

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter – April 2025

Saturday May 17 @ 8 AM
Clean-up Day at Club Grounds
ALL Members are urged to attend!!

President's Letter

Ok I will start with a very rare rant, and will preface it with...We have a great group of people that belong to, and use our facility. A facility that I believe is second to none in the Southern Tier of NY. A facility paid for, built and maintained by members volunteering their time and treasure. The following is preaching to the choir as they say, but if you see some one that is destructive, unsafe or does not have a current club name tag or guest tag around their neck, or displayed above the waist, including me, please ask them to correct their unsafe behavior(s) and to provide proof of membership and/or report them to the board.

We have a few (luckily very few) members who think that the rule about being a member bringing guests, that is having a guest pass for each non-member does not apply to them, they seem to be kings in their own heads, and as sovereigns they feel they can do what they want. It has become a problem! We have even gotten a rude letter to the board when they were called on their rule breaking, talking about honor as they are being dishonorable breaking the rules. Please--Each of your guests shall sign a liability waiver, these are found in the club house on the back of the membership application, then deposit them signed in the box by the conference room. The liability of just anyone using the range is huge, if you want to discuss that I am available, it is a BIG deal. Rant off...

There is zero tolerance for non-members or their unpaid guests that are using the grounds. The exemption is when we are open to the public during events and matches, with a signed guest waiver, For those times and events everyone is welcome.

Watch for and please participate in work days, the first one is Saturday, May 17th at 9 AM. Club clean up, sprucing up, and we are also going to do a little project planning that day for future projects. Lunch included.

Keep up the good fight for our God given rights enshrined in our country and state's founding documents

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Culver

BCSA President

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Vintage Military Rifle

Vintage Military Rifle – matches will be held on Wednesdays at 1 PM on the following dates:

May 28
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 6 & 20

Vintage Military Rifles are M1903 and M1903A3 Springfields, M1917 Enfield, M 1 Garands, M 1 carbines, British 303, k 98 Mausers and other foreign military rifles with original issued sights.

No modern sporting rifles, scopes or optics can be used in V M R matches. Entry fee is \$5 to cover target cost. No awards or trophies.

The course of fire will be 30 shots for record plus sighters fired at 100 yards on the SR 1 target.

10 shots prone slow fire plus 5 sighters in 15 minutes

10 shots prone rapid fire in 80 seconds

10 shots standing slow fire in 10 minutes.

Rimfire Silhouette

What is Rimfire silhouette?

It is shooting small metal animal shapes at 40, 60, 77 and 100 meters on the BCSCA rifle range with a 22 caliber rifle.

All shooting is from a standing position.

To promote this we are allowing ANY safe 22 rimfire rifle with your choice of sights or scope. Large targets for startup. No fee for introductory first time shooters.

This will not be an NRA sanctioned event. NRA rules will be used for safety and organization purposes. Silhouette shooting will be held at 5:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays starting in May.

May 8 and 22
June 12 and 26
July 10 and 24
August 14 and 28

To revive this activity shooters will keep their own scores. No fees for NRA/ league/ team/ state association.

Come to the first shoot May 8 and learn all about it.

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

3 year -\$85 (reg. \$100)
Life - \$750 (reg. \$1,500)

If you plan on joining the NRA (or renewing), an application with a business reply envelope can be mailed to you just send a request via e-mail (preferred method) to me at:

treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org or you can call 607-204-0611 and leave a detailed message.

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
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NEWSLETTER:

Due to the rising cost of stamps, we are looking to cut back on some postage fees. There are three ways to read our semi-quarterly newsletter. It can be mailed to you, it can be e-mailed or you can read it on our webpage. If you would like to change your newsletter delivery method, please make a note on your renewal form or better yet, contact me (email address below or mail address on this newsletter) which would be quicker and then it would save on postage and paper. When you contact me to change your delivery method, 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. If you currently receive the newsletter by mail, it will continue that way unless you contact me to request otherwise.

Jamie Szenher
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MEMBERSHIP INFO

A huge thank you to all that have renewed their membership as the B.C.S.A. is run by your membership fees. If you have not renewed your membership yet, you can at any time. But keep in mind, I am not stopping at the post office daily, like I do during August and September, so processing your membership will take a little longer than normal.

If you only have Regular (or Senior) Membership and would like to add a Guest Membership or Indoor Range Membership you can do so at any time. You just need to mail me a note with your name, address, Member #, what you are adding (Guest or Indoor or both) and a check or money order for the proper amount (Guest \$60 & Indoor Range \$95).

Any membership Questions? go to our F.A.Q. page at: bcsportsmen.org/faq or contact me at the email address below.

General Meetings: The general meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to attend these meetings. Comments, Ideas and all other input is welcome from ALL members. The Directors meeting follows the general meeting. As members, you are also welcome to attend the Directors meeting.

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<http://www.bcsportsmen.org/schedule.html>

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Join the Broome County Sportsmen's Club: **Share Your Passion for Hunting**

Become an Instructor and Inspire the Next Generation

The Broome County Sportsmen are on a mission to pass on the cherished tradition of hunting to the next generation. To achieve this, we are seeking dedicated men and women who are passionate about hunting and enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and skills with others.

Meet Our Local Leader

Our local leader, Alan Hector, is spearheading this initiative and is looking for individuals who are ready to become part of our esteemed instructor team. Alan's commitment to fostering a love for hunting within the community is unwavering, and he needs your support to make this vision a reality.

How You Can Get Involved

If you are interested in joining our team of instructors, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- **Reach out to Alan Hector:** Connect with Alan directly to express your interest and learn more about the role of an instructor.
- **Attend a Club Meeting:** Join us at one of our regular club meetings to meet fellow members, discuss our goals, and understand how you can contribute.
- **Participate in a Hunter Safety Class:** Come to one of our scheduled Hunter Safety classes as listed on the Club Calendar. This will give you an opportunity to see our programs in action and get a feel for the instructive process.

Why Become an Instructor?

- **Make a Difference:** Play a pivotal role in preserving the tradition of hunting by educating and mentoring new hunters.
- **Community Engagement:** Be part of a supportive community that shares your passion for hunting and wildlife conservation.
- **Personal Growth:** Develop your own skills and knowledge while teaching others.

We look forward to welcoming new instructors into our ranks and working together to inspire the next generation of hunters. Your contribution can make a lasting impact on our community and help ensure that the sport of hunting thrives for years to come.

For more details or to express your interest, please reach out to Alan Hector at our next club meeting or during any of our scheduled Hunter Safety classes. We are excited to meet you and discuss how you can be part of this rewarding endeavor.

Join us in this important mission and help us pass on the passion for hunting to future generations. Together, we can make a difference.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

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NRA Basic Rifle Instruction

Attention young (and old) shooters,

You may have previously read in our newsletter that we will be conducting our annual, 6 week rifle training course at the Indoor Range (Spring of 2026). This program covers all aspects of gun safety, rifle shooting positions and competition. It is intended to be an introduction to safe shooting of a 22 caliber rifle in a comfortable setting.

We hold these classes over a period of 6 weeks on Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 PM sharp! We get to shoot competition grade 22 rifles that the club supplies along with the ammunition, shooting pads, jackets, etc. We ask that you bring personal eye and ear protection for these classes.

The only requirement for these classes is that you be a member of BCSA at the time of class and that you are at least 12 years of age. Some older members (parents and grandparents) have also taken and enjoyed the class. All are welcome!

Please contact youthrifle1@bcsportsmen.org if you are interested. Please ask your friends to join you for this fun program even if they are not currently Junior members. It only costs \$5.00 to join for one year as a Junior!

Concealed Carry Recertification

Prior to 2013, pistol permits were good for a lifetime and required no recertification.

In 2013, the NY SAFE Act required pistol permit holders to recertify every five years. This began in January of 2017. Those that certified in 2017 had to recertify five years later, in 2022.

But in late summer 2022, the state tweaked the rules for those who hold a concealed carry permit and they must recertify every three years, not the five that continues to pertain to other permit holders.

So, for those concealed carry permit holders that recertified in 2022 and thought they had five years, guess what?

You will need to recertify this year - 2025

Prior to 2013, lifetime pistol permitting had been typically handled through the county clerks' offices. But the SAFE Act granted control of the new pistol permit renewals to the New York State Police. During the renewal process, handgun owners affirm their basic personal information and that they still own the guns appearing on their permit.

To handle this process an online system was created.

If you want to check your recertification status:

Go to [NYS Pistol Permit Recertification](#)

Click on **Check Recertification Status**

You will need to know: your last name, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of your social security number and that you are not a robot

Click on **Check Recertification Status**

Your recertification status should then appear.

OUTDOOR RANGE USERS – READ & FOLLOW OUR RULES. #4, 5, 6.

BCSA membership does NOT allow you to bring **non members** in.

A "GUEST MEMBERSHIP " will allow you to bring **1 non member**. NOT 2 or 3, ONE GUEST.

Other rules apply to the indoor range. The \$3 range use fee applies to BCSA members, not outsiders using our facility for \$3.

IF you want to be the "COOL GUY" who brings his cheap ass pals to use our ranges, please inform the other members using the range (WHO PAY THEIR DUES) while you and your "posse" don't have to bother with such nonsense. You know – the taxes, maintenance, insurance, target holders, etc.

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