

THE SPORTSMAN

Supporting the Bainbridge Island Community Since 1929

February 2015

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Calendar at www.biscwa.org/calendar

Note: physical address (not for mail) is 8203 Sportsman Club Rd.

February 25, 2015 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 25, 2015 – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Change of email groups!

The old domain, bainbridgesportsmensclub.org, is being deleted, so remember to use the new domain, biscwa.org, for email groups. For example, use range-use@biscwa.org, info@biscwa.org, etc. If you have the old email address saved, be sure to edit it now.

Message from the President

Planning for a Great Year.

Rifle Range: This year must be the year of the rifle range. In 2013 we were awarded a grant of \$95,000 (round numbers) by FARR. For those of you that don't know FARR it is a state organization that is funded by a portion of the concealed carry permit many of us possess. We competed with 16 other clubs and were ranked #1. Way to go BISC! The bad news is that we the Club must come up with matching funds in the neighborhood of \$55,000. However, this is not a cash requirement. Anytime any of us labor to make the rifle range a reality that labor is charged as a contribution to

the matching funds. In reality we need to come up with roughly half of that amount. I call this the 50% rule. That 50% rule is not absolute but is a best estimate based on what cash levels we needed to fund the completion of our pistol and archery ranges. And we don't need it all this year. Historically we made no effort to create a cash reserve for the construction of the pistol and archery ranges and thus we were left financing the need at the last minute via a loan from Key Bank and paying it off over time. We could do that again but let's not. Let's instead create a cash account that is separate from the general fund and use it exclusively for the rifle range construction. Let me repeat that "exclusively" for the rifle range construction!

Let's make the rifle range a reality. We have approaching 400 members so if say one quarter of you, that is 100 people, were generous enough to donate \$100 tax deductible dollars we would have the nest egg to fund the rifle range this year. For those of you who will donate \$1000 or more I will personally have your name inscribed on a brass plate and have that plate affixed to the new shooting building identifying you as a **Bedrock Contributor**. All contributors will find their name on that brass plate.

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Right now the Club can put its hands on roughly \$3,500 that can be directed to the rifle range construction without dipping in to the general fund, unfortunately that amount is insufficient. I would like to see \$15,000 identified this year and another \$10,000 next year. Again I am talking round numbers. To that end I am asking that each of you examine your personal finances and make a donation. Since BISC is a bonafide 501c3 non-profit any donation you make will be deductible from your taxes for that year. I will lead by example and pledge \$200, plus my labor till the project is complete. Please contact me if you care to donate.

Palmer Building: A few days back I went into the Palmer building and found that it is in a complete state of disarray. Part of the problem is that things have a way of simply ending up on the floor. Talking with the trap range managers it was concluded that the trap range would fund the acquisition of two industrial strength shelves that are available at Costco. However before we purchase the shelving we need a place to put them – actually construct them. They are heavy enough so that I cannot drag one of them on my own. I use this same shelving at my home. What I did at my home is unload them from my truck piece by piece and assemble them as I carried the parts into my house. I recommend the same approach here, BUT the building must be cleaned to make room for the construction. If you would like to help in that cleanup process please contact me.

Thoreau Moment: About a year ago the Club gave permission to the City to construct a walking trail through our property. That work started a couple of weeks ago and is now complete. The City did a great job. Early on in the project I discussed with their project manager what might be an interesting approach to the trail. The result is that the trail dips into the old growth trees along the east side of Sportsman Road and wanders through the forest next to the road. Only scrub plants were removed in the construction of the trail and the result is a short but idyllic walk amongst fir and cedar forest giants that emerges from the forest at the pond's edge and then continues down on the west side of the pond. Take a moment out of your life and walk this trail. It is mentally refreshing.

As always I can be contacted at 206-842-6016 or email alan@ajkasper.com.

Alan Kasper
BISC President

From The Membership Chair

Hello to all returning and new members! Your membership is good for one year from the month you join, which is indicated by a punch on the name of the month on your Membership card. This New Year brings a few changes to our membership fee schedule, so please review those details before sending in your renewal or application, so your new cards are not delayed.

The updated membership fee information and renewal membership form (and youth waiver) are available on the website <http://biscwa.org/membership-plans-rates-fees>. If your membership card has February punched out, please watch for your renewal letter to come in the mail shortly, and renew promptly! The month of February is a busy renewal month, and so we hope that you will take advantage of the new online renewal form and PayPal payment option. Thanks in advance for your patience.

You can also visit the website to print off a copy of the form, or pick up an application on your next visit to the Club, and mail with your payment to the PO Box. If you prefer, you can also pay by calling Mark Emerson, Club Treasurer (his phone number is on the membership form) with your credit card information.

Reminder: If your address, telephone number, email or other details have changed, please contact me at the email below so you will be able to keep up to date with Club news. From our membership comes our volunteer base. Your support of Club projects and scheduled RSO times at the ranges is appreciated!

Warm regards,
Shelley Schwinn
membership@biscwa.org

Archery News

ADULT ARCHERY RSO WORKSHOP

Saturday February 28th from 10am — 1pm.

This is a special class for BISC Members interested in honing their skills and volunteering as an Archery RSO.

The class will cover:

- Range safety.
- Whistles, lines, general protocols.
- Range operations.
- Opening and closing, equipment storage, etc.
- Shooting fundamentals.
- 11 steps and some very basic coaching to correct common shooting problems.
- Range equipment.
- Arrow sizes, bow set-ups, equipment limitations, maintenance, some essential do's and don'ts.

To register or for more info contact
<mailto:membership@biscwa.org>.

ARCHERY CLASSES (Winter Schedule)

Explore Archery (Basic Archery)

Age groups:

- Age 8-12 meets from 4:00 to 4:45
- Age 10-14 meets from 5:00 to 5:45
- Age 14-18 meets from 6:00 to 6:45

Sessions:

- January -Tuesday the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.
- February – Tuesday the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 21st.
- March – Tuesday the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 21st.

Island Archers JOAD

- Please note that Island Archers JOAD Club participation is subject coach approval. Previous participation in one of our Basic Archery Classes is usually required. If you have any questions about Island Archer JOAD registration please contact us at: coach@nwarchers.com.
- Meets every Thursday between 5 and 7pm as well as the second Saturday of every month from 9-11am

Contact Coach Scott at coach@nwarchers.com

Or visit our website at

<http://www.nwarchers.com/home.html>

A notice to all eligible Archery RSO's, please let Shelley, our Range Coordinator, know your availability for each month so she can get you on the schedule. Her email is esstwobee@gmail.com. Thank you for your generous donation of time.

Brian Kemkes
Archery Range Manager

Shotgun Sports News

If you are an RSO on the shotgun range, please send your RSO number or NRA number to Mike Okano at mica5662@hotmail.com, so that he can verify your RSO certification expiration date.

The P.I.T.A. WINTER MULTIPLEX

These events consist of 50 singles, 50 handicap and 25 pair of doubles (scores registered with PITA). A Multiplex HOA Name Tag is awarded to the HOA winner in each State/Province. You must shoot all targets to qualify. Shoot 100 targets at all 5 events and be eligible to win various prizes (randomly drawn).

Bremerton Trap and Skeet is one of the host clubs and the dates are Sat. (10 am) – Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7.

For more info go to <http://shootpita.com/multiplex/>

CONTINENTAL TRAP - JUST IN TIME FOR WINTER!

The 2015 Puget Sound Olympic Continental

Trapshooting League Schedule:

Season Schedule:

2-8-15- Kenmore

2-22-15- Renton

3-1-15- Seattle

3-8-15- GHSC Banquet

If you would like to shoot this league, follow this link: <http://www.continentalshooting.com/contact.html> or show up at any of the warm-up shoots to sign up.

SPORTING CLAYS

Sporting clays is a fun game for those shotgunners seeking the challenge of many different target trajectories. The game is simple – in theory. Everyone shoots the same targets. The competition is among those who are in the same classification. For shooters who are not interested in the competition and classification but who want the experience of shooting targets other than trap and skeet trajectories, there is a “Hunter” class.

Almost every weekend there are sporting clays shoots in Western Washington. The closest is the Bremerton club which usually puts on a shoot on the second Sunday of most months. For a detailed schedule, visit: www.mywsca.com. Do you recognize the two BISC members in the opening photograph which was taken at the 2013 state sporting clays championship? That photo is from the 5 – Stand event. 5 – Stand is similar to sporting clays but it has fewer trajectories and can be shot in a smaller area. Our club has a 5 - Stand which is open on Wednesday evenings. If you want more info about sporting clays, feel free to contact John McMahon at jmcm333@comcast.net.

HELP NEEDED...

Any Range Safety Officer willing to learn to set up and close the trap range please contact Mike, Bob or Jerry.

Bob Davis, with Mike Okano & Jerry Perez
Trap Co-Chairmen

Pistol Range News

Here we are in February and the Pistol Range use is increasing along with Club Membership. One thing the Pistol Range could use is about 4 more RSO's. There are 7 RSO's filling an average of 11/12 three hour slots; which means three (3) RSO's are having to pull at least two slots a month. My “thanks” to those bearing the brunt of the schedule. Please call me if you can help (360-930-8017).

When visiting the Range, please bring your BISC card. Your cooperation is appreciated. At my request, a

member of the Club is doing an audit of the 2014 Pistol Range Records. It will give us an idea of where we can improve the BISC, the Pistol Range, and/or garner more members. For BISC members "without a range pass", the fee will remain at \$5.00 per visit. My "thank you" goes to the BISC Board.

If you have constructive criticism or an idea that will help the Range, please call or e-mail me at: pcholometes@comcast.net.

Thank you for all you do for the BISC and the Pistol Range.

Pete Cholometes
Pistol Range Manager

BISC 2015 Firearms Training Schedule

If you are interested in the NRA courses in February you can sign up through the NRA web site <http://training.nra.org/training.aspx>. You can contact me at cmjbsj@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course - \$100 **Saturday, February 21**

This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude to owning and operating a pistol safely. At the end of the course participants will have the ability to safely handle, shoot, clean, store, and transport a pistol.

Pistols and ammunition are provided. Students may bring a pistol and ammunition to the course for use during the shooting portion of this course.

Chris Jensen

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 21

NRA BASIC PISTOL SHOOTING COURSE
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FEBRUARY 25

BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 28

ADULT ARCHERY RSO WORKSHOP
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MARCH 25

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 7:00 PM

Pond Cleanup – Fishing Derby

Jeff Hahto has been running the pond cleanup and pond opening/youth fishing derby for many years and would like a co-chairperson that could work with him and then take over the program when ready. Contact Jeff if you can help out with this great community event. Details below.

Pond Cleanup – April 11

It's a rite of spring and a grand tradition at the club – I'm talking about the annual Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher Fishing Derby for the young-uns (age 14 and under).

First we have to clean up the pond in preparation for a fresh delivery of trout. Pond clean-up will be April 11 at 9am and opening day fishing derby April 25 from 9am to noon. Your help would be appreciated on both days. For pond clean-up, bring weed cutters, rakes, wheel barrows and any other tools you may like to use. We will clean the pond itself and all the area around it. Contact Jeff Hahto at (206) 842-4326 if you can help.

Pond Opening – Youth Fishing Derby – April 25

It's a rite of spring and a grand tradition at the club – I'm talking about the annual Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher Fishing Derby for the young-uns (age 14 and under). On opening day we need people to sell coffee, hot dogs and soda. We also need a judge and others to help some of the kids with fishing. We need someone to rig the club fishing poles the day before. If a few good people will dig some worms, it is very helpful. Contact Jeff Hahto at (206) 842-4326 if you can help.

New Member Benefit

Reminder: New Members get Home Firearms Safety Training FREE (up to four family Members) as part of their new Membership. This benefit expires after one year of membership.

CLUB CALENDAR NOW ONLINE AT
www.biscwa.org/calendar

BISC — February 2015

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1 Trap Archery	2 Pistol	3	4 5 Stand Archery Pistol	5 Trap	6 Retiree Trap	7 Pistol
8 Trap Archery	9 Pistol	10	11 5 Stand Archery	12 Trap	13 Retiree Trap	14 Pistol
15 Trap Archery	16 Pistol	17	18 5 Stand Archery	19 Trap	20 Retiree Trap	21 Pistol NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
22 Trap Archery	23 Pistol	24	25 5 Stand Archery BISC Board Mtg	26 Trap	27 Retiree Trap	28 Pistol Adult Archery RSO Workshop

BISC Board Meeting
@ 7:00 PM on February 25

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course
February 21 @ 8 AM – 4 PM

Adult Archery RSO Workshop
February 28 @ 10 AM – 1 PM

ARCHERY RANGE
Wed afternoons, 4-6 PM
Every Sunday @ 11 AM — 1 PM

PISTOL/SMALL BORE RANGE
See calendar and CRSO column.

RIFLE/LARGE BORE RANGE
CLOSED for Berm Repairs

POLICE USE:
None scheduled

TRAP RANGE – public welcome
5 Stand Every Wednesday night @ 5:30 — 8 PM
Trap Every Thursday night @ 5:30 — 8 PM
Trap Every Sunday @ 1 — 3 PM
Trap Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 9 AM — 12 PM

COMMUNITY GROUPS
Girl Scout Troop 40133 -

BISC — March 2015

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2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 3-5 PM

BISC Leadership Contacts

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Jack Air	Trustee	(707) 953-0602
Pete Cholometes	Trustee, Pistol Chairman	(360) 930-8017
Robert Cromwell	Trustee	(206) 919-1437
Bob Davis	Newsletter/Web Site	(206) 310-2950
Jeff Hahto	Trustee	(206) 842-4326
Tyler Heinemann	Trustee, Firearms Inventory Manager	(206) 799-3311
Tim Iistowanohpataakiwa	Trustee, Rifle Chairman, CRSO	(206) 499-8858
Chris Jensen	Trustee	(360) 340-7916
Brian Kemkes	Trustee, Archery Chairman	(206) 351-9052
Mike Okano	Trustee, Shotgun Co-Chairman	(360) 981-5180
Jon Phelps	Trustee	(206) 842-5577
Shelley Schwinn	Membership, membership@biscwa.org	(206) 890-4533
Scott Tichel	Archery Coach – coach@NWArchers.com	(206) 462-8549
Clubhouse and Pistol Range		(206) 780-9374



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