

Save Blue Trail Range, Inc.

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Blue Trail Range is currently under attack. We ask for your assistance and support as a loyal patron and fellow sportsman. Save Blue Trail Range, Inc.'s mission is to raise funds for the purpose of meeting the necessary legal, consulting, construction, environmental, public relations, and other costs associated with ensuring the continued daily operation of Blue Trail Range. Blue Trail Range requires your financial assistance to continue to operate and remain open. A second suit has now been filed. One of Blue Trail Range's attorney's, Craig Fishbein, sums it up best by stating, ***"Pat DiNatale has recently filed his second frivolous lawsuit. This time, in addition to the claim of stray bullets, he has added claims of lead contamination, as well as complaints about noise from the range's legal activities. In the beginning, he said that all he wanted is for the range to be safe, we stated all along that he just wants to shut down the range at all costs. Based upon his most recent lawsuit, it is quite obvious that we were right."*** Expenses are already over a quarter million dollars. Litigation will drive these costs even higher, possibly as high as one million dollars. The range needs your continued support and help now!

What Can You Do To Help?

Back in the 1960's Range founder Elihu Lyman vowed (more than once) that shooters would always have a place to shoot. Quite frankly, Blue Trail Range is currently in the "fight for its life". If its facilities are closed, the chances increase that a "domino" effect will threaten other ranges, both private and public. Please help today! Here are your options:

1. **Contribute** today by check, payable to Save Blue Trail Range, Inc. [a 501(c)4 corporation] and mail to the Treasurer, Buddy Niezgorski, 58 Walnut Lane, Wallingford, CT, 06492 or **contribute** online on the website www.savebluetrailrange.org and hit the "Pay" button to direct you to a Paypal account for donations to this fund.
2. **Write** letters to the editor of all of your local newspapers supporting the Blue Trail Range and **call** your radio and television stations supporting the Blue Trail Range.
3. **Visit** Blue Trail Range today—the **safest** and largest indoor shooting range in New England—with a fully stocked gun store.

Background

Blue Trail Range and its patrons have always taken firearms safety seriously. At this time, certain individuals are accusing the range of allowing bullets to improperly enter public and private property. **These same individuals have sued to obtain an injunction to stop the range from operating, even though Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection has issued press releases heralding the safety of the range.** It is apparent that the attackers are dead set on closing the range for their own personal gain, hiding behind the cover of safety or noise or lead concerns.

History of Blue Trail Range

The Blue Trail Range began as part of the Lyman Gun Sight Corp, founded by William Lyman. The Lyman's were basically farmers, but William wanted to be an inventor. His inventions included the wringer washing machine and the first bow facing row boat. During the Civil War, he developed the No. 1 tang sight. Practically all firearms manufactured between WWI and the 1950's had Lyman sights on them. During World War II, Winchester used the range for military weaponry test firing.

Currently, Blue Trail Range consists of a ten point 50 foot indoor range, fifteen point 33 foot indoor air rifle range, Nineteen point 25 yard outdoor pistol range, One Hundred point 50-yard and 100 yard outdoor rifle range, a shotgun field, snack bar, and complete gun store. Blue Trail Range is the largest commercial range open to the public in New England and is open 7 days a week, 9AM-5PM, with extended summer hours.

Who does Blue Trail Range Serve?

Most importantly – *You, the Public* - additionally, Blue Trail Range has served the Connecticut law enforcement community since 1945. The ranges currently provide training facilities for the Connecticut Police Academy, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection agents, the Connecticut Governor's Foot Guard, and the Connecticut Governor's Horse Guard. Also, the ranges serve the United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, United States Army National Guard, and Securitas (the security agency for Connecticut's nuclear power plants). Further, the Blue Trail Range currently provides training facilities for fifteen Connecticut municipal police departments and the Connecticut CMP (militia).

Blue Trail Range is also host to many competitive programs. The Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association, since the opening of the range in 1945, has hosted National Rifle Association (NRA) and USA Shooting registered smallbore, high power, and pistol shoulder-to-shoulder matches, state and regional championships for competitors throughout the United States and from England, Scotland, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as the Olympic Team from India.

Over 40 local elementary, junior, and high school teams use Blue Trail Range's facilities as their schools do not have on-site ranges. History shows that once a riflery program is removed from a school's curriculum, it takes a lot of effort for the sport to be re-instated. Yes, riflery is a varsity sport!

Olympic shooters have also practiced and honed their skills on this range. Fairfield's Emily Caruso trained and competed at Blue Trail Range and recently represented the United States at the Beijing Olympics in the women's air rifle events. Also firing many matches at Blue Trail Range have been such notables as Olympic athletes Lones Wigger, Mike Anti, and Steve Scherer.

Many hundreds of prospective hunters have attended a Hunter Safety Class held at Blue Trail Range under the auspices of the Department of Environmental Protection. Certification classes sponsored by Blue Trail Range have enabled over one thousand people a year to apply for a handgun and pistol permit. Additionally firearms safety as well as competence has been enhanced by Blue Trail's commitment to sponsoring NRA Rifle Instructor's Courses, Women's Pistol events, instruction for Scout and 4-H Program members, local manufacturer's training activities, and ladies charity events raising money for local worthy causes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!