

OSU VARSITY RIFLE TEAM BOOSTER CLUB NEWSLETTER



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The end of the OSU Varsity Rifle Team Booster Club.

By Todd Lucal

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that the Athletic Department (AD) has informed us that we need to disband the booster club immediately. This event in no way impacts the support they are providing the program, it is result of the department adopting a policy that all official booster organizations must be large enough to maintain \$50,000 cash in assets. The policy has been in effect for a few years and has reduced the number of official booster clubs to only the “Buckeye Boosters”, “Buckeye Diamond Club”, and “The Rebounders Club” Due to oversights however, they failed to inform us until now.

This policy change is based on the need to audit the financials of all official booster organizations in both OSU and NCAA audits. The AD does not want to expend staffing time to oversee small volunteer organizations that have access to money. Over the years we had been part of several of the audits, and we never had an issue most likely due in part to having a CPA act as our treasurer.

Our charter with the AD allows them to shut down the club at any time and for any reason, with all assets reverting to them. While we hoped that this day would not come and always took efforts to make sure we operated within all University and NCAA rules, we have been notified to disband operations.

As part of this process all of our existing assets including the \$10k we have saved over the last 20 years of the VRBC will be transferred to the Rifle Teams discretionary account. Going forward we will no longer be allowed to collect dues or donations with the intent of providing the program financial support. Without a paying membership, it also will prevent us from hosting any future events like the recent tailgate at the WVU vs OSU match or the breakfast we were planning for the team at NCAA Finals.

In the 20 years of the Booster Club existence, we have seen the support for the program grow immensely. The rifle team now offers scholarships and travels around the country to participate in shoulder-to-shoulder matches. These opportunities would not exist without the AD’s increased support over the years to contribute to the success of the program, and I do not foresee their sponsorship changing with the disbanding of the booster club.

Presidents Message

By Todd Lucal

On the positive side, I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight some of the work that clubs accomplishments:

Our fund raising totaled \$35,300. Of that, the major sources of income was dues (\$19,800), NRA grants (\$9,100), donations (\$5,200), and hat sales (\$1,200, net of costs). All told, we've sold about 850 hats.



Of the money raised \$8,300 went to the phys ed program in 2007 and 2008 for rifle repairs and a muzzleloading program. This was facilitated by receiving the NRA grants. Our larger donations for the program included, \$4,000 for a smallbore rifle (2004) and 2 air rifles (2006), as well as \$2,000 to help pay for the electronic target monitors (2012).

Newsletter expenses including copying, postage, and office supplies have totaled \$8,900. Publicity projects including decals in 2000 and 2004, plus this year's tailgate totaled \$1,800. Advertising expenses including website and booth signage has been about \$1,100. The other \$600 has been miscellaneous costs like bank fees and CMP dues.

This will be the final newsletter of the VRBC as an official organization. We will need to evaluate how we can proceed in supporting and preserving the history of the program. Officially we will become "Friends of the Program" which puts us as fans and not boosters, as such individually we can make personal donations directly to the OSU rifle discretionary account.

Now that we no longer have the ability to operate under the charter of the AD, we need to figure out how to proceed. The following are some possible concepts, but to make any of these work it will require a team effort and a need to know what the level of interest people have in participating.

1. We change into a formal alumni organization, and operate as a not for profit organization without ties to the University. This would allow us to charge dues for memberships allowing us to cover expenses for a website, newsletters, taxes, etc. While documenting the history and promoting the program. The organization would need to be a registered entity with the state of Ohio and IRS.
2. We move to a loose affiliation of supporters using social media and email to champion the program, its history and organize coming out to team events. Relying on volunteers and participants to organize and underwrite any expenses out of pocket.
3. Try reaching out to alumni of all the collegiate programs in Ohio or possibly even nationally and create a larger organization that promotes, preserves the history of

collegiate shooting. If we focused on the state level, with this option we could try maybe reaching out to ORPA as a partner organization.

4. Or, if people are not interested in getting involved then the final option would be stop trying to have a formal or informal organization.

Due to the costs both financially and in time involved keeping any formal organization running we would need to get an idea of how many people would be interested in being involved, before proceeding with any of the options. We will be able to keep <http://osurifle.org> during this change, over the last couple of months I have been working on updating the site into a content management solution to allow more people to update content which is now live.

I would also take this opportunity to highlight that some of the board members donated their time and served since it's inception.

For the majority of the years the booster club existed Paul Gideon served as president, with the few others as vice president. Rick Sarver has been a trustee, and has ran matches sponsored by the booster club. And finally Jim Scofield has served the last 20 years as out treasurer.

If you are interested in being involved, have suggestions on how we can handle this situation we can be reached at:

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Booster Challenge Match

Annual Challenge Match

By Greg Drown

On Sunday September 18, 2016 we held our Annual Challenge Match. This year Coach Ryan decided to try something different by pairing a Varsity member with an Alumni/Booster member.

This year's Varsity members include: Seniors Deanna Binnie, Anthony Cuzzo, Kendal Elder, and Chrissy Thomas; Juniors Josh Black, Drew Cheezum, and Mark Matheny; Sophomores Patrick Sardo, Michael Steinel, Bailey Urbach, and Brendan Whitaker, and Quintin Wotring; Freshman Jacob Buchanan, Alli Kissell, and Rhiann Travis.

Representing the Alumni/Booster's include: Alumni Remington Lyman, Amanda Luoma, Max Snyderman, and Greg Drown; Booster's Joey Hoover, Caleb Burnosky, and Taylor Farmer.

The pairings for the Match was as follows:

Alli and Chrissy

Mark and Joey

Patrick and Quinton

Brendan and Remington

Rhiann and Caleb

Kendal and Deanna

Michael and Amanda

Jacob and Max

Bailey and Josh

Drew and Greg & Taylor

The course of fire remains the NCAA standard 3x20 smallbore and 60 shot air rifle. Being the first match of the season, the scores were outstanding.

In the smallbore match, Kendal (577) and Deanna (576) prevailed with an 1153. Coming in second were Brendan (567) and Remington (581) with an 1148. Third place saw the team of Bailey (562) and Josh (585) with an 1147.

We then moved to the 10 meter line, and the air rifles scoring remained high. Coming in first was the team of Drew (587) and Taylor (591) with an outstanding 1178, followed by Mark (590) and Joey (581) with an 1171. The team of Alli (582) and Chrissy (583) were close behind with an 1165.

However, it's the Aggregate score that counts, and it was a very close finish, only five points separated first from third. In first place, Kendal and Deanna took top honors with a 2308. Hot on their heels was Mark and Joey with a 2306. In third place was Brendan and Remington with a 2303.

Just for fun and to answer some of the questions we anticipated should we have followed the format we used in past years. Since we did not choose teams, I compiled the top four scores in each discipline for both the Varsity and the Alumni/Booster's. This is how it might have played out:

Smallbore

Varsity:		Alumni/Booster	
Mark	583	Joey	552
Rhiann	585	Remington	581
Kendall	577	Amanda	569
Josh	585	Max	555
	<u>2330</u>		<u>2257</u>

Air Rifle

Varsity:		Alumni/Booster	
Mark	590	Joey	581
Rhiann/Michael	585	Remington	584
Drew	587	Max	571
Josh	586	Taylor	591
	<u>2348</u>		<u>2327</u>

The Varsity again prevails with a very respectful 4678 to the Alumni/Booster's 4584. However, the new format was more interesting. Next year, if we follow the same format, the teams will have to come up with a "name" for their respective teams. Following the match, everyone gathered in the classroom for a meal catered by Boston Market, and goodies brought in by the parents. Coach Ryan got things going by briefly talking about his expectations for the upcoming season. Each Varsity member stood up introduced themselves and stated their major. President Todd gave a talk about the Booster Club, what we do, and what are our goals for the upcoming year.

He also talked about the plans for a "Tailgate" event when West Virginia visits. Another highlight to this great event is the raffle drawing for some really cool Rifle Team bling, culminating with two tickets to a home football game. This year's tickets were won by Taylor's Mom.

OSU vs WVU Tailgate

By Todd Lucal

On Sunday October 23, 2016 No. 7 OSU hosted the defending national champions WVU, inside the Lt. Hugh W. Wylie Range. OSU was defeated 4721-4670 in front of a number of parents, alumni and boosters that came out to tailgate at the match. Those in attendance watched as Olympic Gold medalist Ginny Thrasher shot a 599 in air rifle.

This was our first attempt to bring more spectators out to a match, since the match happened to be on Parents weekend it was a good time to come out and support the team and meet the team member's families.

Once the match concluded the Booster Club treated everyone to a catered lunch from City BBQ where everyone had an opportunity to relax and get to catch up with each other.



Spectators at the OSU WVU Tailgate

NCAA Finals Hosted by Ohio State This Spring

By Todd Lucal

As many of you are aware the NCAA Rifle Championships will be held at OSU in the French Field house March 10-11th. Going into the second half of the season OSU is currently ranked 6th and is likely to earn a spot again this year.

Last year at Akron we had a section of the stands full of OSU Scarlet and Gray, with this being a home match hopefully we can have the same type of turn out to support the team.

It will be a bit more difficult without newsletters or postcards to coordinate updates on how the team is doing leading up to the selection day so stay tuned to the website and facebook page for updates. OSU will be shooting their qualifier on Saturday Feb. 18th and the NCAA will announce the teams soon afterwards.

Last spring the morning after the championships the boosters and parents held a breakfast for the team, and had been planning on doing the same this year. A breakfast event still may be in the works organized by the parents, if you are interested in attending or helping with it you can contact Coach Tanoue tanoue.1@osu.edu.



The view from the classroom