

# THE SPORTSMAN

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**May 27, 2015 & July 22, 2015 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**  
**June 24, 2015 – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

## Message from the President

**Rifle Range:** Our rifle range fund raiser has been successful beyond my wildest imagination. We all need to give Gary Smith special thanks for his initiative and plan in making this happen. We also need to thank Pete Cholometes for his tireless fund raising activities. Although we are still tabulating the data preliminary results indicate that the fund drive generated approximately **\$40,000** with over **100** people contributing to the fund. It is pretty obvious that our plan is supported by the club and the community. Our goal was \$25,000 which we obviously exceeded. Fortunately we met our \$25,000 goal on INDIEGOGO and received checks and cash for the balance. We had individual donations ranging from \$25 to two extremely generous individuals who donated \$5000 each. I decided to keep your names anonymous but you know who you are and **thank you, thank you thank you!!!** We had

one individual who had just suffered personal financial stress due to an illness in the family but still found \$100 as a donation. During the fishing derby one gentleman, a complete stranger, approached me and asked what we were raising money for. I told him of the project. He reached into his wallet extracted a hundred dollar bill and handed it to me. Amazing. Simply amazing. I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

So where are we? Chuck MacLearnsberry has produced a set of final plans. Chuck is another person we owe a debt of gratitude to. I am working on the project plans and we are close to finalizing that. The next step will be to have the plans examined by a professional range designer to ensure that we are building a state of the art range. Once that is complete we will take a few steps with the City and then get to work.

**Fishing Derby:** Our Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher Youth Fishing Derby was an astounding success.

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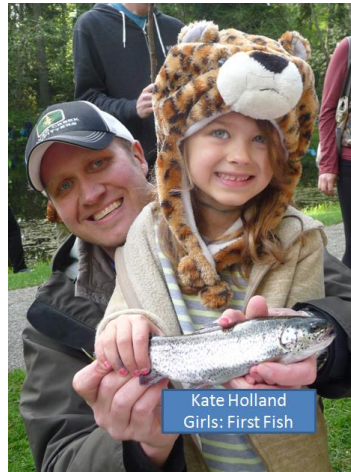


At the peak of the derby we had over 130 people standing around the pond fishing. Well not all were fishing as there were many moms and dads but the kids were fishing. It was so successful we ran out of cane poles. So in the finest tradition of Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher we cut small tree branches and fashioned makeshift poles which the kids gleefully used. Unfortunately not everybody caught fish (darn) but many did. Although we didn't do an audited count there were around 25 - 30 fish caught. Perhaps not surprisingly this event today is every bit as popular today as it was when it began in 1967 or was it 1968. No one can remember for sure but it was either 1967 or 1968. At that time club members worked with earth movers and shovels to dig a 30 foot deep hole on the south end of what is now the pond and approximately a 4 foot deep north end. The hole then naturally filled with the water that runs from an aquifer on the property.

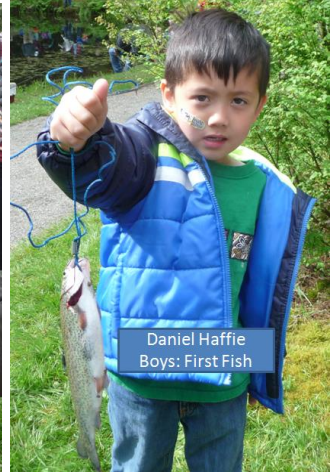
What was wonderful is that seemingly everyone, even those not lucky enough to catch fish, had a great time. It was a beautiful day and once again we were graced by the presence of our resident eagle. Unfortunately this time the eagle did not make a spectacular fish grab in a pass over the pond but instead watched the goings on from a stately position in a nearby tree.



And now for the winners and the coveted awards: (drum roll please). The Girls First Fish award went to Kate Holland. The Boys First Fish award went to Daniel Haffee. Congrats to both.



Kate Holland  
Girls: First Fish



Daniel Haffee  
Boys: First Fish

The coveted awards for the largest fish went to: (again a drum roll please). For the Girls the award went to Annie Strum with a 11 ¼ inch monster and for the boys the award went to Rowan Schick with a huge 11 5/8 inch fish. Again congrats.



Annie Strum  
Girls: Largest Fish



Rowan Schick  
Boys: Largest Fish

Unfortunately I did not get a picture of Charlotte Strong receiving her award for "First Limit" (i.e. five fish) but she was the winner in that category.

My cute detector meter pegged max several times during the derby!!! Watching these kids at this derby was the most fun I had during the month of April.

We also appreciate the efforts of those who helped clean up the pond the previous weekend.

Mountains of pond weed were removed from the pond and the grass was tidied. A special thanks is owed to Aiden Berg, Jeff Hahto, Jim Tsolomitis, Nik Tsolomitis, Rich Saunders and yours truly.

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

### ADULT ARCHERY RSO WORKSHOP

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## Spring and summer archery programs

**Adult archery classes** are scheduled for May with additional opportunities available based on interest.

**Explore Archery** for kids age 8 to 18. A basic skills program where archers can work on the fundamentals of the sport and earn achievement medals for learning skills like safety, form, scoring, grouping and equipment knowledge.

**Island Archers JOAD** (Junior Olympic Archery Development) club for archers age 8 though 20 who want train for the competitive environment. JOAD archers will earn pins for shooting at progressively higher levels and will have opportunities to shoot competitively.

For more information about all archery programs please contact Coach Scott at [coach@nwarchers.com](mailto:coach@nwarchers.com) or visit the Northwest Archers website at: <http://www.nwarchers.com/>

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**

The results of the Port Townsend event follow. Singles was won by John Mullins of Bremerton with a 50. Handicap was won by John Mullins (Bremerton) with a 49. High Overall was John Mullins with a 99. Continental was won by Scott Moore of Gig Harbor with a 50. We had a Total of 48 Shooters.

The Interclub schedule for 2015 is as follows:

**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**

May 23-25, Evergreen Sportsmen's Club  
May 30-31, Bremerton Trap and Skeet

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

## **SPORTING CLAYS**

For folks who enjoy shooting at Sunnyside in Sequim, sporting clays offers a variety of targets almost every weekend someplace in Western Washington. A full schedule is at [www.mywsca.com](http://www.mywsca.com). The closest club is Bremerton and their next sporting clays shoot is May 10th. 5-stand opens close to 9:00 AM for warm ups. Then, you need to sign up and be on your station by 10:00 AM. For those with pumps, stay tuned for the Bremerton pump gun shoot after their sporting clays shoot on June 7th.

In April, the World English Sporting Clays Championship was held in Florida. Dakin Zurfluh (Connies Components) and Mike Wilgus (from Bellevue) led the Washington state contingent and shot well. You can check the scores from all events at [www.winscoreonline.com](http://www.winscoreonline.com). George Digweed (UK) won the championship event and that was his 24th world championship. George Digweed also holds the world record for breaking a standard clay target -- at 130 yards! Check him out on YouTube.

More locally, the state sporting clays championship will be at Seattle Skeet and Trap June 11th through 14th. They are bringing in a top target setter. Events cover 12, 20 and 28 gauges, .410 bore, pump, side-by-side, 5-stand, a prelim and the championship. Even if you do not shoot, it is worth your time to visit that club some day during those days to see the variety of targets presented as well as an excellent facility. Jerry Perez and John McMahon will be representing BISC there.

### **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**

Our "April" Rifle Range Fund raiser is done with, but remember this: if you ask for help in the form of a donation to BISC, it is an ongoing thing. People care — just ask them. I'll leave the final figures to the Treasurer.

A big thank you goes to Jerry Tonnessen, John Sencerbox (a non-member), and Nik Tsolomitis who installed a thick, brand new bullet backstop at the Pistol Range on 2 May. It took them almost three hours to do the job, but it was done right. Thank you guys.



Welcome to the New Pistol Range RSO's in the pipeline or already on board. They include: Greg Walsh, Roy Clark, Paul Browning, and James and Kendra Harrington. Your help will be truly appreciated.

It's time to go to the Range — see you there!  
REMEMBER TO BE SAFE: The "New" overhead wooden beam was installed on Friday at 3PM. As of 3PM on Saturday it has 24 bullet hits with one hit tearing a 4" part of the beam to shreds. Please keep your bullet hits between the new headboard and the steel plate at the bottom. It is critical for "everyone" to "KNOW WHERE YOUR BULLET IS GOING". Thank you.

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

## **Calendar of Events**

### **MAY 1**

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

### **MAY 9**

**INTERCLUB TRAP SHOOT – GIG HARBOR**  
**9:00 AM**

### **MAY 27**

**BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM**

### **JUNE 6**

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

### **JUNE 20**

**INTERCLUB TRAP SHOOT – BREMERTON**  
**9:00 AM**

### **JUNE 27**

**NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSE**  
**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

## **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.

**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 27, 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.

**August 6, Woman's Only NRA First Steps Pistol, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

This course will be for woman only age 16 and up. Course will cover safety, operation, function, and shooting-more shooting than the normal NRA First steps Course. Please contact the instructor at [cmjbsj@hotmail.com](mailto:cmjbsj@hotmail.com) for signup and more information.

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

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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  <i>Interclub Trap</i>
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						

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See calendar and CRSO column.  
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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

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