

THE SPORTSMAN

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February 24, 2016 & April 27, 2016 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 23, 2016 – Quarterly Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Message from the President

We begin this year sadly.

Chuck MacLearnsberry: Friday, January 15, 2016
Chuck passed away surrounded by his family. I knew Chuck for a number of years and found him to be a most gracious, honest and warm gentleman. He truly was a man of integrity. Chuck happily gave his time to the club and on many occasions was the RSO for the shotgun range. Chuck also was the major contributor to the design of the enhanced rifle range. I like Chuck, I will miss him. He once told me he helped on the rifle range because he wanted to get it finished before he left this earth. Sadly that did not happen.

Rifle Range: Speaking of the rifle range, a small group of us are looking for ways to “get ‘er done” within budget. To that end we have come up with an alternative grading plan that in large part was David Bannon’s idea. David is a professional civil engineer and determined that rather than move the

current drain we continue to use it but cover the range with 8-10 inches of crushed rock. This will allow the water to meander through the rock while we walk above the flood. This redesign will save us approximately \$50,000.

A second cost improvement is to use a prefab building rather than a stick construction for the rifle shooters building. This will save \$40,000. A third potential savings will be to simplify the bullet berm and making it somewhat smaller. The goal is to save \$15,000. This will not compromise safety but will achieve our goal. We are talking with engineers. The last modification still being reviewed is the cost of the no-blue-sky beams. We are hopeful to save \$40,000 in a redesign but that design is still pending. We will continue to look for ways to stay within budget on the rifle range without compromising its utility to the members.

I wish to thank **Clark Construction** for the amazing contribution they have made to the Club by helping us to estimate costs and assisting us in identifying alternatives that will help us manage the costs

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associated with this project.

In pursuit of this rifle range development if any of you have a desire to assist us in making decisions or implementing some of the plans please contact me as I wish to form a team of folks willing to help make this happen. Please contact me.

Archery: With summer nearly here (I know it is hard to believe that) the demand for Archery RSOs will increase and as it is, we are often short RSOs to perform the range management function. As a result the Archery range is occasionally closed due to lack of a volunteer. So I ask you if you are an archery RSO or if you are an archer who would like to become an RSO, PLEASE contact us so that we might get your name on the rotation. We had a similar problem on the pistol range and a number of folks stepped forward and today that range is open for all scheduled events. We can do the same on the archery range if you archers step forward.

Modified Bylaws: In the last board meeting we tallied the number of votes necessary to pass the modified bylaws. I will not summarize the changes giving that we have distributed copies to you members in the past but this adopted modification clarifies a number of items that were somewhat ambiguous.

Planned Gift: So very many of us have benefitted by the presence of our Club. It truly is a jewel that today could not be replicated on this Island if we were to make the decision now. And so many of you have been so very giving with you time and effort. To that end the Club would truly be grateful if when you are doing your estate planning a small set aside allocated to the Club. Any amount would be appreciated and help to insure that the Club remains viable for your children and grandchildren.

February 12th: Keep a look out because this February 12th we will have new gutters installed on both the Club House and the Archery Range. It been two years of waiting for the Archery Range. And just a tad longer for the Club House. I believe that the existing gutters on the Club House probably date from the days of Harry Truman's Presidency.

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

Alan Kasper
BISC President

From The Membership Chair

Some days are feeling a bit like spring already though it is only February, and this is another busy renewal month for the Sportsmen's Club membership. Please do watch for an email from the new, automated Membership System and follow the directions that are included to renew. We hope you find that this system makes renewing quick and easy.

If you don't renew in February, please log into the new online system to check your records. It is important to confirm that your Volunteer information is up to date, and that the Range Pass User's names are correct, as these fields have changed and are key membership details.

Once you've checked your membership profile, there is nothing more to do until your renewal month and date comes around, and the system sends you a reminder. If you haven't seen an email from the automated system (it could be in your 'spam' folder), you can find the link by going to the Club's website <http://biscwa.org/> and clicking on the "**Member Log-In**" link in the upper right of the main page.

This month begins the 30-day grace period for delinquent renewals. Please respond promptly to the renewal email to avoid any reinstatement fees! Feel free to contact membership@biscwa.org if you have any questions about your membership status.

Reminder: 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 Chairperson

Archery News - Winter programs

Open Range regular hours are Wednesdays 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Sundays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Adult Archery classes/RSO orientation opportunities available based on interest.

Explore Archery is for kids age 8 to 18.

Beginning February 1, 2016 we will no longer be offering the Explore Archery program on a regular weekday. This is to allow the 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM time slot on Thursdays to be used for a new session of Island Archers JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development).

Our plan is to restructure the Explore Archery program and get it back on the calendar as soon as possible. When it resumes it will probably be offered in a weekend, camp style format.

Explore Archery has proven to be an excellent way for new archers to try out the sport and learn the fundamentals. It has also proven to be an excellent spring board for entry into the JOAD program. We look forward to starting it back up soon.

If you have any questions about Explore Archery or the JOAD program please don't hesitate to let me know. You can also check out website for updates.
<http://www.nwarchers.com/>

Island Archers JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) club is for archers age 8 through 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 or visit the Northwest Archers website at: <http://www.nwarchers.com/>
Thanks to the Volunteer Archery RSOs for your generous donation of time opening the range!

Brian Kemkes
Archery Range Manager

Pistol Range News

We've had another very successful month at the Pistol Range. I thank you: the RSO's, the Board, the BISC membership, and everyone who is getting the word out. We are seeing many more couples and women learning how to safely handle a firearm. When looking at the sign in sheets, we are also finding a marked increase in fathers and moms teaching family members the responsibility that comes with having a firearm in the home. Safety is the ultimate goal at the BISC.

We are, at this moment, considering opening the Pistol Range every Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon). Right now, the first Wednesday has been graciously hosted by David-Fox-Hughes. Thank you David. If we do this, the additional day of shooting will start in March. Keep an eye out for a message concerning the: "EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON PISTOL RANGE OPENING".

As always, suggestions about the Pistol Range are welcome. The Range becomes better when we know your feelings. Comments can be sent to: pcholometes@comcast.net or feel free to call me at: 360-930-8017. If you leave a message and phone number: I will call you back.

For every ones safety, please use our Restroom to wash your hands and face after shooting. This is just another way we can help ourselves continue on a healthy path.

Just a reminder: **Open shooting will only be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on 13 February 2016.** Chris Jensen will be utilizing the Pistol Range from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Thank you for understanding.

Come on out and "enjoy" the joy of shooting. Challenge yourself: shooting is another recreation at its' best.

Pete Cholometes
Pistol Range Chair/Manager

Shotgun Sports News

5-STAND

The trap range will be closed for 5-Stand shooting during all Wednesday's in February. We are getting machines in good working order and will reopen for 5-Stand in March. We will not be open for 5-Stand on the 4th Wednesday of the month from Jan-Oct and on

the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Nov-Dec, due to the Board and/or Membership meetings on those dates.

CONTINENTAL TRAP - JUST IN TIME FOR WINTER!

The 2016 Puget Sound Olympic Continental Trapshooting League Schedule:

Remaining Season Schedule:

2-21-16 Bremerton

2-28-16 Renton

3-6-16 Seattle

3-13-16 Sumner *Banquet*

If you would like to shoot this league, follow this link: <http://www.continentalshooting.com>.

TRAP SHOOTING TRAINING SESSIONS

The Trap Training Shooting Sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

The upcoming dates for the next two months are: **February 06, February 20, March 05, and March 19.**

For a full description of the program, see the January 2016 newsletter, available at <http://biscwa.org/newletters>

If you have any questions, please contact David Brown: 650-224-5911 / davidbrown.db1@gmail.com

Pacific International Trapshooting Assn (PITA) Shoots

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 4th event is being added for sub-gauge singles. 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 1st Saturdays – Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6. The shooting start time is 10:00 AM. For full schedule/info go to <http://shootpita.com>

SPORTING CLAYS

Sporting clays features different target trajectories at every shoot. Each club changes all the targets every

month. You can shoot either for fun or for competition at all these shoots. The closest -- Bremerton -- is usually on the 2nd Sunday (e.g., February 14th). BISC usually has very good participation at the Bremerton shoot so you will see familiar faces if you join us there.

The full 2016 WA state schedule is on the WSCA site: <http://ww1.mywsca.com/docs/2016Sched122815.pdf>. Seattle Skeet and Trap (SST in Ravensdale), Granite Falls, Tacoma, Sumner, Upper Nisqually (UNSC in Eatonville) and Evergreen (in Littlerock) clubs conduct shoots almost every month. BISC members participate in most of these shoots.

In February, the Sportsman Channel continues a series of television broadcasts -- the **PSCA Pro Tour** - featuring 2015 competitions among the top sporting clays shooters. They used flash targets and shot at night under the lights so target trajectories and broken targets can be seen on the video. The PSCA events end with head-to-head competition of the top 12 pros and 4 amateurs who qualified for the final in a special sporting clays shoot. **These shows are broadcast at 10:00 AM our time on channel # 636 on Comcast on Bainbridge Island.** You can find more info and also watch videos of the 2014 events online at www.pasca.com.

5-stand has some similarities to sporting clays. The Poulsbo 5-Stand is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM. Full calendar is at www.pscnet.net.

BISC Training Classes

To sign up for courses go to <http://www.nrainstructors.org/> and select the course title, enter your zip code, there will possibly be several classes listed. Select the class scheduled to be taught at the Club and sign up. Any questions contact Chris Jensen at cmjbsj@hotmail.com.

Chris Jensen
NRA Trainer

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 24
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM

MARCH 23
QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG – 7:00 PM

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

BISC — February 2016

Schedule of Events
 Check www.biscwa.org/calendar for changes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pistol	2	3 Pistol Archery	4 Trap	5 Retiree Trap	6 Pistol Trap
7 Trap Archery	8 Pistol	9	10 Archery Girl Scouts	11 Trap	12 Retiree Trap	13 Pistol
14 Trap Archery	15 Pistol	16	17 Archery	18 Trap	19 Retiree Trap	20 Pistol Trap
21 Trap Archery	22 Pistol	23	24 BISC Membership Mtg Archery Girl Scouts	25 Trap	26 Retiree Trap	27 Pistol
28 Trap Archery	29 Pistol					

BISC — March 2015

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

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