



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

With Spring just around the corner, the club is starting to gear up for another season full of events. We will have Boy Scouts the first weekend in April, Sea Cadets the first weekend in May, NRA and IDPA shoots all summer, and the annual Compton's Rendezvous on Father's Day weekend.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of our club and many members have expressed an interest in doing something to celebrate it. I would like to hear from the membership as to how big an event we should plan. Do we want to make it large enough to invite the general public or keep it just for club members? The officers of the club need a little input from the members on this. Please phone me (269)313-6450 or e-mail me (howlhouse@msn.com) if you have any feelings on this so we can get the ball rolling while we still have time to do some planning. Looking to hear your thoughts on this. See you at the club.

Jim Howley

News From the Board of Directors

For those of you who are interested in what is going on with the Club and the Board of Directors but cannot attend the monthly meeting, here is some information for you.

First, due to the state of the economy, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to suspend the late fee for membership renewal, this year. We have extended the renewal time to May 1 without penalty. However, anyone who has not paid their renewal fee is being asked to not use the facilities until your dues have been paid. In the case of non-payment, gate cards that allow access to the rifle and pistol ranges have been deactivated so you would not be able to gain access to them. Once dues are paid, your gate card will be turned back on. Please do not throw this card away. You do not need to attend a new range safety meeting each year as some people believed. If you attended a range safety meeting last year (now more of a club orientation meeting) you do not need to attend one this year. Please contact Sheryl Hausmann if you have any questions.

Next, spring was not kind to our driveway. There is a section by the entrance that cannot be driven on plus several other sections that are starting to break up. We are looking into the cost of repair and an overcoat. We may not be able to do the whole project this year but we need to know what the cost would be. Al Foster is doing a lot of leg work with this. He and President Jim measured the driveway

and parking lot to get dimensions for cost estimates. There is a test section of blacktop by Fennville that might work. I drove on it a couple of weeks ago and it looks promising. Al has been in contact with the contractor to get an estimate.

We have had a lot of enquiries about renting the clubhouse. We cannot do that with the clubhouse bathrooms the way they are. A remodeling project has been on the 5 year plan long enough that its turn is coming up. We are trying to form a committee to look at remodeling them. The revenue from that rental could help us afford a new archery range so this is being pursued.

We have had a request for the purchase of a computer for use in the clubhouse. This would aid us in putting on training and the monthly club orientation sessions as well as other activities. Several people have offered donations toward this so about 25% of the cost has been donated without any advertising. Anyone interested could contact a Board Member for more information or to make a donation.

Now to discuss the archery range and storage building mentioned above. The indoor archery leagues have the indoor range busting at the seams. New people interested in shooting winter leagues are being turned away because there is no room for them. Besides the fact of our archery people doing an outstanding job of being great hosts, we have become just about the only show in town, or the county, for that matter. More importantly than this, the youth archery programs are booming. As I have said many times in the past, the youth are the future of our club and the shooting sports. We must find a way to move forward with this project and we need to do it soon.

What we need in size is being looked into and then what we can afford. Larry Janke has done an awful lot of work on that project. He put a presentation together for the Board of

Directors and I wager he would be more than happy to do the same for a Membership Meeting. With Compton's being our biggest activity, by far, we could even utilize a new range into this. I am proposing that we set up a special building fund for this project. Anyone interested in donating toward this cause should contact the Board of Directors. Special recognition for sizable donations or memorials is being looked into.

Lastly, we need to start thinking about a spring cleanup so watch for announcements on the web site. Thank you for your continuous interest and support.

Gary Brumbelow, Chairman of Board



EASTER EGG HUNT SET FOR APRIL 11 11:00 A.M., CHILDREN 11 YEARS AND YOUNGER. Refreshments for all after the hunt. Dress for the weather. This will be outdoors in front of the clubhouse.

April Membership Meeting Door prize is a gift card to Tidy Car for a full car detailing, inside and out. This is a \$400.00 value, thanks to Tidy Car.

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The problem with investment bank balance sheet is that on the left side nothing's right and on the right side nothing's left.

PROOF READER

Even though I had not purposely put in an error for someone to tell me (so I know the newsletter is being read), Larry Burrell called me with a major error that I had missed. His name will go into the box for the annual drawing for a free membership. Thanks Larry for your careful reading.

This and That

- **Thank you to Margo Howley for getting the newsletter from the printer to your mailbox each month.**
- Thank you also to Margo Howley for finding new sponsors and renewing some former sponsors.
- **The first CMP shoot will be May 23rd at 8:30 am.**
- Many members have sent info on proposed legislation that would affect gun owners. They are too numerous to include but concerned people should check out www.nraila.org often.
- Welcome Gersch's Burgers, a new sponsor.

ARCHERY NEWS

COMPTONS

We are rapidly approaching Father's day weekend, also the weekend of the Comptons event. Please mark your calendars now to be sure not to miss this event. I have already received many Emails and phone calls about events, camping and meals from first timers coming to the event. Since this is Compton's 10th anniversary and gas prices are about half of last year's prices, we are expecting a record crowd. This year, the Saturday night meal will be a three piece chicken dinner with three sides, dessert and drinks included in the meal from Roger's Foodland. To serve this meal I need 8 volunteers to serve the food from 5:30 until 6:30 on Saturday night. In return for serving, you will get your meal FREE. Not bad for an hour's work. Please contact me to volunteer soon. We are also looking for a 4 or 6 seat golf cart to use as a

people mover at Comptons. If you have one or know of one that we could use, please contact me.

INDOOR ARCHERY

The Traditional League has ended and the winners this year are newcomers Steve and Jason Spenner. Congratulations guys. We had the largest traditional league ever and look forward to an even larger league next year. Thanks to all who participated this year. The Compound League had a surprise ending. After leading for 9 weeks, John Coon and Arren McMormick were surpassed by Bryan Styburski and Alex Wallace on the last night of the shoot. Congratulations, Bryan and Alex. On a sad note, John Coon announced that he has accepted a new job offer and will be moving to Midland soon. We will certainly miss John, Cindy and the boys and want to thank them for all of their help at Comptons in the past years. Good luck and come back and visit us often. *Larry Janke*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kevin & Heather Boyle	St. Joseph
Tom & MK Britenfeld	St. Joseph
Marc & Teresa Dixon	Zionsville, IN
Pranay Gaikwad	St. Joseph
Thomas & Margarita Hoffman	Inverness, IL
Don & Diane Kane	Hinsdale, IL
Thomas & Sharon Kanoski	Bridgman
Brian & Heidi Neiman	Buchanan
Gregory & Nancy Park	Niles
Charles & Reta VanderZwang	St. Joseph
Randy Chinery	St. Joseph
Ron & Pat Fry	Chesterton, IN
Jordan Kirshenbaum	Benton Harbor
Gordon Nye	Berrien Springs
John & Mary Helen Proos	St. Joseph
Eric Sernau	Berrien Springs

A LITTLE HUMOR FROM MANNY in AZ.

In shotgun reloads, we have often joked around in using a dry bean or two over the shot, to take up extra space. While shooting here in Arizona, I had the opportunity to shoot with an avid side by side shotgun shooter. In his breach loading shotguns, he shoots a reduced 7/8 oz load around 5000 psi at 1100 fps. To fill the extra space over the shot, he uses a puffed cereal. It collapses if there is not enough room over the shot, preventing a bulge at the crimp and keeping the shot in place. I haven't tried this and do not know of any reloading book that recommends this. (My discourse) I did not ask if he preferred puffed wheat or rice. No sweetened cereal, it might create an ant problem. Shop early and avoid the rush on puffed cereal at the grocery stores. Manny Stoes.

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=iCz3BA-oNIY> Delmar Lange recommends.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO NEW BYLAWS

The proposal is for Article IX, Section 2 regarding lifetime membership. It's proposed that instead of having to be a member in good standing for 5 years that it be one (1) year from the day the applicant applies for Lifetime membership. The vote will be at the May 20 membership meeting.

IDPA

The next time you hear from me, I'll be writing to tell you how our first IDPA match of the season went. That's right...our first match of the season is just around the corner on Saturday, April 11th. Hopefully, weather and range conditions will cooperate for our first match. The 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

- 3/28 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI
- 4/5 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
- 4/11 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**
- 4/12 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN
- 4/12 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI
- 4/19 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN
- 4/25 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI
- 5/3 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI
- 5/9 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

WOMEN ONLY

BCSC is offering a Women's Only Basic Pistol Class on Saturday, April 18th from 8AM to 5PM. You do not need to own a pistol to attend this class. This class is designed to teach beginners how to safely handle, operate and clean a pistol. There will be range time included on the indoor range, so no need to worry about the weather. Lunch will be provided. Class instructors will be a mix of women and men. Registration for the class will be Thursday, April 9th from 5 to 6PM, cost is \$50. For more information contact Karen or Gary Brumbelow at 269-465-6736 or RNKB55@comcast.net.



Sunset Coast Regional NRA REGIONAL ACTION PISTOL MATCH 2009

May 16 & 17



**Registration 7:30am
Shooting Starts 9:00am**

NRA Membership Not Required.



May 16 – Sunset Coast Regional

Practical • Barricade • Falling Plates • Moving Targets (Modified)

Entry Fee \$60.00

May 17 – Apple Blossom Cup

Michigan State Action Pistol Championship

Practical • Moving Targets (Modified)

Ambixedtrous Falling Plates • Speed Challenge

Entry Fee \$60.00

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The NRA Regional and State Action Pistol Competition will again be held at BCSC this year. This competition is open to everyone, new competition shooters up to and including nationally ranked shooters.

Come out and enjoy a day of shooting and a trip to the prize table! The Sunset Coast Regional is Saturday, May 16th, Registration starts at 7:30 AM, Shooting begins at 9:00 AM. The Apple Blossom Cup, Michigan State Championship is Sunday, May 17th, Registration begins at 7:30 AM, shooting starts at 9:00 AM. For more information see our website,

www.bcsportsmansclub.com or call Marty Prillwitz at 269-463-3472.

Let's talk- Last newsletter Kevin Pounders explained how to use the Forum on the club's website. Have you checked it out? There Kevin has posted many of the legislative gun issues and how to write your Congressman. Don't think they are too busy arguing about AIG to slip anti-gun laws in under the radar.

YOUR DOG CAN TEACH YOU:

- Remember, if a dog were the teacher you would learn things like:
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy...
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
- ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!

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April 15 is Membership Meeting/potluck dinner

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS.

April

3,4,5 – Boy Scouts, Orland Park, IL
6 – range safety orientation
6,7,8, 6—9 p.m.– Hunter Safety Class.
11 – 8 – 3 last day of Hunter Safety
11 – EASTER EGG HUNT 11:00 a.m.
11 - IDPA
13 – Board/ Exec. Meetings 6:30 p.m.
15 – Membership Meeting/potluck
18 – WOMEN'S BASIC PISTOL CLASS
23, 25 CPL class
29 – last Jr. Rifle for season

May

4 – range safety orientation 7:00 p.m.
9 – IDPA
11 – Board/Exec. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16, 17 – NRA Action Pistol Shoots Ranges closed
Friday, Sat. Sun.
20 – Membership meeting/potluck VOTE
27, 30 – CPL class

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