



**Ben Lomond Gun Club, Inc.**  
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## **Ben Lomond Gun Club Raises More Than \$1000 For USMC Families**

This is the third year that the Ben Lomond Gun Club has raised money to help the Marine Corps families stationed at Buckley Field. Please help sponsor the Holiday Party for the Marine Air Control Squadron-23 MACG-48, 4th MAW. They currently have 75 Marines deployed in Iraq. Jan Jordheim & Stuart Butler attended last year's successful event. The club raised \$1,000 for 2007 and we will continue our Christmas tradition this year. Last year BLGC was able to supply the funds for the Bar-B-Que dinner for a few hundred Marine Corps families. The tentative date for the 2008 Holiday party is Dec 13th at Buckley Field. Please donate your spare \$5's and \$10's (or more) at future chapter meetings to support the 2009 Holiday Party. It means a great deal to the family members and volunteers arranging the party to have money donated to purchase food and supplies. For more information please talk to your Chapter Director or contact Jan Jornheim at [jan055@comcast.net](mailto:jan055@comcast.net)

**Thanks to everyone for your support of our Marine families!**

### **ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS (RENEWALS 2009)**

**(Renewal Fees are Due by December 31, 2008)**

You will be receiving your Annual 2009 Renewal Form, by mail, in the latter part of November 2008. These Renewals will reflect your annual membership in the Club starting January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Please take the time to look over your Renewal Form and correct any information shown in error. Additionally, be sure to include ALL of your Work Bond Coupons from May 2008 – December 2008. Make checks payable to: Ben Lomond Gun Club

**Return your Renewal Form/Annual Fees to:  
BLGC PO Box 858 Englewood, CO 80151**

If you have any questions please contact George Wright, Membership Chairman, at:

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## 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. 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

## Monthly Chapter Meetings

**Colorado Springs:** 2930 N. Academy Blvd in the Postal Workers Union Hall. (Mike Clark, Chapter Director, phone 719-596-7411). Meeting time: 7:00pm 4th Tuesday of each month except December.

**Calhan:** 510 Boulder St (west of Liberty Shooting Sports) (John Knight, Chapter Director, phone 719-648-7945). Meeting Time: 7:00pm 3rd Thursday of each month except December.

**Elizabeth:** Carlson Building next to the library in the center of Elizabeth (Michael Cunningham, Chapter Director, phone 303-841-0614). Meeting time: 7:00pm 3rd Thursday of each month except December.

**Franktown:** Franktown Fire Station located on the west side of Hwy 83, one block south of the stoplight at Hwy 83 & Hwy 86 in Franktown. (Stuart Butler Chapter Director, phone 720-922-9116). Meeting Time: 7:00pm 3rd Tuesday of every month except December.

**Littleton:** Sportsman's Warehouse in Littleton. (Henry Davis, Chapter Director, phone 303-838-1890) Meeting Time: 6:00pm 3rd Wednesday of every month except December.

**Tri-Lakes:** Tri-Lakes Fire Station at 18650 Hwy 105, Monument. (Al Wolin, Chapter Director, phone 719-488-3202). Meeting Time: 7:00pm 2nd Thursday every month except December.

## President's Corner

By Art Thayer

Another year is coming to a close. A new president is about to take office and our future as gun owners is once again uncertain. Americans are buying guns in record numbers. We must remain vigilant to protect our Second Amendment rights (see NRA News at the end of this newsletter). Write to your state and federal representatives about issues that concern you.

Our club ends the year in great shape. The old barn has been burned down. Berm #11 is covered and the 600 yard range is well on its way to being covered. We have money in the bank. Our membership is strong. The Board of Directors is looking at range improvements and has established a priority list. We will be working on completing the projects on this list. All things considered, Ben Lomond is doing well. Have a great Christmas and New Year!

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 [artthayer@comcast.net](mailto:artthayer@comcast.net)

**REMEMBER, THE GUN CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS MEMBERS,  
SO BE A GOOD MEMBER!**

## TRAINING

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## ● ODDS & ENDS ●

### WHAT'S NEW AT BLGC

During the Board meeting in September, a majority vote awarded Mel Hensley, past President of the Ben Lomond Gun Club, an honorary Life Membership. Due to Mel's outstanding service and putting BLGC back on track, we have regained the club's primary goal of much needed range improvements, including:

- Berm #11 was completed and covered
- 600-yard high-power range has dirt completed
- Substantial savings on range insurance including double the liability coverage
- 5-stand shotgun range established

**Kudos to Mel!!**

### RANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Bill Scanlon, Ranch Manager, sends his thanks to those who assisted in some of the range improvements: Completing & covering Berm #11, placing poles for the cowboy long-range, high-power, and shotgun ranges, Dick Legg enclosed. We need volunteers to help cover these ranges and paint.

A special thanks to Simla Fire Chief John Hillman who came out to the range in the last snow storm on November 10th to eliminate an insurance liability by burning down the Old Barn. Clean up is in progress for the barn debris. Also, thanks to Dan Madajski and his daughter Claire for the historical photos to be posted on the BLGC web site.

### HOME ON THE RANGE

The Ben Lomond Gun Club Annual Turkey Shoot was held on September 25th and 26th. It was fun for All! Congratulations to Bloody Lane - this year's winner. Thanks to Ron Hayes for running the matches and to Dave Brittain for the food!

BLGC T-shirts are still available in either gray or white. Please contact Bill Scanlon to order: 303-688-8511 or 719-541-2255. Response to the T-shirts has been overwhelming!

Thanks to all who have supported this effort.

### RANGE USE

The Ben Lomond Gun Club range has been used quite frequently this year by several Boy Scout troops and Youth Shooting Groups. BLGC encourages everyone to participate in these activities whenever possible, either for work bond or for personal interest. Thanks to Franklyn Blaha for his support of the Youth Shooting Program.

Several classes are being held at the BLGC range for Concealed Carry and other instructional interests. For any necessary safety information or training needs, please contact George Wright, Ben Lomond University, at 303-761-2664

## Youth Shooting Program

Ben Lomond Gun Club sponsors a Youth Shooting Program. The program has two components - individual and group shooting - and is open to children of club members and other children that a club member is willing to sponsor in the 6 to 16 year old age range.

All youth participants would need to take a 6 to 8 hour basic safety and range operations course prior to live-fire sessions. Courses will be offered quarterly.

Live Fire Sessions for individual participants will allow them 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. Participants 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.

We will also consider limited opportunities for other outside youth groups. Members of the youth group need to participate in the same initial orientation sessions but the live fire sessions will be adjusted to meet their individual interests or needs. Suggested youth groups which may be interested include Scout organizations, 4H, Civil Air Patrol, etc.

There is no cost for the Basic Orientation program. Air and .22 caliber rifles, ammunition, and targets will be provided at no cost by the club for the day of use for the live fire sessions. There are no additional fees except for the cost of patches, certificates, and awards earned by each participant. No instructors or participants in the program will receive any type of compensation. Six and seven year old participants will be limited to air rifle use with direct parental supervision during the live fire session. Eight and nine year old participants can move on to .22 caliber rifle with direct parental supervision after demonstrating proficiency in air rifle use.

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

If you would like additional information, please contact Franklyn Blaha at 719-761-8002 or [samantha2874@hotmail.com](mailto:samantha2874@hotmail.com). If your chapter or youth group would like one of our instructors to come to one of your meetings to do a brief presentation on this program, please inform Franklyn of 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 the number and ages of the children or your interest as an instructor and whether in rifle, pistol or shotgun. 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

### 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.

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.

Before building or designing anything get the approval of the BLGC President or the BLGC Ranch Manager. 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 Ranch Manager or the President. We will update this list regularly and make necessary changes, additions and corrections.

**Bill Scanlon**, Ranch Manager 719-541-2255 or 303-688-8511 [billbebe@fairpoint.net](mailto:billbebe@fairpoint.net)

## BLGC SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### DECEMBER

Sunday, December 7th, 8AM: Shaketails

Saturday, December 13th, 9AM-1PM: 5-Stand Shotgun Range Open

Sunday, December 14th, 9AM-2PM: Cowboy Black Powder Long-Range Match

Saturday, December 27th, 9AM-1PM: 5-Stand Shotgun Range Open

### JANUARY

Sunday, January 4th, 8AM: Shaketails

Wednesday, January 7th, 7-8PM: BLGC Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, January 10th, 9AM-1PM: 5-Stand Shotgun Range Open

### FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 1st, 8AM: Shaketails

Wednesday, February 4th, 7-8PM: BLGC Board of Directors Meeting

## BLGC BOARD of DIRECTORS REPORT

The following lists were compiled and approved by the BLGC Board of Directors on November 5, 2008. Bill Scanlon, Range Manager, will provide an outline for accomplishment and progress of these projects and the lists will be updated monthly to show the status of each project. Each year, the priority lists will be updated and necessary funds will be set aside to complete the projects.

### **First Priority List:**

1. Gravel for roads, parking, and shooting area
2. Shot gun range improvements
3. Steel storage containers
4. Camp ground improvements
5. Old barn (recently burned)
6. Dick Legg Range improvements
7. 600 Yard range pits
8. New club house/storage construction

### **Second Priority List:**

1. Shelter and BBQ area
2. Field Archery range

### NRA NEWS

(National Rifle Association Website: <http://www.nra.org/>)

#### Statement from NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre on President-elect Obama's Employment Application Form Demanding to Know if Applicants Are "Registered" Gun Owners

*(Thursday, November 13, 2008)*

The Obama administration's [employment application](#) proves what NRA has been saying: the Obama administration is anti-firearms ownership and anti-Second Amendment.

And as this litmus test shows, they have every intention of putting together an administration that is hostile to firearms ownership and to Second Amendment rights.

One of their first official acts is to make a list of gun owners among their own employees. It proves where their hearts are. It shows what their philosophy is. This is more proof that this administration is coming after our freedom and NRA stands ready.

## Obama Selects Janet Reno's Anti-Gun Point Man As Next Attorney General

*(Friday, November 21, 2008)*

So much for "I support the Second Amendment," and so much for the notion of "change."

Media reports say President-elect Barack Obama has selected Eric Holder as his Attorney General, and that Holder may already have accepted the offer. Holder, as Deputy Attorney General under Janet Reno during the Clinton Administration, said that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual right, but instead protects the right to have a firearm when serving with a militia. After leaving office, Holder stuck to that assertion when he signed Janet Reno's brief to the Supreme Court in the Heller case, which stated, "The Second Amendment does not protect firearms possession or use that is unrelated to participation in a well-regulated militia."

At the Justice Department, Holder advocated a waiting period, limiting gun purchases to one per month, and so-called "gun show loophole" legislation--the fine print of which would have driven gun shows out of business. Holder made it clear that he, Clinton, and Reno were more interested in stopping gun sales than in regulating them. When ABC's George Will asked him about guns being used for self-defense more often than to commit crime, and Right-to-Carry states having lower crime rates than other states, Holder dismissed the facts that Mr. Will raised, with the flippant statement, "I'm not sure that we need more than the 200 million or so guns that we have on the streets."

In the same interview, Holder claimed that gun control was responsible for crime declining in the 1990s, when criminologists, law enforcement professionals, and sociologists attributed the trend to other factors entirely. We wonder what Holder would say today, since the federal ban on "assault weapons" and standard-equipment magazines holding more than 10 rounds has expired, the number of privately owned guns has risen by 35-40 million, and yet, murder and total violent crime have declined even more than before.

After leaving the Justice Department, Holder kept his anti-gun bona fides up-to-date by writing a column in the Washington Post advocating a law that would ban any gun sale without a background check--even between family members and close friends--and also "give the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms a record of every firearm sale." Holder claimed--since his column appeared just a month after the September 11, 2001 attacks--that his national gun registration scheme would help protect us from terrorists, when, in reality, this was just political opportunism at its worst.

Obama's selection of a Clinton Administration veteran with an anti-gun record as long as his own, signals that the new president is just as committed to his promise of respecting the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, as he is to his promise of change: "Yes We Can" get elected by lying to the American people.

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