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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds everyone preparing for summer, and all the activities that season brings with it. The outstanding membership meeting of last week is still on my mind. We had a discussion about conservation, and what it means to be a member of a conservation club. Many interesting comments were brought up as members gave their ideas.

With the cost of almost everything going up, especially gas, activities that are closer to home can be considered conservation. Teaching our youth how to grow and maintain a garden is a good way to be a conservationist. Taking advantage of our hunting and fishing resources in the area is another example of conservation, and that brings us to our Club. Have you ever thought about walking through our woods to identify some birds, trees or other flora? Our club grounds offer a wealth of resources that can be utilized for family activities, and learning about the outdoors. We have spots to fish on the river, and have great trap and skeet fields to freshen up your shotgun hunting skills, or teach someone how to hit that passing "bird". Hone your skill on making that big game shot, while teaching a youngster the importance of breath control, and trigger squeeze.

Club cost are on the rise, and the funds generated from dues just don't cover expenses. We rely on activities and events to raise the remainder of the money to run and improve the club. That is why we need volunteers and why we have a work credit program. With this program, you receive one dollar off your dues for every hour you volunteer at the club, up to 35 hours.

I urge you to come out to our club, and spend some time learning everything it has to offer. I also urge you to get involved, volunteer some time to the club, and meet some of the outstanding people that are also members. Join or create a shooting league or a fishing tournament. Put on a Dutch oven cooking seminar, or teach someone how to cook your favorite outdoor recipe. How about pitching a tent on the grounds and teaching the family how to make a campfire, and show them how the stars really look at night! Be creative. It's your Club and you need not wait for the Club to offer a program. Get your friends together and enjoy nature right here at the Berrien County Sportsman's Club.

Until next time,
Dr. Chad Sharkey, D.C.
President BCSC

June 2 at 7:00 p.m. is the Compton's planning meeting for all who can volunteer to help with the Compton Archery Shoot June 19 – 22. Not only is your help needed, it's fun and you earn work credits. (plus a tee-shirt)

NEW ENTRANCE SIGN

If you haven't been to the club recently, you probably haven't seen the new entrance sign. This was all made possible by a very gracious donation from our neighbor, Dr. Phillip Hecht and a lot of hard work by our mason, Bruce Moffit, our caretaker Frank Halik and building and grounds chairman Dan Jennings. Bruce Moffit has even donated 40 hours of his time to landscape around the sign and do other cleanup projects around the club. A big thanks to all of you for something we can all be proud of for many years to come.

Larry Janke

ARCHERY

Seems like no one is shooting the outdoor course except on the monthly shoots. Doesn't anyone want to win one of the three prizes that we are giving away at the end of the year? It only costs \$3.00 to shoot and you are automatically entered in the drawing for over \$400.00 in prizes to be given away. I know that gas prices are high but the benefit could be a lot greater than the cost of a gallon of gas. There aren't even any mosquitoes to contend with yet so come out and support your club. If we don't get more participation during the week, we cannot afford to leave the course set up next year between monthly shoots.

Larry Janke

COMPTONS

Does anyone want to guess how many have called to volunteer at Comptons? At this point with less than 4 weeks to go the answer is ZERO! The only people to volunteer are the ones that I have run into somewhere and I have gotten a commitment out of them. You don't understand how hard it is to plan and run an event when no one wants to help out until the last minute and only then when they are called and begged to participate. I don't have time to call everyone and then wait for a

reply. There are many fun jobs open yet and to be able to set up a schedule for all of these jobs I need to know when you are available. Also, don't forget to be at the Compton planning meeting on June 2nd at 7:00 P.M. to get your tee shirts, sign up for the steak fry and learn about this year's event. This is the main fund raiser for the club and we need your help. Without this event, your dues will probably go up and where else can you get paid to have fun. Please call me at 429-0199 to volunteer.

Larry Janke



NRA Pistol Shoot Success

Berrien County Sportsman's Club hosted the Sunset Coast Regional (NRA Regional Action Pistol Championship) on Saturday May 17th and the Apple Blossom Cup (Michigan State Action Pistol Championship) on Sunday May 18th. We had three shooters attend from Canada, one shooter from New York, and two shooters from Virginia. There were nine shooters from Michigan six from BCSC for a total of 15. There were 10 National Records set at the Apple Blossom Championship on Sunday; Travis Hayton from Bluefield VA. Set two records, Ambidextrous Plate Match-Open Junior Centerfire Classification and Speed Load Challenge-Open Junior Center fire Classification. Thomas Ord (12 years old) from MacTier, Ontario, Canada set a national record in Speed Load Challenge-Metallic Junior Rim fire Classification and our own BCSC member Marty Prillwitz set **seven** National Records, they are as

follows: Ambidextrous Plate Match, Speed Load Challenge -Open Senior Center fire Classification. Practical Event, Modified Mover, Ambidextrous Plate Match and Speed Load Challenge-Metallic Senior Center fire Classification. Speed Load Challenge-Metallic Senior Centerfire Classification.

Receiving medallions on Saturday were Kevin Angstadt of Bluefield, VA - Gold, Ken Macari of New York - Silver and Travis Hayton of Bluefield, VA - Bronze for Open Classification. Ken Macari of New York - Gold, J. Kent Hill of Canada - Silver, and Timothy Ord of Canada - Bronze for Metallic Classification. Sunday's Awards,: Kevin Angstadt of Bluefield, VA received the Apple Blossom Plaque for Open Class, J. Kent Hill of Canada received the Apple Blossom Plaque for Metallic Class, and Ray Milsap Sr. was presented with the Apple Blossom Senior Plaque. Kevin Angstadt was the overall winner for both Matches.

Our Club and the hard working volunteers all received rave reviews from all attendees of the event. They were all impressed with our club facilities, the grounds and how well organized Marty and his many volunteers were. Ken Forsythe, from Drummond Island helped us again this year as our Official NRA Referee. Attendance doubled this year and all seemed to have a great time and went home with an armload of awesome prizes and stating that they will definitely be back next year. Even one wife said she will be competing next year, so BCSC women we have a year to practice and be ready for next years competition.

Marty would like to express his appreciation and thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help this year. The Volunteers and Event attendees would like to give Marty a big thank you for all his hard work in setting up this great weekend event for us to enjoy. Hope to see you next year, if you were unable to attend this year start planning for next year's shoot. It will be a great time for all.

Karen Brumbelow

This is a competition/instructional shoot. Have you ever wanted to start shooting competition matches and felt you were not comfortable with it or did not have the knowledge of how a match goes. This event is the one for you! If you have questions there will be someone to help you.

Come out and learn hands on about Glock Style shoots or just come out and compete for a day of fun. Ladies are encouraged to participate also. You will need any centerfire handgun, holster, safety glasses and ear protection and approximately 84 rounds of ammunition. Glock rules will apply. Fee is \$5 per gun for the match.

For more information call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472.

ANOTHER PISTOL EVENT IS THE

GLOCK STYLE SHOOT

BCSC is hosting a Glock Style Match Clinic on Sunday, June 29th, 2008, registration is at 9 AM.

2008 new steel.jpg

(without aiming), strong-hand only, weak-hand only, and shooting while holding a flashlight.

We had several people from our club and other clubs in the area come out and help setup, tear down, and perform Safety Officer duties. 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. Our next match is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. Our July match will be part of the 2008 IDPA Postal Match. Look for details in the next issue of the newsletter, or visit www.idpa.com to learn more. 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

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

6/15 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN

6/28 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI

7/12 Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)

June 7, 2008

Rattle Battle Shooting event

July 12, 2008

Please see website for description of these rifle events and call Jason Grimm for details
927-1793

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

IDPA

It was a beautiful day for our 2nd IDPA match of the season at our club. We had 20 shooters show up from several area clubs, and as far away as Illinois. One shooter drove 125 miles one-way to shoot our match. We shot 6 stages that challenged shooters to shoot from retention

THIS AND THAT

- Thank you to **John and Connie Castle** for planting flowers in the Memorial Garden and the pots around the grounds.
- **John Broyles** has offered to paint the clubhouse and the skeet houses and he donated part of the paint. He needs 6

volunteers to help mask windows, cover cement. Call 429-8339 home or on cell at 208-2183 for work dates.

- Thanks to **Bob's Tree Service** who again did tree removal at the club for a very reasonable price.
- The club's Armory has a new check-in and check-out system for the firearms being used and/or taken out for cleaning or repair.
- The Board of Directors decided it is in the best financial interest for the Club that the money incentive for signing up new members be dropped but that service credits remain.
- \$35.00 of service credits can be earned/year for volunteer hours given.
- We are sorry to report that there will be no Silhouette Program this summer.
- **Gay Story** won the membership meeting raffle of a GPS device. We think we heard her say something about Pat being able to find his way home quicker!
- **Susan Stoes** is turning over her duties as Membership Chairman to **Sheryl Hausmann**. Susan did an excellent job with her dedication to details and superb computer skills. I personally want to thank her. (the editor)
- I look forward to working with Sheryl who also has excellent computer skills for keeping the membership data base.
- Mark your calendar for the CLUB FAMILY PICNIC on August 23.
- While your calendar is out, mark September 27 for the second annual Swap Meet.

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it is free. P.J. O'Rourke

SHOTGUN NEWS.

When the clay targets which were just delivered are used up, expect a round of targets to dramatically increase. This is caused by the continuing and rapid increase in clay targets, delivery and cost to maintain our club. No, I don't like it either, especially with a 400 % increase for lead shot and other loading supplies.

Manny Stoes

FAMILY PICNIC

Carole Rosenthal will again chair this fun family event.

Volunteers to help her plan food, games, prizes, etc. are welcomed and needed. Call Carole at 269-426-4259.

SWAP MEET

Last year's had more sellers than buyers. This year with p.r. and much lead time, we hope to have more success. Date is September 27. Start now to clean out, sort, and decide what you think someone else might better use than you. Items should be sports related.

Long guns, (no handguns) archery equipment, fishing gear, camping gear, and any athletic equipment all is needed. Tables are \$5/member or \$10/non-member.

Further information, call Jason Grimm 927-1793

SHRINER'S CORN ROAST

Again this year, George Nichols would like us to know that the Shriner's Club will have their benefit corn roast and picnic at the BCSC pavilion on July 22.

Cost is \$8.00 for food and prizes. All proceeds go to the children's hospital. More info next month.

Cougar Sightings

I will try to share with you information from a letter John Castle, our MUCC rep. sent me from a letter to him from Dennis W. Woodland of Berrien Springs *It seems that several people have seen cougars in the Berrien Springs area—one near the corner of Garr and Lemon Creek Roads. Another large cat was seen along St. Joseph Parkway (US 31). Having a large predator in our area, Mr. Woodland believes, is a positive thing to help keep the deer, raccoon and turkey populations in check and help maintain a healthy ecology in this part of the country. He does not feel humans have much to fear, but do need to be observant and use caution. Perhaps we can work with Nature for common goals.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald & Kimberly Hicks II	St. Joseph
Wayne & Caryl Henschler	Sawyer
Ed & Chris Greene	St. Joseph
Gregory & Tina Finnerty	Wheeler, IN
Timothy Finnerty	Wheeler, In
David & MaryAnn Ware	St. Joseph
George & Beverly Zinkil, Jr.	St. Joseph

2. Use it instead of mouth wash (baking soda and peroxide) to help canker sores and keep your teeth whiter.
3. Soak toothbrushes in peroxide instead of bleach to keep them germ free.
4. Clean the counter tops and table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell.
5. Pour on cutting boards to kill salmonella and other bacteria.
6. Fill a bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming the septic system like bleach or most disinfectants will.
7. And remember the “peroxide blonds” of our youth? Well you can use that 50/50 spray solution on wet hair, comb it through and have more natural highlights that lighten gradually.
8. Add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of white laundry to whiten them.

USES FOR THAT LITTLE BROWN BOTTLE-----of peroxide.

1. Medical people use peroxide instead of bleach since it is safer and does a better job.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

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The next membership meeting is June 18

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Deadline for next newsletter: June 25 to sdmoeckel@comcast.net

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June

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

July

7 – Range Safety Briefing
12 – IDPA 8 - 12
12 – Rattle Battle 8:30 – 12
14 – Board/ Exec. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16 – Membership/Potluck 7:00 p.m.
18 -20 – Steel and Paper Challenge
22 – Shriner's Picnic fund raiser
24, 26 – CPL class