



# Newsletter Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings everyone!!!

This letter finds most of our regular volunteers trying to catch their breath after our annual Compton's Traditional Archery Rendezvous. We are quite proud of our relationship with Compton's, and hope it lasts for years to come. If you got a chance to come to the club for the event, I am sure you were amazed at the amount of people and activity. This event is where many of our members accumulate volunteer hours for a reduction in their dues for the following year. Remember, volunteering hours to our club equals money off your next year's dues, plus it allows the club to keep functioning, and bringing in quality events.

I get many questions regarding why we hold such events and why we need to close the ranges. Well my answer hasn't changed. We simply cannot financially operate the club on member dues alone. Functions such as Compton's allow our club to make improvements to the grounds, ranges, and buildings. If we did not hold events that generate income our dues would probably double. Things like this newsletter and our website would not be possible. That brings me to another point...if you read this newsletter and feel it is beneficial, please email our editor or an executive board member and let them know. A lot of hard work goes into this newsletter every issue to get it to our members.

With the recent ruling of the Supreme Court in the DC vs. Heller case, firearms are once again in the

forefront of the media and people's mind. This is a good thing....good because it proved that the second amendment is an individual right. Good because it will put clubs like ours that teach responsible gun handling, and training in the media. Good because it allows our fellow Americans in other states the right to protect themselves in their own homes. Good for many reasons, and it makes me even more proud to be an American.

Our bylaws review committee has finished working on updating our current bylaws and would like your feedback. If you would like a copy to review, please contact Vice President Jim Walker or myself to see we can email you a copy. If you do not have email, we will have copies available at the monthly meetings to review. I am sorry but we cannot afford to mail the proposed bylaws to everyone. These bylaws have been the effort of a dedicated group of people for over a year, and I think they will dramatically improve the way our club functions. Most importantly, they will allow the executive board to just control club functions, and the board of directors to run the club financially, with the president acting as the liaison between the two groups. The president would run the executive board, and sit on the board of directors, and the chairman of the board would control the board and run their meetings. If this does not make sense to you, please come to one of the upcoming meetings and we will explain it more.

Talk to you all soon,  
Dr. Chad A. Sharkey D.C.  
President -BCSC

Needed: Volunteers to assemble and mail the newsletters beginning in August. 468-3837

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Cole	Berrien Springs
Pablo Colon, Jr.	Chicago, IL
Aaron Williams	Berrien Springs
Bruce & Cathy Neal	St. Joseph
Kristopher & Kelley Rich	St. Joseph

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## Berrien County Sportsmans Club

### Annual Picnic

*Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

(in the pavilion)

Food served at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo at 1:45 p.m.

Grand Drawing following Bingo

There is no charge for members and their guests but we ask that you bring a dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Carole Rosenthal  
(269) 426-4259

**By July 19**

Please leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending (to ensure we have enough goodies for everyone.)

**See you there!**



Why not also call Carole and say, "I'll help you with this picnic?"

#### ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**B.C. Shrine Club invites you to join our CORN ROAST**

All the sweet corn you can eat plus Brats, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Free Pop and Beer. Whirlpool Automatic Washer & Dryer door prize.

All this for \$8.00 Tickets at the door. Over 100 prizes to be raffled. Raffle tickets 10 for \$5.00  
July 22, 2008 at the club's pavilion  
Dinner 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### Compton Rendezvous 2008

After months of planning and weeks of preparation, the 8th annual Compton Rendezvous is over and again a resounding success due to the best team of volunteers anyone could imagine. Once again, everyone that left praised us for our hospitality and friendliness and vowed to be back again next year. Praises of this event on the internet are phenomenal. Thanks to all of our volunteers and the following event sponsors that made it all possible: Pater True Value for use of their golf cart; Dairy Queen for ice cream at cost to sell; Brookside Nursery for use of a trailer for firewood; Steve Shunkwiler and Manny Stoes for use of their people movers; Todd Nitz for use of a freezer; Love Creek Nature Center for use of their 34' canoe; Wayne and Sharon Nance for baling hay used for the backstops.

We had a record number of paid shooters (756) this year and although camping was down due to gas prices, attendance was estimated to be equal to last years record crowd. Comptons estimated that over 1000 ate chili on Friday night at their free chili dinner and 201 youth participated in archery instruction and cooking classes on Saturday. Next year is Compton's 10th anniversary as an organization and our 9th year hosting the event. Plans are already underway to make next years event bigger and better than ever. Thanks again to all of the volunteers that made this a huge success for our club.

*Larry Janke, Archery Chairman*  
**Archery**

Remember that the outdoor course is open for your enjoyment and each time you shoot the course and put your fees in the archery building window you are automatically entered into the drawing at the end of the season for the three prizes to be given away.

**ATTENTION ALL MAGAZINE FED FIREARMS OWNERS.**

Dig that firearm out of the closet , dust it off and bring it out to the Club on July 12th at 8:30 am for a Rattle Battle . You will need to supply 65 rounds of ammo, your own hearing and eye protection and your own firearm . No experience is needed . Just a desire to shoot and make some noise . We will be shooting 3 positions ( offhand ,sitting and prone) . The ranges will vary from 100yds to 50 yds . You will have 50 seconds to shoot at each position and a short time to move between positions . This shoot moves quite rapidly . The cost is \$10.00 and you could win back your entry fee. A firearm with high capacity magazines is recommended. Any questions call Jason Grimm 269-927-1793. Also see the web page ,under Rattle Battle.

**SWAP MEET**

Have you gone to the basement or garage or wherever you keep your sports gear and taken an inventory of what you would like to put in the swap meet on September 27? Anything sports related but not handguns can be brought to the meet. A table costs \$5/member and \$10/non-member. Call Jason Grimm at number above. Tell your sporting friends who might like to come to buy or sell also. We need buyers too!

**What Goes Around Comes Around**

In the very best connotation of this saying, Sarah Story was a BCSC scholarship winner a few years ago and now she is a park naturalist for Love Creek, a county park. Sarah helped take Compton guests on the St. Joe River in the voyager Canoe that belongs to Love Creek. The total canoe staff was impressed with how friendly everybody was, club members and Compton guests alike.

They are already looking forward to next year and may add some wildlife programs for kids. The canoe rides were fun and profitable.

**THANK YOU TO:**

- Gay Story and Tonja Walker who worked long, hard hours in the clubhouse kitchen to make breakfasts every morning for Comptons plus a Sponsor's dinner on Thursday evening. Additionally, they had to haul in water for cooking and drinking.
- Carole Rosenthal and helpers for keeping the pavilion's concession stand going.
- Larry Janke for hours and hours of hard work, both physically and mentally to see this annual event came off without a hitch.
- All the many, many people who ran venues or were all-around gofers and helpers whenever needed.
- Carole Rosenthal and Sons for preparing the newsletters to be mailed. This is a big job but Carole must hand it over to someone else by August. They did this for more than 12 months.



**I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.** *Winston Churchill*

**A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.** - *George Bernard Shaw*

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

-Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Merideith & Kamp Realtors  
Service Masters of Berrien County.

**The next series of Hunter Safety classes are August 4,5,6, and 9. Call the Jennings at 429-4656 to enroll.**

If you own a business and would like to help sponsor the newsletter for \$100.00 for the year (10 issues), please contact John Castle at [Kc8odm@hotmail.com](mailto:Kc8odm@hotmail.com)

The July Pistol event, **Steel and Paper Challenge** is July 19 and 20 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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**

<b>Steel Plates</b> Shoot 24 - 8" plates Shoot while walking, 24 rounds*	<b>Turning Target</b> 10,15, 20 & 50 yards 4 stages paper, 12 rounds each
<b>Pepper Poppers</b> 2-stages steel poppers Reload as needed, 50 rounds	<b>Moving Target</b> 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.

<b>ENTRY FEE</b> \$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.	<b>RULES</b> 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.
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION / PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET**  
Martin Prillwitz: 1-269-463-3472  
9401 Territorial Road • Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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### GLOCK STYLE SHOOT

Our Glock Style Shoot on Sunday, June 29th was well attended this year. This shoot was designed to introduce shooters to the fun of competitive shooting and how a Glock Style shoot is run. We had a total of 18 shooters and all seemed to have fun and learn a lot, even two shooters who had intended to just come out to the range for a Sunday morning of target practice. Thanks to all who attended and to all the volunteers that helped to make it a great day. Hope to see you again next year, and for those who missed the opportunity we extend an invitation to join us.

*Marty Prillwitz*



### COMPTON KIDS AIMING AT BALLOONS.

#### How Long Do We Have

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from beginning to end has been about 200 years, wrote Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor. The stages are:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith

### Sponsors for this Newsletter

We would like to welcome a new sponsor, Ronstaxidermy. If you bag that trophy, check them out at [www.ronstaxidermy.biz](http://www.ronstaxidermy.biz)

Thank you, Paul Adam for selling this ad.

Renewing their sponsorship for this year are:

- Roger's Foodland
- Country Carpet Shoppe
- Boelcke Heating and Air Conditioning
- Sharkey-Ackerman Chiropractic
- P & R Service
- P & R Body Shop
- Krenek RV Super Center
- Zick's Specialty Meats, Inc.

2. From spiritual faith to great courage.
3. From great courage to liberty
4. From liberty to abundance
5. From abundance to complacency.
6. From complacency to apathy
7. From apathy to dependence.

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 CCW Registrar Jason Grimm 927-1793  
 Building/Grounds Dan Jennings 429-4656  
 Deadline for next newsletter: July 27 to

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

**The next membership meeting is July 16**

8. From dependence into bondage.

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**OFFICERS AND BOARD**

All area codes are 269 except Archie

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Director 2 yr.	Bryan Dixon	422-1288

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**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

### August

2- CMP Shoot 8 a.m.

4,5,6,9 – Hunter Safety course

9 – IDPA 8 – 12

11 Exec./Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

13 & 16 CPL class

20 – Membership/Potluck 7:00 p.m.

23 – Outdoor Archery

23 – FAMILY PICNIC