

# BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## Newsletter - August 2025

### **President's Letter**

During our January regular meeting, the president of Shooters Committee on Political Education, (S.C.O.P.E.) gave a presentation concerning that New York State 2A (second amendment) advocacy organization. Check out their website: <https://scopeny2a.org/>

The site is a wealth of information to keep us up to date concerning what our anti-gun government is planning and trying to ram through the legislature. There is a list of proposed laws, and where they stand in passing, also opinions on those same bills. There are so many interesting things on that site.

Our club supports this organization, and we send them some money. We recommend membership, and support. They are a leading organization in New York for your rights.

S.C.O.P.E. is looking to start a Broome County chapter, they need a volunteer to lead this effort. Several have expressed interest in joining such a chapter, but a leader is needed, our club would entertain helping out a chapter, but a volunteer is needed.

Speaking of volunteers, we had a great work day in May, the place was cleaned, trees removed, etc. the place looks great, thank you again for those who participated. Another group burned the huge pile a few weeks later.

Fall shooting groups are starting up shortly if you have interests in a fun and challenging sport reach out to the leaders of one of these disciplines listed herein.

We welcome pictures and memorabilia of the club from bygone years, trust me your kids are going to throw most of it away, so pass it to us for display or safe keeping. We welcome such stuff.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Jeffrey Culver

BCSA President

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## **A Safety Reminder**

### **Safety first!!**

There have been several incidents of unsafe gun handling on the ranges at BCSA. The biggest violation is "SWEEPING" the entire firing line as you handle or uncase your firearm.

***Rule number 1 -ALL firearms are always loaded. Treat your firearm as loaded, point only in a safe direction when handling, at all times.***

If you are a new member (or have not been on the ranges for a while) please stop and read the warning signs that are posted on every range on our club grounds. If there are rules you do not understand, come to the general membership meeting on the third Wednesday each month. There are several members that will provide training and they have contact information on the bulletin boards around the club. The cameras are working on outdoor ranges. Your actions are being recorded. Stay safe.

### **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 are planning on joining the NRA (or renewing), an application with a business reply envelope can be mailed to you. Send a request via e-mail to me at: [treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org](mailto:treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org)

Jamie Szenher



## Range Closings

Will be posted as far in advance as possible

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

## BCSA International Pistol Postal League

We will be starting our International Pistol League in late September which consists of air pistol and free pistol. The air pistol is shot at 10 meters one handed and consists of a 60 shot match one shot at a time. The free pistol is a 22 caliber match shot at 50 feet one handed one shot at a time. We shoot on Monday nights and two weeks we shoot Air and two weeks we shoot free. This is a good way to sharpen your skills and if you only want to shoot one discipline that's fine. This is open to everyone including Juniors and if interested contact Dave Stratton at 607-222-6482

## BCSA Bullseye Pistol League

Our Bullseye Pistol League will be starting around the first week of October and will be shot on Friday nights against different teams in the area. The match is shot with a 22 and centerfire at 50 feet one handed and consist of a slow fire target, timed fire target, and a rapid fire target. Some shooters only shoot 22 pistol so you don't have to shoot both guns. This is a good way to sharpen your skills and there is always someone willing to help new shooters. Junior shooters are welcomed also with an adult and if interested call or text Dave Stratton at 607-222-6482



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**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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor Range \_\_\_\_\_

# Broome County Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Post Office Box 1794  
Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-1794  
Website: [bcsportsmen.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ....**

The Membership Renewal forms were mailed out on July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are a little delayed this year due to construction/re-modeling at the post office on Henry St. For the past couple of months (and for well into August I am told) my access to the post office box has been through the counter employees. If there is a line, I (and other P.O. Box people) wait...and wait... P.O. Box holders usually have access from 7am to 10pm but right now it is only when the counter is open. I don't want to make this an anti U.S.P.S. rant, but this construction has made it very inconvenient to get the mail for the club.

You should have received your renewal form by now, if you have not please contact me via the email address listed below. When you mail your renewal in please give me at least a couple of weeks or more to process it (dozens of renewals to process and the lack of the P.O. Box access).

Before mailing in your renewal form, please check it over to make sure everything is correct and make any corrections right on the form. Also, if no license plate is listed, please add one (or more). If you have not received your Membership Card(s) after 4 weeks, please contact me.

**Address Change:** If you move anytime during the year, please send me an email or mail me a note your new current address so I can update it in the database.

**Buck-a-Member:** On the Renewal form is a section for the Buck-a-Member program. The \$1 that you donate to the program goes to the New York State Conservation Council. The New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) is the oldest statewide conservation organization in New York, incorporated in 1933 by sportsmen/conservationists to help secure and manage our natural resources for future generations, as well as to protect the rights of sportsmen and sportswomen to hunt, fish, trap and own firearms. Since its inception the NYSCC has fought for regulations and laws to protect and manage our fish, wildlife and other natural resources. Many of the hunting, fishing and trapping regulations safeguarding our resources today are the result of the NYSCC's efforts.

**New Members:** The Broome County Sportsmen's Assoc. can always use new members as we operate based on the dues we collect. Let others know the benefits and enjoyment of being a member of the B.C.S.A. If you have a Guest Membership, bring them to down to the club. If you do not have a Guest Membership, contact myself or one of the other Board Members to give a tour. Also, any of the B.C.S.A. Board of Directors can also issue a temporary One-Day Guest Pass to you. If they need a Membership Application, they can be downloaded from the website or I can mail them out.

**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](http://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.

Any questions or issues please contact me by email as that will get you the quickest response.

Jamie Szenher  
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director  
[treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org](mailto:treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org)

## **Vintage Military Rifle matches**

Wednesday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 24.

Range is reserved from noon until 4 PM. Hammer down at 1 PM.

30 shots plus 5 sighters at 100 yards on the BCSA 100 yard rifle range.

10 shots prone slow fire; 10 shots prone rapid fire in 80 seconds; and 10 shots standing in 10 minutes.

Benchrest can replace prone positions, but more difficult target will be used.

All participants will shoot last 10 shots standing.

Any as issued military rifle can be used for this match. 03 Springfield , M1 Garand and carbine, Mauser, M 1917, 03 A3, 303 British, SKS, Moisin-Nagant , etc.

## **Sporter Rifle**

The dates are here for the 2025/2026 Sporter Rifle season.

The first evening will be **Tuesday September 16th.** and continuing until February 24th.

We start at 6:00 pm but are here at 5:00 pm every week.

We use .22 rifles and we shoot 30 rounds each night competing against other clubs randomly chosen in our area. No pressure, no stress, just fun.

Must be 12 years old to shoot. \$3.00 per week plus \$3.00 per week extra for non indoor range members and a one time \$5.00 equipment fee.

Come join us this year. Hope to see you there.

## **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 the beginning of 2026**. 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!

## **Thank You!**

A big Thank You to the Members who have been maintaining the flower garden memorial, the whiskey barrel planter / flowers along the sidewalk at the Club House and to those members who have been available to help at the designated work details during the year. It is appreciated.

Also a Thank you to the Board members and Chairpersons who have dedicated their own time to keeping the Club, Ranges, Leagues and Grounds up and running on a regular basis for the use of the membership!

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