

Boone County Sportsman's Club

2007 Fall / Winter Newsletter

October 26, 2007

Don Schroeder long time member and officer of our club passed away October 21, 2007. Don was a member for many years, serving on the board in several capacities besides running Thursday night skeet for years. Our condolences to his family.

General Information:

The year 2007 has been another good year for the club. The shooting volume is up and the memberships are again at an all time high. We ran our 4th annual gun show with success, and hosted the skeet shooting for Iowa Games for the 3rd year, Sporting Clays for Iowa Games for the 1st time and had our 2nd annual Mike Schmidt Skeet Shoot. And best of all, we operated another full year with no injuries or safety problems.

Note: At the October meeting this year, the board voted to not host the Iowa Games Skeet or Sporting Clays events in the future because of the lack of volunteers to run them.

Memberships:

A blank 2008 membership application form is attached for the convenience of anyone who wants to get set for next year. The combination changes on Jan. 1st.

Dues Increase : Unfortunately we have to raise the prices for memberships in 2008.

We looked at it long and hard before raising them. All our costs (like everyone else's) have gone up considerably since the last dues increase.

Memberships for 2008 will be: (NRA Member \$ 50.00 / Non-NRA Member \$60).

You can get or renew your membership in one of four ways.

1. Fill out the application and mail it to the address on the application and your membership card will be mailed to you.
2. Catch an officer at the club anytime you see one there, or on Tuesday or Thursday nights May through October, which is trap & skeet nights at the club, and turn in your application and appropriate membership fee to receive a temporary membership. (good until you receive your card in the mail).
3. If one of the above won't work for you, Steve Gus will be taking applications and issuing temporary memberships at Bacon Jewelers, but you may have to be patient and wait for him to finish with customers first. If this gets abused, it will be discontinued.
4. Doc Menefee said he would take applications, at his office, and issue temporary memberships. (710 Arden St.) There again you may have to wait a spell.

Since you have no way of knowing if Steve or Doc may be taking an afternoon off or they may be on vacation, your best bet is to mail in your application early. Most of you know if you are going to join. Don't wait until the day you want to sight in your rifle or shotgun before hunting season.

No longer will memberships will be issued from anyone's home address !!!

Also, applications now have mandatory fields of information and must be legible.

If you check the NRA box, we need your NRA number. **No Exceptions.**

"On file" or "you have it", will no longer cut it.

E-mail is not mandatory, but we are in the process of converting our newsletter to e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, please print it legibly and help save your club printing and mailing costs. **“A quick reply”** when you receive your newsletter would be appreciated so we know you received it and won't needlessly send you a hard copy by US mail.

Gun Show:

This was the fourth year we put on a gun show. We again, were very pleased with the results. There was a substantial increase in the attendance. We feel the increase was because we did more advertising, had some of the same great dealers, and are now starting to get a reputation for having a quality show ! We will be putting on our “Fifth Annual Gun Show” in August of 2008. Please don't be afraid to volunteer ! We would like to say “thank you” to all the people who volunteered and made this year's show a success !!

Trap and Skeet:

The trap and skeet shooting was up for the third consecutive year. We have many new shooters and have the hard core cases still shooting. Thanks to Craig Menefee, Steve Gus, Mark Hasstedt, and Tom Snow for taking their time to run the Tuesday and Thursday night shoots. I think we all realize how lucky we are to have such a nice facility at which to shoot trap and skeet. We will look forward to seeing all our shooters return when we start up in May of next year.

Pistol Shooters:

Jim Egeland and Tim Fitzgerald are still running defensive pistol matches on the 4th Saturday of every month. If you own a 9mm or larger handgun, and are interested in defensive pistol shooting, or just want to see what it's all about, feel free to stop out and check out their matches. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Tim, or a club officer.

Archery Range:

We are in the process of moving the Archery Range because a few careless shooters have let arrows go over the berm. Our neighbors don't appreciate that. Please bear with us until the move is completed. **All shooting must be done with the arrows going East !**

Bench Shooting:

There is no way to measure the number of people using the benches at our club for 25, 50, and 100 yard shooting, except by actually going out and shooting. We have seen a large number of different shooters using the benches and are pleased that they do so. We will continue to improve the three ranges, striving to keep decent backstops for your targets. We have added more concrete to end muddy conditions around the benches and added some benches. Of all the things we have at our club, the three rifle / pistol ranges get used the most.

General information & safety:

As we all know, safety is “number one” at our club ! If you ever see anyone doing anything that is not safe, and we all hope you don't, write down his or her license number and leave at once. Then please call one of the officers or directors and let them handle the problem. Also, as paid up club members, everyone has the right to ask anyone to show their membership card. (be sure to check the expiration date). Our club is for paid up members only ! If any member has a complaint about something that has happened at the club, get us names or license numbers of the errant party or parties and turn them in with your name to an officer or director.

Then we can effectively solve the problem. We will not act on hearsay information. We must have facts ! **In past years, we have revoked about one membership per year for misuse of the range or not following rules.** If you come out to the club and someone is using the range you want and you are unable to use the other ranges for whatever reason, talk to the person. They might be almost done or invite you to shoot with them. Be flexible and friendly, and you might just make a new friend !!

Problems !!!!

Live Birds: Someone has been shooting our birds at the club. We have found robins, bluebirds and others. Shooting them off the buildings and wires with shotgun, has defaced our buildings and caused other damage. This needs to be stopped at once ! If you have any information as to who is doing this, please contact the DNR (515-290-0177) or a club officer. Thank you !

Shotgun Hulls & Brass: We still have the same old problem of certain people not cleaning up after themselves. Please pick up all of your spent shotgun hulls and brass on all ranges ! This seems to be more of a seasonal issue. It seems that the people who sight in their shotguns for turkey and deer season feel they do not have to pick up their empty shotgun hulls. **Please, Pick up your empty hulls !!!!** Those of us who try to keep the grounds nice are tired of cleaning up after the lazy shooters who don't clean up after themselves. Thank you !!!

Backstop Damage: We also still have the same old problem of shooters needlessly destroying the backstops. We know the centers of the backstops will be shot up with normal use, but we still have some who place their targets in front of the posts and frames of the backstops. **Please do not place targets or clay birds on or in front of the backstop framework !!!!**

Club Hours:

Yes, our club has hours ! Shooting starts no earlier than 8:00 am and **ends at dusk or no later than 9:30 pm, which ever comes first** ! We do not allow limited light shooting except by permission from the board of directors.

Club Rule Book:

I hope everyone kept the club rule book we mailed to you. We have not made any changes this past calendar year, but when we do change or add a rule, we will mail a replacement page for your rule book. Please read the rules carefully and abide by them !

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Dale Pfrimmer 515-432-7526

Vice-President (Skeet): Craig Menefee 515-432-5413

Vice-President (Pistol): Jim Moreland 515-432-7989

Secretary : Don Schroeder 515-432-6292

Treasurer: Steve Gus 515-432-7772

Board of Directors

Byron (Jake) Hull / Duane Ely / Mark Hasstedt

Rick Howell / Pete Lonergan

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BOONE COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP FEES: NRA Members **\$50.00** / Non-NRA Members **\$60.00**

*** indicates mandatory fields**

*Date: _____ * Telephone: () _____ - _____

*Name: _____
(please print legibly)

*Address: _____

*City and State: _____ *Zip _____

Dues received by: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____
(If taken by an officer)

* Type of membership: (Please circle one) New member / Renewal

*Are you a member of the NRA? (Please circle one) Yes / No

*NRA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____ (with out number / pay non-member fee)

*Have you ever been committed or judged mentally incompetent (circle one) Yes/ No

*Have you ever been convicted of Domestic Abuse, or any Drug charges Yes / No

*Have you ever been convicted of a felony ? (circle one) Yes / No

My signature on this application signifies my agreement to review all rules of the Boone County Sportsman Club. I further agree to abide by these rules while using any and all facilities at the Boone County Sportsman Club.

*Applicant signature: _____ Amount enclosed _____

e-mail address _____

(For club use only, mailing newsletters, rules, etc., will not be given out !)

Please add "boonesportsmanclub@msn.com" to your address book.

This form and dues should be mailed to:

Boone County Sportsman's Club / Jim Moreland
109 So. Underhill
Boone, Iowa 50036

Any false statements on this application is grounds for loss of membership !

(We Reserve The Right To Refuse Membership To Anyone)