

Broome County Sportsmen's Association

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October, November, December 2016

President's Letter

Well here we are back to the late fishing, hunting and harvesting season for fur bearers. Those who are interested in the Mepp's squirrel tail deals might want to group together to get some free lures. Takes more than a few tails. Search for Mepps on the internet to find the parameters. The gardening season is drawing to a close except for those with cold frames or covered rows set up. We had a real dry growing season. Those who can't irrigate their gardens had problems. The weeds seem to do better than the crops. All consumables are going to cost more than they have. Meat is going to go out of sight I think, we have had massive flooding and drought in all the places to make stock feeds expensive. In this area one might be paying special attention to the things that wild life have to rely on. Many of these foods are seasonal in abundance. Usually when one wildlife crop fails another picks up the slack, but with a drought they all get hit. So get out as often as you can to stock the larder with what ever you like eating. May you all reap the bounty of nature in your pursuits. Remember to leave some for seed, even the varmints have a function in nature.

Now the thing we are not short of are politicians, but they are also important as to whom we elect to office. We are doing top to bottom elections this year which makes their effect long lasting.

Far be it from me to saw whom you should vote for, but VOTE ! Remember failure to vote is the same as voting for whomever gets in office. For the want of a nail, etc. if someone doesn't know the rest of it feel free to ask a mature adult.

To you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, Happy New Year and the celebrations that you hold dear during this time of year.

John

Reminder: The Presidential Election is fast approaching!

There is a lot at stake for gun owners in the upcoming election, not only that Clinton has vowed to disassemble the NRA, but she also has said that she would like to institute an Australian style disarmament of America. The only thing that would stand in her way could be a Republican controlled Congress and possibly Senate. Many have indicated that they would not vote for either candidate. While you, like the majority of the country, may not be thrilled with the presidential candidates, there are many other very important races at every level of government. **Please! Do not fail to vote based on only the presidential race.** Your vote for Congress, Senate and even local representatives is extremely important.

Carl Criddle, Newsletter Editor

Indoor Range Update

The indoor Range has had several improvements done over the last few months. A new fuel tank has been installed outside, The previous unit was showing some aging issues. It was replaced at a cost of \$1200.00. Members lead by Bill Hryck painted the Ready Room and the Firing Line Area and have replaced about 50% of the down range ceiling tiles. The balance of the ceiling tiles will be replaced in the future. Still on the agenda for the indoor range is painting the down range floor and walls.

At \$85.00 per year the Indoor Range is a great bargain. I have been to ranges that charge \$15.00+ pre hour and they require you to buy the targets from them at \$1.00 each. When scheduling your trips to the Indoor Range, remember to check the Club Calender as there are leagues and others using the range and have times set aside for their exclusive use.

Falling Plate /Swing Target Range Update

Falling Plate /Swing Target Range Update At the 2015 September Board of Directors Meeting the Board voted to remove the tripod base movable target frames from all ranges. At that time the Board was going to look into replacement of these target with units that cannot be moved to areas they should not be in. Member Jim Fitch stepped up with a plan. The Board approved money for the project and Jim Finch had it done in short order. Thank you Jim.

Calendar of Events

October

Sporter Rifle	Tuesday	4,11,18,25	6:00 PM
BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	19	7:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Thursday	6 (2 hour course)	5:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Saturday	22 12:00 PM to	5:00 PM
Field Target Match	Saturday	1,22	8:30 AM
22 Rimfire Practice	Sunday	2,9,16,23,30	12:00 to 2:30 PM

November

Sporter Rifle	Tuesday	8,15,23,30	6:00 PM
BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	16	7:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Thursday	10 (2 hour course)	5:00 PM
22 Rimfire Practice	Sunday	6,13,20,27	12:00 to 2:30 PM

December

Sporter Rifle	Tuesday	6,13,20	6:00 PM
BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	21	7:00 PM
Long Arm Concealed Carry	Thursday	8 (Indoor range)	5:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Saturday	17 Indoor Range)	12:00 to 5:00 PM
22 Rimfire Practice	Sunday	4,11,18	12:00 to 2:30 PM

NOTE:

The indoor range will be closed on Thursday, October 6th for painting.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Always Looking for New Members We are always looking to increase the membership rolls with new members. The fixed expenses the club has to pay just to keep the doors open for are use is considerable and growing every year. Taxes and insurance our the largest burden we have. Last year we paid over \$17,500.00 in these cost alone. The more members we have to help divide up these expenses among us helps keeps the cost to each member lower. Jeff Culver has designed and had printed up a new membership tri-fold brochure. We have these in many of the local places where sportsmen frequent. If you have a location that we may place our tri-fold brochures please contact Paul Rurka @ 607-786-4811 or BCSA.PAR@GMAIL.COM I will get the brochures to you ASAP. Membership applications are always available at the clubhouse in the container near the front door, also on our website. There is also a link to the application on our Face Book page.

The membership Renewals were mailed out in early August. If you have not received your RENEWAL FORM please contact me.

It appears we had an issue with numerous Renewals that were mailed back for processing. If you mailed your Renewal Form and check to me on or around August 18th, it was possibly one of the 90 envelopes that was 'mis-placed' by the post office and finally located on Wednesday 09/21/2016. I am processing them all and those membership cards should be delivered prior to this newsletter being received. Any questions, please contact me preferably by e-mail or by phone. my contact info is listed in this newsletter.

Also, any member who brings a guest to the club, please have the guest sign a Waiver. Blank Waivers are located in the plastic holder to the right of the club house door. Please put the completed Guest Waiver in the slot in the door located inside the club house.

Jamie Szenher – Membership Chairman

The quarterly newsletter will continue to be mailed through the US Postal Service. **It can also be e-mailed to you, if you prefer, by our webmaster or conveniently be viewed on our website www.bcsportsmen.org.** If you would like to change your newsletter delivery method, please make a note on the renewal form which would save on postage and paper.

Just a reminder, BCSA takes part in the **NRA Recruiter Program** with the BCSA getting a rebate for each NRA membership we sign-up through this program. The annual NRA membership rates thru this program is as follows:

- 1 year - \$30 (reg. \$40)
- 3 year - \$85 (reg. \$100)
- 5 year - \$100 (reg. \$140)
- Life - \$1,000 (reg. \$1,500)
- Junior/Distinguished Life \$500

If you are planning on joining the NRA, an application with a business reply envelope can be mailed to you if you phone me at [607-239-5259](tel:607-239-5259) or send a request via e-mail to member1@bcsportsmen.org.

Jamie Szenher



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