

# **Boone County Sportsman's Club**

## **2013 Fall / Winter Newsletter**

**October 16, 2013**

### **Editors Note:**

This year we have again seen a very significant amount of growth in the membership of our club. For this reason we are seeing a lot more activity on all of the various venues at our club especially on the north pistol and rifle ranges. For all of this added activity I am pleased to say that we have not seen a proportional increase in the problems associated with this area. Thank you to every one of you who take the responsibility of safety seriously. That is not to say however, that there have been no problems.

One issue that causes a considerable amount of problems is the placement of clay targets directly on the cardboard backstops. When these targets are broken, much of the mass of the target is forced through the cardboard. This severely shortens the lifespan of the cardboard. The second concern is related to the first in that the clay targets are being hung using roofing nails. These nails are finding their way to the ground and have caused at least two flat tires on the mower this year. Each flat cost around \$20.00 to have fixed but more importantly, puts the mower out of commission for a couple of days. Please only place clay targets against the vertical middle portion of the earthen berm.

Some of the safety related activities that continue to plague this area include but are not limited to, targets being placed on top of the target frames or too far up on the earthen berm. We have even witnessed targets being placed on the very top of the berm. The result of this action should be obvious to anyone. Also, targets being placed on the ground ahead of the berm resulting in ground strike ricochets.

Though you may not immediately think of commercially produced, self-healing, tumbler targets as dangerous, their very design can set up a potentially dangerous condition. These so called tumbler targets are not allowed at our club because a target on the ground results in many ground strikes that can easily deflect over the earthen berm and off of our property. We also have observed unsafe gun handling practices such as carrying loaded weapons beyond the firing line while checking targets and not keeping the gun muzzles pointed in a safe direction down range. Each of these actions could result in an accident that could cause someone serious injury or even the loss of their life.

Because of the potential for serious ramifications associated with unsafe gun handling and other dangerous practices that have been observed, we as a club have made a considerable investment in a commercial security system. In part the system includes a series of very High Resolution, IR cameras with time stamping of the data to a permanent storage file. The system has already been instrumental in identifying several instances where safety related infractions of the rules and damage from carelessness have been observed. Redundancy insures that activities are recorded from multiple angles and can be viewed from a secure Internet connection. Even the power source incorporates redundancy.

At this point all of the observed issues have been able to be resolved amicably without the need for legal action. However flagrant and persistent acts could be met with expulsion from the club and or criminal charges. Please take your responsibility to conduct yourself in a safe manner seriously while using any firearm. Inattention and carelessness could result in a tragedy of unspeakable proportions that could change your life and the lives others forever. We will be watching!

Happy hunting and have a great fall.

Rick Howell – Secretary, B.C.S.C.

## **Club Hours:**

As usual we still observe the same shooting hours as have been in place for many years now. **Shooting starts no earlier than 8:00 AM and ends at dusk or no later than 9:30 PM which ever comes first!** The one notable exception to this rule is in September and October when we shoot skeet under the lights on Tuesday and Thursday nights till 9 or 9:30 PM. We do not allow limited light shooting except by permission from the board of directors. We observe these hours in order to be courteous to our neighbors. It should also be obvious to anyone that shooting pistols and rifles under low light conditions is dangerous.

## **Pistol Shooters:**

Jim Egeland and Todd Bertram are running defensive handgun matches on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. They would be happy to have you come out to shoot. You do not need to be a member to shoot in one of these matches. 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. Visitors are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Todd, or another club officer. Be prepared by bringing the minimum required safety equipment with you Shooting glasses and hearing protection are required at all times. These shoots are run as a cold range. No loaded guns allowed until directed by the range officer in charge.

## **Bench Shooting:**

While we want all of our members to have fun at the range we also must recognize that being a gun-owner and shooter carries with it a great responsibility. You must know that each and every shot will be safely arrested by the earthen berm behind your target. A good rule of thumb is that all shots should be aimed to hit in the lower half of the earthen berm. Also try to set your targets so that your shots do not strike the ground in front of the berm. This can produce a ricochet that could go over the top of the berm. This means that all paper targets should be placed on the cardboard portion of the backstop to result in shots arrested by the lower part of the berm. No shot should ever result in a bullet that leaves our property through ricochet or carelessness. You are responsible for every shot you take, no one else can be.

In addition to performing your activities in a safe manner you should also be aware of those around you. If you ever see anyone doing anything that is not safe, write down his or her license number and leave at once. Then please call one of the officers or directors listed on the sign at the gate and let them handle the problem. Each member was issued a copy of the rules in 2009 or when you became a new member, if that was after 2009. They are also available for download at our website (boonesportsmensclub.com) There should be no excuse for not following the rules; they are for everyone's physical protection and to protect the future existence of our club. We recommend keeping your copy handy and to review it every so often. A great deal of thought and attention has gone into its compilation.

This is your club. You must act if you see any unsafe or illegal activity being conducted at your club. Also, as usual any paid up club members has the right to ask anyone to show their membership card. (Be sure to check that it is for the current year). 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 before it gets out of hand. 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 chronic disregard for the rules.**

With the influx of new members we are seeing more and more bench shooters coming out on Tuesday and Thursday evening during Trap & Skeet hours. For most of our club history we have observed a five-hour period on Tuesday & Thursday evenings (May through October) as predominately set aside for Skeet & Trap shooting. This has required that we close down the 100 yd. rifle range on those two evenings for safety reasons. The 100 yd. target backstop and the area ahead of the backstop are in the direct line of fire of the Skeet and Trap fields. With some verbal communication from shooters who use the other ranges north of the old cabin we have been able to accommodate limited usage of the 50 and 25-yard benches. Pistol shooters have had the responsibility to make verbal contact with the range officer for the Skeet shooting activities so that shooting can stop while he or she goes forward to check their targets.

## **Bench Shooting Continued:**

With the rising popularity of Sporting Clays types of games, our club has made an investment in several portable throwing traps so that a Sporting Clays / Five Stand type of configuration can be set up for the shooters on Tuesday evenings from May through the end of September. Because of the variables in the configuration of the shooting field and the number of different bird presentations that are possible with this new Five Stand variant none of the north pistol or rifle stations are safe to use on Tuesday nights. As a result all of the ranges north of the old cabin will be closed to shooters during that time. Shooting hours for the Skeet and Trap nights are listed under that section in this newsletter. On Thursday nights only the 100 yd. range will be closed as before.

Please be courteous and patient during high usage times. Reminder: Because the shooting benches get such heavy use, it is likely that you will encounter from time to time, others using the range or ranges that you want to use. If you are unable to use a different range for whatever reason, talk to that person. They might be almost done or invite you to shoot with them. Be flexible and friendly, and you might just make a new shooting buddy!! Remember that we all support this club with our dues because we all have a common interest in the shooting sports.

## **Archery Range:**

Fall typically marks an increase in the number of shooters using the archery ranges on the South end of the property. There are currently no organized activities scheduled for the archery range. If you use these facilities we just ask that you respect the target backstops and conduct your shooting safely. Jake Hull has asked me to mention that there have been some changes made to the fill material being used in the target backstops. If you are experiencing any difficulty with the new material, please let him know. You can call at the number on the sign at the gate or catch him while he is at the club.

There is not a range officer present so the responsibility falls on the individual to be safe and observe all prudent safety practices as outlined in your rule book. Our goal is to provide a safe place for all members to come and shoot.

## **Annual Gun Show:**

August 23<sup>rd</sup>. - 24<sup>th</sup>. - & 25<sup>th</sup>. 2013 were the dates of our tenth annual gun show. The weather was nice for all three days of the show but the attendance was down slightly from last year's record attendance. We were up against several other competing events around the area that may have played a part in reducing the numbers through the door. Even so the people who came were ready to buy and the dealers it seemed were ready to deal. It was a happy combination for everyone. If you didn't come this year be sure to reserve the last weekend in August for next year for sure.

Work is already in progress for our "Eleventh Annual Gun Show" at the end of August of 2014. We anticipate that we will continue to conduct the show on the Friday, Saturday & Sunday preceding Labor Day weekend, At the Boone, Fairgrounds. That would make the dates of the show the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup>. & 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. Please put it on your calendar and don't be afraid to volunteer!

The officers and directors would like to say "thank you!" to Mark Hasstedt and crew for organizing this event and to all of the people who volunteered to make this year's show another great success!! If you volunteered to: Set up tables and chairs, work at the door, work security, tear down afterwards or any other aspect of the show, please know that we are very grateful for your part in making the show a quality production.

Mark wanted me to also express his deep appreciation to the many people who helped him with the set up, tear down and everything in between. The list is long, of the number of people that it takes to put on a great three day, show of this type. The contributions of each of you are greatly appreciated.

## Memberships:

If you have not become a member for 2014 yet, please take note that a blank 2014 membership application form is attached for the convenience of anyone who needs one. **PLEASE YOU MUST PRINT LEGIBLY AND DON'T FILL OUT ANYTHING BELOW THE LINE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.** If you check the NRA box, you must provide your NRA number. **No Exceptions. NRA numbers are not kept on file by the BCSC from one year to the next!**

You must be a member for 2014 in order to use the facility after January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Gate combination will change on that date. We have been very fortunate to be able to keep the cost of membership steady for many years now and again in 2014 it will remain the same as in the past. (NRA Member \$50.00 / Non-NRA Member \$60) Even though we are an all, volunteer organization, the cost of operation is very high and going higher each year. One of the bigger costs is the cost of insurance. We appreciate all that the membership does to keep the club financially in the black.

*For the benefit of new members that do not know: the reason for the different membership costs is that we are insured through the NRA. They give us a break on the cost of our insurance based upon the number of our members who are also NRA members. The larger the percentage is of our members that are NRA members the cheaper our insurance is. We gladly pass the savings along to those who help us to keep the cost lower. You must provide a CURRENT NRA membership number in order to qualify for the reduced annual dues. No Exceptions! You can become a member of the NRA by going to <http://membership.nrahq.org/>*

In the fall newsletter, I always like to let people know of the various ways that they can renew a membership or become a new member of the B.C.S.C. Memberships can be obtained in any of the following ways. Please be aware that "Duane Ely" will now be processing memberships for the club. All memberships should be mailed to Duane at the address on the bottom of the 2014 form. Duane will not process any memberships presented in person at his home. He says, "Don't even try". You can however use one of the following alternate methods.

1. Fill out the application attached to this newsletter and mail it with your check to Duane at the address on the bottom of the application and your membership, card will be mailed to you.
2. Catch an officer out at the club anytime you see one working at the club, or on regular Tuesday or Thursday trap & skeet nights May through October. When you turn in your application and appropriate membership fee you can receive a temporary membership card. (Good until you receive your regular card in the mail).
3. If one of the above won't work for you, Steve Gus has agreed to take applications and issue temporary memberships at "Bacon Jewelers" where he works, but you may have to be patient and wait for him to finish up with customers first. If this gets abused, it will be discontinued.
4. Get a membership application from the clear plastic box at the front gate, fill it out & send it with your check to Duane at the address at the bottom of the form. Your card will be mailed to you.
5. Last year we launched a new web site so that you can download an application from there. This site will also be the source of all manner of other club information. Check us out at: (boonesportsmensclub.com.)

All current members were mailed a new Rule Book in June 2009. Please hang on to it, as we will only be sending them out to new members. If there are any changes a revised page or a new booklet will be sent to you.

As usual we will continue to shoot Trap & Skeet on Tuesday nights through the end of September and on Thursday nights through the end of October. Remember that Mark will be preparing Chili for the second to last night of scheduled open shooting on Thursday night, October 24<sup>th</sup>. If there is bad weather he will move chili night to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Trap and Skeet Continued:**

Currently the cost to shoot a twenty, five shot round of regular Skeet or Trap is at \$3.50 for members and \$5.00 for nonmembers. The price per round of Wobble Skeet or Bastard 5 Stand is \$4.00 for members and \$5.50 for non-members. I think that you will find that this is a bargain when you look at what others in the area are charging. We always try to keep the cost of shooting as low as possible, thereby allowing for more people to be able to afford to come out and shoot.

Steve Gus & Rick Howell ran the Tuesday night Skeet shooting and Mark Hasstedt, and Loras “Woody” Woodard took care of the duties on Thursday nights again in 2013. They will fill those positions again next year. They look forward to seeing all of our shooters return when we start up again in May of 2014. We encourage you to invite new shooters to come out and experience these informal games. It is a great way to spend an evening. All skill levels of shooters are welcome from first timers on up.

We held our seventh annual Mike Schmidt Memorial shoot on Tuesday night, September the 17<sup>th</sup>. Once again it was a best out of “50 shot” fun shoot, for bragging rites and your name on a permanent trophy that is displayed in the clubhouse. This year the conditions were very pleasant and the temperatures were perfect. David Lee came out on top with a score of 48 out of 50 to win the competition. Congratulations to Dave and thank you to all of the competitors who came out and shot. The club catered in BBQ Pork sandwiches, Baked Beans and cookies for everyone that came out. Thanks also to The Schmidt family and especially Mike’s wife “Dianne” for their contribution to a fun evening of competition and good food.

Again this winter Mark has expressed an interest in hosting some open shooting, weather permitting. If you are interested in being notified when Mark is going to have the ranges open, please contact Mark Hasstedt at 515-212-0125 and he will get your contact information so that he can get in touch with you. He would like to shoot on New Years Day weather permitting. Other dates will be posted on the website as the times get closer. We will try to post any changes to these dates, also on the website. So before coming out you should check with Mark or check on the website especially if the weather is forecast to be extreme. Our website address is [boonesportsmensclub.com](http://boonesportsmensclub.com).

## **Editor’s Corner:**

Rather than submit an article for this newsletter I have decided to subject you to some of my own homespun poetry. For someone with a short attention span (A.D.D.) I find Limericks particularly well suited to my limitations. Now “LIMERICKS” don’t usually get much love from serious minded poets or for that matter anyone over the age of ten. Nonetheless I embarked on a mission, to bring this art form to the masses. I feel comfortable in inflicting these on “YOU” because:

1. “You” are a captive audience and no one else wants to come up with submissions that people actually want to read.
2. Similar to the thinking of politicians, I am counting on the fact that “You” have a short attention span, and by the time I see you again in the spring “You” will have forgotten all about this abuse.
3. After this build up your curiosity will have gotten the better of you and then “You” will be equally at fault for willingly, reading these offerings.

For those of you who are not familiar with the limerick, a limerick is a short poem consisting of only five lines. The first, second & fifth lines all end in rhyming words. Likewise the third and fourth lines each end with another rhyming pair of words. Lines one and two begin to tell the start of a whimsical story. The third and fourth lines continue to build on the first two lines of the story. The fifth and final line provides the conclusion usually ending in a humorous twist.

All limericks are subject to being read with a particular cadence. It will sound something like this.

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DUM da-da DUM da-da DUM!  
da DUM da-da DUM!  
da-da DUM da-da DUM!  
da DUM da-da DUM da-da DUM!

## Editor's Corner Continued:

So, now that you have the skills, ENJOY !!! Bet ya can't read just one!

### "Hunting"

The timber provides beauty quite grand.  
Sub zero, and eight hours in my stand.  
The sound of crashing, gives a thrill.  
A trophy buck just crested the hill.  
Pity is, there's no feeling yet left in my hand.

### "Congress"

Congress is host to men of political invention.  
To legally fleece the public of wealth, their intention.  
The number of schemes they create,  
Under the cover of debate.  
Are too great in just five lines to mention.

### "The Supreme Court"

Black robed deities, they demand your respect.  
An air of superiority they pretend to reflect.  
So if Constitutionally there is only one answer,  
And their rulings are free from political cancer,  
Shouldn't we only 9-0 rulings have reason to expect?

### "Hunting Camp"

For some folks NASCAR gets them a raving.  
For other folks, "Ball Sports" are their craving.  
But what must you say my friend,  
When your sport is reduced in the end,  
To six guys in a trailer, not shaving or bathing?

### "Tee Time"

Complaining of symptoms times three,  
Swelling, bleeding and pain in my knee.  
Dock said I've seen a lot worse  
He gave some pills to the nurse,  
As he left to make his one o'clock tee.

### "The Doctors Bill"

I went to my doctor with an ache.  
He examined me for bones that did break.  
I'm not sure what you've got,  
So we'll get some x-rays, a pills and a shot,  
Now I can pay for a second home on the lake.

### "Iowa Pheasants"

The crispness of Fall fills the air.  
The game bag is empty and bare.  
The dog is ready to flush,  
The quarry from the brush,  
Alas, only hens again? It's not fair.

### "Politicians"

A once noble pursuit, that brought voice to the masses,  
It's been hijacked by Pachyderms & Jack-Asses.  
They no longer care what you think,  
Creating boat loads of red ink,  
And Constitutionally challenged, morasses.

### "The Presidency"

Constitutionally, the highest office in the land;  
It's the patriotic symbol of respect and command.  
But I fear, great layers of Constitutional tarnish,  
Can't easily be polished or varnished,  
After eight years in the current occupant's hand.

### "Homecoming"

God gives to "Mothers" sweetness and bliss.  
For her children, only a hug and a kiss.  
But when dad opens the door,  
The "wife" unloads with a roar.  
Your "children" have done that and done this!

### "The Prescription Pad"

It has long been a humorous poke,  
That a doctors writing is a horrible joke.  
But if you read Latin my friend,  
You'd see what the druggist sees in the end.  
It says I got mine, now you get your from this bloke.

### "Behavioral Problems"

Dogs come in both large and petite.  
Some sit on your lap, some at your feet.  
While most are well behaved,  
There is the occasional knave,  
That views your boot as a chewable treat.

Rick M. Howell

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