

Boone County Sportsmen's Club

Spring Newsletter / March 2026

Welcome to the start of another shooting season. **Please take time to review the Rule Book and refer to it for placement of targets.** If you need a copy of the Rule Book, contact me (Jim Egeland), or get one off our FB page!

With the new season comes reminders

- Brass, pick up at least the amount that you shot if not more.....Please!!
- Targets, do not leave targets up. If someone else leaves some, please remove them
- Clays, “do not” shoot clays anywhere except at the shotgun range and with a shotgun
- Do not put targets anywhere that when shot at, the bullet will hit any of the wood framework of the target structures. The bullets should always go into the berms.

If you see something on the range that needs attention, or **unsafe or illegal activities**, please contact me or another board member immediately. My number is 515.290.1994 (Jim Egeland). I will almost always answer, if not, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Safety is our number one priority! I know I have said this before, but safety reminders are never a waste of time! Remember the 3 rules: 1. Keep the muzzle pointed in the “safest possible direction” (down range). 2. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard till you are on target and have decided to shoot. 3. Be sure of your target, and the background behind it.

Make sure all shots go into the earthen berms! Targets placed out too far in front of the berms can cause ricochets that go over the berms, **keep targets next to the berms!** Every shooter needs to make sure the other shooters are aware before going down range to check, place, or remove targets. Remember: **Treat every gun as if it were loaded!** If you see unsafe gun handling, and are comfortable doing so, remind that person that “safety” is always 1st! If necessary, contact me with the date and time. I will review the videos and contact the person if necessary.

Shooting Hours remain unchanged from previous years: **8:00 am - 9:30 pm** or dusk, whichever comes first. **No after dark shooting** except trap and skeet under the lights in the fall. **NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS!!** (Unless pre-approved by the board).

Calendar of Events:

- April 11: Trap and Skeet Prep Day 8a.m till noon. Contact board member if you can help.
- May 5th: our regularly scheduled Trap & Skeet will start and will run through October. Hours will be from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. There will be pop and water available.
- Oct. 9, 10, and 11th: **Gun Show at Boone County Fairgrounds. (Help Needed, contact Mark (515-212-0125))**
- 4th Saturday of every month: "Defensive Pistol Match" (9:00 am starting time during daylight savings time).
- The 4th Sunday 2pm-4pm, May through June, Ballard County 4-H Club shooting Archery, Trap/skeet and rifle. Ranges will be closed during this time.
- Wednesday evening starting 3/25, Boone School Club shooting Trap and Skeet
- Gilbert and Roland-Story School shooting Trap and Skeet, possibly on Friday evenings
- Monday evenings, ISU Skeet Shooters

Range Closings:

- **Tuesdays:** All North Ranges (rifle & pistol) will be closed at 3:00 PM, May through September.
- **Wednesdays:** All North Ranges (rifle & pistol) will be closed at 5:00 PM, May through September.

- **Thursdays:** All North Ranges (rifle & pistol) will be closed at 5:00 pm, May through October.
- **4th Saturday of each Month:** All Ranges closed, for handgun matches, from 8:00 AM until done (normally around 1pm).
- **Other Closings:** Closings that come in, between newsletters, are posted on the Facebook page ([Boone County Sportsmen's Club | Facebook](#)).

Club Meetings: Club meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the second Monday of each month, March through November (At the club). All members are invited to attend.

Trap and Skeet: For questions, contact Mark (515-212-0125), or any officer.

Trap and Skeet shooting will be held on Tuesday and Thursday starting in May.

Start time - 5:00 pm, and last round started no later than 9:00 pm, to be completed by 9:30 pm.

Jeff Van Pelt (515-370-1803) will run Tuesday evenings events & Mark Hasstedt (212-0125) will run Thursday evenings events. Prices will be the same as last year. Below is a breakdown of the cost for each type of game, per 25 target rounds.

Type of Game	Member Price Per Round	Non-member Price Per Round
Standard Skeet	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Standard or Wobble Trap	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Wobble Skeet (Thursdays Only)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Modified 5 Stand (Tuesdays Only)	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00

If you plan to come out closer to closing, you may want to call one of the people running the shoot. If it is a slow night, they may close early, after all, they are volunteering their time. As always, weather may influence the hours of operation.

If anyone has an interest in helping with Trap and Skeet, let us know!!!!

Archery Range: Members are encouraged to use this range if they do so within the guidelines of the club rules. Shooting towards the neighbor's property to the south will not be tolerated & will result in revocation of your membership. Also, please remember that the tower is not a play area for kids!

Remember, no broadheads used on the targets! Use only field tips!

Bench Shooting: Placing clay birds on the backstops is **"strictly prohibited"**! This will destroy the framework of the backstop. If anyone sees someone doing this, please write down a license number, time, and date and give it to an officer. We will handle it from there. If you are using something other than paper targets that can't be pinned, stapled, or taped to the backstop, place the target at the very base of the berm to the north or south of the backstop. (Whichever gives you the most berm to shoot into). **DO NOT use nails or screws to attach targets to backstops!** Please remove all targets from the backstops before you leave! They end up making a mess on the grounds or at the neighbors.

"Do not" use the North rifle range for shooting clays with shotguns, that activity is meant to be done on the North shotgun range!

Gun Show: October 9, 10, and 11th.

We need help for this year's gun show!!! We still need volunteers to help with this year's gun show.

We need people for the following categories:

- **Set up:** Friday, Oct 9, 7:30 AM until approximately 9:00 AM.
- **Working the Gun Show:** Approximately four-hour shifts.
- **Security:** Three-hour shifts from 9:00 PM Friday to 7:00 AM Saturday
 - 5:00 PM Saturday to 7:00 AM Sunday
- **Tear Down:** Sunday Oct.11, 3:00 PM - approximately 6:30 PM.

*** Helping with set up, sign up for tear down, work a shift during the show or a shift on security will get you into the gun show for free all weekend.**

Interested members please call **Mark Hasstedt 515-212-0125** to get on our call list.

Memberships: You must have a 2026 Membership Card to use our facilities. Memberships for 2026 are: NRA Member \$60.00 / Non-NRA Member \$80.00.

*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 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/>

If you need a 2026 application, pick up one at the gate, download one from the website/Facebook, or contact Jim Egeland (contact info below). **Please, print legibly, and / or attach a return address label,** also please pay attention to the mandatory fields. 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 is 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.**

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. Get an application from the ammo box at the gate, fill it out, sign & date it, and mail it with the appropriate fees to the address on the form.
 4. Contact me, Jim Egeland (515.290.1994). If you want quick access, I can meet you at my place by Madrid, get the form filled out and issue a card.
- Also, 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!**

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