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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello Everyone,

It finally looks like Spring is around the corner. As many of you know, when the warmer weather gets here, our club really gets hopping! I have 6 topics I would like to bring up to the membership:

1. **New gate and card system on ranges.** If you haven't been to the club in the last few months, and didn't see it in the newsletter before, we have a new electronic gate that uses a scan card and reader in order to gain entrance to our firearms ranges. If you would like to have access to the ranges, please attend a range safety briefing scheduled on the calendar. You will also have to pay a \$5 fee for the card. A card will only be issued to members that attend the range safety class, so if you and your spouse utilize our ranges, and both want a card, you both need to attend and pay for a card. If you have attended a class and paid your money, you should have your card or be getting it very shortly. As you can imagine, it is a long process to convert our entire membership over to this new system, but it will pay off in the long run.
2. **Youth Executive Board.** This will be our last announcement for this topic. If any children ages 12-17 are interested in participating, please email me or send me a letter and the position in which you are interested. This board will run for one year, and hopefully be an ongoing board at our club. It is imperative that all the youth that enjoys the outdoors, and feels it is important to keep the outdoor heritage get involved. The executive board will appoint positions at the April 14th meeting. Please have all letters into me by Weds. April 9th.
3. **Scholarship.** Applications for the BCSC scholarship can be picked up at my office or we can mail one to you, as long as you contact me. The deadline for the application is going to be June 1st, 2008. This scholarship is for students entering college in the fall of 2008, and their parents or grandparents have to be members. Also, the student has to be in a course of study that relates to the outdoors, conservation, etc. Students are encouraged to submit an application, as this scholarship will be given to someone. It is a 4 year scholarship for the amount of \$250.00 a year.
4. **Youth programs.** We are in need of some volunteers to assist in our youth programs. Our club has a long history of promoting the youth in the shooting sports. Unfortunately, we are starting to not have enough volunteers to run these programs. Our club is going to be forced to cancel some of these programs, if we do

not have some new volunteers step forward. Youth **rifle and shotgun** are the two primary programs that will cease, if help isn't found. Please contact me or any executive board members listed on back page of newsletter if you may be able to help.

5. **Boat Ramp Rehab.** There has been some discussion through the membership that people would like the boat ramp fixed and made more usable. Well we agree, and are looking for some people who are interested and willing to take on the task of designing, and working with the different state departments to acquire the permits to do such a project. This is a long project that will require a lot of time, effort, and patience.
6. **PR chair.** As many of you may already know, Karen Brumbelow has decided to step down as our PR chair. If you are someone that enjoys making things run, and have some free time on your hands to promote our club, talk to the media, and help make our programs successful, please contact me to discuss this opening...Thank you Karen for all your hard work!

See you at our Club,

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ARCHERY

By the time you receive this newsletter the Winter leagues will have ended. It was an interesting year with a full Compound League and nearly full Traditional League. The best part was that Club member participation was at an all time high. Thanks to all of those who braved the bad weather for a few weeks especially on Tuesday nights to participate. Now we look forward to outdoor shoots beginning on April 12th. This year we are adding a bonus incentive to increase attendance and use of the outdoor course. Each time you shoot the course, whether it is on the monthly shoot schedule or during the week at your leisure, you will be entered into a drawing for one of three top prizes to be given away at the end of the season in September. First prize is an Ameristep Intimidator Hunting blind valued at \$279.00. Second prize is a one year Club membership. Third prize is a Thermocell Mosquito Repellant appliance. Remember, the more you play the more chances you have to win.

YOUTH ARCHERY 2008

The Youth Archery Instructional League on ten Sunday afternoons was the biggest and best ever with over 250 youth participating. Thanks to all of the Mom's and Dad's and Grandma's and Grandpa's for bringing the youth out to the club and especially to Dan and Bev Jennings and Rick Shunkwiler for donating their time to provide excellent instruction for the youth. Remember that we always welcome you to bring the

youth to any of the outdoor shoots for more instruction and especially to the Comptons shoot on June 21st. Hope to see you again next year too.

COMPTONS 2008 June 20-22, 2008

Things are beginning to take shape for a great event this year. I have already received several reservations for the Saturday Night Hog Roast from as far away as Ireland. It really is no longer a hog roast because this year we are changing the menu to have NY strip steaks, baked potatoes, cole slaw, pasta salad and rolls. We are limiting this to 400 meals this year and the cost is \$9.00 for club members and \$10.00 for all others. Get your reservations in to me soon at LLJANKE@COMCAST.NET before all the tickets are gone. We are also adding several new features to this year's event. First are canoe rides up the river in a 34' Voyageur canoe. Second is another shower unit for the camp-ground that was graciously donated by Willie of Industrial Sanitation. Last but not least, we will have 3 new air conditioned Crowd Pleaser portable rest-room units to replace most of the porta-jon units that we have had in the past. As you can see, we have a lot going on this year so please volunteer early to get your pick of jobs and remember that these people are our GUESTS and for our continued success in future years PLEASE show them how much that we appreciate

them coming to make this event the largest and best traditional shoot in the country.

Guess who? A member got so mad at a computer that he took it outdoors and shot it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John and Helga Maier	St. Joseph
Kyle D. Meyers	St. Joseph
Greg and Jennifer Smith	St. Joseph
Mike and Shelley Smith	Bridgman
Michael and Eileen Turk	St. Joseph
Richard Milliken	Berrien Springs

Membership Meeting Raffles

March Fishing

April Bass Pro Shop Certificate

May Hiking/Nature walking

June Sight Seeing

July Wild game preservation package

Come out on Wednesday membership meetings for socialization, potluck, club information, and prizes.

The renewal forms for 2008 membership asked if you wanted a newsletter mailed to you. If you did not circle the **Y**, then as of this issue, you must read the newsletter on the website. I will send you a notice when it is posted if you send me your correct email address. Send to sdmoeckel@comcast.net Otherwise, please check early each month. It is usually posted by the first.

LET'S CLARIFY THE GATE CARDS

There are three criteria to get your gate card:

- Take the new range safety orientation since Nov. 2007
- Pay \$5/card/adult over 18 yrs.
- If you need 2 cards/family, both need to take the safety orientation.

TRAINING

We continue to have a very successful Concealed Carry Program. The February class was a few short of enough but the March class is a go.

Congratulations need to go out to Marty Prillwitz. After several months of procrastination, in December the NRA finally awarded Marty the position of Senior Training Counselor. He went up for the Senior Level when many of us were going for our Training Counselor position, last August. Many of us who deal with the NRA training department understand the frustration, but it finally came through.

Thanks to Marty Prillwitz, Neal Hays and Karen Brumbelow for helping with the instruction of our Basic Pistol Class. We had 10 students, 9 of which had never shot a pistol before. There were 7 women and 3 men in the class, including 1 junior lady and one junior man. Also, thanks to Sheryl and Jim Hausmann, Manny Stoes and Jason Grimm for helping in the range. Everyone had a good time.

Marty Prillwitz put on a successful Range Safety Officer Class on February 23. There were 9 students in the class including 1 apprentice. They are: Jack Teuteberg, John H. Smith, Gerhardt J. Gunther, Jeremy J. Gunther, Joe E. Leaseburg, Greg R. Smith, Paul Prillwitz, Jeff J. Anderson, Kevin D. Pounders. All are members of the club so please welcome the new RSOs and mentor their efforts when they come to the ranges. Instructors for the event were Paul Adam, Bryan Dixon, Karen Brumbelow, Gary Brumbelow and Marty Prillwitz.

Gary Brumbelow
Training Chairperson

At this time of year, have you noticed if you write "the" and "IRS" that it spells T H E I R S.

The Second Annual **New Troy Sportsmen's Show** and **National Wild Turkey Federation Seminar** is March 22nd. at the New Troy Community Center (old school). Turkey calling and hunting techniques, Steelhead fishing techniques, taxidermy displays, gun dealers, golf carts and quad runners for hunting, etc... Doors open at 8:00 am Saturday
John Castle {269} 465-3068

RIFLE SHOOTING EVENTS 2008 At BCSC

CMP Civilian Marksmanship Program

June 7th
August 2nd
October 4th

Rattle Battle

July 12th
September 6th

Contact: Jason Grimm 927-1793

Silhouettes

June 7
July 11
August 1
Sept. 5

Contact: Al Foster 465-3069

HUNTER SAFETY SPRING CLASS

April 7, 8, 9 from 6 -9 p.m. and April 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. Contact: Dan or Bev Jennings at 429-4656

PISTOL SHOOTING EVENTS

At BCSC

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 Michigana State Action Pistol Championship. Cost is \$56.00 for non members and \$31.00 for BCSC members. Call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472.

June 29 – Glock Type Shoot

July 18 – 20 – Steel and Paper Shoot

Contact: Martin Prillwitz

IDPA

The next time you hear from me, I'll be writing to tell you how our first IDPA match of the season went. That's right...our first match of the season is just around the corner on Saturday, April 12th. Hopefully, weather and range conditions will cooperate for our first match. The range will be closed at 7:00 p.m. the Friday before the match for setup. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The BCSC IDPA web site is up and running! This site has information on IDPA, our match schedule, other matches in the area, and info specific to the first-time shooter. Once the season begins, this is where you'll find match results and (hopefully) photos and video of our matches. You can get to this site by clicking "International Defensive Pistol Association at BCSC" on our main web site at www.bcspostmansclub.com. Check it out...there's a lot of good info there.

Kevin Pounders

Upcoming IDPA Matches

3/22 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI
4/6 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
4/12 Berrien County Sportsman's Club
4/13 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN
4/13 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI
4/20 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN
4/26 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI
5/4 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
5/10 Berrien County Sportsman's Club

They walk among us. My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in her truck.

I walked into a Micky D's with a buy-one-get-one free coupon. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said, "buy one get one free: so she said," I guess they are both free" and she handed me my two free sandwiches. **And they vote too!**

Several folks around the state have written to me at a.sam99@yahoo.com

I'll share a couple of them with you this month.

Sam

Dear Sam,

Can you explain the phenomenon of *smelt*?

Earl
Tecumseh, MI

Dear Earl, I'll try. What a timely question. When I lived in northeast Michigan many years ago this smelt phenomenon always seemed to happen around the mid April thaw. After sitting around all winter with the same pair of long johns on, many cans of beans and very little bathing, the wife would become very upset. "Get outside, take off those dirty, disgusting long underwear and bury them" she would rail because they smelt.

Well, the ground is still frozen and you can't bury them too deep and the darn dog just digs them back up.

So, my next door neighbor at the time, Ol'Clyde, skinned out of his second skin, took them to a nearby creek and weighted them down with big rocks so they wouldn't float away and also wash some of the smelt out of them. Well it seemed to clean them up abit but killed those tiny fish that swam up the creek from the big lake that time of year. Hope this explanation helps.

Dear Sam,

Please explain, "tongue oil" and when best applied.

Bob

Dear Bob,

Tongue oil has been a staple at hunting camps for years. Plenty of stories are told. Some hunters talk more than others. Now "tongue oil" is the generic

name, better known brand names are: Jack Daniels, Seagrams, VO, Crown Royal. Get the picture?

Sam

THE NEW BCSC RECIPE BOOK HAS BEEN ON HOLD SINCE THE 2007 HOLIDAY SEASON BUT IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE A RECIPE (MAYBE ONE YOU'VE RECENTLY TRIED) PLEASE SEND IT TO TONJA WALKER AT Tonjawal78@aol.com

Baseball season is upon us and this club needs some base hits and a few homeruns. If you read the president's plea and passed over it thinking, "not me, I'm too busy" Or "someone will volunteer to do that".

You are WRONG!

Hit to first base – somebody or a couple to do the public relations and the occasional job of putting event fliers on the web page.

Hit to second base – A person who wants to see Youth learn shotgun and rifle shooting. The archery folks are going like gang busters but what will happen to the long gun programs if no one believes he/she can do this?



Hurry to third base – Get a work crew together under one volunteer crew leader, and fix the boat ramp. A big project but many members joins precisely for fishing on the St. Joseph River.

Do I see some runs coming in? Who's up to bat?

The editor

Michigan Facts

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Next membership meetings March 19 and April 16

What coastline has been given the name "Graveyard of the Great Lakes?"

Approximately how many lakes are in the state?

In Feb. 1902, what internationally famous aviation pioneer was born in Detroit?

What is the nation's largest indoor/outdoor museum complex?

Whitefish Point, Lake Superior, 11,000, Charles A. Lindbergh, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

OFFICERS AND BOARD

All area codes are 269 except Archie

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Deadline for May newsletter is April 26. Send to tosdmoeckel@comcast.net

CALENDAR

March

19th 7:00 Membership Meeting/Potluck
29th -30th Sea Cadets at club

April

7 – 7:00 p.m. **Range Safety Orientation**
7,8,9 6:00 –9:00 p.m. Hunter Safety

12 – 8:00 a.m – 2 p.m. Hunter Safety continued
12 – 8:00 a.m. IDPA shoot
12 – 8:00 – 2:00 Outdoor Archery
14 – 6:30 p.m. Exec/Board Meeting
16 – 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting/Potluck
17, 19th CPL Class

Regularly scheduled

NISC Dogs every Sunday morning in upper field

Thursday Pistol moves outdoors this month.

To register for a CPL class call Jason Grimm 927-1793

Trap and Skeet each Sunday and Tuesday

