

Broome County Sportsmen's Association

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President's Letter

Well here we are approaching spring, certainly a welcome thought. I fear the actual event will get here later than we wish. I'm looking forward to winter's cold and snow disappearing. It will be good to see green grass and dandelions once again. We will have to start using watercraft to do the fishing & traveling on the ponds and lakes. Bullheads and trout followed by walleye, northern pike and muskies. Sunshine warming the earth and our shoulders as gardens are prepared for planting. Cold weather crops in and being harvested radishes, lettuce and peas. Turkey season is just around the corner, so to speak.

Please remember to clean up brass from the firing lines and deposit into the marked plastic buckets. the non-brass can be put in the trash cans. We are still missing the brooms and dust pans that i mentioned in the last letter. When the weather allows they will be replaced. Replacing for loss is a waste of dues money as opposed to replacement for wear. Today's money doesn't buy what it used to.

I sincerely hope that we all have a great spring and enjoy what ever it brings.

John

Sporterifle season:

The 2014-2015 NYS sporterifle season has been great from my standpoint. Two teams as the previous years and a Junior team. What more could a Captain of Sporterifle ask for. Every week has been a fantastic turnout. Some of the team has gained Statewide status. Our BCSA Banquet will end our season here at the club;but there is still the State Banquet in Oneonta and the Shootoffs to end the season. See you again this Sept. Thank you BCSA for keeping the Indoor range Operating and maintaining on voluntary basis,You are the backbone of this club volunteers! Shoot often and Safe :

Captain Ron.

Competition Opportunities

BCSA and many of the surrounding clubs have many diverse types of competitive shooting events for those who want to take their shooting to another level. All of the events are structured for improving skill level with a strong emphasis on safety. Regardless of which type of shooting that you may wish to try, you will receive appropriate instruction and help from the established shooters and Range Officers to get you started. Some of the events are sanctioned by NRA or CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program), while some are unsanctioned matches for fun and skill improvement. Anyone is welcome to participate in any of the organized matches as long as they meet the age requirements. There are Junior activities in some of the disciplines, usually open to shooters 14 and over. Listed below are some of the activities available. All of the listed activities are available at BCSA. There is also information on the BCSA website describing the matches and contact people to get involved. Look them over and contact the chairperson for information or to try a match. It's a lot of fun, a great skill builder and you will meet a lot of people who are dedicated to enjoying the shooting sports.

Air Rifle Field Target

BCSA will kick-off the 2015 Air Rifle Field Target season on May 9th

We have continued to grow and still draw people in from up to 5 hours away covering 5 different states! A few of the shooters that attend on a regular basis have shot at both the National and the World level. All shooters and skill levels are welcome. There is a class for everyone! This is a great way to practice your air rifle hunting skills and interact with fellow air rifle enthusiasts. The only equipment restriction is a muzzle energy of less than 20 ft-lbs in order to prevent target damage. There is always extra equipment and people willing to help out, so come on out and give it a try. If you have questions, you can browse the website (<http://www.bcsportsmen.org/ft/FTindex.html>) or contact the match director at ft1@bcsportsmen.org

To learn more about the sport and see the latest Handbook, visit the AAFTA website: <http://www.aafta.org/>

If you need any other additional information or have any questions, please feel free to drop me an email at: ft1@bcsportsmen.org

Hope to see you on the lanes!!!

Sporter Rifle

Sporter rifle is a team sport as well as an individual sport. Each individual shoots against others in his own classification (marksman, sharpshooter, master, etc.). The weekly BCSA team score is a composite of the top five scores by team members that week. Shooting is done from a standing position using NRA light rifle targets at a range of 50 feet. Ten shots for record are fired, in 10 minutes, on each of three targets for a total of 30 shots and a possible top score of 300. Equipment need not be extravagant. The rifle must be .22 cal. rimfire. The only limitation is on the weight of the rifle and scope (if used), which together can not exceed 7 1/2 pounds. Bolt action rifles are preferred, because of their accuracy and ease of safe handling. We shoot in the BCSA indoor range every Tuesday night from September through the end of February. For more information contact Ron at e-mail sporterifle1@bcsportsmen.org

High Power

High power is the discipline that utilizes three position shooting with center fire rifles at ranges up to 600 yards in some events. The course of fire includes standing offhand, sitting rapid fire sitting slow fire, prone rapid fire and prone slow fire. Matches can consist of either 80 or 50 rounds.

There is a Southern Tier High Power league that has 6 different local ranges and runs 18 matches through the good weather seasons. The clubs that run the local league matches have ranges to accommodate 100 and 200 yard matches. There are some clubs within reasonable traveling distance that have facilities to run the 600 yard matches. You do not have to join the league to shoot in any of the high power matches. BCSA runs 3 of the matches, and anyone is welcome to come to a match and observe to decide if you would like to participate. You are also welcome to sign up for any match. Instruction will be provided regarding safety and proper conduct of the match. You will find the established shooters very willing to offer help and tips and the Range Officers run the matches in a very safe and orderly manner.

For a complete look at the local high power rules and schedule, please take a look at the website. <http://www.pronetisp.net/~jkosta/hpleague.html>

Indoor and Outdoor Pistol

BCSA runs indoor and outdoor NRA Bullseye pistol leagues, Indoor in the winter and outdoor in the summer. Indoor matches are fired at 50 feet, using 22 rimfire and/or center fire pistols. The indoor range requires non jacket bullets and no magnum loads. The course of fire is similar in both the indoor and outdoor matches except the outdoor matches are at 50 yards for slow and 25 yards for timed and rapid fire. Slow fire for both is 10 shots in 10 minutes, timed fire is two strings of 5 shots in 20 seconds and rapid fire is two strings of 5 shots in 10 seconds. Pistol matches are also structured for safety and skill level advancement. Contact pistol1@bcSPORTSMEN.ORG for more information

CMP Rimfire

Civilian Marksmanship Program matches are run both indoors and outdoors. CMP is three position, prone, sitting and standing, all both slow and rapid fire, The indoor matches are fired from all positions at 50 ft. and the outdoor matches are at 50 yards for prone and sitting/kneeling slow and rapid fire and 25 yards for standing offhand slow and rapid. CMP matches are designed so that you can use any standard 22 repeating rifle, either semi auto or any manual operated rifle. You don't need any specialized target equipment, in fact, you can't use target rifles weighing more than 7 1/2 lbs or a trigger less than 3 lbs. It is intended that anyone can bring any off the shelf rifle and compete at minimal cost. Indoor matches are run at BCSA from November through March, Outdoor matches are held at Tioga and Rockdale clubs. If there is enough interested people, BCSA would run outdoor matches.

A full set of CMP rules can be found at:

<http://thecmp.org/competitions/club-sanctioned-events/rimfire-sporter/>

Calendar of Events

April

BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	15	7:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Thursday	9 (Indoor range closed)	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Junior Program	Thursday	16, 23, 30	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
CMP Indoor Sporterifle	Saturday	4	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Saturday	25 (Indoor range closed)	12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Airgun Plinking Day	Saturday	25	rifle range closed 10:00am - 2:00pm

May

Outdoor Pistol	Tuesday	5,12,19, 26	4:30 PM
BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	20	7:00 PM
Junior Program	Thursday	7, 14	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Thursday	14 (Indoor range closed)	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Air Rifle Field Target	Saturday	9 (Rifle Range)	8:00 AM
High Power Rifle	Saturday	23	9:30AM to 3:00PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Saturday	30 (Indoor range closed)	12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

June

Outdoor Pistol	Tuesday	2,9,16,23,30	4:30 PM
BCSA Meeting	Wednesday	17	7:00 PM
Long Arm Concealed Carry	Thursday	11 (Indoor range)	5:00 PM
Air Rifle Field Target	Saturday	20	8:00 AM
High Power Rifle	Saturday	20	9:30AM to 3:00PM
Longarm Concealed Cary	Saturday	27 Indoor Range)	12:00 to 5:00 PM

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These People can be E-Mailed using the **BCSA Web Page** <http://www.bcsportsmen.org/>

High Power

The high power league will be kicking off the 2015 schedule beginning on May 9th through September 19th. There are a total of 18 matches fired at 6 different clubs. Anyone at least 14 years old may participate. BCSA will run 3 of the matches May 23, June 20 and July 25. New shooters are always welcome at any of the matches. I would urge anyone who is interested to contact one of the participating club's Chairmen for information. You may come to a match to observe or sign up to shoot. There are usually two relays, so you could observe the first and shoot in the second. Instruction will be provided and the established shooters are friendly and helpful to get you started. Contact information for this year's chairmen:

BCSA - Carl Criddle, 1868 Route 7, Harpursville NY 13787, (607) 693-2452,
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For complete schedule and League rules, <http://www.pronetisp.net/~jkosta/hpleague.htm>

General Meetings:

The general meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to attend these meetings. Comments, Ideas and all other input is welcome. The Directors meeting follows the general meeting. As members, you are also welcome to attend the Directors meeting.

Outdoor Range:

Springtime gets everyone in the mood to go to the range to get reacquainted with their favorite firearm. Please remember that the range is for all members, so it's up to everyone to keep it safe and orderly. So many times in the past we have seen the result of shooting at everything from glass bottles to cinder blocks. This leaves a big mess on the range for someone else to clean up, plus it is a serious safety concern. We have had flat tires on our maintenance equipment from unauthorized targets. **Please** Use only authorized paper targets and clean up the range after you use it, including your brass and shotgun shells. Also, review the range safety rules posted on the BCSA website and at the range. The shooting hours for the outdoor ranges are 9:30 AM until sunset. It is considered sunset when the overhead light in the parking lot turns on. The reason for this is that the surrounding area is now a residential area. We must respect our neighbors and give them quiet time.

Please – No shooting before or after posted times.

Thanks for your support

The outdoor pistol league thanks Chris Welch, International Paper, Conklin N.Y. for providing cardboard backing for our pistol targets. Their donations are greatly appreciated.

Safe Act

Since the law took effect in March 2013, there were 3,930 arrests as of mid-December under the various SAFE Act offenses. Most arrests under the new law — 3,173 — were for criminal possession of a firearm, which was made a felony under the law.

The overwhelming majority of the arrests — 3,230 — were in New York City, mainly in the Bronx and Brooklyn. Outside the city, the most arrests were on Long Island. Then, comes Monroe County, where there were 69 arrests, about 2 percent of the state's total.

In Chemung County, there were no arrests under the SAFE Act in 2014. Broome County saw 14 arrests under the law, and Tompkins County had six arrests. Keep up with activities related to repeal of the SAFE act. www.scopeny.org

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