



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hi all, Winding down to winter, we are getting a lot of work and preparations for the season done. The board of directors approved a pole barn to be built down at the firing ranges to get a multitude of things protected from the weather, we have started installing a new fence around the fish rearing pond, we have trimmed the trees off the berms on the firearms ranges, and we are working on the changes the state recommended for the campground.

Again this year, we will be participating in the **Toys For Tots** program. Starting at the November members meeting we will have a table of toys which can be purchased with a five dollar donation and put in the Toys For Tots box in the club house.



Don't forget, the November membership meeting has been moved to the second Wednesday so as not to interfere with the deer hunting season. See you around the Club.

Jim

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Hi . I would like to briefly comment on the upcoming elections. The bios in this newsletter might help you make the best decisions on the election. I would personally like to thank those who were willing to throw their hat in the ring for this rewarding endeavor. This is an extremely important event in the success of the Club. Please take the time to vote. And remember, you are voting for people who you believe will do the best job for the success of Berrien County Sportsman's Club. It is not a popularity contest.

As for other business, the Board of Directors has been working diligently to get a better picture of our financial status. We know what it costs to run the Club and have a good idea of our income but we want to know how and when the money is coming in and how and when it is getting spent. We must adopt a chart of accounts that tracks finances to that detail. I would like to extend a special thank you to Jack Teuteberg for several years of work on this task. It started while Chad was President and is still going strong.

At the October Meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the expenditure of \$275.00 for the initial purchase of toys for our annual Toys for Tots campaign. A \$5.00 donation to the "coffee

can" will allow you to place the toy of your choice in the Toys for Tots bin. The proceeds from this will purchase bicycles and tricycles for the Toys for Tots program. Also, if anyone wants to purchase a toy and bring to the Club to donate, we are a drop off point. Please feel free to bring as many toys as you want. Remember too kids who are 10 – 12 years old. Maybe a football or basketball would be good for that age. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Club and for those who do not, please consider volunteering for something. The next person you meet at the Club might be a ffl (friend for life.)

Thank you for your support. And more importantly, thank you for your comments.

Gary Brumbelow, Chairman of Board

ELECTION FOR 2010

The **VOTE** is on December 16 from 4:00 p.m. thru 8:00 p.m. of the meeting.

If you cannot attend and want to vote ABSENTEE, you may by contacting the Secretary, Kevin Pounders by Thanksgiving Day. Call Kevin’s cell 269-484-4881 and leave a message. Or email Kevin at: kc8afw@yahoo.com . You must then return your ballot so Kevin has it no less than 5 days before the election---or by December 11. You may also drop it off on Election Day. The “election workers” will be at the Club from 4:00 p.m. thru the meeting.

Your vote is very important. In order to continue to improve your Club and continue to grow you need to elect officers that are willing to support our many events, increase youth activities and also volunteer their time to make them successful. The youth are definitely the key to our Club’s success in the future. Their participation in events at the Club increases membership and allows us to make more improvements without raising club dues.

Comptons is the club’s largest money raiser and we would like to see all our Board involved with it or other activities. Officers and Board members do give a lot of time and thus set an example for members to follow.

Please elect people you believe will make this club grow and prosper.

Sincerely, Larry Janke and Dan Jennings

THE BALLOT

President: Jim Howley
Vice-President – Paul Wolcott
Secretary – Kevin Pounders
Treasurer- vote for one
Margo Howley
Sheryl Hausmann

Board of Directors – vote for three

Paul Adam
John Castle
Matt Center
Al Foster
Jason Grimm
Robert Niedzielski

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

My name is **Jim Howley**, currently President of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club. I am running for a second term at this position. For those of you who don't know me here is a little about me. My wife, Margo, and I have been members since 1985 and during those years I have served the club as Treasurer, building and grounds chair, six years on the Board of Directors, and as this year’s president. I am also one of the NRA instructors and range safety officers. I would be honored to serve as next year’s president, and continue with the work we have started this year. Thank you for a great year.



Hello fellow members:

My name is **Margo Howley** and I am running for **Treasurer** in this year’s December election.

For those who are not familiar with me, my husband Jim and I have been members of B.C.S.C. since 1985, and I am currently advertising chair for the Club. In years past, I have served the Club as Exec. Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, and two terms on the Board of Directors. I have also chaired the Club's fair booth and Toys for Tots several years, as well as helping with CCW classes, Compton's, and many shooting events, including hunter sight-in days. I have both the experience and required time to handle this position. Thank you for your consideration.

As a candidate for **Treasurer I, Sheryl Hausmann** would like to introduce myself. My husband Jim and I have been members of BCSC for five years. I am a NRA member and a NRA Instructor with qualifications to teach Refuse to be a Victim, Basic Pistol, First Steps Pistol, Personal Protection inside the Home, Personal Protection outside the Home. I volunteer my time to help teach Concealed Pistol classes each month at the club with the other club instructors. I also have assisted in teaching with our Women's Day Classes, as well as with the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets. I am also a Range Safety Officer and assist in the monthly Range Safety Briefing for new members. I currently hold the position of Membership Chair which I have been doing for 2 1/2 years now. This includes attending the Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings. So I already have a great working relationship with the different activity Chair People, Officers and Board of Directors of our club.

I have taken accounting/bookkeeping classes. I have worked at Lakeland Heath Care for 28 Years. I assist in maintaining employee health records for state and other inspections. I also have a degree in Applied Science.

If you elect me as your next treasurer, I will be working closely with the Board of Directors and

together we will work to improve our accounting system to be able to adequately budget each year for club expenditures. This is a project that the Board of Directors has been working on this past year and together we can accomplish an accounting system that will allow income and expenditures to be easily tracked. This also will allow the club to budget for monthly, yearly and future expenditures in a more efficient manner. I eagerly await this challenge to work with others to insure our club stays financially sound for our children's children to enjoy. If anyone would like to talk with me prior to or after the elections, I would be happy to talk with you. I can be reached at 269-208-1506 after 4PM during the weekday. Thank you for your time and for your vote.

"Hi ! I am **John Castle** and I'm running for a three year seat on **the Board**.

I am an active hunter and fisherman as well as a Certified Wildlife Control Operator. Connie and I have been BCSC members for about four years. I am currently the Club's District Representative to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. I was for awhile the Advertising Chairman and also volunteer to work during the Compton's gathering. Connie and I volunteer to place flowering plants at the Club's Veterans' Memorial near the entrance to the grounds.

I believe that members who get satisfaction from Club activities should be willing to put something of their own time and energy back into the Club for the greater benefit of all. I want to see our Club grow and prosper, and especially to get more youth involved in the hunting, fishing, and shooting sports. They are the key to our future, to continue the traditions of hunting, fishing, trapping, shooting, archery, and the Conservation of our natural resources.

I am willing to hold the office of board member to take your concerns to the other

leaders of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club in order to make this the best conservation and shooting club in the state of Michigan! "

Thank you for your vote!

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Hi, my name is **Matt Center**. I am seeking a position on the **Board of Directors**. My family and I have been members of the BCSC for over a year now, I have lived in southwest lower Michigan for 12 years and I work for Holt Equipment company in South Bend selling construction equipment. I volunteer for club events as a RSO. I'm currently helping my wife and 2 other instructors with the JR Rifle program. I have 2 kids, one 14 yr old who loves the shooting sports and is participating in the Jar Rifle program and a 5 yr old that loves fishing. My pass times are hunting, fishing and archery.

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My name is **Al Foster** and I am running for a second term on the BCSC **Board of Directors**. My wife, three sons, and I have been active members for the past 8 years. We enjoy helping with Compton's and many other club events. I have been on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years and during this time the board has accomplished many things. I was appointed as the Building & Grounds Chairperson in April and in that role I am working hard on the 5 Year Plan that was handed to me. Many projects have been done to clean up and improve the grounds and buildings and more are planned to be done in the coming year. I would like the chance to serve 3 more years on the board to keep this club going in the right direction. I care! Thank you for letting me serves BCSC.

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My name is **Jason Grimm**, and I am running for a seat on the **Board of Directors**. I have been a member of this Club for over 20 years. I decided to become a member so I could have a place to shoot. During the past twenty years I have been involved in many areas. I was selected

Sportsman of the Year in 1997 and again in 2004. My activities include:

- Four years on the Board of Directors
- Assisted with the long bow shoot since it came to the club many years ago.
- Assisted with the Boy Scout campouts.
- Assisted with the Sea Cadets.
- Rifle Chair for over five years.
- CMP Coordinator for ten years.
- CCW Registrar and Instructor
- NRA Certified Instructor in many areas.

I believe my experience and knowledge are advantageous to the Club as we face future challenges.

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I, **Robert D. Niedzielski**, am running for a position on the **Board of Directors**. My wife, Judy, and our youngest son, Joshua, moved to Michigan in 2002. We are proud that Joshua is now a 2009 graduate of Michigan State University. Our other two children, Joseph and Rachael, are equally successful living in Maryland. We have three granddaughters who love to visit Michigan. I work at the Cook plant in a regulatory affairs position and Judy works at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph. Judy and I have for the past three years had an interest in the activities of the BCSC, such as CCW classes and target shooting at the range. I am interested in providing more service to the club.

I have always enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and have had successful part-time business enterprises such as on-line college course development, heating and air conditioning design, repair and farming. Other hobbies include repairs on vehicles, home remodeling, gardening and metal working.

In Maryland I worked 25 years for Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. I've served six years in the Navy, am a 30-year volunteer with Boy Scouting and Exploring, plus active in Church youth groups, building Committee, and more.

To name a few of the characteristics and attributes I can bring to the Board: leadership, cooperative, positive attitude, initiative, perseverance, patience, and control. I appreciate your consideration.

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The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet.

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December 12, 2009 is the Annual Christmas Party. Members whose last names start with A-M are asked to bring deserts and N-Z hors d'oeuvre. Social hours 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Anyone bringing kids twelve years of age and under needs to contact Margo at (269)313-0523 with names and ages and maybe what they enjoy doing. This information needs to be in no later than Dec. 5 to allow time for gift shopping.

COMING IN 2010

1. Berrien County Sportsman's Club will be offering a **Women's Basic Pistol Class** in March or April 2010. Check upcoming newsletters for a specific date. If you have ever wanted to take a class to become more familiar and comfortable handling, operating or maintaining a firearm, this class is for you. We will have classroom instruction with NRA Women and Men Instructors along with actual range time shooting. To register or obtain more information call Karen Brumbelow 465-6736.

2. Berrien County Sportsman's Club will offer a **Range Safety Officer Class** on February 27, 2010. If you are interested in attending this class and becoming a Range Safety Officer please contact Marty Prillwitz at 463-3472. The cost of the class will be \$25.00 plus NRA fees.
3. March 27 –**Friends of NRA Banquet** in Lawrence, MI

ARCHERY

With hunting season in full swing, we are now looking forward to an exciting winter league schedule. We are redoing the indoor backstop targets and I'm sure that you will be impressed. We will start out with a traveling Michiana Spot Target league that will shoot on Saturday evenings beginning in December. On Sunday, January 3rd the youth indoor leagues will begin with youth instruction at 2:00 and an advanced youth target league at 3:30. The Traditional league begins on Monday, January 4th at 7:00 P.M. and the Compound league begins on January 5th at 7:00 P.M... These are all 10 week leagues. If you or your youth were not in these leagues last year, please contact me soon to reserve your spot in these leagues, as Club members will have first choice and the leagues will fill up very fast. Call me with any questions at 269-470-4926. *Larry Janke*

CCW INSTRUCTORS/RSO's 2010 PLANNING

On Dec 19th there will be a CCW instructor - Range Safety Officer Meeting. The meeting will start at 9:00am. The purpose will be to set up lead instructors for CCW and to sign up RSO's to do the Monthly range safety classes. Jim Essig and Jason Grimm will chair this meeting.

'The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program.' - Ronald Reagan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kirk & Bonnie Goodwin	St. Joseph
Matthew & Kathryn Kissane	Baroda
C. DeWayne & Mary Ellen Baxter	St. Joseph
Edward & Anna Schramm	St. Joseph

THIS AND THAT

- Congratulations to Kevin Pounders for winning the raffle at Membership Meeting in October. WOW gift certificates to both Cabelas and Bass Pro.
- A new fence has been built around the fish pond.
- December 5 – deadline to register your child for a Santa gift at club's Christmas Party.
- Bring a Toy for Tot to clubhouse collection box or drop a \$5 bill in cash box.
- Breakfast for supper – a potluck for some membership meeting this winter.

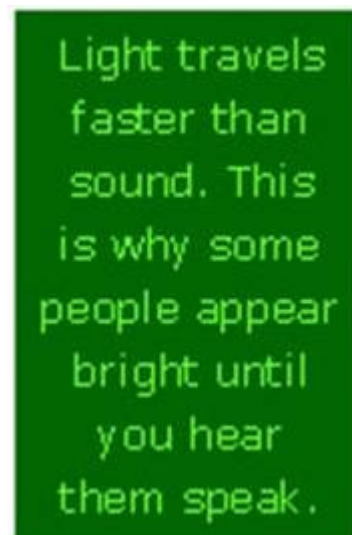
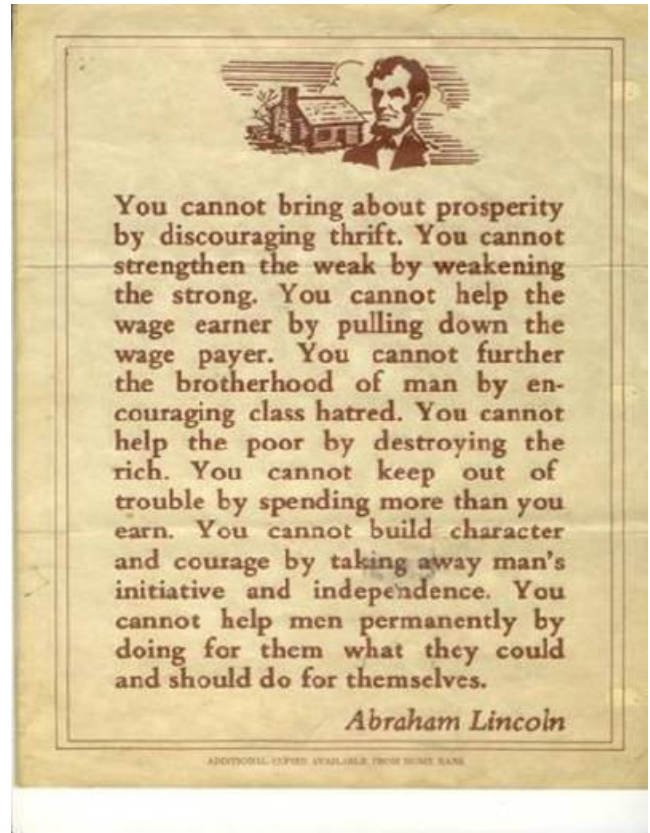
FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS

A hearty THANK YOU to Larry Janke, Les Hermann, Gary Brumbelow, Jim Essig, Todd Nitz, Jim Howley, Frank Halik for the hours of work clearing brush off the berms, backstops on the pistol ranges and rifle range. It was a hard job but done for this year.

Thanks also to Karen Brumbelow for fixing lunch for the workers.

Also thanks to Susan Foster for decorating the barrels on the club grounds. They look real nice.

Al Foster, Building/Grounds



I know I have used part of this before but somehow I feel it is VERY appropriate for these current times. Please think about it. Where are we of the USA right now?

Subject: How long do we have?

About the time our original thirteen states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government."

"A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover They can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury."

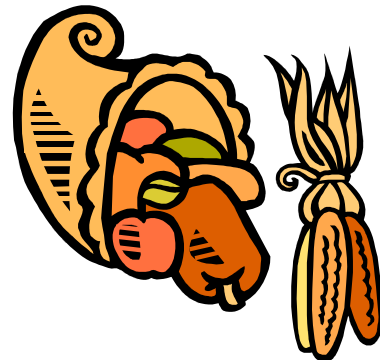
"From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who Promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that Every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is Always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning Of history, has been about 200 years."

"During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the Following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
3. From courage to liberty;
4. From liberty to abundance;
5. From abundance to complacency;
6. From complacency to apathy;
7. From apathy to dependence;
8. From dependence back into bondage"

With that said, please have a
Happy Thanksgiving.



**AND DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE.**

Berrien County Sportsman's Club
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Nov. 11, Membership Meeting / potluck

President	Jim Howley	313-6450
Vice Pres.	Paul Wolcott	471-7879
Secretary	Kevin Pounder	484-4881
Treasurer	Gay Story	429-3514
Director 3 yr.	Jack Teuteberg	428-2957
Director 3 yr.	Al Rosinski	429-0646
Director 3 yr.	Gil Dotson	468-5219
Director 2 yr.	Gary Brumbelow	465-6736
Director 2 yr.	Les Herrmann	429-9963
Director 2 yr.	Delmar Lange	926-8221
Director 1yr.	Al Foster	465-3069
Director 1 yr.	Paul Adam	429-6192
Director 1 yr.	Jerry Gunther	708-254-1851
Caretaker	Frank Halik	429-3792
Membership	Sheryl Hausmann	208-1506
Rentals/ Calendar	Karen Brumbelow	465-6736
Camping	Archie Foreman	(219)759-4033
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Building/Grounds	Al Foster	465-3069
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS.

November

- 1 – Sight-In Day
- 2 – Range Safety Meeting
- 4 – Jr. Rifle
- 9 – Executive and Board meetings
- 11 – Member meeting/potluck**
- 14 – IDPA
- 18 – Jr. Rifle
- 22 – Deadline for Dec. newsletter
- 26 –Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 1 & 5 CCW class
- 7 – Range Safety Meeting
- 12 –Family Christmas Party
- 14 – Exec/Board meeting
- 16 – Membership Meeting/ Elections
- 19 – RSO/ CCW planning session
- 25 – Merry Christmas