

Boone County Sportsmen's Club

2015 Fall Newsletter

(Oct. 13, 2015)

Another year of scheduled shooting events is winding down. I hope everyone got out and used the club during the good shooting weather. It has been a good year for the club. Our memberships continue to rise, and the club is being used every day. We've had no major safety issues and have worked hard to keep our costs down, thus keeping our membership fees and shooting fees as low as possible. **THANK YOU !!** for a safe and uneventful year !

We wish to give a special thank you to the following:

Lindy's Guns for their donation toward the new cover over the 50 yd. -100 yd. shooting benches.
Boone Police Department for their donation toward the cement slab on the South Range.
Brian Heck for his donation helping to get the earthen berms back in good shape.
Jim Moreland for drawing the image for our 2016 membership card.
If you see any of these people out at the range, please tell them thank you. Their donations helped with projects we all will enjoy for years to come.

Range Closings:

Tuesdays: All rifle and pistol ranges North of the old cabin will be closed at 5:00 PM, May through September.

Thursdays: The 50 yd and 100 yd ranges will close at 5:00 pm, May through October.

4th Saturday of each Month until Noon: All ranges closed, on a trial basis, for handgun matches. Call Jim 515-290-1994, for information.

Club Hours:

Shooting starts no earlier than 8:00 AM and ends at dusk, or no later than 9:30 PM, which ever comes first. The only exception to this is rule is in September and October when we shoot skeet under the lights on Tuesday & Thursday Nights 'till 9:30 PM. We do not allow limited light shooting except by special permission by the board of directors. We observe these hours to be courteous to our neighbors.

Bench Shooting: With an increase in memberships each year, there is also an increase in use of the shooting benches. If they are all busy when you arrive, be patient or talk with some of the shooters. They might be almost done or invite you to join them.

Note: Due to the increased interest in organized trap, skeet, and five stand, on Tuesday and Thursday nights and the different configurations they shoot, the Board has decided that in the interest of safety, **the rifle and pistol ranges North of the old cabin will be closed at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May through September. On Thursday nights, 50 yd and 100 yd. range will be closed, the 12 yd and 25 will be open.** The south range is unaffected by this, but be sure to bring your own targets and target stands.

If you bring your own targets and stands, please place them to the side of the backstops (on the North Ranges), and make sure all shots fired go into the earthen berm. **Please do not place clay birds or any other targets on the top rail or framework of the backstops.** Also, please review your new rule book for changes in types of targets allowed and / or banned. **We are still having a problem with people bringing ground reactive targets to the range.** These targets are banned for specific reasons. Shooters cut large trenches in the sod while shooting these and can not control ricochets from leaving our property. **Read the "Rule Book" !!**

Pistol Shooting: Jim Egeland and crew are running defensive handgun matches on the 4th Saturday of every month. These matches are open to the public. If you own a 9mm or larger handgun, you should come out and check these matches out. If you're not quite sure, you are welcome to come out to see what they are all about. Hearing protection and safety glasses are required! As always, we run a cold range. No loaded guns allowed until directed by the Range Officer. **Fees change in 2016 to: \$10 for the first gun and \$15 for 2 guns.** If you have questions about these matches, please contact Jim or any club officer.

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Safety: As usual safety continues to be our chief concern. It is imperative that every member takes responsibility for conducting his or her activities in a manner that protects their own safety and the safety of others. Your club membership is a privilege and as such is subject to revocation for cause.

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 will be issued an updated copy of the revised rulebook for 2014. It is also available for download at our website (boonesportsmensclub.com) **There should be no excuse for not following the rules!**

Annual Gun Show: Our 12th annual gun show in August was a success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with and made the 2015 Gun Show possible, we couldn't have done it without you! We hope you will call to let us know if you intend to work the 2016 show. Or just let Mark or Duane know during the year so we know we can count on you. Thank you!

Trap & Skeet: Cost per 25 shot round:

Regular Skeet, Trap, or Wobble Skeet / Members - \$ 3.50 / Non-members - \$ 5.00.

Five Stand / Members - \$ 5.00 / Non-members \$ 6.50.

Steve Gus and Rick Howell will continue to run Tuesday nights and Mark Hasstedt and Loras "Woody" Woodward will run Thursdays, starting again in May 2016.

Tuesday night trap & skeet runs from May through September. (Over for 2015).

We will continue to shoot trap and skeet on Thursday nights to the end of October, with a chili feed for shooters, on October 22rd. If there is bad weather on the 22rd, chili night will be moved to the 29th.

Mark has expressed an interest in hosting some open shooting this winter, weather permitting. (Above 30 degrees and not too windy.) If you are interested in being notified when Mark is going to have open shooting, please contact Mark at 515-212-0125 to get on his notification list. He'd like to have an open shoot on New Years Day, weather permitting. We will try to post these on the website, but if the weather is iffy, call Mark or check the website before coming.

Memberships: You must have a 2016 Membership Card to use our facilities on or after January 1, 2016, when the gate combination changes. We have been fortunate to keep the membership costs steady for many years but had to raise the **2016 fees to NRA Member \$50.00 / Non-NRA Member \$70.00.**

*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/> or there is a link on our website.

There is a blank 2016 application on the last page of this news letter. If you use it, pick up one at the gate, or download one from the website to fill out by hand, **Please, print legibly, and / or attach a return address label.** and pay attention to the mandatory fields. The form on the website is interactive, you can actually fill it out before you print it, but you still have to sign it and make sure it's dated. If you check the NRA box, , you must provide your NRA number. **No Exceptions!** NRA numbers are not kept on file by BCSC from one year to the next. They are for NRA in case we get audited.

Ways to obtain a membership:

1. Fill out the attached application, sign & date it, and mail it with the appropriate fees to the address on the form.
2. Catch an officer at the club, or on a Tuesday or Thursday trap & skeet night. They can give you a temporary membership, good until you receive you card in the mail.
3. Get an application from the clear plastic box at the gate, fill it out, sign & date it, and mail it with the appropriate fees to the address on the form.
4. If one of the above won't work for you, Steve Gus has agreed to take applications and issue temporary memberships at "Bacon Jewelers" in downtown Boone, where he works, but you may have to be patient and wait for him to finish up with customers first. You should have your application completed, and have your check made out or the correct cash if using this option. Steve shouldn't have to use his boss' money to make change !

Note: Please be aware that Duane **will not** accept applications hand delivered to his home.

Also, as usual any paid up club members have the right to ask anyone on club property to show their membership card. (Be sure to check that it is for the current year). Our club is for paid up members only!

Free Membership: We need someone who would be interested in volunteering to power wash our buildings each spring. It could be done on Clean-up day or a day of your choosing. We have all the equipment, ladders and hoses needed. If you feel this is something you would like to do in return for a free membership, contact Jake at 515-230-2055.

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