



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Wow!! Is anybody as tired of this snow as I am? But, even with the challenging weather, things have been pretty busy at the BCSC. Larry and Dan have been getting a great turnout for the Sunday youth archery program. In fact they have so many young archers showing up that they have had to go to running two groups again. One group of experienced shooters, and another group for new shooters. The Thursday night indoor hand gun shoot is getting a lot of action also with ten to fifteen shooters turning out regularly.

Even with the snow and cold, we are still teaching large groups for concealed carry. We are getting fifteen to twenty students in every class.

Larry Janke has already been in touch with Compton's and had me sign the contract this past week, so keep Fathers Day weekend open if you want to volunteer again this year. For those of you who have never been at the club for this, you are missing a truly great event.

Hopefully spring will be here soon and we can again enjoy all that our great club has to offer. See you at the club.

Jim Howley

President, B.C.S.C.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

With the implementation of the new By-laws, there is a separation of duties between the President of the Club and the Chairman of the Board. In the past, these responsibilities have been on the President so this will give 2 people the opportunity to work together and share the work load. Jim Howley and I have known each other for about 20 years so we already have a good relationship to build on. We are still working out the details of who does what and will continue to work on the details for the next year.

Basically, Jim oversees all Club Activities. He is over the Executive Committee which is the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee also consists of the various Chairs such as Rifle Chair, Shotgun Chair, and Pistol Chair etc. Jim also presides over the monthly Membership Meetings. He will be present at the Board of Director's meetings and will report back to the membership on those proceedings during the Membership Meetings. He can also take a member's comments or concerns to the Board meeting for you. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or requests concerning any of our events you should contact the event Chairman or the President.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or requests concerning the Club finances or financial matters associated with buildings and grounds, you should contact a member of the Board of Directors. We are all here for the members of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club and would like to hear from you. This is just an introduction to the new realignment of responsibilities and to help you get in contact with the right person. Please come to meetings. Call or e-mail us. We want to hear from you.
Gary Brumbelow, Chairman of the Board.

MONTHLY RAFFLES

Membership Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month. There is always a raffle prize given away that is worth approximately \$200.00. The tickets cost \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. We will start advertising the raffle prize in the newsletter to see if we can entice people to come to the meetings. Remember that during the meeting we have a pot luck dinner so you might bring a dish to pass. The prize for the February meeting is a Smith and Wesson 22 pistol. You will need to meet eligibility requirements if you win. It will be transferred to the lucky winner from a Federal Firearms Licensed member. The March prize will be a Garmin GPS system. Come out to see what is going on in the club and get to know the members. As an extra bonus, you might win a great prize. Some upcoming prizes include a Spa/ Massage package and a car detailing. If you have suggestions of a prize you would like to see given away, let Gary Brumbelow know.

BOARD POSIITON OPEN

We have had a member of the Board of Directors resign his position. In accordance with the By-Laws, we need to fill that position at the February Board of Directors meeting. Article V Section 11 of the By-Laws states, "If the office of any Director becomes vacant, then any Board member may nominate any member in good

standing as defined in Article IV Section 2 to fill such vacancy. Filling such vacancy is subject to the approval of a majority of the Directors then in office, to serve until the next regular December membership meeting. The balance of the term vacated shall be filled pursuant to Article IV of this document." So, if you have thought you might like to become a part of the decision making for the club, now is your chance. Please contact me to let me know of your interest prior to the Board of Director's meeting on Feb. 9, 2009. You should plan to attend the meeting. I can be reached by calling 465-6736 or e-mail at olpoop01@comcast.net.
Gary Brumbelow, Chairman of the Board.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John & Kathryn Stafford	St. Joseph
Michael & Leonora Hill, Sr.	S. B end, IN
George & Dee Kesterke	St. Joseph
John & Sherry Nimtz	Berrien Springs
Jason & Amy Rhoades	Fisher, IN

2009 membership is currently 210 with 155 renewals in. Please be aware that renewals after Feb. 15 carry a penalty of \$50.00.

RANGE SAFETY ORIENTATION MEETINGS

- 7PM ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.
 Jan. 5th - Jason Grimm/Buzz Sherwood
 Feb. 2nd - Gary/Karen Brumbelow
 March 2nd - Marty Prillwitz/Jim Essig
 April 6th - Pat Story/Paul Adam
 May 4th - Jim Howley
 June 1st - Paul Adam
 July 6th - Jason Grimm/Buzz Sherwood
 Aug 3rd - Paul Adam
 Sept. 8th - Gary/Karen Brumbelow
 Oct. 5th - Jim/Sheryl Hausman
 Nov. 2nd - Jim/Sheryl Hausman
 Dec. 7th - Jim/Sheryl Hausman

BCSC Web Site

www.bcsportsmansclub.com

The BCSC Web Site is under new management...me. Yes, I have been chosen by the board to administer, maintain, and manage our web site. These duties have been performed by an outside resource in the past, and have now moved in-house. What this means is that we can now do more things with our web site, without worrying so much about the cost to have someone do the work.

The purpose of our web site is to give the outside public a view into our club and all the things it has to offer. As well as providing the club members information on the club happenings. Over the next few weeks, I will be updating the information posted on the web site to more accurately reflect our club today. Then I will be looking to enhance the content to include events and activities that take place at our club.

So, if you run an event or activity, or have any suggestions on what you would like to see on our web site...I would love to hear from you. Shoot me an email at kc8afw@yahoo.com or call 269-484-4881.

-Kevin Pounders

Let's Talk About It...

Now that I have taken over administration of our web site...I am trying to resurrect the BCSC Forums with the help of Chad Sharkey, who has run this forum in the past. I am a fan of forums. Anyone who has met me knows my life is a story waiting to be told, and forums are a great place to throw these tidbits out there for the world to see. A lot of what I post are things I run across and think are cool...so I wanted to share. I have already started posting things on our forum and am waiting for someone to tell me what they think.

What is a forum you ask? It is an on-line community where you can share ideas and discuss topics of interest. As we are a sportsman's club, most of our topics are focused on the shooting sports and the great outdoors. But, there are also areas where you can discuss whatever is on your mind.

How a forum works is...there are different areas based on subject matter (i.e. Pistols, or IDPA, or Archery, or Hunting) Within these areas, someone starts a topic. This topic can be anything from asking a question, to telling about your last hunting/fishing trip, to the latest attempt to enact some form of gun control. Once someone starts a topic, then others can reply to this topic with their opinions or supporting/opposing arguments. Just remember to be polite and respectful.

You can get to our forum from the front page of our web site www.bcsportsmansclub.com and follow the link on the left side. You can view any topic you want, but you will have to register to be able to post replies or start a new topic. To register, you will have to provide your first and last name, and identify whether you are a BCSC member...this information is only visible to the forum administrators (Chad and I) and not to the other users. Currently, an administrator has to approve new registrations...but that may change in the future.

So, surf on by...check out what's there...and tell me what's on your mind.

-Kevin Pounders

FOR SALE: Shane Oakely, a youth archer, would like to sell his Bear Brave Compound Bow with 2 arrows. Camo, good for younger kids. \$65.00 OBO. Call (269) 471-1445

FISHERMEN'S NOTICE

The 2009 Fishing Badges are scheduled to be available by mid-February. These are required for club members who fish along the St. Joseph River shoreline across from the trout rearing pond. Each badge has a number to identify its owner and this year will cost \$1.00. Be sure to display this year's badge when you fish this area during the spring steelhead season. Please see Frank Halik, Club Caretaker, to obtain the 2009 badge. You must show Frank your current club membership card and a second piece of identification. Have a great time fishing this year!

Bob Frost

IDPA

The start of the 2009 IDPA season is right around the corner, with our first match scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. Hopefully, we won't still have snow up to our holsters and it will at least be above freezing. Last year proved to be a great year for IDPA here at the club...and I hope to make this year even better. As last year...the rifle range will be closed 7:00pm the Friday before the match, and reopen at about 1:00pm on Saturday (after we have put all the props away).

While you're waiting for IDPA to start back up at our club...you can still enjoy IDPA at some of the other local clubs. Bend of the River and Michigan City both have indoor ranges and hold matches regardless of the weather. The rest will hold matches if the weather's not too bad. Just remember to dress appropriately.

-Kevin Pounders

Upcoming IDPA Matches

2/1 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
2/8 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN
2/15 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN
2/28 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI
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4/5 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
4/11 Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Jr. Rifle Dates Set

February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11, 25

April 22, 29

These shoots begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hunter Safety Classes

The spring class of Hunter Safety is set for April 6, 7, 8, and 11. (This is the week of Spring Break for most schools so plan accordingly). Call Bev or Dan Jennings 269-429-4656.

WOMEN ONLY

BCSC is offering an NRA Basic Pistol Class in March for WOMEN ONLY students. The instructional staff will be a mix of men and women. If you ever wanted to learn the basics of pistol shooting and safe gun handling here is your chance. And don't worry about getting cold because everything will be done indoors. All you need to bring is the interest in learning and a lunch. We will provide 22 caliber pistols and ammunition and the mornings' coffee and donuts. The cost of this course will be \$50.00. The class size will be limited so we can provide a lot of one on one instruction so sign up soon. For more information, contact Karen or Gary Brumbelow by phone at 465-6736 or e-mail as follows: Karen is RNKB55@comcast.net and Gary is OLPOOP01@comcast.net. Date to be determined.

"We cannot expect the Americans to jump from capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of socialism until they suddenly awake to find they have Communism." Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, 1959

Archery

Youth archery has again been a hot item this year even though our local newspaper, the Herald Palladium, buried the notice about the event within another article. Word of mouth has spread and we have had over 100 youth participate in the first 4 weeks. Plans are in the works to have a competitive youth league and a youth instructional league next year.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have a signed contract for Comptons 2009, our ninth year of hosting this great event. Please mark your calendars for June 19-21, father's day weekend. This will be Comptons 10th anniversary as a club and promises to be the biggest and best ever. Volunteer early and be sure to bring your kids and grand kids to the event to support your club.

Larry Janke

THIS AND THAT

- **There are some campsites available for club members. Please contact Archie Foreman at (219)759-4033.**
- NRA Action Pistol scheduled for May 16 and 17.
- **Glock Shoot set for June 7**
- Steel and Paper Shoot scheduled for July 18 and 19.
- **Check website's calendar for events in 2009. Karen B. is getting things posted early as they are scheduled.**
- Be sure to check out the website for the latest announcements that occur between Newsletters, the calendar, special notices, the newly done Forum and much more.
- **Web readers, please see flyer posted on front page about the Friends of NRA Banquet.**

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I see open slots so there's room for you to volunteer. Call the president or chairman of board.

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18th February and 18th March Member Meetings

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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.

4, 11, 25 – Jr. Rifle 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

March

2 – Range Safety Orientation

4, 11, 25 – Jr. Rifle 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

9 – Board/Exec. Meetings

19 & 22 – CPL Classes

18 – Membership/potluck meeting

24 – Archery Fun Night

All area codes are 269 except Archie

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