

BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - August 2024

President's Letter

Hi, and Happy Summer! I trust your all are enjoying it! This Fall we will have an Open House at the club on September 21, 2024 from 10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. See the article on page 2 about it. I look forward to seeing old friends and acquaintances and meeting new ones at the Open House. I hope to see you there.

We wanted to get this newsletter out to keep you informed and updated on what we have going on this fall. There are many organized shooting activities scheduled, if they are listed herein then they are open to you for your participation. So reach out to the person running the event or league and they would be happy to help you.

News for you on the club improvement front, most of the electrical improvements of running lines to all of the ranges and the garage are complete. We still want to run power to the gate, for lights, and a possible future gate opener. We wanted to complete the excavations ASAP, as we have contracted to have the driveway and most of the parking lot paved this year. That will be a welcome update come mud and ice season. I am excited to see this complete. No more mud in the hallway, or on the carpet in our vehicles from the clubs driveway!

We have an open position that needs filling and we are asking the membership to help us do that; we have been several years without a comptroller. We could use one. The bylaws state the following: **The Comptroller shall be the chief accounting officer of the association, and shall monitor all active accounts and shall assess the Board of Directors of cash flow. The Comptroller shall actively seek advantages to the association for money growth and set up budgets for all active accounts in the association.** If this sounds like your area of expertise, and you would like to give back to the club, come talk to myself or Jamie Szenher our treasurer or come to the Board meeting. Thank you.

Take a good look herein, as there is a lot going on at our association.

Jeffrey Culver

BCSA President

BCSA OPEN HOUSE

Broome County Sportsmen Association will be holding an open house for the public on Saturday September 21, 2024 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The event will take place at our club house at 321 Foley Road, Kirkwood, NY 13795. All are welcome. Come enjoy the food, fun and see what is going on at your favorite Sportsmen Club. Contact the following people if you desire to exhibit any groups or activities at this event, otherwise just show up!

The purpose of this event is to inform the public of our facilities and what we offer and make them aware of our accessibility for safe, family orientated, activities. We offer other community services the opportunity to be a part of this day. We invite you or your representatives to be part of this event. Informational exhibits or recruitment efforts are welcomed. Please contact the members listed below to make arrangements to take part in this event. Reservations should be made by August 30, 2024.

Event Planner-	Pat Natale	607-773-8564	pnatale@stny.rr.com
BCSA President-	Jeff Culver	607-760-7954	President@bcsportsmen.org

A Safety Reminder

Safety first!!

There have been several incidents of unsafe gun handling on the ranges at BCSA. The biggest violation is "SWEEPING" the entire firing line as you handle or uncase your firearm.

Rule number 1 -ALL firearms are always loaded. Treat your firearm as loaded, point only in a safe direction when handling, at all times.

If you are a new member (or have not been on the ranges for a while) please stop and read the warning signs that are posted on every range on our club grounds. If there are rules you do not understand, come to the general membership meeting on the third Wednesday each month. There are several members that will provide training and they have contact information on the bulletin boards around the club. The cameras are working on outdoor ranges. Your actions are being recorded. Stay safe.

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From My Point Of View

Steve Pofahl

During the past several years I enjoyed participating in the sporterifle league at our club. The league started in mid-September and lasted until near the end of February. Each scheduled shoot happened on Tuesday evenings and commenced at 6:00 P. M. and usually ended by 7:30 P.M. Members were in good standing if they missed scheduled shoots for whatever reason.

I enjoyed the new friendships I made over the years. I was a beginner/novice when I started but watched my progress; of course, there were many people who offered advice and a helping hand. I found that each week I looked forward to the 162 mile round trip to the club and having an enjoyable experience. There were always plenty of jokes and great conversations in the "ready room".

Last year Everett Shauger served as the director of the league at our club and was excellent in all respects. Our facilities are "state of the art". At the end of the season we had a "Fun Shoot Party".

We compete each week with a few other clubs in the up-state area with club scores and individual scores. Individuals compete against people with similar proficiencies. That increases the fun and shooters do not travel to other clubs.

The purpose of this communication is to make the membership aware of our sporterifle league so that we can have a greater participation, meet more of the membership and to enjoy the shooting experience together.

I hope to see a lot of new faces and shake a lot of hands at the announced starting dates. You probably already have the necessary equipment. Everett Shauger can answer specific questions.

Thank you for reading this article and I hope to meet you at the shoots.

Steve Pofahl

BCSA Field Target Match **July 13, 2024 Match Report**

Match 3 for 2024 has been completed. All the forecasts for the week were showing that we'd be in for a nice calm day with the temperatures rising to near 90 along with the standard dose of humidity! During setup and the match, the temperatures ranged from 70 to 85 with humidity levels between 60% to 90%. The winds were from near calm to light breezes.

To read the complete report go to:

<https://www.airgunnation.com/threads/bcsa-july-13th-2024-ft-match-results-binghamton-ny.1315774/>



NRA Membership

If you are not a member of the National Rifle Association (N.R.A.) and are considering joining, we offer discounted N.R.A. Membership fees as the Broome County Sportsmen's Association is an N.R.A. Recruiter. If you are already a member and renew through the B.C.S.A. you will be entitled to the discounted fee as follows:

1 year -\$35 (reg. \$45) 3 year -\$85 (reg. \$100) 5 year -\$125 (reg. \$150) Life - \$1000 (reg. \$1,500)

If you are planning on joining the NRA (or renewing), an application with a business reply envelope can be mailed to you. Send a request via e-mail to me at: treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org

Jamie Szenher



Range Closings

Will be posted as far in advance as possible

<http://www.bcsportsmen.org/schedule.html>



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION
Membership Year: September 1st to August 31st

Please Print Clearly and Use Ink. **Incomplete applications will be returned**

Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Ms. _____ First Name M.I. Last Name
Miss _____

Street Address- _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 (All 9 Digits) _____ - _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y) _____ / _____ / _____ Occupation _____

Vehicle License Plate #(s) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Are you an NRA Member? _____ If yes, NRA Number _____

Please Indicate your Interests in our Organization:

Air Rifle _____ High Power Rifle _____ Junior Program _____ Rifle _____

Archery _____ Indoor Range _____ Outdoor Rifle/Handgun _____ 22 Rifle silhouette _____

Club Upkeep _____ Indoor Sporter Rifle _____ Other _____

Are you a Former BCSA Member? Yes _____ No _____

Were You Ever Convicted of a Felony Yes _____ No _____

(Circle below which apply)

Regular Membership \$60.00
Guest Membership \$60.00 - Additional
Junior Membership \$ 5.00
Life Membership \$900.00
Optional Indoor Range \$95.00 - Additional

Make Checks Payable to: BCSA
Do Not Send Cash
Mail to: BCSA Memberships
P.O. Box 1794
Binghamton, NY 13902-1794

(EACH Membership Application [Regular or Junior] requires a separate Application)

Applicant's Signature Date

Your signature on this application and the Waiver signifies that you will follow club rules

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

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Date Rec'd _____ Amount: _____ Indoor Range _____

Broome County Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

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Website: bcsportsmen.org

I understand that shooting sports activities may entail risks of injury or death to myself. I understand that the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for myself for the risks identified herein and for those risks not specifically identified. My participation is voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of risks.

I have read and understood the BROOME COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED Safety and Membership Rules. Which have been provided to me in writing and are also available to me on the Club's website listed above.

I agree that prior to participating in any shooting sports activity, I must be familiar with the safe operation of any firearm that I will use and understand the safety and shooting procedures applicable to that activity. I agree that I must be physically capable of safely participating.

I assume full responsibility for myself for bodily injury, death, and the loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and/or of my own negligence.

I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself.

MEMBERS NAME _____
(please print)

MEMBERS SIGNATURE x _____
(If Juvenile, Parent or Guardians Signature)

DATE ____ / ____ / ____

IS MEMBERSHIP IT RENEWAL TIME

Membership Renewal forms were mailed out on July 20th, so you should have received your renewal by now. If you have not received, contact me at the below email address. Before mailing it in, please check the form to make sure everything is correct and make any corrections right on the form.

When you renew your membership, I can usually process it within a week or so but it sometimes it can possibly take up to 3 weeks for you to receive your Membership Cards. If you have not received your Membership Cards after 4 weeks, please contact me.

Address Change: If you move anytime during the year, please send me an email or mail me a note your new current address so I can update it in the database.

Buck-a-Member: On the Renewal form is a section for the Buck-a-Member program. The \$1 that you donate to the program goes to the New York State Conservation Council. The New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) is the oldest statewide conservation organization in New York, incorporated in 1933 by sportsmen/conservationists to help secure and manage our natural resources for future generations, as well as to protect the rights of sportsmen and sportswomen to hunt, fish, trap and own firearms. Since its inception the NYSCC has fought for regulations and laws to protect and manage our fish, wildlife and other natural resources. Many of the hunting, fishing and trapping regulations safeguarding our resources today are the result of the NYSCC's efforts.

New Members: The Broome County Sportsmen's Assoc. can always use new members as we operate based on the dues we collect. Let others know the benefits and enjoyment of being a member of the B.C.S.A. If you have a Guest Membership, bring them down to the club. If you do not have a Guest Membership, contact myself or one of the other Board Members to give a tour. Also, any of the B.C.S.A. Board of Directors can also issue a temporary One-Day Guest Pass to you. If they need a Membership Application, they can be downloaded from the website or I can mail them out.

Member Involvement: If you or any member you know would like to get involved with the Broome County Sportsmen's Assoc., we can always use new members on the Board of Directors. This club is run by the members, come on down to a board meeting which are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Club House.

NEWSLETTER: The BCSA Newsletter will continue to be mailed through the US Postal Service. It can also be e-mailed to you, if you prefer, or conveniently viewed on our website www.bcsportsmen.org. **If you would like to change your newsletter delivery method,** please make a note on the renewal form or contact me which would save on postage and paper. When you contact me to change your delivery method, give me your name, address and membership # and let me know if you would like it e-mailed or if you prefer to read it on the web page.

Any questions or issues please contact me by email and that will get you the best and quickest response.

Jamie Szenher
BCSA Treasurer & Membership Director
treasurer1@bcsportsmen.org

BCSA International Pistol Postal League

We will be starting our International Pistol League in late September which consists of air pistol and free pistol. The air pistol is shot at 10 meters one handed and consists of a 60 shot match one shot at a time. The free pistol is a 22 caliber match shot at 50 feet one handed one shot at a time. We shoot on Monday nights and two weeks we shoot Air and two weeks we shoot free. This is a good way to sharpen your skills and if you only want to shoot one discipline that's fine. This is open to everyone including Juniors and if interested contact Dave Stratton at 607-222-6482

BCSA Bullseye Pistol League

Our Bullseye Pistol League will be starting around the first week of October and will be shot on Friday nights against different teams in the area. The match is shot with a 22 and centerfire at 50 feet one handed and consist of a slow fire target, timed fire target, and a rapid fire target. Some shooters only shoot 22 pistol so you don't have to shoot both guns. This is a good way to sharpen your skills and there is always someone willing to help new shooters. Junior shooters are welcomed also with an adult and if interested call or text Dave Stratton at 607-222-6482

Safety Reminder

The Club has placed "Bleeding Control" kits on the ranges for members to use in an emergency. The Club has also placed an AED inside the clubhouse hallway by the main entrance door. If you are interested in taking a Stop the Bleed class or a CPR/AED class please contact Brad McAvoy and let him know of your interest. If there are enough people arrangements may be made to hold the class at the clubhouse facilities.

Brad McAvoy - grounds1@bcsportsmen.org



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