

Big Bear Valley Sportsman's Club

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN 1946

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Newsletter 2021

To say that the 2020 season presented challenges would clearly be a huge understatement. First, it's important to understand that we operate under a special use permit issued by the United States Forest Service. This past year, the USFS required that facilities operating under a permit comply with all federal and state COVID 19 requirements. At our facility, that meant operating at 50% capacity and requiring all participants to wear protective masks. To do that required some kind of plan that would limit the total number of visitors on the range at all times. This included not only the shooting positions, but areas where people could congregate (e.g.: behind the shooting line fence and in the parking area). Further complicating the logistics of operating was the loss of most of the RSOs. Understandably, very few were willing to subject themselves to exposure on the range. We eventually decided to try a reservation system. It appeared to be the only alternative to remaining closed. If it worked, we could control the number of visitors and by rotating a morning and afternoon session, we could maximize the number of members and public that could have use of the range. We established an on-line reservation system. Each person visiting the range was required to have a separate reservation and select only one type of shooting (rifle, pistol or shotgun). The latter was necessary to utilize the full range without overlap. Spectators were not allowed. From the beginning, the problems arose. Reservations quickly filled. When spots were limited, people would simply make one reservation, show up with multiple people and, expect us to somehow accommodate. Or, they would make a reservation for trap and show up with a rifle. Visitors ignored the "Do Not Enter Without Reservations" signs. Some just stood in the parking lot and yelled obscenities at us for not allowing them to come up. Others made reservations and simply did not show or call to cancel. By the middle of August, the few of us still working had had our fill. The range was closed. Shortly thereafter, the USFS closed all activities in the forest due to fire danger.

Now we are looking at the 2021 season. We are not going to repeat what occurred last year. At this time, the Board of Directors has unanimously decided that the range will remain closed to the public and general membership until we can open under our standard operating procedures. Mask requirements are not an issue but social distancing is. Further, we will not be able to open until we have sufficient RSO supervision. This will probably mean when our RSOs have received the vaccine. Until we can open the range, we will not renew memberships. We thank you for your continued support and understanding. We wish you good health and, hope we will see you sooner rather than later this year.

REMEMBER: Check your ammunition! Steel jacketed and steel core bullets are prohibited on USFS lands. If it is attracted by a magnet it will not be allowed on the range. Again, there were many new firearms laws enacted in California this year. Be sure that your firearms and your method of transportation comply with current laws.

TENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING: All members are encouraged to attend our annual meeting and range clean-up on April 3rd at 10:00 AM. Bring your ideas for range improvements and a rake. We'll provide the pizza and soda.

ELECTIONS: At the annual club meeting we will hold the election of officers. If you will be unable to attend the annual meeting please submit the attached ballot prior to the April meeting. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for a Director's position, you may write in the name or send us an email and he or she will be included in the April election at the range. Please remember that club Directors and club Range Safety Officers are expected to volunteer a minimum of one weekend each month from April through October as well as assuming other responsibilities (as appropriate to the office) for the range needs throughout the year. The individuals named on this ballot have accepted nomination for a Director's position and have committed their time for the 2021 season. Please detach and return the ballot by April 3rd.

Tentative 2021 Schedule		
Month	Date	
April	3	Clean-up / Club Meeting
April	17	Black Powder/GRITS
May	15	Black Powder/GRITS
June	19	Black Powder/GRITS
July	17	Black Powder/GRITS
Aug	21	Black Powder/GRITS
Sept	18	Black Powder/GRITS
Oct	16	Black Powder/GRITS
Oct	31	Last day of season

**2021 Big Bear Valley Sportsman's Club
Officer Ballot**

(Please check endorsement for current officer
or write in your nominee)

____ Wes Krause, President
Nomination: _____

____ Tony Gallegos, Vice President
Nomination: _____

____ Dave Sievers, Treasurer
Nomination: _____

____ Chas Cassidy, Secretary
Nomination: _____

____ Josh Bereiter, Chief RSO
Nomination: _____

2021 RANGE FEES	
Rifle & Pistol:	
Members \$5.00	Non-Members \$10.00
Trap:	
Members \$5.00	Non-Members \$10.00
CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS	
Wes Krause, President	
Vacant, Vice President	
Vacant, Secretary	
Dave Sievers, Treasurer	
Josh Bereiter, Chief RSO	
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
NAME: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City, State, zip: _____	
Email Address: _____	
Phone: () _____	
Membership Annual Rate: \$35.00	
Includes all family members	

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