

# **February 2015 'WCLSC Sportsmen's News' Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club**

## **Membership**

Current membership stands at 169 with 6 vacancies. We welcomed Hogan Pollier of Barre as a new member this month. If anyone is interested in becoming a member you may contact our Vice President via the link in the header above. There is no limit for Junior membership.

## **Outdoor Sporting Functions**

Archery, .22 Shoot and 200 Yard Shoot are done for the season. Pistol continues, contact the POC (bottom of page) for details of their schedule. Trap has suspended operations until after the year of the year. Contact Mike for details of his continuation.

*A PLEA FOR A SPORTING CLAY POC. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL FACILITY FOR THIS SPORT. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED.*

If you have an interest and would like to ensure this activity continues, as in the past, please step forward and express your desires to one of the Club officers. If you have questions /concerns as to what is involved they will be able to help you or direct you to a person with that knowledge.

## **Annual Dues**

The increased Annual Dues will take effect May 1, 2015. This increase is as follows;

New Member Membership is \$150 (includes a one-time initiation fee)

Regular Membership is \$120

Senior Membership (over age 65) is \$60

Junior Membership remains at \$5

## **Hall Rental Notice and Reminders**

- (1). Bar Tender - If you require a bar tender, the requestor is responsible for making those arrangements through the Club Bar Manager. Chris Duggan is the current Bar Manager. He can be reached at (978) 926-5878.
- (2) Crowd Control Manager - *MA laws require that if the event will have over 100 people, you must have a CROWD CONTROL person (one for 100 people). If it is a private function, the sponsor will have to get a Crowd Control certification, and provide evidence of this Certificate prior to the event to comply with MA laws.* You can obtain a certificate by taking a brief test at: <http://public.eopsslearning.com/>. (also see info below on this subject)
- (3). Clean up – The return of your 'Deposit' depends on how the hall is left after your function. The renter will be responsible for assuring that the club is restored back to its original condition or better. After inspection by one or more members of the board, the deposit will be refunded to the person renting. The person renting the club must attend the entire event for which the club was reserved.

## **Other Club Reminders**

- The Entrance Gate code has NOT changed.
- The updated membership cards are available if you have not received yours
- Crowd Control Manager(s) are required by Mass Law for ALL indoor Club functions. All members are urged to go online to take this 30 minute course to get certified as a Crowd Control Manager. The Website address is <http://public.eopsslearning.com/> and click on the DFS-Crowd Manager Training.
- When you leave the property; PLEASE close the gate & lock the new combination lock.
- NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME – this is NOT a club rule but is a STATE LAW due to our liquor license.
- Please 'POLICE' the range after firing to clean up your cartridges/rounds.
- By-Laws are available online.

## Reloading Safety – What happens when you become Complacent

This article came to my attention in a recent e-mail from fellow reloader. It should serve as a reminder to all those who reload their own ammunition both ‘newbies’ and veteran reloaders.

The following is a reprint from the ‘Firing Line forum:

<http://thefiringline.com/forums/showthread.php?t=553905>

### What Happens When You Load Pistol Powder in a Rifle Cartridge

This is a grim tale. A man almost lost the use of his right hand, and did suffer terrible injuries to his fingers. All because he picked the wrong bottle of powder off the shelf.



### Similar Labels, Disastrous Consequences

The shooter, Denny K., was assembling some rounds for his brand new Savage hunting rifle. He thought he was loading with Hodgdon Varget. Instead he had filled his powder measure with Hodgdon TiteGroup, a fast-burning pistol powder. The labels are similar, so the mistake is understandable. But the results were devastating:



Posting on the [Firing Line](#), in a thread entitled "Lucky to Be Alive", Denny writes:

"This is the hardest post to post. I know if I had read it a week ago my comment would have been: 'You have no business reloading'. I had everything perfect, except pouring the wrong powder in the powder measure. I type this slowly with my left hand, embarrassed but ... possibly saving someone else a tragedy or, like me, a long drive to the Emergency Room and surgery to save my finger."

[CLICK HERE](#) for bigger, more graphic photo of injury.



### **The Still-Sealed Bottle of Varget**

Denny did not initially comprehend exactly *why* the kaboom happened. He thought maybe his new Savage rifle was at fault. Then, on his return home, he discovered something...

Denny wrote: "The seven-hour period it took to go to ER, transport to Trauma Center and surgery made me think it was a Savage rifle issue. Brand new rifle, new brass, triple-checked loading data. The next day I was humbled when I realized the Varget powder was still sealed.

I knew what powder to use. I thought [Varget] was what I used. Not until the following day did I realize the Varget was still sealed."

At that point, Denny realized what caused the accident — “operator error”. He knew he had to warn others about using the wrong powder: “I knew I needed to share my mistake, even though it is embarrassing, just to remind people. I’ve been reloading for 30 years...”

Editor’s Comment: Denny was not a novice reloader. His experience demonstrates that this kind of mistake can be made by any hand-loader, even one with decades of experience. Be safe guys, **take your time** when you load your ammo. Remove powders from measures after your loading sessions (pistol powders can look very similar to rifle powders). And by all means **CHECK the LABEL** on the jug. As the TiteGroup label says: “A little goes a long way.”

It’s not a bad idea to separate your pistol powders from your rifle powders, or perhaps even load for pistol in a separate part of your workshop.

# BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 2015 EVENT & FUNCTION CALENDAR

*NOTE: The dates in italic have NOT been confirmed with the POC*

## MARCH

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

*Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> - Game Supper, 6:00PM, POC: John 'Fig' Neri* **NEEDS TO BE RE-SCHEDULED - CONFLICT**

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> - Lamb Dinner, 5:00PM, POC: Tony Pitisci

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ham Shoot, 10:00AM, POC: Janet Pierce

*Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> - Youth Turkey Hunt Training Course, 8:00-3:00PM POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley*

*Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> - Grand Slam Fishing Derby, 6:00PM, POC: Mark Koenig*

## APRIL

**1<sup>st</sup> of month - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES BECOME PAYABLE**

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

*Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> - Youth Turkey Hunt, 8:00-noon, POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley*

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> - **REMINDER: EARLY DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**



**AVOID LAPSE IN YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**



## MAY

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

*Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sportsman's Challenge (BSC hosting), 10:00AM, POC: John 'Fig' Neri*

## JUNE

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

*Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> - Steak & Lobster Dinner, 1:00PM, POC: John 'Fig' Neri*

BOD Meeting - TBD

## JULY

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

## AUGUST

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM ... Annual Installation of Club Officers

BOD Meeting - TBD

*Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> - Fall Club Grounds Spruce-Up*

*Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> - Clambake, 11:00AM, POC: John 'Fig' Neri*

Friends of the NRA Banquet (details when they become available)

## OCTOBER

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBD

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fall Hunter's Kickoff, 6:00PM, POC's: Rob Deschenes & Meridith Young

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> - Youth Pheasant Hunt, 9:00AM, POC: Chris Duggan

**NOVEMBER**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM  
Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> - Turkey Shoot, 10:00AM, POC: Janet Pierce  
BOD Meeting - TBD

**DECEMBER**

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM  
BOD Meeting - TBD  
*Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party, 1:00PM, POC: Dave Fleming*

**Club Sporting Functions:**

<b>Archery</b> .....	Done for the season	POC: John (Fig) Neri (978) 355-4071
<b>Range - .22 Shoot</b> .....	Done for the season	POC: Tony Pitisci (978) 355-4474
<b>Range - Pistol Shoot</b> .....	Saturday at 9AM	POC: Bert Duvernay (508) 413-6529
<b>Range - 200 Yard Rifle</b> .....	Done for the season	POC: Peter Stalker (978) 928-5223
<b>Sporting Clays</b> .....		POC: looking for volunteer(s) to fill this position
<b>Trap</b> .....	Every Wednesday	POC: Mike Noblini (508) 889-7839
	\$3/rd. for Members, \$8 for 12 or 20 gauge shells (if needed)	
	Junior Members – 1 <sup>st</sup> round Free, additional rounds are \$2	
	5 stand done until after hunting season	

**(CHECK WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**