

Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings:

My name is Jim Howley, and for those of you who haven't heard, I will be serving The Berrien County Sportsman's Club as president for 2009. I will do my very best to keep the Club going forward and continuing to serve the needs and desires of the members of the Club. To do this I will be looking for more members to get involved in bringing new ideas and activities to help promote the club to the general public. I will always be available to any member who wishes to present any new ideas or volunteer to serve as a chair, or member of any committee. Please feel free to contact me. My phone # is (269)313-6450 and my e-mail address is howlhouse@msn.com.

I am looking forward to serving the members in the coming year, and hope to hear from many of you with any comments.

Jim Howley
President B.C.S.C.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

We are very pleased to announce that the 2008 Sportsman of the Year is Manny Stoes. Manny has been a member since 1966 and was instrumental in the creation of the Sportsman of the Year award. He has served on the Board of Directors, started the youth shotgun program, volunteers at Boy Scout, Sea Cadet, Hunter Safety, Compton's, all rifle, pistol and shotgun

events and even helped Santa Claus for many years at the Christmas party. Manny is currently spending the winter in Arizona away from all of the cold, wet, sloppy weather here in Michigan. We all look forward to his return in the spring and hope he brings some of the warm weather with him. CONGRATULATIONS MANNY!

The Nominating Committee, Kevin Pounders, Karen Brumbelow, Larry Janke

Response from Manny

Dear Larry,

Your e-mail was a very pleasant surprise. I never expected this honor considering the effort of current members and the accomplishments of former Sportsmen of the Year...

I have always considered our area fortunate to have a facility like the Berrien County Sportsman's Club. I joined the club in 1966. Since that time I have made many friends and have witnessed many changes and improvements due to individuals who have contributed so much time and effort to our club. Thank you for the honor.

See you this spring,
Manny Stoes

Sorry, No one called to tell me the error in the last issue. It was not a spelling error but I mistakenly wrote Issue 9 but it was really Issue 10.
The editor

COMPTON TRADITIONAL RENDEZVOUS

Be sure to mark your calendars the June 19-21 Compton's Traditional event. Again this year it is on Fathers' Day weekend. It is the 10th anniversary of the Compton's organization, 9th year that we have hosted the event and will be a very big and special event. You won't want to miss this one.

ARCHERY

Once again we have a capacity Compound Archery League and this year a near capacity Traditional League. We are also looking at record numbers to show up for the Youth Instructional League that begins on Sunday January 4th at 3:00 P...M... and runs for 8 weeks. Remember to bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids. Again, it is FREE to all ages 5-99, you only need to be young at heart and all equipment is provided. All you have to do is show up. You can't beat this deal. Any questions, please call Larry Janke @ 429-0199.

By- Law Change

With new implementation of the new By-laws, the executive and board meetings will be split. The president will run the executive meeting, and the chairman of the board will run the B.O.D. meeting.

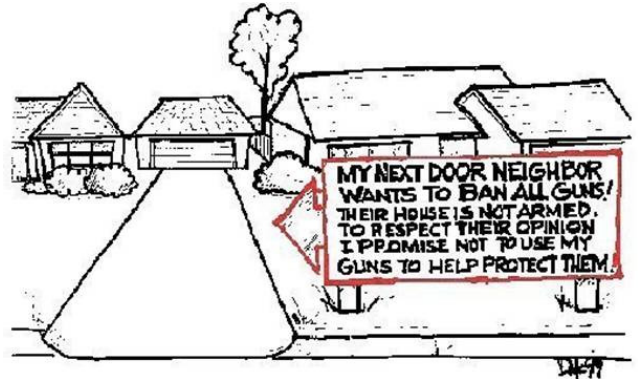
At the January meeting we will need to fill the one year remaining of Sherrie Nitz's seat, and then elect a chairman. I, Jim Howley, will run the meeting up to this point, and, if the new chairman wants, he could take over from there. I will have an agenda set up for him.

Welcome New Members

Brian & Sarah Snodgrass	Berrien Springs
Ronald & Barbara Wise	Skokie, IL

2008 ended with 455 members. To date renewals for 2009 are 104. Send in renewal

checks with your renewal forms before February 15 to avoid a late fee.



Concealed Pistol License (CPL) Classes Continue to be in Demand.

Call Jason Grimm to register. 269-927-1793

CPL Instructors and RSOs, mark your calendar now for January 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the club for sign-ups for both the monthly CPL classes and the safety orientation sessions.

Jason Grimm

Do you already have your CPL license? Do you know when it expires? Better check. If it lapses for too long, you MAY have to retake the class. Check with your county clerk.

RSO Training Class

As written in last month's Newsletter, BCSC will be holding a Range Safety Officer Class on Saturday, February 21, 2009. You do not have to be a club member to attend. Class fee is \$25 for materials and there will be a cost to the NRA for your certification. Contrary to what was stated in last month's Newsletter, you DO NOT need to be an NRA member to take this class. Anyone interested in obtaining their RSO certification should call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472.

"If violent crime is to be curbed, it is only the intended victim who can do it. The felon does not fear the police, and he fears neither judge nor jury. Therefore what he must be taught to fear is his victim." - Jeff Cooper

Indoor Pistol

For those who enjoy shooting pistols but don't like doing it in the cold rain of fall or the snow of winter can join the group at the Thursday Night Indoor Pistol Shoot which meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a very informal shoot with people being able to come and go as they want. One of the Range Safety Officers (RSOs) will go over the range rules with you and then work with you until you are comfortable with the proceedings and they are comfortable with your abilities. This is a great opportunity to work on basic pistol skills while staying warm and dry. There have been 6 or more shooters each week so there is still room for more. Cost is \$3.00 per shooter which covers the heat, lights and targets. This event is open to the public. For more information contact Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472.

A New Chief is in Town

After many years of holding a Club position as the Chief Range Safety Officer, Jim Harner has decided to step down. In his place, Jim Essig has agreed to pick up the added responsibility so he is now the new Chief Range Safety Officer. As a reminder to pistol shooters, according to the Range Rules, anyone shooting a pistol at a distance greater than 50 yards is required to have written approval from the Chief Range Safety Officer and you must have written approval with you while on the range.

Our thanks to Jim Harner for his years of service and equal thanks to Jim Essig for his willingness to take on his new role.

Rental/Calendar Chairperson

Karen Brumbelow is taking over this position from Dick Moeckel who has done it for 5-6 years. Anyone wanting to put anything on the calendar for the club needs to call Karen at 269-465-6736. Conflicts are avoided when all follow

these conditions. Likewise, rental of the pavilion or clubhouse needs to go through Karen.

Our thanks also go to Dick for doing this job and keeping all the records of every rental contract.

THIS AND THAT

- ✓ The December meeting's raffles were won by Gary Brumbelow and Larry Janke. Have fun, Guys, shopping at the sporting stores.
- ✓ **Nancy Cole won the free membership for 2009 from the annual drawing.**
- ✓ Sincere thanks to many, many people for helping with the Christmas Party. Lorraine and Steve Arnt, Jason and Jenny Grimm, Gay Story, Tonja Walker, Frank Halik, and Bertha Hammond helped decorate.
- ✓ **Cindy Coon and Rosemary Prillwitz shopped for Santa.**
- ✓ Not to forget Santa himself, Dick Warren, and the singing Balos Family who provided entertainment.
- ✓ **Thank you to all who donated toys or money for the Toys for Tots projects. Once again, many trikes, bikes, and even a Radio Flyer wagon were given as well as a big box of presents.**
- ✓ See the directory on back of this newsletter for names and phone numbers of the newly elected officers.
- ✓ **Save the Date: April 3 for the Friends of NRA Banquet. More info later.**
- ✓ I don't make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts. -Will Rogers
- ✓ **Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.**
- ✓ Please check with Brian Murray 556-9906 if you plan to attend Jr. Rifle this month. Couldn't verify as this is going to print.

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January 21 is Membership Meeting, Potluck

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January

4th Youth Archery begins – each Sunday 2:00
5th Traditional Archery begins – Mondays 7:00
6th Compound Archery begins – Tuesdays 7:00
7th Jr. Rifle (tentatively) 7-9 p.m.
10th CPL Instructor/RSO meeting 9 a.m.
12th Board/ Exec. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
14th Jr. Rifle (tentatively) 7-9 p.m.
21st Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
22nd & 24th CPL Classes

February

9th Board/Exec. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
18th Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
21st RSO Class (see article)
25th & 28th CPL Classes
Note: Skeet and Trap every Sunday at 10 a.m.
and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Indoor Pistol each Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Archery Leagues continue as in January.

All area codes are 269 except Archie

President	Jim Howley	313-6450
Vice Pres.	Paul Wolcott	471-7879
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Director 3 yr.	Al Rosinski	429-0646
Director 3 yr.	Gil Dotson	468-5219
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Director 2 yr.	Les Herrman	429-9963
Director 2 yr	Delmar Lange	926-8221
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Director 1 yr.	Bryan Dixon	422-1288
Director 1 yr.	<i>to be appointed</i>	
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Deadline for next newsletter is January 26.
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