

Boone County Sportsmen's Club (2018.10.15)

2018 Fall Newsletter

Safety: Safety, as always, is our number one 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.

Remember the 3 firearm safety rules: 1. "ALWAYS" keep your gun pointed in a safe direction. 2. "ALWAYS" keep your finger out of the trigger guard till on target and ready to shoot. 3. "ALWAYS" be aware of your target and what is around and behind it.

I will also add a 4th: Always treat the gun as if it was loaded! I watch the videos from our cameras, and I see some very poor and unsafe gun handling being demonstrated. Please be safe!!!

Rules: It is the responsibility of all members (new or renewals) to know and understand the current rules. Each member has been issued a copy of the rulebook, it is also available for download at our website (boonesportsmensclub.com). **There is no excuse for not following the rules!** If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me or one of the other board members. Any rule violations will be dealt with and could lead to termination of your membership.

Specific reminders:

Please remember to remove and properly dispose of any targets you use, this includes the adhesive targets, as they present a special problem when they get wet. If someone else has left targets, we would really appreciate you removing them also (Thank you!).

No long guns are to be used on the south range without prior approval from the board.

Information: For the information of our many new members, the "Old Cabin" is the one straight ahead of you as you come in the gate. The "North Ranges" are all shooting ranges North of that Cabin. The "South Range" is located South of that cabin.

If you ever see an issue at the club that needs our attention, please contact one of the board members so that we can take appropriate action. An email, phone call, or txt works for most of us.

Range Closings:

Tuesdays: All rifle and pistol ranges North of the old cabin will be closed at 5:00 PM, May through September 26, 2019.

Thursdays: All rifle and pistol ranges North of the old Cabin will be closed at 5:00 pm, May through October 31, 2019.

4th Saturday of each Month: All ranges closed, for handgun matches, from 8:00 AM until approximately noon.

Other Closings: Closings that come in, between newsletters, are posted on the website as we get them. Please check it often and before driving any distance to our range. (www.boonesportsmensclub.com)

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.

If you bring your own targets and stands, please place them to the side of the backstops and make sure all shots fired go into the earthen berm. **Please do not place clay birds or any other targets on the framework of the backstops.** Also, please review your rule book for changes in types of targets allowed and/or banned. **Remember, NO REACTIVE targets are allowed.** 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 for these matches are: \$10 for the first gun and \$15 for 2 guns.** If you have questions about these matches, please contact Jim (515-290-1994) or any club officer.

Trap & Skeet: Cost per 25 shot rounds:

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 is running Thursdays, starting again in May 2019.

We need help running the Thursday night event. If you are willing to help, please contact Mark Hasstedt or myself. You can call me (515.290.1994) or e-mail the club at boonesportsmensclub@yahoo.com. You will be compensated with free rounds!!!

Tuesday night trap & skeet runs from May through September. (Over for 2018).

We will continue to shoot trap and skeet on Thursday nights to the end of October.

Steve and Rick would like to thank all the people who helped set up and take down the equipment that made the Tuesday night 5 stand shoots possible!

Annual Gun Show: Our 15th annual gun show in August was a success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with and made the 2018 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 2019 show. Or just let Mark or Duane know during the year so we know we can count on you. Thank you!

Volunteers! We are going to be needing some painting done in the spring. If you are willing to help, please contact anyone on the board, or send me an e-mail.

Memberships: You must have a 2019 Membership Card to use our facilities on or after January 1, 2019, when the gate combination changes. **2019 fees are: 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 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 2019 application on the last page of this newsletter, or you can pick up one at the gate, or download one from the website. **Please, print legibly, and/or attach a return address label.** and make sure the mandatory fields are completed.

We added a line at the top, please indicate how you want your newsletters: e-mail, or U.S. Postal (letter). If e-mail works for you, it will help keep our costs down, so we can remain the best shooting range “value for your money”!

The form on the website is interactive, you can fill it out before you print it, but you still must 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 your card in the mail.
3. Catch Jim Egeland at the Def. Pistol match on the 4th Saturday of each month, or call Jim.
4. 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.
5. 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. You may have to be patient and wait for him to finish up with customers first. Please 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)! ***Steve will only accept applications that are typed or have a mailing address label attached.*** Since he's at work, it's hard for him to take the time to review each box on the application and we are getting way too many that must be called or re-contacted to get the spelling or other information correct.

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 members only!

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