



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow BCSC members,
Spring has finally sprung and things are starting to look green outside. As Michigan awakes out of the winter slumber, so is our club. We have many activities planned in the coming months that could use your help. Please check the calendar. A few of the more interesting events include an IDPA match (May 10), and NRA action pistol event (May 17-18), and our annual Compton's traditional archery rendezvous (June 19-22). You do not have to know how to shoot targets like the pros, or be Robin Hood to help with these events. We can use member volunteers to help in the kitchen, count holes, staple targets, greet people, or just watch the event. And if you want to shoot these events, they are completely open to our members and the public. So if you have seen these events at some point, and said, "That looks fun!" now is the time to try it out.

Folks, we need some help at the club. We have many, many activities we would like to plan, and projects that we would like to complete, but we just don't have the volunteers to complete them. We have close to 500 family memberships, and only an average of 25-30 people attend our membership meetings. At these membership meetings we raffle some outstanding prizes that have included a pheasant hunting trip, firearms, camping equipment, fishing charters, and deer

blinds just to name a few! The prizes range in value between \$200-\$250 dollars! Tickets are only three for \$10.00, and the meeting is potluck. At the meeting issues are discussed and I am able to communicate with the members about projects that are ongoing. This is also a time to get to know fellow members, trade hunting/fishing stories, and maybe decide to try a new interest of the outdoors. The whole family is welcome, so give the BCSC a try, and make the outdoors, and conservation a priority for your family in 2008.

Talk to you soon,

Dr. Chad A. Sharkey D.C.

V.P. Report

Membership Meeting Raffles

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.

Reminder: If you are a website reader of this newsletter and would like to know when it is newly posted, please supply me with your correct email address and name. (Some email addresses are a mystery as to the name of that person.) send to editor at: sdmoeckel@comcast.net

RIFLE SHOOTING EVENTS 2008

At BCSC

CMP Civilian Marksmanship Program

These are 50 round shoots which qualify the shooter to purchase firearms from the CMP program if he/she is a member of a CMP associated club. These shoots are open to the public, however you do not qualify to purchase firearms from the CMP program. The club can supply you with club's firearm and ammunition for \$20.00. If you use your own firearm and ammo the price is \$7.00. All shoots are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

June 7th

August 2nd

October 4th

Rattle Battle a 65-round shoot. Please read all about Rattle Battle shoots on the club's website and contact Jason Grimm at 269-927-1793.

July 12th

September 6th

Silhouette Shoots are currently on hold. Watch June Newsletter for further information.

IDPA

Well...it was a rough start to the IDPA season at our club, but things turned out okay. Our first match, scheduled for April 12th, was postponed to April 19th due to foul weather. Then, on the Saturday of the rescheduled match...it rained. In spite of the yucky weather, we had 17 shooters show up from several area clubs, including 4 first-time IDPA shooters. All things considered, that was a pretty good turnout.

After a slight rain delay...and having to replace all of the targets before we got started...things got underway. We shot 6 stages that ranged from saving a "baby" to jumping out of bed and encountering a home invasion to fighting your way out of an alley. Things ran fairly smooth and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We had several people from our club and other clubs in the area come out and help setup, perform Safety Officer duties, and tear down. I would like to thank everyone who helped out. Without your help, these matches would not be possible.

Match results are posted on our web site. You can get to this site by clicking "International Defensive Pistol Association at BCSC" on our main web site at www.bcsportsmansclub.com. Our next match is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th. Just a reminder, the rifle range will be closed at 7:00 p.m. the Friday before the match for setup. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Kevin Pounders

Upcoming IDPA Matches

5/4 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI

5/10 Berrien County Sportsman's Club

5/11 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN

5/11 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI

5/18 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN

5/24 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI

6/1 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI

6/8 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN

6/8 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI

6/14 Berrien County Sportsman's Club

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.

June 29 – Glock Type Shoot – Come out and learn hands on about Glock Style shoots or come to compete. Glock rules will apply. Any centerfire handgun is acceptable. Fee is \$5/gun for match. 84 rounds will be shot.

Call Martin Prillwitz at 269-463-3472

July 18-20 – Steel and Paper Shoot – see flyer else where in this newsletter.

RANGE BRIEFINGS

This is a list of the dates and the names of the instructors for the monthly range safety briefings. The briefings are held at 7pm and you must attend one in order to receive your gate card for the ranges. Range Safety Officers please take note that there are still some open dates we need to have filled to perform the briefings. If you can fill one of these vacancies please let me know so we get you on the schedule.

May 5	Jim/Sheryl Hausmann
June 2	Buzz Sherwood
July 7	? ? ?
Aug. 4	? ? ?
Sept. 8 holiday}	Brian Dixon (date moved to 8 th do to
Oct. 6	? ? ?
Nov. 3	? ? ?
Dec. 1	? ? ?

Jim Harner, Chief Range Safety Officer

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wm. & Adele Bluschke	St. Joseph
Kenneth Borr	Stevensville
Paul & Deborah Boughner	Bridgman
Gary & Claudia Gallion	Granger, IN
Donald & Kimberly Hicks II	St. Joseph
Rick & Jamie Hodder	St. Joseph
Tom & Shirley Holt	St. Joseph
Robert W. Meyer	Coloma
Dwight P. Mitchell	Benton Harbor
Patrick & Judy Oakley	Berrien Springs
David and Sharon Palmer	Berrien Springs
Thomas & Mary Simonsen	Jackson , Michigan

Total family membership is now 388.

Our club has been working to modernize its governing body to better reflect the way non-profit organizations are organized in the 21st century. Look for a complete rewrite of the Bylaws to be introduced soon at the membership meetings. If you want a look sooner, attend the Board meetings. An attempt will also be made to make them available on the website. The ByLaw committee has been meeting for over a year and working multiple hours on this project.

RANGE RULES

There have been some additions made to the range rules that everyone must be aware.

Black Powder: black powder pistols must have their muzzles pointed up once charged.

No pouring powder from a bulk container into a firearm. All charging must be done from a measuring device.

Jim Essig has made some pistol holders for black powder pistols and they are located on the tables under the black powder shed.

Archery: Crossbows can only be used on the archery range located south of the archery storage shed. Crossbows are not allowed anywhere else on the club property and may NOT be used on the various archery courses.

Jim Harner, Chief Range Safety Officer.

This and That

- Todd Nitz is looking into the cost of revamping the boat ramp.
- Youth leaders are being recruited for the Youth Executive Board.
- WANTED -a freezer to borrow during the Compton's for the pavilion kitchen.
- NEEDED –a hot water heater for the new portable shower unit at the camping areas for Compton guests.
- **Scholarship deadline is June 1.** This is an opportunity to get help with a bit of college costs. Must be a member's child planning to major in a field related to conservation or natural resources, agriculture, etc.
- Thanks to Paul Adam for finishing the clubhouse facelift.
- Manny Stoes reports that several clean-up and maintenance chores are needed on the skeet and trap fields. Please contact him if you have time to give and he will arrange a time. 429-4449.
- The April membership meeting raffle for a Cabela's gift certificate was won by Jim Essig.

A sign read: We'd rather do business with 1000 Al-Qaida terrorists than one American soldier. Who would print a sign like this? Read on.

New Entrance Sign.

Due to a very generous donation from our neighbor Dr. Phillip Hecht and Board approval, work has begun on erecting a new club entrance sign and address pillar at the entrance to the club's property at the end of Linco Road. Some of you may remember a vote on twelve different designs for the sign at the March membership meeting. The preferred design was a "L" shaped main sign with a pillar on the end and a matching address pillar across the drive. The sign will be 8' tall and 12' wide with a 4' diameter club logo in the main body of the sign. Hopefully, the sign will be completed before most of the club's events take place this year.

ARCHERY

Our first outdoor shoot was held on a rainy and cold April 12th which dampened the spirits of some but not the diehards and youth. Since then several club members have shot the course and many eagerly await warmer weather to arrive by our next shoot on May 10th. Remember that club members and their guests may shoot the course any time and each time you shoot the course you will be entered into the drawing for three grand prizes to be given away at the end of the season.

COMPTONS

As May approaches, a lot of preparation for this year's shoot still needs to be completed. We have firewood to split, archery trails to groom, general spring cleanup of the grounds and many more projects to complete before the shoot in June. So please volunteer early to help complete these tasks and avoid the last minute rush to get them done. Also, remember to sign up now for your choice of jobs at the shoot. Interest in this event is very high again this year and despite high gas prices I expect a record turnout again. I have already received requests from four people from Ireland for tickets for the Saturday night Steak Fry. Speaking of Steak Fry tickets, this year we will be selling tickets to working members for \$9.00 each and non-working member guests and Rendezvous

attendees for \$10.00. Ticket sales are ahead of last year so please reserve your tickets soon by Email to LLJANKE@COMCAST.NET. Only 400 tickets will be sold.

IMPORTANT: We will be holding a organization meeting for this event on **June 2nd, at 7:00 P.M.** in the clubhouse to pass out our new tee shirts for this year's event and discuss all aspects of this year's event. All volunteers need to attend to help make this event run smoothly and profitably for the club. Please mark your calendars now!

*Thank you,
Larry Janke*

SEA CADETS

On Saturday March 29th and Sunday March 30th the BCSC hosted the second United States Navel Sea Cadet Corps Small Arms Training. After a wonderful breakfast Saturday at 7am, 30 students aged 10 to 18, from as far away as Indianapolis, IN; Lansing, Grand Rapids and Detroit, MI; were instructed in NRA Basic Rifle or Basic Shot Gun. Sunday morning they enjoyed another fine meal before separating into three groups. One group went to the indoor range to attempt to earn their Marksmanship ribbon along with the sharpshooter or expert rating. The other two groups went off to the trap and rifle range. These young people clearly enjoyed each of the ranges, evident by the smiles on their faces throughout the day.

This event could not have been possible this year or last without the support of the many volunteers. Each was given an appreciation certificate and photo of the group. Gay Story and Tonja Walker filled their tummies, and Event Chairman Jim Howley, his instructors and RSO's filed their minds with gun safety instruction. Thank you to all these good people. This is an opportunity available in few other places. We had fifteen volunteers and club leadership willing and able to invest two days into these young shooters. My peers are envious of the community resources we are blessed with. I am proud of all of you.

Thanks to Pat Story, Paul Adam, Bryan Dixon, Marty Prillwitz, Manny Stoes, and many others.

ENS Todd Nitz
XO Lake Michigan Division 094
USNSCC

The sign was by a funeral home.

Cougars: You may have heard about the cougar that found it's way into a Chicago suburb recently and unfortunately was shot by police. Here's the site of a Youtube report:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK4rYCQLwJM>



New and veteran members, this is the season where many volunteers are needed. As in any organization working together is how to feel a part of the group and to enjoy the club more. Here's a partial list of where you are needed:

1. Help in the Kitchen with Tonja and Gay for Compton breakfasts. June 20th and 21st. from 6:30 – 10:00 a.m. call 269-449-4917
2. Help in the concession stand at the Pavilion. Call Carole Rosenthal at 269-426-4259.
3. Help Larry Janke with many aspects of Comptons per his article above. June 19 - 22. May 26 organizational meeting.
4. Help repair the skeet houses on the skeet range. Contact Manny 429-4449
5. Loan a freezer during Compton's.
6. Plant flowers around clubhouse and grounds.
7. Help during the NRA May Pistol events. Call Marty Prillwitz 269-463-3472
8. Get involved in doing public relations for the club's events. PR chair is needed.

THE BOY SCOUTS LEARNED AND ENJOYED THE CLUB AGAIN THIS YEAR

Seventy-six kids and adults from Orland Park, IL again came for a weekend of outdoor activities at the club. Paul Adam helped organize the whole event with much help from members. Larry Janke and Dan Jennings took them to archery ranges. Frank and Ray taught fly-tying. Pat Story and Jerry supervised the indoor .22 rifle shooting. Jason Grimm and Jim Walker gave the kids the chance to try shooting M1 Garand and AR 15's. Paul Hamaan and Jim Howley oversaw the trap range. Gay and Tonja made two breakfasts and one lunch for the whole gang and Frank provided a service project for the Scouts to help do.


Thanks for coming to share our clubs' resources.

THE HUNTER SAFETY COURSE


Twenty-two students completed the spring hunter safety class led by Dan Jennings and his staff in April. Dan thanks all his helpers. Next course will be in late August.

**Sunset Coast Regional
NRA REGIONAL
ACTION PISTOL MATCH 2008**

May 17 & 18


MEMBER


Registration 7:30am
Shooting Starts 9:00am
Shooters must be NRA Member.
NRA Applications will be Available.



May 17 – Sunset Coast Regional
 Practical • Barricade • Falling Plates • Moving Targets (Modified)
Entry Fee \$58.00

May 18 – Apple Blossom Cup
 Michigan State Action Pistol Championship
 Practical • Moving Targets (Modified)
 Ambixedtrous Falling Plates • Speed Challenge
Entry Fee \$56.00

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Deadline for next newsletter: May 27 to
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May

5 – Range Safety Briefing
10 – IDPA 8 – noon
10 – Outdoor Archery 8 -2
12 – Board/ Exec. Meeting 6:30
17 – 18 – NRA Action Pistol Shoots
21 – Membership Meeting
28 & 31 – CPL class

June

2 – Compton Planning meeting 7:00
2 – Range Safety Briefing
7 – Silhouette 3:00
7 – Outdoor Archery 8 – 2
7 – CMP shoot 8:30 – noon
9 – Board/ Exec. Meeting 6:30
14 – IDPA 8 – noon
17 – MSU steak and suds pavilion
19 – 22 COMPTON'S ARCHERY EVENT
25 – 28 – CPL
29 – Glock type shoot

BERRIEN COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

STEEL & PAPER CHALLENGE

July 19-20, 2008 9 am

Registration 8:30am / Shooting Starts 9:00am to 3:00pm

5 COURSES OF FIRE – 195 ROUNDS MINIMUM!

HERE'S THE DEAL

Steel Plates

Shoot 24 - 8" plates
Shoot while walking, 24 rounds*

Turning Target

10,15, 20 & 50 yards
4 stages paper, 12 rounds each

Pepper Poppers

2-stages steel poppers
Reload as needed, 50 rounds

Moving Target

10,15, 20 & 25 yards
4 stages paper, 12 rounds each

PLUS, IDPA style courses of fire!

IDPA Rules apply to that course of fire of 25 rounds.

ENTRY FEE

\$25 Entry per class, Semi Auto or
Revolver, \$10 additional per class.
Shoot as many as you like, all
entries must be complete.

Lunch and beverages available on range.

RULES

2008 NRA rules apply to paper events.
Minimum caliber 9mm and
10 round magazines maximum.
All sights classified the same.
Holsters required and start positions are
from surrender.

FOR MORE INFORMATION / PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET

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