

Broome County Sportsmen's Association

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NEWSLETTER January – February – March 2023

President's Letter

Not all improvements are visible to our sight, so I am letting the members know that you're Board of Directors are constantly working to improve the club facilities. We replaced the "invisible" (as they are inside the silver boxes on the indoor range) circuit cards with a new programmable ones.

We had depleted the inventory of the old ones as they were failing often. When the ranges were out of commission inside, it was usually a broken string or a failed board. We also purchased quite a few backup boards, and are still working on the support wiring, but reliability is much improved since they were installed this fall.

To do improvements you need resources and land is a big resource. Last March I heard that some land may be available adjoining our club due to a land owners' recent death. In September we established contact with the owners estate. I am pleased to announce that at this point that we have entered into a contract to purchase 34 plus acres of vacant land. This purchase will extend our club grounds and will provide an additional buffer. Since I was first on the board there has been wishful talk of having a longer range. We will be working in the coming years to develop one on this new land. I am hoping for 500 yards, we shall see if we can pull it off. This purchase helps the club have options. Options are good. It should close in early January.

If this land purchase was news to you today, it could have been old news for you. We have talked about this purchase at several regular BCSA Club meetings. I invite you to join us the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM. You can express your thoughts and have ideas heard, and find out what is up days, weeks and even months ahead of that which is announced in the newsletter.

Finally, we are planning another NRA youth rifle program again this winter. Who can quantify what the results of pouring skills and knowledge into our young, what sparks are kindled and flames fanned?

I cannot comment, even less figure out, where the new carry and gun laws are day to day; while one Federal Judge is putting a stay to the law only to have another three Judge panel put it back in play. This happened several times since September.

Stay Warm,

Jeffrey Culver, BCSA President

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NEWSLETTER

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Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
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RANGE CLOSINGS

Will be posted as far in advance as possible.

CHECK THE FACEBOOK page to avoid disappointment if work is in progress.

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) 3 year -\$85 (reg. \$100) 5 year -\$125 (reg. \$150) Life - \$1000 (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.

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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.



International Pistol League at BCSA

We will be hosting a International Postal League on Monday nights starting September 19th at 6:30 pm. This will consist of Air Pistol and Free Pistol and will be shot on different Mondays. Air Pistol is a 60 shot Postal Match shot at 10 Meters one shot at a time. This is a very good way to sharpen your shooting skills and open to juniors and adults. Free Pistol is a 22 caliber 60 shot match one shot at a time at 50 feet. Both disciplines are fun to shoot and there is always help from other shooters. If interested in this call Dave Stratton @ 607-222-6482

A Girl and A Gun

Happy Holidays to all!

A Girl and A Gun is going strong. We are doing 3 different range times in 1 month (1st Wednesday of the month at 6pm, 1st Friday of the month at 10:30am, and the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm) this is for every month, hoping to meet everyone's wants and needs. We are also planning an anniversary dinner for our A Girl and A Gun club on Feb 3, 2023. We are looking forward to our 2nd year with new shooter and experienced shooter as well.

This was our last Sunday of the year picture.



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.

Proof of Membership

Recently, several people have been escorted off the BCSA property because they did not have a membership or a guest membership. Your membership is for ONE member, not a carload of friends and family. Guest memberships may be purchased for EACH person that wants to use the ranges at BCSA as your guest. If you bring people on the property without guest memberships, they are freeloaders. They are also trespassing if confronted and refusing to leave. Think about it- your annual dues pay for buildings, range maintenance, insurance, taxes and other expenses too numerous to list. If your best friend wants to use the ranges but is too cheap to pay annual dues, maybe you need a different friend to shoot with.

Membership

I have recently transitioned to what I consider the semi-off season. I am not going to the post office to pick up the mail every day; it is now once or twice a week at the most. And processing applications has slowed down also. If you plan on renewing your membership, it will take 10 to 14 days to process.

If you have questions about memberships, please check out our F.A.Q. page at: www.bcsportsmen.org/faq

If you are a current member have any problems or issues with your membership or your door code, contact me at the below email address.

If you are a new Indoor Range member, please make sure you take the Indoor Range Tour prior to the first time you use the Indoor Range, otherwise your door code will not work.

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

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. 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!

If you are interested in this program **OR** you know of friends and relatives that might be interested please contact us soon as we will **start the program in Jan 2023 (exact date to be determined)**. We can accommodate up to 12 shooters and we only have a few spots open.

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!

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership Year: September 1st to August 31st

Please Print Clearly and Use Ink. **Incomplete applications will be returned**

Mr. _____

Mrs. _____

Miss _____

First Name

M.I.

Last Name

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 (All 9 Digits) _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____ / ____ / ____ Occupation _____

Vehicle License Plate #(s) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Are you an NRA Member? _____ If yes, NRA Number _____

Are you a registered Voter? _____ If yes, did you vote in the Last Election? _____

Please Indicate your Interests in our Organization:

Air Rifle _____	Outdoor Pistol _____	Trap _____
High Power Rifle _____	Indoor Pistol _____	Junior Program _____
.22 Rifle Silhouette _____	Sporter Rifle _____	Archery _____
Rifle _____	Club Upkeep _____	Other _____

Are you a Former BCSA Member? Yes ____ No ____

Were You Ever Convicted of a Felony Yes ____ No ____

Regular Membership \$60.00

Guest Membership \$60.00 Additional

Junior Membership \$ 5.00

Life Membership \$900.00

Optional Indoor Range \$95.00 Additional

(EACH Membership Application [Regular or Junior] requires a separate Application)

Make Checks Payable to: BCSA

Do Not Send Cash

Mail to: **BCSA Memberships**

P.O. Box 1794

Binghamton, NY 13902-1794

Applicant's Signature

Date

Your signature on this application and the Waiver signifies that you will follow club rules

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Check Number _____ Bank: _____ Card # _____ Issue Date: _____

Date Rec'd _____ Amount: _____ Indoor Range _____

Broome County Sportsmen's Association, Inc.



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I understand that shooting sports activities may entail risks of injury or death to myself. I understand that the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for myself for the risks identified herein and for those risks not specifically identified. My participation is voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of risks.

I have read and understood the BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED Safety and Membership Rules. Which have been provided to me in writing and are also available to me on the Club's website listed above.

I agree that prior to participating in any shooting sports activity, I must be familiar with the safe operation of any firearm that I will use and understand the safety and shooting procedures applicable to that activity. I agree that I must be physically capable of safely participating.

I assume full responsibility for myself for bodily injury, death, and the loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and/or of my own negligence.

I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself.

MEMBERS (or Guest Members) NAME _____

(please print)

MEMBERS (Guest Members) SIGNATURE x _____

(If Juvenile, Parent or Guardians Signature)

DATE ____ / ____ / ____

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 SemiAuto 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 \$60.00 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 \$40.00 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 \$95.00 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.



Approved 12-21-22 BCSA

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