



# Newsletter Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

January was an exciting month at the BCSC. We were fortunate enough to host the MUCC district meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. MUCC's Executive Director Dennis Muchmore was in attendance and discussed the recent DNR funding issue along with many other interesting topics regarding MUCC. Also in attendance was Senator Ron Jelinek to show support of BCSC, SW Michigan outdoorsman, and the MUCC. Senator Jelinek offered time to answer any question from the floor. We were honored to have him stop by the club. Finally, I would like to thank all the BCSC volunteers that made this event a huge success.

Karen Brumbelow has decided to step down and resign her PR chair. Karen does a lot for the club, but feels it is time to step aside and let someone try his/her hand at PR. If anyone is interested in taking over this chair, please let me know. Until then, the executive board will try to keep the BCSC's Public Relations Communications flowing. On behalf of the BCSC Executive Board, thank you Karen for all your hard work.

We are still looking for young club members under 15 years of age to become BCSC's first ever youth executive board. If you have a son or daughter that may be interested, please email me or give me a call. We hope to have elections at the April membership meeting. The Executive Board, along with the Board of Directors will have the opportunity to vote for this new board. I am planning on having this board take an active role

in planning youth activities, including having their own budget to manage, and being the youth members voice in what they would like to see at the club. Nothing is more important than teaching our youth the importance of the outdoors, and how to be responsible sportsmen/women. There is no better place to teach the next generation these values than the BCSC.

Finally, please check your calendars for the upcoming months...we have a lot of events scheduled and would love to see all members come out and enjoy them. If there is an event that sounds interesting, or one you would like to know more about, please contact me or someone on the phone list on the back of this newsletter. If you have questions, comments, concerns again please contact me. We want this club to serve your needs for the outdoor sports, but we cannot do that without feedback. Take a few hours and attend a meeting, event, or shooting activity. You possess a valuable and very cost effective membership if you decide to utilize the club, and all it has to offer.

Talk to you all soon,

Dr. Chad A. Sharkey D.C.  
President-BCSC

**CHAIRMAN NEEDED FOR YOUTH SHOTGUN LEAGUE.** Please contact Manny Stoes, 269 429 4449

or [Manoli35@comcast.net](mailto:Manoli35@comcast.net). *Manny Stoes*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Sean E. and Robin Anderson                | St. Joseph      |
| Tom Aukerman                              | Stevensville    |
| John and Virginia Brawley                 | Niles           |
| Maxwell and Elizabeth Goss                | Notre Dame, IN  |
| Bertha Hamann                             | Berrien Sprints |
| Edward and Patricia Pomeroy               | St. Joseph      |
| Charles Rhodes                            | Niles           |
| Tony and Margaret Roeder                  | Bridgman        |
| Harry Trescher                            | Niles           |
| Bruce and Sandy Morgan<br>Lifetime Member | Watervliet      |

## ARCHERY

Youth archery has started off with a bullseye. Attendance has been 20-25 in each of the first three weeks and after the article came out about the program in the Herald Palladium, attendance shot up to 35 this week. Some of the parents and grandparents that bring the youth have also shown interest in learning or simply want to get back into archery. That is good news for the club because they are potential new members.

The Compton's contract for 2008 was given to the Compton's' board this weekend for approval. Everyone that I spoke to from Compton's is very excited about this years' event. In a time where all of the other shoots across the nation are experiencing a decline in attendance, we are looking for another increase. The only concern that they have is that it is NOT on Fathers' Day weekend this year and that may confuse some of the attendees because it has been on Fathers' Day weekend for the past several years. Many of you have probably heard rumors about moving this shoot to the West or Southeast but Compton's has assured me that this is not true. As long as we continue to keep it affordable for the attendees

and show them the hospitality that they deserve, as we always do, they plan to stay right here. We all need to remember that they are our customers and that the customer is always right. Our success depends upon each of us treating them like family. As Marv Cochran put it in an article in Traditional Bowhunter magazine, he has to travel for 12-14 hours to get here but when he arrives he feels like he is at home.

*Larry Janke*

## MUCC

The Proposed Cougar Awareness Resolution PASSED unanimously at the District 4 MUCC meeting held at the Berrien County Sportsman's Club Sunday, January 13th and is now on its way to the Regional meeting!

This is an important first milestone in getting Michigan United Conservation Clubs actively involved in a public cougar safety awareness education campaign. We here in Michigan do not want to experience the problems that have plagued California, Colorado, and Vancouver Island! Only through a concerted effort to inform the outdoor public of the potential for risk to their safety can we mitigate the human / animal conflicts inevitable in an ever shrinking wildlife habitat and exploding human encroachment into heretofore wilderness areas.

I trust this first step will be the beginning of a permanent cougar awareness education campaign on the part of Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

*John Castle*

Certified Wildlife Control Operator (MDNR #RC575),  
Castle Wildlife Damage Solutions  
District 4 Representative, MUCC

## IDPA

Things are shaping up for the upcoming season. We are making some minor changes from last season, including the dates we hold our matches. Matches will be held on the second Saturday of the month from April through October. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the match starts at 9:00 a.m. Match fees are \$10. I would like to thank Dick Moeckel, Jason Grimm, and Al

Foster for moving things around on our club calendar so that we can hold our matches on dates that do not conflict with IDPA matches at other local clubs.

Speaking of which...I am looking for shooters that are interested in shooting IDPA at the other clubs as well as ours. In seasons past, shooters from other clubs have supported our IDPA program by shooting matches hosted by our club. If we expect this tradition to continue...then we must support our fellow clubs. For those interested, there is an IDPA match almost every weekend throughout the season. I will be posting upcoming local IDPA match info in future newsletter articles.

Additionally, I am working on a web site to provide this and other IDPA info. Look for it on our club's web site.

*Kevin Pounders*

### REMINDERS

**Membership renewals** are due by February 15, to avoid late fees.

**February 23**, is a class for anyone wanting to become a **Range Safety Officer**. Cost is \$25.00. Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472

**Monthly safety orientations** continue each first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Instructors for the next five months are:

- Feb. 4 Jim Harner
- Mar. 3 Karen & Gary Brumbelow
- Apr. 7 Jason Grimm
- May 5 Jim & Sheryl Hausmann
- June 2 Buzz Sherwood
- July 9 (due to holiday weekend)

You must attend a class in order to receive a pass card for the gate to the rifle and pistol ranges.

### MARK YOUR PLANNERS

**May 17 – Sunset Coast Regional NRA Action Pistol Championship.** Cost is \$58.00 for non members and \$33 for BCSC members.

**May 18 – Apple Blossom Cup Michigan State Action Pistol Championship.** Cost is \$56.00 for non members and \$31.00 for BCSC members. Call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472. Check out the front page of [www.bcsportsmansclub.com](http://www.bcsportsmansclub.com)

### 2008 Fishing Badges

The 2008 Fishing Badges are now available for club members. The spring steelhead fishing season will be here soon. Please be sure to display this year's badge when you fish along the shoreline across from the Club's trout rearing pond. You may obtain a 2008 fishing badge by presenting your current club membership card and a second piece of identification to our caretaker, Frank Halik. Each badge has a number to identify its owner. Good luck fishing this year.

*Bob Frost*



### Sweet Heart Dinner Dance – February 9

Bring your Sweetheart (or your Spouse). Begins at 6:30 p.m. Menu will be roast beef, potatoes, salad, veggies and member's appetizers and desserts. Names ending in A-K, please bring a dessert. Names ending L – Z please bring appetizers. To help the committee plan the food, please R.S.V.P. to [gay.story@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gay.story@sbcglobal.net) Don't forget your dancing shoes.



**SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN FRIENDS OF THE NRA**  
**DINNER EVENT**

On Friday, March 28, 2008 the Southwest Michigan Friends of the NRA will hold its Fifth Annual Dinner Event. This event is a fund-raiser for the NRA Foundation, which uses all funds raised to support shooting sports in the State of Michigan and Nationally.

The evening will start with a social hour at 5:00pm, followed by a prime rib dinner at 6:30pm after which raffles, silent auctions, and a live auction of official NRA furnished items consisting of prints, sculptures, and NRA gun of the year, NRA knife of the year, rifles, optics, and more.

This year's event will be held at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, Michigan north of exit #52 off I-94.

Dinner tickets are \$25 each. For those that enjoy a deal, packages are also available such as the "Big Shooter" Package for \$100, which includes one dinner ticket and \$160 worth of general raffle tickets, "Big Sportsmen's" Package for \$150, which includes 2 dinner tickets, and \$220 worth of general raffle tickets and the "Second Amendment Table" Package for \$1000, which includes 8 dinner tickets, \$180 worth of general raffle tickets per person, and one long gun per table. The packages will give you the biggest bang for your buck and more opportunities to participate in the raffles.

Tickets must be ordered in advance to allow an accurate count for the dinner to be served; this can be done by contacting the committee members and paying with either a credit card or check. All tickets and packages will be waiting at the door. Seating for the event is limited so please call at your earliest convenience.

All net proceeds from this event go to support the shooting sports, recreational shooting, and our American tradition of lawful firearm ownership. To reserve a ticket call John Andradi 269-925-0911, Greg Anderson 269-353-4867, Bill LeBeau 269-468-6102 or Dave Wiatrowski 269-207-7277.

See the 2008 Friends Of NRA Merchandise Package.  
<http://www.friendsofnra.org/National.aspx?cid=150>

Dear Editor,

I just moved back to northern Michigan and I noticed your sportsman's club newsletter online. Very nice. Good job.

Through my many decades of fishing, hunting, working with dogs, shooting, and gun collecting, I'm a general out of doors type of guy. I have, over the years, and still receive questions from sportsmen around the country seeking my expertise. I am emailing you some of the more interesting questions and my answers for your consideration to use in your fine BCSC newsletter. I will be most honored if you can use any of them.

Sam Answers

Dear Sam,

I have trouble with my worms freezing in the container while ice fishing. Do you have any suggestion?  
Herb, Boyne City, MI

Dear Herb,

*I understand completely. The best solution I have ever seen is by my fishing buddy's nephew. This young twelve-year-old solved the problem by keeping his worms between his cheek and gum. Yes, it is difficult to understand him when he talked—but the worms were kept warm and very active. Try it. Just don't chew tobacco while keeping the worms warm.*

Sam

Dear Sam,

While ice fishing I have spent hours staring down into the water with no results. How can I come home with some fish?

Vinny

Dear Vinny,

*I have a suggestion that I got from a friend of mine from Lake Woebegone, MN. a long time ago. On your next ice fishing excursion, go into the wife's pantry and take a 7 oz. Can of DelMonte canned peas, a can opener and a small hickory/oak stick with you out on the ice. After a respectable time, if the fish are not cooperating, then open that can of peas and place one pea every 4 inches around the edge of the hole. When a fish comes up to take a pea, simply hit it with your stick.*

Sam

Email me at: [a.sam99@yahoo.com](mailto:a.sam99@yahoo.com)  
I'll try to answer your outdoor life questions.

# 5th ANNUAL S.W. MICHIGAN FRIENDS OF THE NRA EVENT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008**

Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw Street  
Lawrence, MI 49064, Exit 52, north off I-94

**Prime Rib Dinner followed by Silent Auction, Raffles,  
Live Auction of official NRA provided items and donated items.**

A meatless meal available on request

**All funds from this event will benefit the shooting sports  
in the State of Michigan and Nationally**

5:00 p.m. Social Hour                      6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Raffles, and Live Auction

Tickets available from:

John Andrasi, Benton Harbor (269) 925-0911

Greg Anderson, Mattawan (269) 353-4867

Dave Wiatrowski, South Haven (269) 207-7277

Bill LeBeau, Coloma (269) 468-6102

Kevin Schneider, Benton Harbor (269) 861-5156

Dan Everts, Bangor (269) 621-3370

Dave Oosterhouse, Berrien Springs (269) 471-5947

Please return this portion with payment to or call one of the committee members listed above:

Bill LeBeau, 7654 Hagar Shore Rd., Coloma MI 49038

Make Checks Payable to: Southwest Michigan Friends of the NRA

\_\_\_ Dinner Tickets @ \$25 ea.

\_\_\_ Big Shooter Package @ \$100, includes 1 dinner ticket and \$160 worth of raffle tickets

\_\_\_ Big Sportsmen's Package @ \$150, includes 2 dinner tickets and \$220 worth of raffle tickets  
(bring a spouse or friend)

\_\_\_ Second Amendment Table Package @ \$1000, includes 8 dinner tickets,  
\$180 worth of raffle tickets per person, and one long gun per table.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check

\_\_\_ Cash

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE TYPE OF CARD:    MC                      VISA                      DISCOVER                      AMEX

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**ALL TICKETS WILL BE WAITING AT THE DOOR**

**Berrien County Sportsman's Club**  
**P.O. Box 325**  
**St. Joseph, MI 49085**

**The Next Membership Meetings are Feb. 20 and March 19**

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**OFFICERS AND BOARD**

All area codes are 269 except Archie

|                 |                  |               |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| President       | Chad Sharkey     | 429-5439      |
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| Secretary       | Scott Gane       | 429-9269      |
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| Director 3 yr.  | Les Herrman      | 429-9963      |
| Director 3 yr.  | Delmar Lange     | 926-8221      |
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| Director 2 yr.  | Bryan Dixon      | 422-1288      |
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| Editor          | Shirley Moeckel  | 468-3837      |
| Membership      | Susan Stoes      | 429-4449      |
| Camping Chair   | Archie Forman    | (219)759-4033 |
| CCW Registrar   | Jason Grimm      | 927-1793      |
| Buiding/Grounds | Dan Jennings     | 429-4656      |

\*Board Chairman

**Deadline for March-April  
newsletter March 14**

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**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- 3:00 p.m. Youth Archery  
Sundays – 4:30 Indoor Pistol  
Wednesdays – Jr. Rifle 7 p.m.  
Thursdays – Indoor Pistol 7:00 p.m.  
Mondays ,Tuesdays – Indoor Archery Leagues

**March**

10 – Exec./Board meeting 6:30  
12 and 15 CPL classes  
19 – Membership Meeting 7:00 potluck  
29 - 30 Sea Cadets Weekend

**Also coming**

June 29 – Glock type shoot  
July 12, Sept.6 Rattle Battles shoots  
Aug. 2 and Oct. 4 – CMP shoots  
Silhouettes – first Saturday June–Sept.

