

THE SPORTSMAN

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

March 23, 2016 – Quarterly Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 27, 2016 & May 25, 2016 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Message from the President

Spring is Upon Us.

Bob Dawson: Recently Bob Dawson passed away. Bob was a club member for several years. His daughter Alela Tallon contacted the club and asked if we were interested in some of Bob's older fishing gear including a few poles and tackle. We accepted. After a bit of repair (I love to tinker with this kind of thing) several of the poles will become tools for the Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher fishing derby we conduct every spring. As a side note I learned to tie an Arbor knot. So it was a learning experience for me as well. Thank you Alela.

Rifle Range: If you recall in the last newsletter we discussed the alternative grading plan developed by David Bannon. A few days back I presented that plan to the City and after a detailed discussion they accepted that plan as

an alternative to what we originally proposed.

Now that spring is here we need to get very serious about completing the rifle range. This will be my highest priority.

Archery: Again a reminder, if you are an archer we need your help. With summer upon us the demands for archery is increasing. To meet the demand we need RSOs who can donate a bit of their time to run the range. Without that donation of time the Archery range is occasionally closed due to lack of a volunteer. So, if you are an archery RSO or if you are willing to become one 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.

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Modified Bylaws: After months of activity on the bylaws they were finally signed at the last board meeting and Dutch van Gessel, our secretary, will be getting them notarized in the next day or so. You can access them online by going to this link <http://biscwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/BISC-Bylaws-Final-2-22-16.pdf>. As noted previously this adopted modification clarifies a number of items that were somewhat ambiguous.

Change of Policy: At the last board meeting we passed a new policy wherein we provide a discount for Active and Retired military who wish to join the Club. New Military applicants will have their Initiation Fee waived in full. This represents a savings of \$75. This change is being made to focus our attention and, in a small way, to show our appreciation for those who serve and the sacrifices they endure to keep Americans safe and free.

Candidate Summer Classes: We are discussing the feasibility of offering a selection of Summer Camp activities for kids and adults as well. Below is a collection of candidates and we are soliciting your input regarding your level of interest. Or if you have a better idea please let us know.

Please send in your comments to info@BISCWA.org or just use the "Contact" form as it goes to the same place. Your comments would be a huge help:

- "Firearms 101" a one session, 3-4 hours introduction of all main firearms (pistols, revolvers, shotguns and rifles). An initial classroom period to discuss how each function and their main uses followed by range time where each person will have a chance to fire any or all of the different firearms 2 or 3 times. At the end will be a short Q&A period where questions like what would be the best firearm for home defense for their particular situation, what's the purchasing process, what classes should they take after this, etc. Classes would likely be grouped one for just women, another for seniors, etc.

- .22 Rim Fire Rifle Classes for those 9 or older, a one-day 3-4 hours conducted on the Pistol Range to learn the basics of shooting small caliber rifles. Learning how to do this safely and to build a foundation for future shooting on our (soon to be) new rifle range.
- Summer Camps (for 9 years and older) - Might include one day learning .22 cal rifles, another on the Archery Range, another Fly Fishing on our pond, etc. Here kids will get a foundation for the safe and fun use of each of these sports.

We welcome your feedback.

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 March, 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 March, 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*

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 16

We have to clean up the pond in preparation for a fresh delivery of trout. Pond clean-up will be April 16 at 9:00 AM and opening day fishing derby April 30 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 30

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 15 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.

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.

Announcing the return of the Explore Archery program!

After a couple of months hiatus the program is back in a new format. We will now be offering the Explore Archery program as a weekend "camp". This new format will contain the same important information and skill-building instruction as the four week class and we will have more actual range time than we did in the previous format.

This program is a basic skill-building class for those who are new to the sport or archers who may have been shooting for a while but would like some formal training.

Our next offering of this program will be on Saturday and Sunday March 19th and 20th. We will meet from Noon-3:00 PM on Saturday and from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

- All equipment is provided.
- Program costs are \$100 per archer (\$80 for members of the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club). Please contact me about sibling discounts.
- No prior experience is needed to take this class.
- The program is open to kids age 8 to 18, this will be a mixed-age class.
- We will meet on the archery range at the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club.
- Class will be held rain or shine.
- The program will include instruction on safety, shot execution, scoring, aiming and equipment knowledge. Archers will earn 5 badges of achievement as they demonstrate understanding of each element.

Please contact me if you have an aspiring archer who would like to participate in this fun

program. **All registration for this session must be received by March 1st.**

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

Only two items to read this time.

1. The **“NEW” Pistol Range Hours, starting on March 1st, 2016** are as follows:
 - a. Every Monday from 9 to 1200.
 - b. Every Wednesday from 9 to 1200.
 - c. Every Saturday from 9 to 1200,
AND,
 - d. Every Saturday from 1200 to 3PM**

** The one exception is that the 12-3 slot on Saturday may be overridden by a firearms class scheduled by Chris Jensen, which will be known well in advance.

Come on out and enjoy a Wednesday morning or a Saturday afternoon. This is your club.

2. As I have said in the past — we’ve come a long way. I am sharing the below information for your consumption:

THE Pistol Range Summary For all of “2015”

1,300 total visits – 34% increase over 2014

289 guest visits – 47% increase over 2014

\$4,922 total fee income – 103% increase over 2014

1,619 hours of total Range use time
523 hours of volunteer RSO time (Wow - thank you RSOs)

180 days of shooting = averages 9 hours of usage per day

Each member visit averaged 1hr 14 min.

These figures were compiled by Jim Tsolomitis. Thank you Jim.

To all members and RSO’s, I say “Thank you for participating”.

Pete Cholometes
Pistol Range Chair/Manager

Shotgun Sports News

5-STAND

The trap range will be open for 5-stand shooting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday’s of the month starting in March. All machines are in good working order.

CONTINENTAL TRAP - JUST IN TIME FOR WINTER!

The 2016 Puget Sound Olympic Continental Trapshooting League Schedule:

Remaining Season Schedule:

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: **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

INTERCLUB TRAP EVENTS

The 2016, 13th annual, Olympic Interclub League
March 19th at Port Angeles
April 9th at Port Townsend (JCSA)
May 7th at Gig Harbor
June 18th at Bremerton
August 6st at Poulsbo
September 10th at Bainbridge (at Poulsbo)

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 (PITA) Shoots

Some of the upcoming shoots in WA:

- March 12-13, Old Skagit Gun Club; Burlington
- March 19-20, Seattle Skeet and Trap,

Ravensdale

- April 16, Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club, Gig Harbor
- April 23-24, Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Olympia
- May 7-8, Granite Falls Sportsmen's Club, Granite Falls
- May 14, Kenmore Gun Range; Kenmore
- May 16-17, Nora Ross Trap Clinic at Black Diamond
- May 28-29, Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Olympia

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

SPORTING CLAYS

BISC is reopening our 5-stand in March. Join us for informal and fun with a variety of targets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in March. In addition to the standard trap targets, try the "teal" target that goes straight up (well, . . . almost straight up) or the "rabbit" target that runs along the ground -- after it jumps from a ramp. Our "chandelle" (= looping) target is usually a wonderful source of various comments . . . which vary a bit with hits and misses! We have incoming as well as overhead, outgoing targets plus fast crossers from both sides. We can shoot these as single targets or combine the targets into report or true pairs in any combination you want to try. If you prefer to shoot a formal round of 5-stand (like they do in competitions) that's easily done too. Check the Calendar in this newsletter. We hope you will join us.

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., March 13th). Come join us. BISC usually has very good participation at the Bremerton shoots so you will see familiar faces if you join us there.

In March, 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 Saturdays on channel # 636 on Comcast on Bainbridge Island.** You can find more info and also watch videos of the 2014 events online at www.pzca.com.

BISC Training Classes

First Steps Pistol Class – March 17 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

For class information and 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

MARCH 17

FIRST STEPS PISTOL CLASS – 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

MARCH 23

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG – 7:00 PM

APRIL 16

POND CLEANUP – 9:00 AM

APRIL 27

BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM

APRIL 30

POND OPENING/YOUTH FISHING DERBY – 9:00 AM

CLUB CALENDAR NOW ONLINE AT
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Schedule of Events
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| BISC — March 2016 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|--|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 | 2 Pistol 5 Stand Archery | 3 Trap | 4 Retiree Trap | 5 Pistol Trap |
| 6 Trap Archery | 7 Pistol | 8 | 9 Pistol Archery Girl Scouts | 10 Trap | 11 Retiree Trap | 12 Pistol |
| 13 Trap Archery | 14 Pistol | 15 | 16 Pistol 5 Stand Archery | 17 Trap First Steps Pistol Class | 18 Retiree Trap | 19 Pistol Trap |
| 20 Trap Archery | 21 Pistol | 22 | 23 Pistol Quarterly Membership Mtg @ 7 PM Archery Girl Scouts | 24 Trap | 25 Retiree Trap | 26 Pistol |
| 27 Trap Archery | 28 Pistol | 29 | 30 Pistol Archery | 31 | | |

| BISC — April 2015 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|--|------------|--------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | 1 Retiree Trap | 2 Pistol |
| 3 Trap Archery | 4 Pistol | 5 | 6 Pistol 5 Stand Archery | 7 Trap | 8 Retiree Trap | 9 Pistol |
| 10 Trap Archery | 11 Pistol | 12 | 13 Pistol Archery Girl Scouts | 14 Trap | 15 Retiree Trap | 16 Pistol POND CLEANUP |
| 17 Trap Archery | 18 Pistol | 19 | 20 Pistol 5 Stand Archery | 21 Trap | 22 Retiree Trap | 23 Pistol |
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BISC Leadership Contacts

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| Chris Jensen | Trustee, CRSO, Firearm Training | (360) 340-7916 |
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