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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hi, fellow club members. Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you haven't been down by the ranges lately, you are more than likely unaware of the progress on our new pole barn. I am happy to report it is really starting to look like a pole barn. Thank to Jerry Jones, Marty Bartholomei, Bill Pastori, Marvin Helzer, Al Foster, and Gary Brumbelow for all their work on this project.

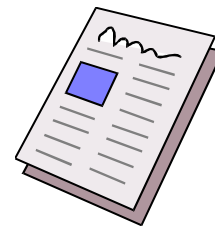
Don't forget about the Christmas party on Sat. December 12 and if you're bringing kids 12 or under you need to let Margo know by Sat. Dec. 5 at (269)313-0523.

We are still needing toys or donations for Toys for Tots.

Please remember to cast your ballot for next year's club officers. The election will be held at the membership meeting on Dec. 16. Doors will be open for voting at 4:00 PM for voting purposes. Our officers devote a lot of time and effort in making sure this club will be there for present and future members by making many tough and responsible decisions, both financially and activity wise. I'm sure they would appreciate knowing you support their endeavors.

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas party and the election.

Jim



This is my last newsletter. I have been the editor of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club newsletter since May 2003. That is about 66 issues. It's been fun and I do enjoy doing it but think it is time to turn the job over to a new person. That person is Jay Sturgeon.

Getting the job done changed in these past 6 years. I used to have to find a "folding crew" each month. Then the newsletter went online and that cut down somewhat on the folding, labeling, stamping, and mailing. The task got easier as I got more proficient with the computer also.

I want to thank the various folding crews and hope I don't leave anyone out. Jim and Elaine Harner, Daryl and Linda Godke, Jim and Tonja Walker, Jason and Jenny Grimm, Manny and Susan Stoes, Bud and Gail Moniot, Carole Rosenthal and her boys, and most recently Margo Howley. And of course my husband, Dick Moeckel who red-pens every issue before it goes to print. Thank you to all who have been a part of making this publication possible. A special thanks to all the members who sent in their articles on time!

Shirley Moeckel

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

First, for those who noticed an error in the number of volunteer hours credited on renewal forms, I would like to give an explanation. Part of the deal for this explanation is that you do not tell my wife about it. She still thinks I am perfect in every way. At work, we are a little more realistic. We say "Everyone is fallible and even the best make mistakes." Or at least, we should say that. Anyway, here is at least part of the story. While revising the membership application with changes prior to going to press, the Membership Chairperson asked me for some clarification on upcoming changes to our volunteer hours. For some reason, I remembered that we had voted in the July Membership meeting to reduce the volunteer hours to 30 per adult member per year. (I am fallible.) And, she believed this change was per membership. This would reduce the credit for a membership with both adults working the maximum from 70 hours (2 times 35 hours) to a flat 30 hours. This coupled with the lack of volunteer hours being reported to the Membership Chairperson for people who worked the Youth Fair this year made a large difference to several renewal amounts. Unfortunately, (or fortunately, depending on how you look at it) there were not that many renewals affected by the error. We have corrected that error and I thank you for your understanding. The volunteer credit will remain 35 hours per adult member for a total maximum of 70 hours per membership. Remember that each person has to work their own 35 hours. One person cannot work 70. Please contact a member of the Board of Directors or refer to your August/September Newsletter for clarification.

Now, a "Year in Review" so we can reflect on what we have been up to for the past 12 months. We replaced the first section of the driveway in the spring. The old driveway was cracked and crumbling. We replaced the Archery Shed with a new building. (Larry Janke is very proud.) The fence around the pond was replaced, as was the fence between the campground and the rifle ranges. The cinder block on the skeet towers was tuck pointed along with the cinder block in the armory. There was also

repair work done to some of the fencing on the shotgun ranges. We had the largest Compton's Rendezvous to date and everyone had a great time in spite of the Big Top tent coming down in the storms. The scrub brush and trees on the rifle and pistol ranges was removed and we are in the process of building a new storage building at the entrance to the pistol ranges so we have a place to store our range assets. We were awarded a \$3000.00 grant from the NRA Foundation which we turned into 4 AR-15 rifles in an attempt to upgrade our Junior Rifle Program and our Sea Cadet/ Boy Scout outings. The windows purchased 3 years ago found their final resting place in the indoor range and they are accompanied with a new set of double doors from the outside.

We lost some long time members due to their leaving the area and found new friends for the same reason. We buried friends and welcomed new additions to families. We have argued and agreed. Gone home angry and gone home satisfied. We have served the Berrien County Sportsman's Club in a variety of ways or just paid some attention to her. We have the right to enjoy this great facility and have sent friends to fight for this right. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our efforts. I am trying to separate the Executive Meeting from the Board of Directors meeting and make both of them working meetings that solve issues and make decisions. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to come join in. If you have questions, suggestions or complaints, please let us know. That is why we are there.

If I don't see you at the election or at the Christmas Party, have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May God Bless You All. (I can still say that, thanks to our military.) Please remember those who are on foreign soil, away from their family during these holidays, fighting to keep our safety and our freedom.

Gary Brumbelow
Chairman and Spokesperson Board of Directors



Please remember the **Club Family Christmas Party** is Saturday, December 12.

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.

THIS AND THAT

- Jason Grimm was the winner of the monthly raffle in November. A roomy hunter's blind tent otherwise called the "condo".
- **Toys for Tots box is still in the Club House awaiting your toy donation.**
- Come VOTE on December 16 or get your absentee ballot in by December 11.
- **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.
- **Congratulations Alyssa Putnam for her pistol awards. See article next column.**
- 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.

- 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John & Sara Bard	St. Joseph
Mark Booth	St. Joseph
Steve & Becky Doak	St. Joseph
Timothy Foster	Bridgman
Nathaniel Foster	Bridgman
Edward & Sonia Schmidt	Eau Claire

MORE NRA ACTION PISTOL NATIONAL RECORDS!

Well, the National Records are in for this year's Action Pistol Shoot held at Berrien County Sportsman's club every May. We had two members that shot qualifying scores for national records. For those of you that do not come out and shoot this event because they feel they are not ready for competition read on.

Alyssa Putnam, 14 year old, daughter of members Jeff and Christine Putnam shot in her very first NRA Action Pistol State and Regional shoot this May and brought home not one but four National Records. She shot in this competition with a Barretta Neos .22 Rimfire pistol. Way to go Alyssa!! Below are her National Records:

- 1.) Flying M Junior Division
Metallic Sights - .22 Rimfire
- 2.) Practical Event Junior Div.
Metallic Sights - .22 Rimfire
- 3.) Barricade Event Junior Div.
Metallic Sights - .22 Rimfire
- 4.) Modified Moving Target Junior Div.
Metallic Sights - .22 Rimfire

Marty Prillwitz, BCSC Pistol Chairman, brought home three National records this year. I have lost count, Marty. How many do you hold now? 24? Great Job Marty! Marty has brought National Attention to BCSC through his shooting and chairing of this event. I should say International as we were host to the New Zealand shooting team and two shooters from Canada at this year's competition. Marty left our competition and went on to the Bianchi Cup the next week. Below are Marty's 2009 National Records:

- 1.) Flying M Senior Division
Optical Sights
- 2.) International Rapid Fire Modified Senior Div. Optical Sights
- 3.) Flying M Senior Div.
Production Firearm

NRA has deleted one excuse everyone uses. This year they introduced the Production Division for anyone shooting a firearm out of the box. With this division you cannot use a competition outfitted firearm it must be a production gun from the factory or "out of the box". So get out to the range and start practicing for next years' NRA Action Pistol Regional and State Shoot, May 22, 23, 2010. Come join the rest of us for a fun and exciting weekend with a bonus of great prizes at the end.

ARCHERY

Youth archery instructional leagues begin on Sunday, January 4th at 2:00 P.M. and run for 10 weeks. This instructional league is FREE and the youth, ages 6 and up, can use their own equipment or use the club's equipment. Following this league at 3:30 we will have a youth target league for more advanced youth. For more information, call Larry Janke @ 470-4926.

Traditional archery leagues begin on Monday, January 5th at 7:00 P.M. and run for 10 weeks. Call Larry @ 470-4926 to reserve your spot in the league.

Compound archery leagues begin on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 P.M. and run for 10 weeks. Call Larry @ 470-4926 to reserve your spot in the league.

Sportsman of the Year

This year we have two people accepting this award. Come to the membership meeting on December 16th to find out more.

FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS

The pole building is coming along and looks great! It is going to be nice to have all the targets and equipment under one roof and not scattered here and there. None of this could have been done without a lot of help from our volunteer members: Jerry Jones, Marty Bartholomei, Jim Howley, Matt Foster, Gary Brumbelow, and Jack Teuteberg. We had Gene and Jeff Herrmann stop and help set the trusses after they were done shooting one day. We also had two of our campers, Stanley Helzer and Bill Pastore, lend a big hand. We appreciated it.

The new fence is up around the pond. Fighting the weather was a battle but it's done. Thanks to volunteers: Tom Woods, Jerry Dehring, Larry Janke, and Jim Howley. Next spring we may put some wood chips along the fence for a walking path and to cut down on the weeds up against the fence. This will make it look even nicer!

Members are starting to see that we are getting the club grounds cleaned up and they are offering to help in other areas. We had several volunteers offer to fix up the playground area for the kids next spring. Also, a member asked if we needed anything built for the pistol range he would make it for us. Thanks in advance.

Al Foster, Building/Grounds

HUNTER SIGHT-IN DAYS

Marty Prillwitz would like to say thank you to all the Volunteers who came out and enjoyed the beautiful weather and great times on the range helping our local hunters sight-in their firearms for the upcoming hunting season. We had a good turn-out of shooters this year. I won't tell anyone the fun times the volunteers had shooting Al Foster's Tack Driving Savage in .308 or Marty's Competition pistol. Volunteering is not just working but fun times with old friends and meeting new friends. Come out to the club next year for one of our many events and volunteer and enjoy the fun times had by all!

Karen Brumbelow, BCSC Volunteer

Elections

Be sure to cast your ballot on December 16th to elect club officers for 2010. You may vote as soon as 4:00 on the 16th and do not have to stay for the membership meeting if you have other commitments. Remember that the club's future depends on your vote. We need officers that are active in all club events to make the club prosper in the future.

Larry and Dan, committee

Jr. Rifle Notes:

Our first session comes to an end December 9th. We had a great group of kids and hope to see many return January 13th for the next session (there are a lot more certifications to be earned!)

New! Become a **BCSC Youth Programs** fan on Facebook! Check-out pictures of our up-and-coming shooters!

The AR-15 shoot: Wow!! - What fun! The Herald Palladium published an article called "A Shooting Success" on November 6th about the club acquiring four AR-15 rifles and the Jr. Rifle Program shooters who tried them out. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help us that day! Al Foster, Gary Brumbelow, Marty Prillwitz, Jason Grimm, Jim Essig, and Al Rosinski

Special thanks to Neil Hays & Al Rosinski for their great instruction, Matt Center for keeping us safe and organized, and to the parents that helped out each night with an extra hand. With all of you we had a lot...a lot of safety, learning and fun. My heartfelt thanks to everyone, you've made my first session as chairperson and an instructor very rewarding and enjoyable. See you in January!

Got Leftover Halloween Candy?

Chop Snickers bars or other candy up with food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle with the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yumm!

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Next membership meeting is December 16

OFFICERS/BOARD/CHAIRPEOPLE

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Director 3 yr.	Al Rosinski	429-0646
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Director 2 yr.	Les Herrmann	429-9963
Director 2 yr.	Delmar Lange	926-8221
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Director 1 yr.	Paul Adam	429-6192
Director 1 yr.	Jerry Gunther	708-254-1851
Caretaker	Frank Halik	429-3792
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Building/Grounds	Al Foster	465-3069
Editor	Shirley Moeckel	468-3837

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS.

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

January

3 – Youth Archery begins, each Sun. 2-5 p.m.
4 – Range Safety Class
4 – Traditional Archery begins each Mon. 7 p.m.
5 – Compound Archery begins each Tues. 7 p.m.
11- Exec./Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
13 & 27 Junior Rifle 7:00 p.m.
20- Member Meeting/Potluck 7:00 p.m.
21, 23 CPL (CCW) Class

CCW dates for 2010 are posted on the on club website's calendar.

Happy New Year