



Ben Lomond Gun Club, Inc.
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Summer 2008

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary

Ben Lomond Gun Club's

10th Annual

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 7th, 2008

9 AM to 4 PM

ALL Ranges Will Be Open to the Public.
Members will be available to answer questions.
Barbeque lunch will be available at no charge.

**Ben Lomond Gun Club has several shooting ranges
available to meet member needs including:**

Nine (9) fully bermed 50 yard pistol ranges
Two (2) 100 yard pistol/small cal rifle up to .223 shooting areas
High power rifle range w/firing lines at 100,200,300,400,500,600 yards
Small bore (.22) rifle silhouette range w/targets at 40,60,77 & 100 meters
Shotgun range w/6 machine 5 stand setup

**Ben Lomond Gun Club sponsors several monthly matches
open to members and the public including:**

Cowboy Action Shooting, Action Pistol, Practical Shooting (IPSC), Black Powder,
Shotgun 5 Stand, High Power and Small Bore Silhouette

**Ben Lomond Gun Club is dedicated to providing learning opportunities and
training programs for members and the public:**

Several firearms safety and training classes are held throughout the year, taught by NRA Certified Instructors and Counselors. Beyond these classes, many of these instructors are dedicated to introducing the public and youth to shooting sports and providing initial basic training in the safe handling and use of firearms.

There are many special interest groups within Ben Lomond, including:

Ben Lomond University, which includes
NRA instruction in Pistol, Rifle, and shotgun disciplines.

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The Ben Lomond Ranch is located on 560 acres East and South of Kiowa, Colorado and is open to members 365 days a year. It is a National Rifle Association affiliated shooting facility and all NRA rules apply. The shooting ranges are open to the public only during scheduled matches, open houses, and 6 weekends in the fall for hunter site-ins.

All firearms brought to the range to shoot must be unloaded. Loading will be allowed only at designated firing lines at the ranges. Eye and Ear protection is mandatory.

Door prizes for Children and Adults, Kids' Fun Shoot, and BB Rifle Range

The Memorial Star Flight Team will do their fly-in again this year at 12:00 Noon



President's Corner

I am your newly elected president, Art Thayer. I thank you for your confidence in me and will do my best to represent your interests.

The club needs your support starting with the open house on June 7th. Why not come out and help make this event a roaring success? Several local companies have stepped up and supplied door prizes, including Sportsman's Warehouse who is donating a new rifle. We will also be processing new memberships on site.

Of over 700 members, only 280 voted in the last election. I encourage everyone to participate in the club operation. This is your club, stay involved. Let your board of directors know what you want done. Contact me with any ideas or concerns you have. My email address is blgc@comcast.net

Our web site has been unavailable for quite some time and is in need of repair and updating. We now have a new web master who is working on the problems. Bear with us, it will get better. Thanks Mike Mackay!

You are getting this newsletter through the efforts of our new editor who has stepped up to do the job. Thanks Steve McCullough!

Chapter Meetings

(All meetings start at 7 PM unless noted otherwise. Chapter meetings are not held in December.)

Colorado Springs: 4th Tuesday, 2930 C N. Academy Blvd in the Postal Workers Union Hall. (719-541-2255 OR 303-688-8511)

Calhan: 3rd Thursday, 510 Boulder St (next to Liberty Sports) (719-347-2010)

Elizabeth: 3rd Thursday, in the Carlson Building next to the library in the center of Elizabeth (303-688-8511 OR 719-541-2255)

Franktown: 3rd Tuesday, in the Franktown Fire Station located on the west side of Hwy 83, one block south of the stoplight at Hwy 83 & Hwy 86 in Franktown. (303-688-8511 OR 719-541-2255)

Littleton: 3rd Wednesday @6 PM, at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Littleton. (303-688-8511 OR 719-541-2255)

Tri-Lakes: 2nd Thursday, at the Tri-Lakes Fire Station at 18650 Hwy 105, Monument. (719-541-2255)



BLGC Web Site – For Sale

This page is available for members to post items they wish to sell. Email: mackay@myawai.com to have an item posted. Items will remain on the site for 60 days or until that the item has sold. Please notify mackay@myawai.com if your item is sold.



Club Membership

Dues - There is a one time initiation fee of \$100. Annual dues are \$50 for individuals, and \$60 for families. A family membership includes spouse and all children under age 18.

Work Bond - In addition to the dues, members must fulfill an annual 8-hour work bond.

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This obligation can be met by performing work at the range. Half of the work bond can be satisfied by attending membership meetings.

Requirements - New members must complete a range safety orientation, which is provided at the chapter meetings. NRA membership is required for the purpose of obtaining range insurance.

Where to Join - Any one of the six different monthly chapter meetings.



Youth Shooting Program

1. Ben Lomond Gun Club is considering setting up a Youth Shooting Program. The program would be open to children of club members and other children that a club member is willing to sponsor in the 8 to 16 year old age range.
2. All child participants would need to take a 6 to 8 hour basic safety and range operations course prior to live fire sessions. These courses could be offered at local chapter meeting places beginning in March. Live fire sessions would begin in April and be offered in two 4 hour sessions each month. To stay active in the program, participants would need to participate in at least 8 of the 24 sessions per year.
3. Live Fire Sessions would allow participants to do individual competition in one of the NRA recognized youth shooting programs. The intent is for this to be a progressive program to develop rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting skills – so participants would need to achieve a level of competency in rifle before moving on to the handgun and/or shotgun programs. As skills improve, we may sponsor intra or inter club competitive shoots for those who are interested.
4. Cost of the Basic Orientation program will be less than \$10 per student to cover the cost of textbooks and/or completion certificates. Air and .22 caliber rifles will be provided by the club for the live fire sessions, ammunition and targets will be provided at cost. No additional fees are anticipated except for the cost of patches, certificates, awards earned by each participant. No instructors or participants in the program will receive any type of compensation. Eight and nine year old participants will be limited to air rifle use. 10 and 11 year old participants need to demonstrate some proficiency in air rifle use before moving on to .22 caliber, 13 and older can start with .22 caliber.

(Youth Shooting, cont'd)

5. Parents are responsible for getting children to and from the complete 4 hour session. A part of each session will be devoted to specialized topic education by guest lecturers and support/clean up operations at the range.

6. If you would like additional information, please contact Franklyn Blaha at 303-761-8002. If your chapter would like me to come to one of your meetings to do a brief presentation on this program, let me know the date and time of your meetings. If you are interested in participating in this program as a family or instructor, please send an email indicating number and ages of children or your interest as an instructor and whether in rifle, pistol or shotgun. Likewise if you would like to do a one time 30 minute presentation on some aspect of shooting, first aid, survival etc – send contact information and topic of interest.



BLGC Ranch/Range Projects and Needs 2006

Manpower Needs:

1. Berm #11 needs to be finished before Open House.
2. High Power needs to be started and hopefully finished before Open House.
3. Shot-gun trailer and the houses need to be painted.
4. General clean up around the range.
5. Fence in front of the range needs to be fixed.
6. Volunteers needed for construction and welding projects

Shooting Benches:

We can use more benches. The plans are on the website <http://blgc.org>. Just let Bill Scanlon know (719-541-2255 or 303-688-8511) or e-mail billbebe@fairpoint.net

Target Bases and Stands:

We can always use more bases and stands. The design documents are on the website. If you don't have the materials, BLGC will reimburse you if you provide receipts. Some of the target stands delivered recently are made of 2 x 2's with 2 x 4 feet to fit our steel target stand bases. They are working well and are lighter so are easier to handle.

Archery Range:

Archery target backers are needed.

Materials needed:

If you have or know of materials that can be donated to BLGC or acquired at very low cost, please let us know.

- Fence Posts
- T-Posts
- Orange plastic/rubber cones like the contractors and DOT use on road projects.
- Poles (utility poles) up to 35' long.
- Steel jack posts.
- 8 x 8's or 10 x 10's
- 2 x 6's, 2 x 8's, 2 x 10's
- 2 x 4's
- Plywood sheeting, 5/8" and 3/4", outdoor rated
- Plywood, 1/4" for target backs.
- Pressed wood/Particle board (OSB) outside for barn roof sheeting.
- Pressed wood/Particle board (OSB) sheeting for target backs on High Power Range.
- Secrete
- Cement
- Concrete Blocks
- Drain Pipe, Plastic, 8", 10", 12", Galvanized steel Culvert Pipe
- Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Cotter Pins
- Nails
- Screws
- Before building or designing anything get the approval of the BLGC President or the BLGC Caretaker. With over 750 members we need to prevent duplication of our efforts. You can discuss any ideas you have for construction projects with a board member, chapter director, the Caretaker or the President. We will update this list regularly and make necessary changes, additions and corrections.

Bill Scanlon, Caretaker 719-541-2255 or 303-688-8511 [e-mail:billbebe@fairpoint.net](mailto:billbebe@fairpoint.net)

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BLGC CALENDAR (JUNE - AUGUST)

June

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8 AM MST
[SHAKETAOLS](#)

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7 PM - 10 PM MST



[BLGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING](#)

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9 AM - 1 PM MST

[BLGC 5-STAND SHOTGUN RANGE OPEN](#)

10 AM - 6 PM MST



[BEN LOMOND GUN CLUB ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE](#)

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7 PM - 8 PM MST



[BLGC TRI-LAKES\(MONUMENT\)CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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Flag Day

9 AM - 1 PM MST

[BLGC 5-STAND SHOTGUN RANGE OPEN](#)

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Father's Day

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7 PM - 8 PM MST



[BLGC FRANKTOWN CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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6 PM - 7 PM MST



[BLGC LITTLETON CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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7 PM - 8 PM MST



[BLGC CALHAN/ELICOTT CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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[BLGC ELIZABETH CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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[BLGC COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER MEETING](#)

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7 AM - 12 PM MST

[EL PASO COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS](#)

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[BLGC 5-STAND SHOTGUN RANGE OPEN](#)

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[BLGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING](#)

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Independence Day

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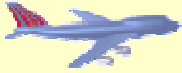
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NRA News Colorado: Prairie Dog Hunting Ban Defeated!

Friday, May 02, 2008

Please Call the Commission Members and Thank Them Today!

Thanks to your calls and attendance at last week's meeting of the Colorado Wildlife Commission in Junction City, a proposed ban on prairie dog hunting was defeated by a 9 to 0 vote ensuring that the necessary hunting of these animals can continue. While radical anti-hunting/animal rights groups targeted prairie dog hunting as cruel, it is a traditional sporting activity and necessary management tool, especially for ranching interests in the state.

Please call Commission members and thank them for protecting your right to hunt. You can reach the members of the Commission at (303) 297-1192.



Time For Public Comment On New Rules For Guns In National Parks

Friday, May 02, 2008

On April 30, the U.S. Department of Interior, through the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, issued a proposed rule to amend the current strict regulations on firearms in national parks and wildlife refuges. NRA-ILA led the effort to amend the existing policy regarding the carrying and transportation of firearms on these federal lands. **The public has until June 30 to comment on the proposal, and NRA-ILA strongly urges members to file comments in support.**

“Law-abiding citizens should not be prohibited from protecting themselves and their families while enjoying America's National Parks and wildlife refuges,” said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. “Under this proposal, federal parks and wildlife refuges will mirror the state carry laws for state parks. This is an important step in the right direction, and we applaud efforts to amend the out-of-date regulations.”

These new regulations will provide uniformity across our nation's federal lands and put an end to the patchwork of regulations that governed different lands managed by different federal agencies. In the past, Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands allowed the carrying of firearms, while Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service lands did not.

The current regulations on possession, carry or transportation of loaded or uncased firearms in national parks were proposed in 1982 and finalized in 1983. Similar restrictions apply in national wildlife refuges.

The NRA has long held that amendments to those regulations were needed to reflect changes in state laws on carrying firearms. As of the end of 1982, only six states

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routinely allowed citizens to carry handguns for self-defense. Now, there are 40 states that respect the right to carry, via “shall issue” laws or otherwise.

This proposed rule will restore the rights of law-abiding gun owners who wish to carry concealed firearms for self-protection on most Interior Department lands, and will make federal law consistent with the state carry law in which these lands are located. Fifty-one U.S. Senators sent a bipartisan letter to the Department of Interior supporting the move to make state firearms laws applicable to National Park lands and wildlife refuges.

Anti-gun groups have already geared up a massive propaganda campaign, with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-CA, calling the proposal “appalling” and others suggesting there will be carnage among both park visitors and wildlife if the proposal is adopted. These predictions, of course, have not come true in any state that’s adopted a Right-to-Carry law, or on other federal lands where firearms possession is already allowed.

The NRA will file comments, including suggestions that the final regulation should mirror state law in all respects (not just for concealed carry), and that the proposal’s reference to state laws on parks or “any similar unit of state land” is vague, and could lead in some states to the type of patchwork regulation the proposal was meant to do away with.

Again, NRA members should take this opportunity to help write our nation’s laws, by submitting comments until June 30. Members should mail comments to:

Public Comments Processing
Attn: 1024-AD70
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