



# Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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## President's Column

Hello all,

Hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the club last month, as summer is starting to wind-down. I had a chance to travel home to my parent's farm last weekend. On the trip to the thumb of Michigan, we saw numerous flocks of ducks and geese in formation, herds of deer, and many turkeys in the field along the highway. Around the farm and house hundreds of doves are starting to flock up getting ready for the migration south. Hopefully, they will meet me in Indiana on September 1<sup>st</sup>, for the opening day of dove season. The 2008 year has been an excellent season for Michigan's crops, and wildlife. I was lucky enough to see 6 deer while in the old apple orchard on the farm, all looked big and healthy.

Our club has many things on the agenda at the meetings that members should be interested in. The two primary topics include the by-law revisions and the elections. The by-laws, current and proposed new should be posted on our website by the time you read this. Please review them and tell the Board of Directors, officers, or by-law committee what you think. We want to make sure they will stand the test of time, and allow the club to run smoothly in the future. Wow, were our founding fathers geniuses! Also, the elections are coming up soon, and the club is in

need of volunteers to help run our club. We do not have enough people volunteering to have the club run the way it should, and that means events, projects, and amenities suffer. It might also mean dues will have to increase. If you love the outdoors, and what a club like ours stands for (our second amendment rights, outdoor conservation, hunting and fishing rights, etc), please consider volunteering some time to help run it. Your dues are simply not enough of a contribution, and few hours a month would be all the time required. Please contact me, if you would like to volunteer to run for a position, or help with an activity around the club.

Finally, our club is working on two grants. One from the NRA for training and equipment for activities, and the other through the State of Michigan to improve such things as sewers, erosion, landscapes around waterways, rivers, etc, and outdoor educational opportunities. Please keep your fingers crossed that we will be fortunate enough to receive some of this available money. AND a big thank you to that entire group of volunteers for their time in these efforts.

Everyone, have a great Labor Day Weekend, remember our troops, and let's get prepared for a super Fall season, with many safe and successful hunts.

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carl & Joyce Thomas	Schaumburg, IL
Terry Pynaert	South Bend, IN
Kevin & Patricia Allred	Berrien Springs
Wayne Hance	St .Joseph
John & Lora Smith	St. Joseph
Stewart & Janet Swerdlow	St. Joseph
Clifford & Becky French II	Niles
John Speckline	Niles
Irving & Wanda Green	Buchanan
Jere & Jeannie Dehring	Bridgman
Michael & Janice Parker	St. Joseph
Bob & Susan Thornburg	Baroda
Chad Shimunek	St. Joseph
Tony & Jackie Arnold	Berrien Springs
Dennis & Kathy Wolfenbarger	Berrien Springs
Brian Murray & Yvonne Erickson	St. Joseph
William & Evelyn Zachary	Stevensville

Membership now totals 441 plus three more approved but not yet paid and one new member who bid and bought a membership at the Silent Auction for Lory's Place on Saturday, August 23.

Careful readers: Congratulations to adept readers who were the first two callers telling me of errors in the August issue: Barb Orlich and Jim Hausmann. Their names will be put in the box at the clubhouse for the annual drawing for a free membership. The humorous part is that they found errors but not the one I intentionally put there! Seems I need to do a better job of proof-reading my material! Let's try this again. The first two callers who find the error in the September issue will also have their names put into the drawing. 468-3837  
You too can have your name put in the drawing box any and every month that you attend a membership meeting. Over by the coffee machine is a wooden box. Write your name on a slip of paper with the date of the meeting. One name will be drawn in December.

## Steel and Paper Report

The Steel Plate and Paper Challenge was held on July 19th and 20th. This year we had 18 shooters, with a few new to the sport. All that attended had a good time even though the weather did not cooperate with us. Thanks to all who attended and the volunteers who came out to help this year from setting up, running a station, to tearing down. Your support of this event and to the shooting sports is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone back next year, bring a friend and introduce him or her to the shooting sports.

*Marty Prillwitz*

## Upcoming Election

With the thoughts of who will run our country weighing heavy on our minds, there is another important decision at hand...who will run our club? With the end of the year quickly approaching, it is time to begin the process. We are looking for nominees to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, email me at [kc8afw@yahoo.com](mailto:kc8afw@yahoo.com) or call me at 269-484-4881. Now is your chance to get involved and make a difference.

*Kevin Pounders*

## IDPA

It was a beautiful day for our August IDPA match. We had 29 shooters show up from several area clubs to participate. I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped setup, tear down, and perform Safety Officer duties. Without your help, these matches would not be possible.

Match results are posted on our web site. Our next match is scheduled for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. Club members are encouraged to come out Friday evening and help set up. You will earn volunteer credits towards your membership dues.

Our IDPA program is really growing, and I am looking for props to make the stages more interesting. If you have items you wish to donate, I would like to hear from you. I am interested in things like interior doors, lumber, furniture, etc...

*Kevin Pounders*

### Upcoming IDPA Matches

9/7 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI  
**9/13 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**  
9/14 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN  
9/14 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI  
9/21 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN  
9/27 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI  
10/5 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI  
**10/11 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

### ARCHERY

It seems like just yesterday that I was telling you that the mosquitoes were big and hungry but after the shoot on August 23rd I can tell you that they were not that bad. Now as the weather cools down our focus turns to getting ready for the bow season. Only 12 days, 10 hours and 19 minutes until I leave for Colorado for the elusive Wapiti but who's counting anyway. My bags are packed and all I need to do is practice, practice and practice some more. Whether it is Deer, Turkey, Bear or Elk, come on out and practice on our life sized targets. Remember to sign in at the archery shed and you will be entered into the drawing for the prizes to be given away at the end of September. Also, remind your hunting buddies to attend the shoots on September 20th and 27th. Good luck and remember to pick a spot.

*Larry Janke*  
*Archery Chairman*

### Pavilion Rentals

The club frequently rents the pavilion for non-profit charitable events. This year the Shriners have used it and the Bikers Ride for Cancer. On September 14 we are hosting the **Therapeutic Equestrian Center's** fundraiser to help this

organization raise funds for special needs people through horse-related activities. This is a Family Day with music, food, a silent auction and games for the kids. There will be some horse exhibitions by the TEC's members. There is no admission charge. Time: 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 14. Since our club's picnic was cancelled, why not come out with the kids to support this good cause and have fun too?

### Rattle Battle

September 6 is the next Rattle Battle rifle shoot. Start is 8:30 a.m. Call Jason Grimm 927-1793

### This and That

- Mark your calendar for the Family **Christmas Party**, Dec. 6, 2008. More info in next two issues but you will have to r.s.v.p. in order to have a meal
- Many thanks to Jim Frost and **Fair Booth** workers. Jim took on the job of organizing the project at the last minute.
- The Board approved the donation of one membership to the **Lory's Place** silent auction. Lory's Place is a Bereavement center for children and families.
- The **Swap Meet** for this year has been cancelled due to no one requesting space.
- There will be just two more issues of the newsletter this year. Oct – mid Nov. and then mid Nov. – Dec.
- Welcome new sponsor: Barbara Orlich's business, Hems & Things.
- Two complimentary sponsors for their service to the Club are Bob's Tree Service and True Value Hardware.
- **Attention Shoppers:** If you love to shop especially for children's toys, please volunteer to be Santa's Shopper for the Christmas Party. Call 468-3837 now.

### Hunter Safety Class

The final class for 2008 will be September 29, 30, October 1 and 4. Forty names are on the list right now. The August class had 24 students. Call Dan or Bev Jennings 429-4656.

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Next membership meeting/potluck is September 17

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### OFFICERS AND BOARD

All area codes are 269 except Archie

President	Chad Sharkey	429- 5439
Vice Pres	Jim Walker	449 -5022
Secretary	Scott Gane	429- 9269
Treasurer	Gay Story	429- 3514
Director 3 yr.	Gary Brumbelow	465-6736
Director 3 yr.	Les Herrman	429-9963
Director 3 yr	Delmar Lange	926-8221
Director 2 yr.	Al Foster	465-3069
Director 2 yr.	Bryan Dixon	422-1288
Director 2 yr.	Sherrie Nitz	422-1739
Director 1 yr.	Jim Howley	313-6450
Director 1 yr.	Jack Teuteberg	*428-2957
Director 1 yr.	Oscar Hnanicek	428-9089
Caretaker	Frank Halik	429-3792
Editor	Shirley Moeckel	468-3837
Membership	Sheryl Hausmann	208-1506
Camping Chair	Archie Forman	(219)759-4033
CCW Registrar	Jason Grimm	927-1793
Building/Grounds	Dan Jennings	429-4656
IDPA / Nominations	Kevin Pounders	484-4881

Deadline for next newsletter: Sept. 27  
Email: [sdmoeckel@comcast.net](mailto:sdmoeckel@comcast.net)

### September

**6 – Rattle Battle 8:30 a.m.**  
**8- Range Safety Orientation**  
**8 – Exec. /Board meeting**  
**13 – IDPA 8 – noon**  
**14 – Pavilion rental Therapeutic Equestrians**  
**17 – Membership meeting**  
**18 and 20 CPL class**  
**20 – Outdoor Archery**  
**27 – Outdoor Archery**  
**29, 30 – Hunter Safety (begins)**

### October

**1 and 4 – Hunter Safety (continues)**  
**6 – Range Safety Orientation**  
**11 – IDPA 8 a.m. – noon**  
**13 – Board Meeting/Exec.**  
**17 – 19 Boy Scouts of SW Mich.**  
**22, 25 – CPL Class**