

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - December 2024

President's Letter

We wish for you a peaceful and prosperous Christmas, and a Happy New Year. It should prove interesting with President Trump coming back into power. A couple of things on my wish list for the New Year follow: Federally... 1) Here is to the hope that they will pass concealed carry reciprocity nationwide. 2) The Hearing Protection Act passes and removes suppressors from the National Firearms Act. 3) End the wars without new ones. My wish list for New York, that the courts would overturn the restrictions on handgun carry in the state, and also the assault weapons ban. A lot to ask sure, but if you 'shoot for nothing' you hit it every time!

There has been discussion at our board meetings about reaching kids and teens to encourage the shooting sports. One of our board members has contacted local schools, with some interest. We hope we can get something going. We do plan to have the NRA Youth Rifle Class this winter. Hunter Safety Program also has a late winter class. The last class was a large one. We as a club do not 'administer or oversee' the class, we only host it. Though we are happy with and proud of the good work that these volunteers do in teaching hunters' safety, it is a state program through the New York State DEC. We have donated our facilities to this endeavor since the 1940's

Please check us out on Facebook, as we have been posting photos of our events and history. There are currently pics of the last hunter safety class, and our open house posted.

Finally, the calendar is going really well, it is on our website under the schedule tab. Click on the events listed for more details. We are having way less conflicts. We are also trying to put an emphasis on having ranges available for the membership as much as possible. We also had a volunteer that came forward as our new comptroller as a result of our last newsletters request, thank you to him, soon he will be on the board, and seated as an officer, then his name will be under officers in the next newsletter.

Again, my wishes for a most excellent New Year, I am usually available by phone or text, I prefer that to email.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Culver, BCSA President

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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.

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



NEWSLETTER:

The BCSA Newsletter will continue to be mailed through the US Postal Service. **It can also be e-mailed to you, if you prefer, or conveniently 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 contact me which 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

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
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Range Closings

Will be posted as far in advance as possible

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

MEMBERSHIP INFO

The 2024-2025 Membership Year is moving along. 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.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Membership application. If you have already renewed your membership, you do not need to mail that in, it is only for members that have not renewed or new members.

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



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Juniors Are Welcome

Includes:

International Free Pistol

(Any .22 pistol with open sites, minimum age is 12)

and

Intenational Air Pistol

(Any .177 Air Pistol with open sites, minimum age is 9)

**Shooting Takes Place Every Monday Night, Beginning at 6:30 pm,
On An Alternating Schedule.**

For More Information, Contact:

Dave Stratton at 607-222-6482

(Director)

or

Rob Jensen at 607-849-6191

(Team Captain)

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership Year: September 1st to August 31st

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

Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Ms. _____ First Name M.I. Last Name
Miss _____

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 _____

How would you like to read/receive the Quarterly Newsletter? ____ U.S. Mail ____ On the Webpage
____ E-Mail (please provide your email address)

Please Indicate your Interests in our Organization:

Air Rifle _____ High Power Rifle ____ Junior Program _____ Rifle _____
Archery _____ Indoor Range ____ Outdoor Rifle/Handgun ____ 22 Rifle silhouette ____
Club Upkeep ____ Indoor Sporter Rifle ____ Other _____

Are you a Former BCSA Member? Yes ____ No ____
Were You Ever Convicted of a Felony Yes ____ No ____

(Circle below which apply)

Regular Membership \$60.00
Guest Membership \$60.00 Additional
Junior Membership \$5.00
Life Membership \$900.00
Optional Indoor Range \$95.00 additional

Make Checks Payable to: BCSA
Do Not Send Cash
Mail to: **BCSA Memberships**
P.O. Box 1794
Binghamton, NY 13902-1794

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

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: _____ Door Code _____



Broome County Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Post Office Box 1794
Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-1794
Website: bcsportsmen.org

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 NAME _____
(please print)

MEMBERS SIGNATURE x _____
(If Juvenile, Parent or Guardians Signature)

DATE ____ / ____ / ____

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBER RULES

Updated January 1, 2025

1. **NO UNSAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS. DANGEROUS USE OF FIREARMS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE CLUB**
2. There is no shooting ahead of the designated firing line, except when there is a board approved event that has the range reserved and has the proper amount of range safety officers to maintain safety of all participants for that event.
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 \$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.
34. Club Facilities rented to organizations shall pay to the club Treasurer ALL fees (rent, cleaning, security deposit, ect.) due in advance of their event. (*this rule will take effect January 1, 2025*)

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 March 2025 (March 7, 2025 is the first Thursday)**. We can accommodate up to 12 shooters.

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!

Safety Reminder

The Club has placed "Bleeding Control" kits on the ranges for members to use in an emergency. The Club has also placed an AED inside the clubhouse hallway by the main entrance door. If you are interested in taking a Stop the Bleed class or a CPR/AED class please contact Brad McAvoy and let him know of your interest. If there are enough people arrangements may be made to hold the class at the clubhouse facilities.

Brad McAvoy - grounds1@bcsportsmen.org

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