

Broome County Sportsmen's Association

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NEWSLETTER

April 2021

President's Letter

Welcome new members, we are glad to have you. Please take a moment to check out our association's website: **bcsportsmen.org**. Please read the rules and bylaws found therein. Then find our Facebook page and click to follow it: **@BroomeSportsmen**. So important!

The following is an official notification to the members of this association: **Rule 13** states the following: All organized events must be placed on the club calendar. Advanced notices are required so that they can be published in the club bulletin.

Effective **May 1, 2021**, the official club calendar will no longer be the paper calendar in the club house, this was usually mirrored by our website, and bulletin calendars. Sometimes there were problems with the process. The changes listed below, are to solve these conflicts.

Our official club calendar will be that found under the events tab on our clubs Facebook Page.

I have appointed **Paul Rurka as our calendar chairmen**, he is tasked with keeping events that he is informed of, and are approved by the Board of Directors, updated on this calendar for visibility. Paul also has had the authority delegated to him by BCSA's Board of Directors to decide scheduling conflicts. Paul Rurka can be contacted as follows: calendar@bcsportsmen.org

We have completed the sale of the clubs standing timber, 704 trees, to Gutchess Lumber Co. of Cortland. We will publish Range closures for the logging on the southside of the hill facing the range. We will schedule this to minimize disruptions to usage during peak demand months.

Note: Inside there is a rule change. It will now be your responsibility to report damage you caused to the club. Please be careful, if you damage or break something, call or write one of the directors on the list that is located on the ranges. We all own and benefit from this rule change.

I would like to gather any and all interest in a women's league, and I will pass that information onto the person interested in starting one, I believe it would be a pistol league. Also, would there be any interest in a regularly scheduled weekly or by weekly club fixing/maintenance crew. If you would be willing to show up on a regular basis to do club repairs and maintenance for a couple of hours, please let me know.

Spring has arrived, we have grass to plant, and landscaping to do as a final touch around the new club house. We are planning on a May time frame, contact Jamie Szenher if you are available and he will add you to the list and let you know when the schedule is.

With my regards, and may you find abundant ammo.

Jeffrey Culver
B.C.S.A. President

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A Safety Reminder

No cross shooting on indoor or outdoor ranges!

Maintain your shots to the lane you are on. Cross shooting creates errant shots that will cause damage to the building on the indoor range and out of bounds shots on the outdoor range with no protection.

As always please be aware of what is behind your target and beyond.



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MEMBERSHIP INFO

Membership Update:

Our Memberships are at an all-time high. This is great for the club and also keeping me really busy. As most of you know the new clubhouse is done. We have some small things to complete over the next few weeks/months. Indoor Range Members will enter the Indoor Range through the front door of the new clubhouse.

Currently, the code for the new front door is the same as the gate code. In the near future (most likely on or around Sept 1st) I will be transitioning all members to having their own individual door code. If you are already an Indoor Range Member, your Indoor Range door code will then be your front door code. Non-Indoor Range Members will get their own door code.

BUT, RIGHT NOW, continue to use the Gate Code to enter the building until I officially announce the door code is changed.

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org

Calendar of Events

Please contact Paul Rurka as Calendar coordinator at calendar@bcsportsmen.org to schedule events.

The calendar of events is now located on the Broome County Sportsmen's Club Facebook page. Go to the BCSA Facebook page or go to the BCSA website and click on the Facebook page link on the Home page and then click on the Events link located on the left column of the Facebook page.

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 or send me an e-mail (the preferred method) which would save on postage and paper. When you contact me, give me your name, address and membership # and let me know if you would like it e-mailed or if you prefer to read it on the web page.

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
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Volunteers

In the next month or two we will be needing some volunteers to do some outside work. This will possibly entail moving some dirt, planting grass seed, etc. We are not sure of the date yet but it will most likely be on a Saturday. If you would like to volunteer please email me at treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org and let me know. Once we decide on a specific date I will then let the group know.

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
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Building Damage

There have been several incidents with errant shots or ricochets that have damaged the rafters, ceiling tiles, roofing and target equipment. Please be very careful with your shots! Make sure you are shooting down the lane you are on (No Cross Shooting) and that the target is down range far enough that you are not hitting the floor or ceiling instead of the backstop materials.

Range equipment update

There are now Bleeding Control first aid kits located on the ranges for use in an emergency. Please take a moment to locate where these are. If you would like to learn more on Bleeding/Hemorrhage Control contact Brad McAvoy at grounds1@bcportsmen.org

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBER RULES

Updated January 20, 2021

1. **NO UNSAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS. DANGEROUS USE OF FIREARMS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB**
2. No shooting ahead of the designated firing lines.
3. Shooting on all outdoor ranges will not commence before 9:30 A.M. and outdoor shooting will cease at official sunset.
4. **PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP MUST BE CARRIED WHEN ON B.C.S.A. PROPERTY.** Which shall be; a Club issued membership card clearly displayed by member on outer clothing above the waist at all times when on Club property.
5. No non-member, or junior individual are to use the ranges unless supervised by a club member or range officer.
6. Non-Club members cannot use the Club facilities, other than at approved events, without prior approval from a Club Director, or they must have a club member with a current guest membership card for each non-member.
7. Only approved targets are to be used on the ranges. The following are approved targets; any paper target and steel swinger targets. Clay pigeons are only allowed on the rifle and trap range. No other targets can be used on any range other than the listed approved targets, without the approval of the Board of Directors. The following are **SPECIAL RULES BY RANGE LOCATION:**
 - INDOOR RANGE** - No centerfire rifles or shotguns on this range, No magnum ammunition, No black powder firearms.
 - PISTOL RANGE** - No centerfire rifles or shotguns on this range. Targets shall only be shot at on provided cardboard backers in steel frames, steel targets to be shot with handgun calibers ONLY. .22 Cal. Rifles are allowed on the Pistol Range
 - ARCHERY/AIR RIFLE RANGE** - No Firearms at all – Air Rifles and Bows ONLY. No Rifles, No Shotguns, No Handguns.
 - MIDDLE RANGE** - No centerfire rifles or shotguns on this range. Handguns, .22 Cal. Rifles and Semi-Auto Pistol Caliber Carbines chambered in 9MM, .40 Cal & .45Cal. ONLY on this Middle Range. No clay pigeons to be shot at on this range.
8. Members are subject to dismissal from the club for not adhering to bylaws and rules of the club.
9. Any club member caught willfully damaging or stealing club property, including wildlife on club property, shall be immediately and permanently expelled from the club.
10. No motorized vehicles, horses, or bicycles on club grounds other than in the parking lots. Members and guests are restricted to the following areas on the club property: Parking Lots, Buildings, Ranges, Mowed Lawn Areas and a 50-yard perimeter around the pond, unless on a sanctioned work party or authorized by the Board. Current Board members are exempt from all provisions of rule number 10.
11. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the ranges at any time. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at any regular or board meetings.
12. **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**
 - REGULAR** membership shall be \$53.00 per year.
 - SENIOR** members, 65 years old at the start of the membership year AND having at least one year prior membership as a regular member shall pay \$35.00 per year.
 - JUNIOR** members 18 and under shall pay \$5.00 dues per year. Members who are aged 18 or 19 have the option of joining as a Regular Member (full privileges) or a Junior Member (only on Club Grounds with a Regular Member).

LIFE MEMBERSHIP fee shall be 15 (fifteen) times the current Regular membership dues. Life membership shall be paid in full and is not refundable.

GUEST MEMBERSHIP shall be the same fees as regular membership.

13. Members will have a one-month grace period, (the month of September) in which to pay their membership dues.
14. INDOOR RANGE FEE shall be \$85.00 *per year*. The Indoor Range fee year being the same as the membership year.
15. *N.R.A. membership will be strongly encouraged by the Club.*
16. Anyone using the Broome County Sportsmen's Association name for their own personal gain without Board approval is subject to dismissal from the Club.
17. Scrap brass and lead are the property of the Club.
18. No club property shall be removed from the grounds without the permission of the Board (subject to police action). Use of club property (grounds and buildings) by committees or outside groups, must be approved by the Board.
19. All committees or outside groups who use the clubhouse and/or grounds are obligated to leave them clean and policed up.
20. No personal property shall be stored or left in or on club buildings or grounds without permission of the Board.
21. Any person seeking political office must secure Board approval prior to speaking at club meetings.
22. The By-Laws and Rules of the Broome Country Sportsmen's Association shall be reviewed every five (5) years.
23. Any rule change(s) made by the Board of Directors shall become effective thirty days after the membership has been notified in the club bulletin.
24. Keys and combinations will be issued only to Board Members and individuals deemed necessary by the Board. Any issued keys are subject to recall by the Board, with noncompliance by the holder being grounds for immediate dismissal from the club.
25. Board Members with twenty (20) consecutive months on the Board will have dues waived. Committee Chairmen with eight (8) consecutive months of service will have dues waived.
26. ALL Members and Guests, using the club's shooting facilities shall on a annual basis starting September 1st 2016 and on that anniversary date or before, execute a Waiver of Liability approved by the Board of Directors. ALL members purchasing a club Guest Membership shall have each and every person using that Guest Membership sign a club Waiver of Liability each time they use the club's shooting facilities.
27. Monies collected by committees shall be turned into the Treasurer at every Board meeting. Each committee chairman shall turn in a monthly funding report for each month that there is income or expenses for that committee.
28. All trophies and awards are to be handled through the club Treasurer and are to be paid by check. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors.
29. **ANY** damage to BCSA Club Property **MUST** be reported to a BCSA Officer or Director as soon as possible. **ANY** Accidental Discharge causing damage to BCSA Club property **MUST** be reported to a BCSA Officer or Director as soon as possible.
30. All raffles shall be run through the Raffle Chairman.
31. All organized events must be placed on the club calendar. Advanced notices are required so that they can be published in the club bulletin.
32. The approval of three quarters (3/4) of the complete Board of Directors is required before funds can be withdrawn from the Schmeiske Fund.
33. Board of Directors may take a leave of absence if unable to perform their duties as Director by notifying the Secretary in writing of the stop and start dates of their leave of absence. Directors while on leave of absence shall have General Membership status.

NRA Membership

If you are not a member of the National Rifle Association (N.R.A.) and are considering joining, we offer discounted N.R.A. Membership fees as the Broome County Sportsmen's Association in an N.R.A. Recruiter. If you are already a member and renew through the B.C.S.A. you will be entitled to the discounted fee as follows:

1 year -\$35 (reg. \$45)

3 year -\$85 (reg. \$100)

5 year -\$125 (reg. \$150)

Life -\$1000 (reg. \$1,500)

Junior/Distinguished Life \$500 (reg. \$750)

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 607-204-0611

or send a request via e-mail (preferred method) to me @: treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org

Jamie Szenher

BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director

RANGE CLOSINGS

Will be posted as far in advance as possible.

CHECK THE WEBSITE to avoid disappointment if work is in progress.

There have been a lot of errant shots into the ceiling of the indoor range that have caused damage to the rafters, ceiling tiles, lights and range equipment. Please take careful aim and keep your shots from ricocheting into ceiling or firing directly into the ceiling

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the Highway, go East on Foley Rd. - BCSA is on the left.