

ANNUAL CARDHOLDEER PARTY:

This is your invitation to attend the annual Holmen Rod and Gun Club card renewal party. This event will be held on the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the Holmen American Legion. The doors will be opened at 6:00 PM and the buffet style dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

This event promises to be one of the best ever with many door prizes donated by local HRGC supporters.

There will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Free beer and soda will also be served.

The all you can eat hot meal will cost \$7.50 per person plus \$20.00 for your 2004 family participation card.

NUMBERS FOR  
YOUR  
INFORMATION:

There are a total of 3,348 names in the HRGC database. Of these, there are 161 life members, only 1,046 who had acquired a 2003 card, and 2,141 who had not renewed for 2003.

The list of 2,141 who had not renewed for 2003 includes names that have been in the database for up to four years. Many of these names will be deleted from the database as of this writing of "The Firing Line."

This issue of "The Firing Line" will be sent only to those who were cardholders in 2003. The names of those registered in 2002 will be kept in the database for only another year if they do not renew for 2004.

The 2004 cards are now available at Holmen

Pawn, Smokey's Bar, Holmen Hardware Hank, Wiebke Fur, Gander Mountain, and Ace Hardware in South La Crosse. Also, Steve Kadera, our grounds caretaker, voluntarily and very graciously provides cards from his trailer home on the grounds.

You can also acquire a 2004 card by completing the registration form that accompanies this newsletter. Complete and sign the registration form, fold it in thirds so the HRGC address shows, staple in your check or money order for \$20.00, affix a stamp and mail to Holmen Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 442, Holmen, WI 54636. Once the registration form is received, your card will be mailed to you.

The businesses that handle the HRGC cards for your convenience are doing so voluntarily. It requires time and effort by their employees and we appreciate this service very much. Keep this in mind when you shop and patronize them.

FROM THE DESK OF  
PRESIDENT DICK  
HELLERUDE:

**"Freedom....  
What will be your  
legacy?"**

For fifty-plus years the Holmen Rod & Gun Club has existed and prospered. It has happened through the efforts and support of volunteers.

We are at a new milestone in our times, and it is time for us to do the little "extra" to insure that this club

survives to serve future generations.

In this issue of "The Firing Line" you will find a registration form for your convenience in renewing your cardholder status for 2004. We ask that you print legibly when completing the form, and sign it in the appropriate space.

You will see a reference on the form asking for a voluntary contribution above and beyond the \$20.00 dues amount. Please think hard about this and do what you can.

Life members can also exercise the option of making an additional contribution to the club by using the enclosed form.

Also, if you share in the beliefs and values of the Holmen Rod & Gun club, I encourage you to include the club in your will or trust. In so doing, you can help extend this club for future generations of shooters, anglers, sportspersons and youth. Thank you."

Dick "Grump"  
Hellerude, President

#### MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"Field Days 2003" is history now. We had a

good one this year with great weather and outstanding member participation.

I'd like to say a bit more about member participation right now. As I watch "Field Days" come and go, I am repeatedly amazed by the tremendous effort that so many volunteer workers donate every year to put on a good show. Some folks are seldom seen around the club grounds and maybe don't even shoot firearms, but they continue to give that once-a-year contribution of time and energy toward making our "Field Days" successful. And that's why it is always a success!!

The Holmen Rod & Gun Club continues to exist and serve the community because of the participants' dedication and effort in supporting it. Your efforts will be remembered long into the future. Thanks for all that you do."

Dick "Grump"  
Hellerude, President

#### MAILING LABELS:

The "file card" end of your participation card is used to enter your information into the cardholder roll. If you

did not print your name and/or address legibly on the file card and it could not be deciphered, you may see only an initial or question marks on the label of your newsletter. In some cases the printing is so poor that a label cannot be generated.

When you complete the registration form and file card, please show some respect for your name and print legibly to insure that the mailing labels are accurate and you get club news that is disseminated by mail.

Every effort is made to maintain an accurate database to insure that you are kept informed. The accuracy can only be as good as the information you print legibly on the file card.

#### GRUMPY YOUNG MEN:

During the "sight in days" of October and November there were reports of some consternation, belligerence, and misunderstanding regarding cardholder status and guest policy.

The current HRGC card is good for one calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). If you purchase your card in Jan. you can enjoy range

use for the entire year most any time you desire. If you purchase your card in October or November, you can use the ranges most any time you want for one or two months. This is not hard to understand.

Metaphorically, if you enter a restaurant, order a hamburger and eat only one bite, you still pay for the whole hamburger. The same is true with the HRGC card. If you take only one bite in November you still pay for the whole hamburger.

Similarly, the guest policy is the same as when you take a guest to the movies. This should need no explanation.

#### CLUB WEBSITE:

If you haven't already heard, the Holmen Rod and Gun Club now has a place everyone can access for the latest information about the club:

<http://www.holmenrodandgunclub.com>

Just enter that address, all one without spaces, into your Internet browser to view a calendar of upcoming events, review the range rules and learn where to purchase a HRGC card.

There are some exciting changes to the

website coming shortly, so keep an eye on it.

Many thanks to our avid and very knowledgeable participant, Mark Thole, who generated, supports and maintains the new website. His Email address is [mpthole@hotmail.com](mailto:mpthole@hotmail.com)

#### 2004 CALENDAR:

In this issue of "The Firing Line" you will find a schedule for the whole year. This calendar is formulated in December at a special meeting of the Board of Directors, range officers, and others who volunteer expertise.

Formulating a calendar for an entire year is an awesome task, but it has worked out well in the past.

Those who formulate the calendar are not clairvoyant, so some changes may occur, and some events may be added. At any rate, the calendar gives a good idea of what the HRGC has to offer, and when.

#### BENCHREST ENTHUSIASTS:

On the enclosed calendar you will note that there are dates for the TCL, registered, and local bench rest matches to be held on the HRGC

range. All matches start at 9:00 AM. These dates are:

March 28th (warm-up match), April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup> (registered bench rest match), June 6<sup>th</sup> (Hunter bench rest), June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> (IBS bench rest), and Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The National Conference TCL matches held at the La Crosse Rifle Club are not listed in the enclosed calendar. The dates for those matches are: April 25<sup>th</sup> (warm-up match), May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>.

All of the matches at the La Crosse Rifle Club will start at 8:00 AM.

#### BENCHREST CLASSIFICATION:

While it is true that bench rest competition involves some sophisticated equipment and gunsmithing to achieve ultimate accuracy, it is also true that that the firearms used for every day shooting and hunting can be used for bench-rest competition and enjoyment.

There is a classification in competition bench rest shooting that allows use of the hunting rifle without after market

alteration. To learn more about this aspect of benchrest competition you are invited, and encouraged, to attend one of the Sunday matches held at the HRGC or the La Crosse Rifle Club.

Using the hunting rifle for benchrest is an excellent way to get your feet wet in benchrest shooting.

Remember that the benchrest matches are for those who enjoy shooting, and those who like challenges. Benchrest shooting teaches accuracy. It stimulates the shooter and challenges at the same time.

Those who shoot benchrest matches are willing to help anyone who wishes to try it. Come to any match and observe. Ask if your hunting rifle qualifies for "factory gun" competition!!

#### BENCHREST PARTY:

Each year Jim Callan has organized a dinner party at Drugan's. This year it is organized by Jim Knower and will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Drugans Supper Club. We are hoping that Jim Callan can attend. He was instrumental in starting the bench rest

league shooting at both the La Crosse Rifle Club and HRGC, and is known for his kindness and expertise. He organized the matches at both clubs, and was active in both clubs for many years until suffering some disabling health problems.

He is no longer able to shoot benchrest with us, but his spirit and enthusiasm will always be with those of us who enjoy reloading ammunition and shooting.

Many, many thanks, Jim. We miss your organizational skills and shooting expertise, and wish you God's Speed and a Happy New Year!

#### FOR SALE:

Vic Rieber has for sale a 20X60 spotting scope, a 7600 Remington 30/06 slide action rifle with see through mounts and a 3X9 Bushnell scope sight. His number is 782-3716. Vic is a life member of HRGC, and an active participant.

Tom Briggs (781-1139) has, for sale, a Remington Mod. 870 TC trap 12 Gauge shot gun with very nice wood. It has a 30" barrel with ventilated rib

and 4 Briley choke tubes (Mod., Imp-Mod, Lite Full, and Full). For this he is asking \$450.00.

Tom also has for sale a Winchester Mod. 1200 12 Gauge shot gun with 2-3/4 chamber. It has a wooden stock and 30" full choke plain barrel and a 20" slug barrel. He is asking \$225.00 for this.

Tom is a life member of HRGC.

Guy Daniels, at 779-4562, has for sale the following:

396 new unfired Norma 22/250 brass cases in ammo boxes, 100 55 grain .22 cal. Nosler boat tail bullets, and 100 40 grain .22 Cal. Sierra boat tail bullets,

Guy has also, for sale, new and unused:

Redding 22/250 cal. full-length bushing die, Redding 22/250 cal. body die with carbide sizing button. .244, .245, & .246 bushings, and a 22/250 case gauge.

A Hart stainless steel barrel, crowned and chambered in 7mm/08 for Remington 700 action. Approximately 50 to 60 rounds fired for barrel break-in, otherwise unused.

Luepold 1" silver rings and bases.

A Remington rifle in 6mmBR with laminated stock and Hart stainless match barrel (.265 tight neck) with muzzle break. This rifle has a blueprinted action (Tef-coated) with Sako extractor and Jewell trigger. It is pillar and glass bedded with Kelby rings and bases. Only about 275 rounds have been fired through this rifle, and it can be sold with or without the Leupold 6.5 – 20 LRT scope.

If interested in any of these items, call Guy Daniels at (608) 779-4562.

## MEETINGS:

Remember that the Holmen Rod & Gun Club meetings are held at the Holmen American Legion during the months of January, February, March, and April. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

## BIASED SATIRE

If you happened to see the so-called documentary at the theater called "Bowling for Columbine" by Michael Moore, you were probably very upset because of the attacks and innuendos on gun ownership.

To get a critical, unbiased, analysis of this piece of junk, go to [www.hardylaw.net/Truth>About\\_Bowling.html](http://www.hardylaw.net/Truth>About_Bowling.html).

In this website David Hardy very graphically demonstrates how lies were fabricated and script was taken out of context.

If you want your blood to boil, rent "Bowling for Columbine," watch it, then visit the above website for the straight scoop.