



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well, here we are, halfway through summer already and I'm still working on my May to do list. We have been getting a few things done around the club like getting the grounds back in shape after the mud field from Comptons.

By the time you read this we will have the new fence between the camp ground and the rifle range installed, and we are considering a storage building on the shooting ranges to get everything protected from the weather before winter. This will be discussed at the August membership meeting.

Margo tells me she still has several open time slots for the fair booth. If you are able to help out here, it would be much appreciated. Call Margo at **(269)313-0523** if you would like to help. Just a reminder, you will no longer earn money off your dues for signing up new members, but it is still very beneficial to the club.

Gary Brumbelow tells me he is still looking for help with the 75 year celebration. We would like to have several activities available for people to try. (Trap/Skeet, Archery, Hand gun, 22 Rifle) If you can help with this, please let an Officer, Chair, or Board member know. Have a great summer, and see you at the Club.

Jim Howley, president

News from the Board of Directors

It seems like I just laid down my pen from writing the article for the July Newsletter and it is time for the August / September letter. Lots to talk about this time so let's get started.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club needs your help. It is time to start thinking about new officers and directors for next year so we need to get a nominating committee together. If you are willing to help with the nominating committee please contact Jim Howley. And, what would a nominating committee be without a nominee. Anyone interested in running for one of the offices of the Club, please let your interest be known. We need new blood to help with the decisions of the Club. Offices on the ballot will be members of the Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is a fun but busy experience. While considering if this is something you would like to do, keep in mind that the Club counts on these people to fulfill the obligation they have agreed to. It is a task that requires follow through. If you are interested, let one of the members of the nominating committee know when they ask. I will say thank you now.

We voted on several issues at the last membership meeting. We needed 34 voting

members present at the meeting for the required quorum and had 39 voting members present. The issues in question and the results are as follows:

- The Bylaws currently require a person to be a member in good standing for at least 5 consecutive years before they are eligible for Life Membership. The proposal was to amend the By-laws to allow application for a Lifetime Membership after 1 year of membership. The vote was 16 yes votes therefore this was not voted in.
- The proposal was to increase the membership dues from \$130.00 per year for a family membership to \$140.00 per year. The vote was 23 yes votes therefore this was voted in. The increase will be effective January 1, 2010.
- The proposal was to implement a onetime initiation fee for new membership applicants. The fee was to be \$50.00. The vote was 6 yes votes therefore, this will not be implemented.
- The proposal was to reduce the volunteer hour credit from 35 hours per year per member to 30 hours per year per member. The vote was 16 yes votes therefore the proposal did not pass. Volunteer hours credit will remain at 35 hours per year per member which equates to \$35.00 per year off of your annual membership dues per member. A spouse cannot get more than \$35.00 credit toward the family membership. Credit is given to each member.

A change that was implemented as of July 1, 2009 was to eliminate the \$5.00 incentive to sign a new member. The belief is that this is something we do because we want to see the Club grow. It should not have a financial reward.

The finances of the Club are solid however, just as your household expenses have increased over the last few years, so have the expenses of the Club. We must find ways of generating income and we must find ways to reduce costs. We do not have the financial wizardry of the stimulus package where we can spend our way out of a recession.

Several months ago, I was asked to establish a special savings account for the Club's Driveway Improvement Project. Let's call it the DIP for short. Also, we should have established a special account for the dues collected from Life Membership applicants. In accordance with the By-laws, a special fundraising campaign was established and the dues from Life Memberships should be held for that purpose. Kevin Pounders (Secretary) and I established these new accounts on Saturday, July 25. So, anyone who wants to donate money to the DIP or to the major improvement account can do so. Since this is still new, please contact either myself or the Treasurer for information about either of these. It is my understanding that you can donate money to the Foundation with it earmarked for a special use and you can take it as a tax deductible contribution. Please contact your financial advisor about this.

We had an anonymous contribution of a new "Drop Safe" for Club use. We will be getting that installed very soon and will be getting information out to the appropriate Chairpersons concerning its use. Christmas in July. Thank you Santa!

Please help us enforce Club rules as you see them broken. Rules are usually Safety driven and safety is all of our responsibility. Please help us keep the Club safe.

Gary Brumbelow, chairman of Board

CMP SHOOTS

Jason Grimm reminds us that there will be CMP (Civilian Marksman Program) shoots on both **Saturday, August 15** and **Sunday, September 13**. These begin at 8:30 a.m. and end about noon. Cost is \$20.00 if using a club firearm or \$7.00 if using your own rifle. Please check out the club's website for more information or call Jason at **269-927-1793**.

SPECIAL THANKS

As a member of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who donates their time to the Club. It does not matter if it is a huge undertaking or a small project, Thank You. Without the efforts of Club members, we would not have such a great place to enjoy. Sincerely,

Gary Brumbelow, Member

HUNTER SAFETY

The last two Hunter Safety classes for the year are coming up! If your child is going to be at least 10 years old this Hunting season, you may enroll him/her in one of these classes.

- The first class is **Aug. 24-25-26-29**.
- The next class is **Sept. 21-22-23-26**.

These classes are both Michigan DNR hunter safety and international bow hunter safety. Students will receive both certificates upon successful completion of the course. The cost of the class is \$8 which covers all the ammo and food on Saturday. You must attend all dates of the series to receive the certificate.

To pre-register please call **Bev or Dan at 269-429-4656** between 6-9 pm.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Club needs three good working refrigerators and will gladly pick up. If you have one to

donate, call Al Foster at **269-465-3069**. Also thank you goes to Glenn Miller for fixing mud holes made by trucks during the muddy Comptons week. And to Larry Janke, Frank Halik, Jim Howley and Marty Bartholomei for all their work putting in the new windows in the Indoor Range. They look great and will help keep out the cold.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike Branch	St. Joseph
Bob & Joyce Golatka	South Bend, IN
Chris Robert Hauch	Niles
David & Karen Klein	Granger, IN
Kenneth & Zeny May	St. Joseph
John & Melissa Morrison	Stevensville
Joe Owca	Eau Claire
Destal Pepple	Eau Claire
Kent & Perlita Retterbush	Stevensville
Jeffrey & Janet Shipe	St. Joseph
Steven Shipe	St. Joseph
John & Gerry Sturgeon	Stevensville

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

With the true diversity of our Club, I believe a gift certificate is the second most popular item for our monthly Membership Meeting raffle prizes. First, being a gun. The raffle prize for the August Membership meeting will be a \$200.00 gift card to Cabela's. Whether fishing, hunting, or camping, with fall quickly approaching, I bet there is something at Cabela's that any of us would enjoy. Please come to the meeting and get to know people and maybe win a nice prize.

Gary Brumbelow

THIS AND THAT

- **Lost on pistol or rifle range: a maul**
Please return it to Frank Halik if you found it.
- **Welcome new sponsors: The Rental Branch.**
- **Welcome to The Gun House, a new business opened by three BCSC members: Chad Sharkey, Scott Gane, and Phil Hosbein.**
- The Gun House will buy your used firearm or sell it on consignment. They also sell brand new.
- Don't forget the Youth Fair this month. **Enjoy the fair and stop by the BCSC booth in Commercial Building #37 to say HI and bring your friends who may want to join at the "fair deal".**
- New memberships will be offered at the fair booth for \$160.00. This fee will be for the remainder of 2009 and all of 2010. The entire fee and application for this rate must be accepted at the fair only.
- In the coming months, Jay Sturgeon will be taking over the Newsletter. I have been your editor since May 2003 and will turn the job over to Jay by Jan. 2010. Shirley
- Be sure to write, email, or call your Congressmen about issues important to you, especially the Health Reform Package and the Cap and Trade bill. It's our country and they need to know how we feel.
- Here's what Maxine thinks:

Maxine on the bailout!



"BAIL EM OUT! ????"

Heck, back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed. Now we are trusting the economy of our country, our banking system, our auto industry and possibly our health plans to the same nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling whiskey!"

Sometimes I have to laugh to keep from crying.
The editor.

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Michigan Facts you may not know:

1. Alpena is the home of the world's largest cement plant.
2. Elsie is the home of the world's largest registered Holstein dairy herd.
3. The city of Novi was named from its designation as Stagecoach Stop #6 or [No.VI](#).
4. The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo in America to feature cageless, open-exhibits that allowed the animals more freedom to roam.

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Late addition to newsletter

Jr Rifle Program 2009: "Junior Shooters To The Line!"

The years Jr Rifle Program is getting ready to begin! Gun Safety, Marksmanship Skills and NRA Certifications will be achieved through a curriculum of **Safety, Attitude, Knowledge and Skill**, and will be taught with experience, fun and acknowledgement of achievement. The program is open to girls and boys ages 12 and up. The first 9 wk session starts on Wednesday September 23rd with Orientation and Safety Training. Practice will be Wednesday evenings 7-9pm at the BCSC indoor range Sept 23rd through Dec 9th. Cost is \$27.00 per 9 wk session. Membership is not required, equipment is supplied and there is a discount for siblings! This year's program is certain to be educational and fun!

To register or for more information please call Robbee Center at 269-683-1168. – Robbee Center BCSC Jr Rifle Chairman

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Deadline for October newsletter is Sept. 27

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS.

August

- 3 – range safety orientation 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – IDPA
- 10- Board and Executive meetings
- 15 – CMP shoot 8:30 a.m.
- 17 – 22 Berrien Co. Youth Fair. Club booth
- 19 – Membership meeting/potluck
- 20 & 22 – CPL class
- 24, 25, 26, 29 – Hunter Safety class

September

- 7 – Labor Day
- 8- range safety orientation 7:00 p.m.
- 12 – IDPA
- 13 – CMP Shoot 8:30 a.m.
- 14 – Exec. And Board meetings
- 16 – Membership/potluck meetings
- 17 & 20 CPL class
- 19 & 26 - Outdoor Archery
- 22,23,24,26 Hunter/Bow Safety