



# Newsletter Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc.

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## President's Column

Happy New Year!!

Well elections are over, and it is time to get down to business in 2008. Please check out the names and phone numbers on the back of your newsletter as we have some new faces, as well as some familiar faces that have decided to volunteer at our club. We have some big news to kick off January...

1. MUCC District meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>...This is going to be a big one...Anyone else upset that the DNR lost ten million dollars?
2. We are trying to hold an election for a junior executive board. Anyone with kids under 18, who might be interested in running for President, VP, Treasurer, or Secretary, please contact me. We hope to hold elections by the February board meeting. The current executive and board of directors, along with any chairs will be casting ballots. This will be a great way to get our young adults active in our club, outdoors, and conservation.
3. Board Meeting January 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first board meeting of 2008. If you have budget or club concerns that might affect the budget, this is the meeting to attend.

4. We are looking for people to help run the skeet and trap nights. If you have an extra few hours a week, please contact me.
5. Also looking for help with our junior rifle program...this is a long tradition at the club, and would hate to see it disappear.
6. The new gate system seems to be on track for a February 1<sup>st</sup> start date...Thanks to all of those people who have attended the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) safety briefing.

These are just some of the items on the agenda for January. If you haven't made a positive New Year's Resolution yet, please consider making volunteering some time at the BCSC your 2008 Resolution.

Talk to you soon,

Chad Sharkey

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Dee Berry	St. Joseph
David & Christy Burwell, Jr.	Benton Harbor
Tim & Ansela Piazza	Niles
Andy & Jacqueline Racine	Stevensville

We finished 2007 with a grand total of 481 members.

2008 is off to a slow start according to Susan Stoes, membership chairman. Two hundred eight

have renewed to date. Please dig your notice out from under the Christmas cards and send it in soon to avoid a penalty after February 15. Be sure to include your renewal notice with your check.

### THIS AND THAT

- The Club plus an anonymous donor gave 9 bikes and trikes to Toys for Tot plus two bins of toys. The Sharkey's gave \$80.00 of their own money for toys that were not purchased by members for the bins. Those toys are being saved for next year's drive. Thanks to Shelly and Chad for their generosity.
- **A HUGE and HEARTY thank you** to all the people who helped make the Club Family Christmas Party a success. 114 people attended. Santa passed out gifts to 34 children. Rod, the Magician entertained all the kids and adults who could move close enough to see him. Here goes and I hope I don't forget anyone: Tonja Walker and Gay Story, Sherri Nitz, Jenny and Jason Grimm, Roxanne Sherwood, Jim Walker, Pat Story, Dick Moeckel, Susan and Manny Stoes, Sheryl and Jim Hausmann, Chad and Shelly Sharkey, Ken and Barb Orlich, Frank Halik, Bertha Hamann and Rod Danilewicz. If I missed you, forgive me. Shirley Moeckel
- Sunday evening indoor pistol begins Jan. 6 5-7 p.m. right after Youth Archery. (None on Feb. 3.)
- **CPL (also called CCW) Instructors** are reminded that **January 12** is a planning meeting and sign-up for teaching 2008 classes. Clubhouse. 9:00 am
- Mark your calendar for **Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m. for the MUCC Regional Meeting at our club.** See article further in this paper.
- The editor will run for sale or want to buy announcements as space is available.

The Club also wants to extend sympathy to the family of Ron Both, long time sportsman and member who died

November 24, 2007 right after the December newsletter was sent to press.

### MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS REGIONAL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2007

Sunday January 13th. 2008, 1:00p.m. Lunch, 2:00 p.m. MUCC District 4 meeting at BCSC clubhouse.

Bring your friends, your appetite, and certainly your questions and concerns relevant to the outdoors and the MUCC, MDNR, Legislature, etc.... Get answers, air gripes constructively, let's get 2008 off to a positive start with concerns for Conservation and the Great Outdoors. Help protect YOUR hunting and other outdoor traditions and interests, come to this very important meeting! *John W. Castle, BCSC MUCC Dist. 4 Rep.*

### Basic Pistol Class

A Basic Pistol class is being offered on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Owning your own firearm is not required for this class. Ask for details. This class is open to members and non-members of BCSC for \$50.00.

Call Karen at 269-465-6736 or email her at [RNKB55@comcast.net](mailto:RNKB55@comcast.net)



WANTED:

## COMING IN FEBRURY

Deer hunting land to lease for 2008 archery season. Tired of bird watching in deer season. You show me the bucks and I'll show you the BUCK\$. Call Larry at 429-0199

### ARCHERY NEWS

Youth Instructional League begins on Sunday, January 6th at 3:00 P.M. and runs for 8 weeks. All youth 5 and up are encouraged to attend and they do NOT have to be family members of club members to participate. So bring your kids, your grandkids, neighbors' kids and friends too. As you can see, there is no upper age limit, so you can try it yourself to see if you want to participate with the youth to match skills with the kids. Best of all, it's FREE and all equipment is provided by the club!

Traditional Archery League begins on Monday, January 7th at 7:00 P.M. This is a two person team league and runs for 10 weeks. At this time, there are only about 3 or 4 team openings left so call Larry at 429-0199 to sign up. The cost is \$25.00 for members 16 and up and \$80.00 for non-members.

Compound Archery League begins on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 P.M. As usual, this league is full again this year but if you want to sub or get on the list for next year, call Larry at 429-0199.

### JUNIOR RIFLE

Indoor Junior Rifle begins this year on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 P.M. This is open to all youth from 12 to 17 and the cost is only \$2.00 per week. As in the Youth Archery Instruction, they do NOT have to be club members to attend. Rifles and ammunition are supplied by the club or they may bring their own. We are also looking for both male and female instructors to help Al Rosinski run this program. Please volunteer whatever time that you can to help make this program a success. The future of our club depends on the youth. Call 429-0199 for more information or to volunteer.

1. February 9, **Sweetheart Dinner Dance** chaired by Gay Story. 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and watch for details.
2. **A Wild Game Dinner** (idea is sprouting but needs two or three volunteers to make it happen).
3. February 23 a class to train people to be **Range Safety Officers**. 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Call Martin Prillwitz 269-463-3472 Cost is \$20.00.
4. **February 15**, deadline to renew membership for 2008 without a penalty.
5. The new **gate pass card entry system** is scheduled to begin. All the "extra Saturday" range orientation meetings are over. You must attend a regular first Monday of the month session at 7:00 p.m. if you still need to qualify for the new pass cards. Just 137 shooters have attended these sessions to date.

### IDPA

Hi everyone. My name is Kevin Pounders, and I am the new IDPA chair/Match Director for the 2008 season. For those of you not familiar with IDPA...it is a shooting sport that promotes the use of practical equipment including full charge service ammunition to solve simulated "real world" self-defense scenarios. If you enjoy practical pistol shooting in a realistic scenario-based environment, this is for you!

IDPA has a little something for everyone...Concealed Pistol License holders - men and women alike - can practice self-defense tactics for responsible concealed carry and enhanced personal security, competitive shooters can enjoy the pistol match competition, and everyone can shoot for personal improvement or just for fun. Shoot on-the-move, multiple target engagement, shoot from behind cover, strong-hand/weak-hand only shooting, and much more! I have a lot of things to figure out yet, and would like to hear from those of you who are interested in shooting matches, helping out, or just want more info. You can contact me via email at

kc8afw@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 269-484-4881. I am really looking forward to the upcoming season and hope to see you at the matches.

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The 2007 Sportsmen's of the Year Trophy  
 Was awarded to Jim and Margo Howley  
 December 19, 2007

The next Membership Meeting is January 16, 2008  
 Potluck dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

**2008 OFFICERS AND BOARD**

All area codes are 269 except Archie

President	Chad Sharkey	429-5439
Vice Pres	Jim Walker	449-5022
Secretary	Betty Gillespie	408-1523
Treasurer	Gay Story	429-3514
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Director 3 yr.	Les Hermann	429-9963
Director 3 yr.	Delmar Lange	926-8221
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Director 2 yr.	Bryan Dixon	422-1288
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Director 1 yr.	Jack Teuteberg *	428-2957
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CCW Registrar	Jason Grimm	927-1793
Buiding/Grounds	Dan Jennings	429-4656
*Board Chairman		

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**January**

6- Youth Archery begins  
 7 - Traditional Archery league begins  
 8 - Compound Archery league begins - see archery news inside.  
 6- Sunday Indoor Pistol begins (5-7)  
 12- Meeting of CPL Instructors 9 am  
 13- MUCC Regional meeting 1:00 p.m.  
 14- Exec. /Board meeting 6:30  
 16 - Membership Meeting/potluck 7:00 p.m.  
 19 - Basic Pistol Class 8-5  
 23 & 26 - CPL Class

**February**

9 - Sweetheart Dinner/Dance 6:30  
 11-Board/Exec. Meeting 6:30  
 13, 16 -CPL class  
 20- Membership Meeting

23- RSO class

Sundays – Trap and Skeet 10 a.m- 2p.m.

Sundays – Indoor Pistol after Youth Archery

Wednesdays – Jr. Rifle 7 p.m.

Thursdays – Indoor Pistol 7:00 p.m.