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SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and the BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB has LIMITED MEMBERSHIP OPENINGS

Our facility offers:

- 200 yard Range with over 40 covered shooting positions
- Archery – Trap – Sporting Clays
- During the Summer there are organized weekly meets for the above sporting functions.
- A large full service Club House
- Currently there are 32 Membership openings. The Annual dues are \$150 (the first year) and \$120/year thereafter. A Junior Membership is \$5/year.
- If interested or you wish more information, contact Warren (Jack) Farnham (Club Secretary) at 978-544-6830.

Membership

The Club welcomed Richard Baum of Phillipston as the newest Club Member. Membership stands at 143 members with 32 vacancies.

Outdoor Sporting Functions 2018 Season (POC contacts at the end of Newsletter)

STAY TUNED FOR POSTING OF THE 2018 SCHEDULE

Archery – POC: Fig

Range-Pistol – POC: Bert

Range-22 Rifle – POC: Tony

Range-200 yard – POC: Pete

Sporting Clays – Currently no activity. Looking for a volunteer to head this up.

Trap – POC: Mike

Range Guidelines for Law Enforcement Agencies

Procedural changes have been drafted for Law Enforcement Agencies use of our Range. This has evolved as a result of inadequate Range housekeeping. It is hoped that this mandate will result in a cleaner Range for all to enjoy.

A Form will be provided to the Requestor representing the Law Enforcement Agency. This form is to be completed by the Firearms Instructor or Chief of Police and handed or mailed to the Club Secretary as follows;

Warren (Jack) Farnham

842 Daniel Shays Highway

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Hunters Education

Another successful Hunters Education program wrapped up in January with 45 students attending. Thank you to Rick French and all Club Members who provided assistance with this program.

Buck & Doe Award

This years' award for the largest buck at 181 pounds (11point) goes to Jerard Peddle. The largest Doe goes to Ron Rich Jr. at 115 pounds.

Game Supper

Saturday, March 10th at 6:00 PM at the BSC Club House. If this Newsletter reaches its' recipients before that date, contact John Neri at (978) 355-4071 for information and tickets if interested. Open to the public.

Youth Turkey Hunt Training Course

Saturday, March 24 from 8-3 PM. If interested join the group at the BSC Club House on that day.

Ham /Meat Shoot

Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 AM at the BSC Range. Shot Guns and .22 Rifles are allowed.

REMINDER to all Members

Annual Club dues become payable on April 1st with a deadline of April 30th. April 5th Club Meeting would be an excellent time to renew.

The Reloading Corner

THE PRIMING PROCESS

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 GLEN ZEDIKER

Priming is the final case preparation step, and it's one of the most important. Read how to do it right.

There are pretty much three different style tools used to seat primers.

The first, and way on most common, is the priming "arm" attached to most every single-stage press. This works, but it's the least best way to do it. There's too much leverage at hand, and that makes it hard to feel the seating process to its best conclusion.

Take a close look at how a primer is constructed: there's a cylindrical cup, inside the cup is the incendiary compound, and then there's the anvil (that's the little part that extends below the cup rim; it's like a flat spring with three feet).



Take a close look at a primer. The anvil is the tripod-shaped thin metal piece protruding above the bottom of the primer cup. Getting the primer sitting fully flush on the bottom of the primer pocket in the case, without crunching it too much, requires some keen feel for the progress of primer seating, and that's where the stand-alone tools come in to help. I strongly suggest using one.

Ideally, a primer will seat flush against the bottom of the primer pocket, with compression, equally of course, against the anvil. Also ideally, there should be some resistance in seating the primer (if there's not then the pocket has expanded an amount to cause concern, and a rethink on the suitability of

reusing this case, and its brothers and sisters).

If it has to be a choice, even though it doesn't have to be, it's better to have "too much" seating than not enough. The primer cannot (cannot) be left too "high." That's with reference to the plane of the case head. There are both safety and performance concerns if it is. First, if the primer is not seated snugly to the bottom of its pocket, then the firing pin will finish the job. No doubt, there will be variations in bullet velocities if this happens because it affects ignition timing.

Each and every loaded round you ever create needs to be checked for this. Every one. Get in the habit of running your finger across the case bottom and feeling a little dip-down where the primer is. Look also. Rounds loaded on a progressive machine are susceptible to high primers. The reason is no fault of the machine but rather because the feel or feedback is that much less sensitive than even when using a press-mounted priming arm. If there are a half-dozen other stations on a tool head in operation at once, then the one doing the priming is that much more obscured from feel. And also because we're not usually able or willing to inspect each finished round as it emerges from the rotating shell plate. But do check afterwards as you're filing the loaded rounds away into cartridge boxes. Much more to be said ahead on this topic next edition.



Check each and every (every last one always) primer you seat to make sure it's below flush with the case head.

The better priming tools have less leverage. That is so we can feel the progress of that relatively very small span of depth between start and finish. There is also a balance between precision and speed in tool choices, as there so often is. Also, so often, my recommendation is one that hits the best balance.

The press-mounted primer arm styles exhibit variations from maker to maker, but they're all about the same in function. What matters most in using a press

seater is going slowly and double-checking each and every result. Again, it's the lack of feel for the progression of the primer going into the pocket that's the issue.



Here's the most common means for seating primers: the attached arm assembly on most single-stage presses. It's tough to really feel the primer seat correctly because there's a honking lot of leverage at work.

The best way to seat primers, or I should say the means that gives the best results, are the "hand" tools. They are also a little (okay, a lot) tedious to use, and, for me at least, aren't kind to my increasingly ailing joints after priming a large number of cases. Those types that have a reservoir/feeding apparatus are less tedious, but still literally a pain. The reason these type tools give the best results is that they have poor leverage. The first few times you seat with one, you'll be amazed at just how much pressure you need to apply to fully seat a primer.

Here's a "hand" tool. This one from LEE works plenty well, despite its low cost. There are others similar from most major makers. The whole point to these designs is absence of leverage. Check it out [HERE](#) at Midsouth!

The best choice, in my book, are the benchtop stand-alone priming stations. They are faster than hand tools, and can be had with more or less leverage engineered

into them. I like the one shown nearby the best because its feeding is reliable and its feel is more than good enough to do a "perfect" primer seat. It's the best balance I've found between speed and precision.

Here's a Forster Co-Ax bench-mounted tool. It's a favorite. It provides relatively low leverage for better feel for the progression of primer seating.



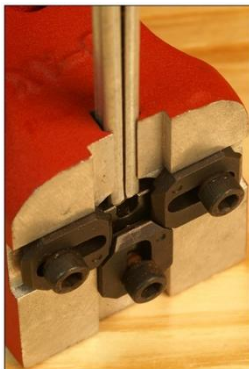
Get a good primer "flip" tray for use in filling the feeding magazine tubes associated with some systems. Make double-damn sure each primer is fed right side up (or down, depending on your perspective). A common cause of unintentional detonation is attempting to overfill a stuffed feeding tube magazine, so count and watch your progress.

Another good one is available from RCBS, the APS. Check it out [HERE](#) at Midsouth.

It's okay to touch primers, by the way.

Rumors abound that touching them with bare fingers will "contaminate" the compound and create misfires. Not true. All the primers I've ever used, and all those anyone else is likely to encounter, are treated to a sealant. Now, a drop of oil can penetrate the compound and render it inert, but not a fingerprint.

The priming process, step-by-step is almost too simple to diagram. Place a primer anvil-side-up in the device housing apparatus, position a case, push the primer in place. It's learning feel of the whole thing that takes some



Here's the main reason I like this tool. Forster uses an adjustable sliding plate system to secure and align a case in its Co-Ax. It works better than any shellholder-based system I've seen. The jaws adjust to get the plunger looking dead straight into the pocket. Tooling dimensions for the primer cup and plunger ensure that it's not really possible to do this wrong. Just press the handle until it stops.



effort. As mentioned, using a tool with poor leverage, you might be surprised how much effort it takes to fully seat a primer. On anything with an overage of leverage, there's little to no sensation of primer movement into the pocket. It just stops.

TWO DONT'S:

Don't attempt to seat a high primer more deeply on a finished round. The pressure needed to overcome the inertia to re-initiate movement may be enough to detonate it.

Don't punch out a live primer!

That can result in an impressive fright. To kill a primer, squirt or spray a little light oil into its open end. That renders the compound inert.

ONE (BIG) DO:

Keep the priming tool cup clean. That's the little piece that the primer sits down into. Any little shard of brass can become a firing pin! It's happened!



RANGE HOUSEKEEPING

As a friendly reminder ... Leave the Range 'Better Than You Found It'. This includes picking up your spent cases, replacing your target frames and discarding any waste in the barrel provided.

Other Club Reminders

- The **Entrance Gate Lock** has changed BUT the code to unlock it remains the same.
- The updated membership cards should be available at the July Club meeting.
- **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 use to clean up your cartridges/shells.
- By-Laws are available online.

BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 2018 EVENT & FUNCTION CALENDAR

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

MARCH

Thursday, 1st - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 10th - Game Supper, 6:00PM, POC: John (Fig) Neri

Saturday, 24th - Youth Turkey Hunt Training Course, 8:00-3:00PM POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley

Sunday, 25th - Ham/Meat Shoot 10:00AM, POC: Janet Pierce

APRIL

1st of month - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES BECOME PAYABLE

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 14th - Lamb Dinner, 5:00PM, POC: Tony Pitisci

Saturday, 21st - Youth Turkey Hunt, 8:00-noon, POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley

Saturday, 30th - **REMINDER: EARLY DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**



AVOID LAPSE IN YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP



MAY

Thursday, 3rd - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Sunday, 20th Sportsman's Challenge, All Day, POC: John (Fig) Neri (date to be confirmed by all Clubs)

JUNE

Thursday, 7th - Club Meeting @ 7:30

BOD Meeting - TBA

JULY

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Friday, 13th – Vintagers

AUGUST

Thursday, 2nd - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
BOD Meeting - TBA

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 6th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM ... Annual Installation of Club Officers
BOD Meeting - TBA
Saturday, 8th - Fall Club Grounds Spruce-Up
Sunday, 9th - Clambake, 11:00AM, POC: John (Fig) Neri
*Saturday, 29th - Massachusetts Youth Deer Hunt (time TBA), POC: Rick French
Friends of the NRA Banquet (details when they become available)*

OCTOBER

Thursday, 4th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
BOD Meeting - TBA
Saturday, October 6th - Fall Hunter's Kickoff & Gun Raffle, 6PM
POC's: Rob Deschenes & Meridith Young
Saturday, 27th - Youth Pheasant Hunt, 9:00AM, POC: Chris Duggan

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 1st - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
BOD Meeting - TBA
Sunday, 25th - Turkey Shoot, 10:00AM, POC: Janet Pierce

DECEMBER

NO Club Meeting this month, resume in January 2019
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Sunday, 9th - Children's Christmas Party, 1:00PM, POC: Dave Fleming

OTHER POCs for Sporting Functions:

Trap - POC: Mike Noblini (508) 889-7839
Sporting Clays - POC: (looking for volunteer(s) to fill this position)
Archery - POC: John (Fig) Neri (978) 355-4071, Mondays at 6pm (~April to Oct.)
Range .22 Shoot - POC: Tony Pitisci (978) 355-4474
Pistol Shoot - POC: Bert DuVernay (508) 413-6529, 3rd Saturdays 9am until time change
200 Yard Rifle - POC: Peter Stalker (978) 928-5223, Mondays at 6pm
(CHECK WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

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