron sights only

iron sights only.

Maximum weight of 14lbs. Get more information at blairgame.com/tvm

Update Your Email Address

We have upgraded our email and membership programs and need your help. We have noticed some of our emails are going directly to spam. If you have not been receiving Emails:

- Check your spam folders for our messages.
- **2.** Make sure we have your current email address.

You may now receive membership renewals via email and pay online. For the time being all members will still also receive a mailed renewal letter. Check out the membership portal at blairgame.com/membership.

REMEMBER, only members that have been receiving emails regularly will be able to login or get renewals via their email address. Update your email by contacting us at membership@blairgame.com with your membership information and updated email address to get access.

Bishop Guilfoyle Shooting Club

We have been hosting the *NEW* Bishop Guilfoyle Air Rifle Club on Monday nights along side our youth program. We are excited to offer the facility and equipment for this endeavor. They are hoping to turn into a school team in the future.

Bylaws Changes

A committee was formed to look at our bylaws and bring them up to date, as a lot has changed in the last 106 years. The committee is challenged with reorganizing the committee list including changing the auxiliary to an events committee and the dues structure that is listed on the front page of this newsletter. Get more information on these changes at the next 3 membership meetings.

Upcoming Projects

Big projects that are planned

- Concrete at ranges and pavilion
- Log and white stripe restoration on the lodge.
- High power Range Safety barrier We have some volunteer opportunities that may be of interest to you. These are projects that you may be able to accomplish at home or on your own.
 - Small Engine Maintenance (keep our equipment running properly)
 - Electrical Work (new lighting, Generator Hookup etc)
 - Picnic Tables built
 - Man Doors replaced (Experience Required)
 - Hiking Trail Maintenance.
 - Parade Float Design

Are you not sure how to get started? Contact the lodge and set up an appointment for a project you would like to work on. Or reach out if you have any interest in working with a committee.

Check out Blairgame.com/volunteer for more info.



Conservation and Outreach

Did you know we are more than just a gun range? We began as and continue to be a conservation organization. We work with the game commission and other groups to keep our forest open to the public and healthy. We are currently in the middle of a 30 acre grouse habitat project with the Game Commission, consisting of over 4000ft of deer fence, an aggressive timber cut and fern spraying. The project is expected to be fully operational by June 2021 and will run for at least 5 years.

2nd Annual First Responders Trap Shoot

Open to all shooters! This shoot was created to generate donations for various first responder charities in the area. Each year we will designate a recipient and will donate all proceeds to that organization. This year's event will be held on September 11th 2021.

In 2020 we donated over \$1000 to the Association of Blair County Law Enforcement (ABLE).

Check for more information for this year's event on Blairgame.com/first



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Donations

In 2018 a family asked to donate and dedicate a shooting bench in honor of a loved one. Since then, we have expanded our options. Currently you can donate a shooting bench with no plaque for \$240. A bench with a laserfused brass plaque for \$300 or a bench with a cast bronze plaque for \$425.

Get yours today!

More details can be found at blairgame.com/donations

Summer Picnic and Fireworks

Our membership picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 12th at 4pm. Eating at 5pm. All members and their families are welcome to come and bring a covered dish and hang out with others. We have a fireworks organization that is testing fireworks all day with a nice show after dark.

Maple Syrup

We are officially collecting maple sap and will be boiling to create maple syrup in the next few weeks. Check out our website and Facebook page for updates. We estimate a few gallons of syrup will be created and we will be offering samples. This is an educational opportunity for the public to learn more about maple tapping. If you have an interest, contact us to find out when we will be working on this project.

