

# THE SPORTSMAN

Supporting the Bainbridge Island Community Since 1929

April 2015

Email: [info@biscwa.org](mailto:info@biscwa.org) – Web: [www.BISCWA.org](http://www.BISCWA.org)

Calendar at [www.biscwa.org/calendar](http://www.biscwa.org/calendar)

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

**April 22, 2015 & May 27, 2015 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**  
**June 24, 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](mailto:range-use@biscwa.org), [info@biscwa.org](mailto:info@biscwa.org), etc. If you have the old email address saved, be sure to edit it now.

## Message from the President And the Beat Goes On.

**Rifle Range:** We are continuing our fund raiser for the rifle range. So far we have received pledges of \$3,750. This money will be used exclusively for the rifle range. As I stated last month we are shooting for a minimum of \$25,000 and we are moving in that direction. To that end we have put into place a fund raiser campaign. We will be contacting each of you to solicit donations. Given that we are a 501(c)(3)

any donation you make will be deductible from this year's federal taxes. We hope you will give generously.

There are three items that are driving our desire to upgrade our rifle range. 1) Note that we closed the rifle range voluntarily for the purpose of upgrading the range so that it meets two objectives. We wanted to make it safer and we wanted to make it quieter. This is the core driving factor behind the range enhancements. 2) Although done out of an abundance of caution our closing the rifle range caused us to lose membership. We want to reengage those members. New members will make the club more financially viable and provide additional income for maintaining our historical facility. 3) Lastly, but certainly of no lesser importance is that the Bainbridge Island Police Department use our club as a training venue. Obviously better trained police is highly desirable and without our facility they would be off island for training which might pose a risk to all of us in the

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 2 Rifle Range Fund
- 3 From the Membership Chair, Archery News
- 4 Shotgun Sports News
- 5 Pistol Range News, Pond Cleanup/Fishing Derby, Calendar of Events
- 6 2015 Firearms Training Schedule
- 7 Calendars for April – May



event of an emergency.

Simultaneously with working on the fund raiser a small team of folks have been polishing the design plans. In an effort to educate you we will be putting the design plan on our website where individuals can peruse them at their convenience.

If you wish to help this enhanced safer range to become a reality please consider donating by going to <http://biscwa.org/> and clicking on the **INDIEGOGO** button. Then click on the CONTRIBUTE button. We will respond to you with a written receipt which we will mail to you that you can use for tax purposes.

**April 2nd - "Early Bird" Start – First 50 donations** of \$100 or more receives a Special Limited-Edition BISC Hat.



**April 7th - "Official Start" - Tell everyone you know** to go to our site and click the **INDIEGOGO** button to view our "crowd-funding" page.

Remember, **EVERY MEMBER HAS A DOG IN THIS FIGHT** as when we exceed \$25K raised the money goes to the "Rifle Range, then Archery Range drainage, then front porch rebuild, and finally roof & gutter repairs/maintenance". In that order, per the Board.

So for an improved Club, whether you agree with the Rifle Range or not, pitch in and help out. Lots of good things can happen . . . with your help!

On Tuesdays we'll send out **very short** email updates on our progress.

**Pistol Range:** This last board meeting Pete Cholometes shared with us specifics on the pistol range usage. For example, Pete compared usage of the range for January 2015, 2014 and 2013. This last January we had 117 people use the pistol range. In January 2014 we had 88 people use the range and in January 2013 we have 31 folks use the range. Obviously the word is getting out and folks are finding the range highly recreational. This brings us to the next point.

**RSOs:** Pete Cholometes, Jerry Tonnessen and Andy Frank have been the cornerstone in keeping the range open on our published hours. Each of these men volunteers multiple times per month to serve as RSOs, **but** we need your help. If you are an RSO please contact me or Pete and let's get your name on the rotation. If you are an RSO and are not comfortable running the range because you have never done so or did it so long ago you are unsure what to do please contact me and I will see to it that you are briefed on our procedure. It is a simple and enjoyable task.

If you are not an RSO and wish to become one please contact either me or Chris Jensen and let's get you trained up. I personally try to do this monthly and I can assure you it is not drudgery it is very interesting.

**Archery Range:** The archery range is attracting numerous individuals who want to practice their sport and those wishing to learn. This range is in need of enhancement, such as gutters and grading. As such we applied to the Bainbridge Community Foundation with a grant request. We

have not heard whether we have been awarded the grant but we are hopeful.

**Fishing Derby:** This April we are again sponsoring the Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher Youth Fishing Derby. The derby is free and open to children ages 14 and under and runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will need volunteers for both the pond cleanup and folks to help manage the event itself. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information regarding dates and responsibilities. This is really a fun event for both contestants and adults alike; even the pond cleanup is a fun event. Please consider volunteering your time for the cleanup and day of the event duties. .

As always I can be contacted at 206-842-6016 or email [alan@ajkasper.com](mailto:alan@ajkasper.com).

**Alan Kasper**  
**BISC President**

## **From The Membership Chair**

Thank you and 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 month on your Membership card. This 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 March punched out, please watch for your renewal letter to come in the mail shortly, and renew promptly! We hope that you will take advantage of the new online renewal form and PayPal payment option as that system is becoming more streamlined for processing applications and payments. Thanks in advance for your patience though should there be a delay, and do feel free to contact me with any membership questions or concerns.

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](mailto:membership@biscwa.org)

## **Archery News**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:coach@nwarchers.com) or visit <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. The email is [archery@biscwa.org](mailto:archery@biscwa.org). Thank you for your generous donation of time.

**Brian Kemkes**  
**Archery Range Manager**

## **Shotgun Sports News**

### **Olympic Interclub League - 12<sup>th</sup> annual**

Congratulations to BISC shooter **Jarrett Leake** who was high shooter at the 16 yd trap event at the Interclub shoot on March 28 with a perfect 50 straight!

Handicap was won by John Mullins (Bremerton, Jacob Turner and Brady Gies (unaffiliated) with 49s.

Doubles was won by John Mullins (Bremerton) and Jacob Turner (unaffiliated) with 48s.

The Interclub schedule for 2015 is as follows:

**March 21<sup>st</sup> at Poulsbo**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> at Bainbridge (at Poulsbo)**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> at Port Townsend (JCSA)**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> Gig Harbor**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> at Bremerton**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup> at Port Angeles**

The shoot includes 50 singles at 16 yds and 50 handicap at 22 yds, with an optional 50 bird event at the choice of the host club.

The interclub trap program is a lot of fun. It's simply a fun and friendly competition among the six clubs in our area. The competition aspect is very low key. If you enjoy shooting trap, I encourage you to come out and try it. All shoots start at 9:00 AM, and you can arrive any time after 8:00 AM to get signed up.

### **Pacific International Trapshooting Assn Shoots**

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

## **SPORTING CLAYS**

Sporting clays is a fun game for those shotgunners seeking the challenge of many different target trajectories. Shooters who want the experience of shooting targets other than trap and skeet trajectories are welcome to shoot in sporting clays shoots without registering targets or participating in the classification system. Just show up, sign in and shoot! For folks who enjoy shooting at Sunnydell in Sequim, sporting clays offers a similar variety of targets almost every weekend someplace in Western Washington. The closest club is Bremerton.

The next Bremerton shoot is April 12th. I am sure you will find some BISC members there. Shooting starts at 10:00 AM but you need to arrive early, register and be on your station by 10:00 AM. If you want to warm up with a round of 5-stand, that opens close to 9:00 AM but closes when the sporting clays shoot starts. More info -- including scores -- is online at [www.mywsca.com](http://www.mywsca.com). Check the opening page and then the "Clubs" section for detailed Bremerton info.

5 – Stand is excellent practice for sporting clays. It is similar to sporting clays but can be shot in a smaller area. Our club has a 5 - Stand which is open on Wednesday evenings. The Bremerton 5 – Stand is open when that club is open and also for warm ups preceding their sporting clays shoots. Poulsbo's 5 – Stand usually opens on Saturdays at 10:00 AM ([www.pscnet.net](http://www.pscnet.net)). If you want more info about 5 – Stand or sporting clays, feel free to contact John McMahon at [jmcm333@comcast.net](mailto: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 Manager's Report**

Here we are and it's almost April. The weather is getting better and so is use of the Pistol Range.

Here are a couple of figures for you to absorb. In January **2014** we had 88 uses with an income of \$185.00. In January **2015** we had 117 uses with an income of \$517.00. In February **2014** we had 68 uses with an income of \$150.00. In February **2015** we had 123 uses with an income of \$395.00. These increases are good news for the Club and you the members.

We do need help in the RSO arena. In a 31 day month we need to fill twelve (12) three (3) hour positions. If you are a current RSO, please sign up by calling me at 360-930-8017.

Did you know that the average range visit lasts for 1 hour and 12 minutes? That was for both 2014 and 2015 respectively. So much for the figures.

Just come on out and enjoy.

***Pete Cholometes***  
***Pistol Range Manager***

## **Calendar of Events**

### **APRIL 11**

**NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE**  
**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

### **APRIL 11**

**POND CLEANUP**  
**9:00 AM**

### **APRIL 22**

**BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM**

### **APRIL 25**

**CONCEALED CARRY IN THE REAL WORLD COURSE**  
**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

### **APRIL 25**

**YOUTH FISHING DERBY**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

### **MAY 1**

**CONCEALED CARRY PISTOL COURSE**  
**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

## **MAY 27**

**BOARD 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 9:00 AM and opening day fishing derby April 25 from 9:00 AM 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.

---

***NOTE: If you itemize your taxes, and would like a letter acknowledging your donation to BISC for tax purposes, please email Mark at [treasurer@biscwa.org](mailto:treasurer@biscwa.org).***

---

## BISC 2015 Firearms Training Schedule

If you are interested in the NRA courses in 2015 you can sign up through the NRA web site <http://training.nra.org/training.aspx>. You can contact me at [cmjbsj@hotmail.com](mailto:cmjbsj@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**April 11 *NRA Range Safety Officer*** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, contact instructor for more information.

**Short Description:** Non-shooting course that provides the student with the knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the duties of a range safety officer. After completing this course and participating in some on the job training with a current BISC RSO graduates of this course are capable of providing RSO duties during open ranges at the club and they have the privilege of opening the range during non-scheduled hours for their own shooting time or so others can shoot.

**April 25 *Concealed Carry in the Real World*** 1:00 PM – 5:00, contact instructor for more information.

**If you currently own a firearm for personal protection in your home or you carry concealed you should attend this course. The information provided is real world and current. You need to know this information before you get involved with an incident not after.**

**Short Description:** Classroom only, this course covers the realities of carrying a concealed pistol in Washington State. This is an interactive workshop where questions and comments are not only encouraged but expected. Topics will include Federal Laws, Washington State laws, safety, firearms selection, storage, ammunition, and training, carry options, and what you can expect when you display, use, or fire a firearm in self-defense. Bring your questions so they can be answered or at least discussed. 3 hours, \$50 per person.

**May 1 *Concealed Carry Pistol*** 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, contact instructor for more information.

**Description:** Review of basics, draw, movement, targeting, multiple targets, cover, concealment, family and friends, exit strategies. You must have a holster for your handgun. This course is 6 hours long. This course will start where the NRA basic pistol course and first steps pistol stopped. Except for 30 minutes for check-in and range safety rules at the beginning of class and 30 minutes for debrief at the end of course this course is all range time. Participants should bring a minimum of 300 rounds of ammunition and dress for weather conditions. Fee= \$150

**June 20 *NRA Basic pistol course*** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, contact instructor for more information.

**Short description:** Teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and operating a pistol Safely. Fee \$100

**More Detail:** This course is at least 8 hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA rules for safe firearms handling, pistol parts, ammunition, shooting fundamentals, range rules, shooting from the bench, and standing. Students will learn how to clean a pistol and learn about continuing opportunities to skills development.

**Chris Jensen**  
**Firearms Trainer**

**CLUB CALENDAR NOW ONLINE AT**  
[www.biscwa.org/calendar](http://www.biscwa.org/calendar)

**BISC — April 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pistol 5-Stand Archery	2 Trap	3 Retiree Trap	4 Pistol <b>Concealed Carry Pistol</b>
5 Trap Archery	6 Pistol	7	8 5 Stand Archery Girl Scouts	9 Trap	10 Retiree Trap	11 Pistol <b>Pond Cleanup NRA RSO Class</b>
12 Trap Archery	13 Pistol	14	15 5-Stand Archery	16 Trap	17 Retiree Trap	18 Pistol <b>Interclub Trap</b>
19 Trap Archery	20 Pistol	21	22 <b>BISC Board Mtg @ 7 PM</b> 5 Stand Archery Girl Scouts	23 Trap	24 Retiree Trap	25 Pistol <b>Pond Opening Concealed Carry in the Real World</b>
26 Trap Archery	27 Pistol	28	29 5-Stand Archery	30 Trap		

*Schedule of Events*

Check [www.biscwa.org/calendar](http://www.biscwa.org/calendar) for changes

BISC Board Meeting  
@ 7:00 PM on April 22  
 NRA RSO Course on April 11  
 Concealed Carry in the Real World on April 25  
 Pond Cleanup on April 11  
 Pond Opening/Fishing Derby on April 25  
 Interclub Trap at Port Townsend on April 18  
**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

**BISC — May 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Retiree Trap  Concealed Carry Pistol	2 Pistol
3 Trap Archery	4 Pistol	5	6 5 Stand Pistol Archery	7 Trap	8 Retiree Trap	9 Pistol <b>Interclub Trap</b>
10 Trap Archery	11 Pistol	12	13 5 Stand Archery Girl Scouts	14 Trap	15 Retiree Trap	16 Pistol
17 Trap Archery	18 Pistol	19	20 5 Stand Archery	21 Trap	22 Retiree Trap	23 Pistol
24 Trap Archery	25 Pistol	26	27 <b>BISC Board Mtg @ 7 PM</b> 5 Stand Archery Girl Scouts	28 Trap	29 Retiree Trap	30 Pistol
31 Trap Archery						

*Schedule of Events*

Check [www.biscwa.org/calendar](http://www.biscwa.org/calendar) for changes

BISC Board Meeting  
@ 7:00 PM on May 27  
 Concealed Carry Pistol on May 1  
 Interclub Trap at Gig Harbor on May 9  
**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 -  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 3-5 PM

## BISC Leadership Contacts

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Alan Kasper	President, <a href="mailto:president@biscwa.org">president@biscwa.org</a>	(206) 842-6016
Dave Ward	Vice President, <a href="mailto:vice-president@biscwa.org">vice-president@biscwa.org</a>	(206) 855-0910
Mark D. Emerson	Treasurer, <a href="mailto:treasurer@biscwa.org">treasurer@biscwa.org</a>	(206) 992-7030
Dutch van Gessel	Secretary, <a href="mailto:secretary@biscwa.org">secretary@biscwa.org</a>	(206) 963-7939
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, <a href="mailto:membership@biscwa.org">membership@biscwa.org</a>	(206) 890-4533
Scott Tichel	Archery Coach – <a href="mailto:coach@NWArchers.com">coach@NWArchers.com</a>	(206) 462-8549
Clubhouse and Pistol Range		(206) 780-9374



Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club  
P.O. Box 10421  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Check the Web Site for Latest Info/Schedules [www.biscwa.org](http://www.biscwa.org)  
BISC Calendar Online at [www.biscwa.org/calendar](http://www.biscwa.org/calendar)  
Email for questions/comments – [info@biscwa.org](mailto:info@biscwa.org) or [coach@nwarchers.com](mailto:coach@nwarchers.com) for archery.