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## **Ben Lomond Gun Club Military Family Fund – 2011**

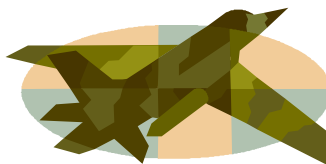
2011 marks the sixth year that the Ben Lomond Gun Club has raised money to help military families. Last year BLGC donated \$1500.00 to MACS-23 at Buckley Air Force Base for their Christmas party. This year we will continue to sponsor the Military Family Fund, a charitable effort to raise money to help Colorado military families. Thanks to your contributions, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have collected approximately \$3,200.00. The money donated is recorded, controlled and disbursed via the BLGC Treasurer:

1. Donate again to MACS-23
2. Donate to the Wounded Warrior Project to help Colorado Wounded Warriors
3. Donate to Homes for Troops to also help Colorado military members

Additionally, the BLGC Board of Directors voted in June to donate an M-1 from our armory to the Young Marines of Colorado. They are traveling to the Navajo reservation in September to meet with the surviving members of the Navajo Code Talkers. They will have the M-1 signed by all the surviving members and then auction off the rifle to help fund a trip to Pearl Harbor later this year to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Please donate your spare \$5's and \$10's (or more) at future chapter meetings to support this effort. It means a great deal to the military family members. For more information please talk to your Chapter Director or contact Jan Jordheim at [jan055@comcast.net](mailto:jan055@comcast.net) or Stuart Butler, Franktown Chapter Director at [butler@myexcel.com](mailto:butler@myexcel.com)

**Thanks to everyone for your support of our Military families!  
Let's Finish Strong!**



**Ranch Manager's Report**  
From Ranch Manager Bill Scanlon  
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This summer has been quite busy here at BLGC. Mowing has been quite easier this year than most with the new Grasshopper Lawn Mower - quite an improvement from our old John Deere mower. Great turnout for Open House Clean-up, thanks to all of you members who were involved in that. Using the new and improved Club House was really great for members and visitors during 2011 Open House. We acquired about 20 new members.

The Range has drastically improved from last summer including the Dick Legg Range, which has the siding completed and is now a usable range for the Youth Shooting, Appleseed, CAP and BSA only. After renting a Front Loader for approximately a week, all the berms have now been squared off and berms 8 & 9 are now available for High Power Rifle Site-Ins. A new storage container has been added below the pistol berms for targets. Please keep the doors closed after use. The old trailer that was used for the targets has now been removed and this area will be used for additional parking.

A work party was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> on the High Power Range when about 16 members showed up to assist in a major clean-up and all the steel target tubes are in place on the 300 & 400 yard line so be sure to use them properly. The door on the storage container is now repaired so please remember to close this door as well.

Lately the weather has been quite severe. Please check the BLGC web site for weather conditions before driving out to the range. A weather station has been added by the HPPS Group, which is greatly appreciated. Last night, August 28<sup>th</sup>, we had an inch and ½ of rain in almost 30 minutes. The roads disappeared but are now useable. Have a great summer here at BLGC and feel free to come out and shoot. BLGC is Only as good as its members, so be a Good Member!

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**President's Corner**  
**By Art Thayer, BLGC President**  
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I must apologize to the membership for writing this letter. I know most of you only want to go and shoot and do not care about politics and other non-related issues. But the accusations made by an unidentified and spineless writer of a flyer left on members' car windshields require a response. I have reviewed the accusations made and they are *without merit*; they are also personal attacks on BLGC board members. I am surprised that the accuser did not mention the alleged loss of \$6,000.00 collected for the completion of the 600 yard range. It has never been accounted for.

The accuser alleges that the board is a "good old boys club" and does what they want. This accuser also alleges that the board wastes money. When I became president, the club was just coming out of financial mismanagement. Mel Hensley, the previous president, did a great job of getting the club on the right path. Before him, the club could not pay for liability insurance as we did not have sufficient funds. Now we are four years down the road.

The board has done the following items:

- paved the majority of the range roads with gravel
- purchased a new tractor for range maintenance
- purchased a commercial lawn mower for range use
- put up covers on the 600 yard range and the black powder long range
- added new target throwers on the shotgun range
- completed the RV park, phase 1
- nearly completed the new clubhouse (which members had made their 1<sup>st</sup> priority)

The club also has money in the bank and *we have no debt*. Not bad for a "good old boys club". Your board not only listens to you, the members, but we act on what is important to you. If any of you have questions about any of this or if you want additional information on what the board does or has done, please contact me or your chapter director. To quote an old expression, "it is time for this accuser to cowboy up and get a life".

## The Silhouette Program at Ben Lomond Gun Club

The sport of Silhouette Shooting started in Mexico as off-season training for hunters. Silhouette Shooting consists of firing at small metal targets in the shape of animals, set at various distances alongside berms. For small-bore rifle, the chicken targets are first at 40 yards, pig second at 60 yards, then turkey at 77 yards, and ram at 100 yards. While the distances can be in yards or meters, the berms at the club are set in yards. To count as a hit, the target must fall.

For now, we will concentrate on small-bore as we have the range and targets. We will have silhouette fun shoots for .22 LR pistol or rifle on the fourth Saturday of the month from 1 PM to 5 PM. Youth Program participants and any currently enrolled club member (and families) are welcome to participate in the fun shoots. NRA matches and NRA/Winchester program qualification will be offered at a later date if there is enough demand for those activities.

Rifles and pistols used in the fun shoots do not have to match NRA silhouette specifications. Any safe and functional pistol or rifle in .22 LR caliber can be used. Scopes are highly recommended due to the size and distance placement of the targets. Ammunition would have to be standard velocity .22 LR for matches and the NRA/Winchester program, but cheaper and more available high velocity .22 LR ammunition will be allowed at the fun shoots. High velocity .22 LR ammunition will be provided at the fun shoots for \$2 a box (50 rounds). Shooters can use their own ammunition provided it is .22 LR (no .17 caliber or .22 magnum). Fun shoot positions will be standing, bench rest, or prone. Please note the silhouette range does not have a concrete pad and for shooting in the prone position, a good shooting mat is essential. Beginners are strongly advised to use a scoped rifle and a bench rest.

For our "fun silhouette program", we have a set of certificates awarded for knocking down a number of consecutive targets. Please be aware that, for being counted as a hit, the target must fall. Hearing a hit on the metal or seeing the target rock or pivot does not count. There are three certificates for each animal target. To be awarded the Bronze certificate, the shooter needs to knock down five consecutive targets. The Silver certificate will require ten consecutive hits, and the Gold certificate fifteen. The hits must be witnessed by a spotter who will fill in a score card as the shooter is knocking down targets. There is no time limit, except the need to qualify for the certificate within the afternoon range session. The range officer or instructor present at the time will sign the certificate.

For expressing interest in participating, asking for further information, or for sending comments/suggestions, please contact Jack at [breton48@live.com](mailto:breton48@live.com) or call (719) 505-3205 (cell phone). Mr. J. Le Clainche

PS: I am looking for volunteers (especially spotters to validate consecutive hits to award certificates) and club members ready to do repairs/improvement to the range (some work bond hours will be available).

**🚩 Youth Shooting:** Live Fire activities will continue on the 4th Saturday of each month but the location will be changed to the Dick Legg Building. We are applying for a grant to build a youth shooting platform here through the Friends of the NRA but in the meantime, Bill Scanlon has graciously done the earth work so we can start shooting off the ground as of now. The next youth shooting Safety Orientation class will be held September 30 and October 7 at Black Forest Fire Station. In order to get the NRA grant for range improvements, we must have support letters from the youth groups that use the range. While I have received multiple letters from the participants of the BLGC Youth Shooting program, I have received a letter from only 1 of the 12 Scout units that used the range this year and nothing yet from my requests to Civil Air Patrol, 4H or Appleseed. If you know anyone involved with these activities, please ask them to contact me for details. This is the only thing preventing us from submitting the grant request. Franklyn Blaha ([samantha2874@hotmail.com](mailto:samantha2874@hotmail.com))

## **BLGC SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

(For More Information About Any Event, Please Contact the Match Director - See Contacts)

### **SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-9PM: BLGC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> -Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM: Appleseed Rifle Clinic  
Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>: BSA Troop 17 Colorado Springs  
Saturday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>: 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand sporting clay shotgun range open  
Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: Civil Air Patrol Parker Squadron  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC High Plains Drifters Cowboy Action  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-4PM: BLGC Cowboy Long Range Match  
Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: BSA Fall Camporee  
Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30AM-1:30PM: HPPS/USPSA Shoot  
Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: BSA Troop 999 Arvada  
Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, BLGC Youth Shooting Live Fire Sessions  
Saturday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand sporting clay shotgun range open  
Saturday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-5PM: BLGC .22 Small Bore Silhouette Match  
Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-4:30PM: Ladyseed .22 LR Ladies Only  
Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-3PM: BLGC Short Grass Muzzle Loaders Match  
Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-12:30PM: BLGC/NRA High-Power Match

### **OCTOBER**

Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9PM: BLGC Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand shotgun range open  
Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: Civil Air Patrol Parker Squadron  
Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC High Plains Drifters Cowboy Action Fun Shoot  
Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-4PM: BLGC Cowboy Long Range Match  
Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30AM-1:30PM: HPPS/USPSA Shoot  
Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, BLGC Youth Shooting Live Fire Sessions  
Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand shotgun range open  
Saturday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1PM-5PM: BLGC .22 Small Bore Silhouette Match  
Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9AM-3PM: BLGC Short Grass Muzzle Loaders Match  
Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30AM-12:30PM: BLGC NRA High-Power Match  
Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-5PM: Appleseed Rifle Clinic

### **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-9PM: BLGC Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand shotgun range open  
Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC High Plains Drifters Cowboy Action Fun Shoot  
Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-4PM: BLGC Cowboy Long Range Match  
Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30AM-1:30PM: HPPS/USPSA Shoot  
Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-4:30PM: Appleseed .22 LR Only  
Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, BLGC Youth Shooting Live Fire Sessions  
Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM: BLGC 5-stand shotgun range open  
Saturday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-5PM: BLGC .22 Small Bore Silhouette Match  
Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-3PM: BLGC Short Grass Muzzle Loaders Match  
Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM-12:30PM: BLGC NRA High-Power Match

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