

THE SPORTSMAN

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April 27, 2016 & May 25, 2016 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
June 22, 2016 – Quarterly Membership Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Message from the President

Dealing with Reality.

Rifle Range: Recently I received an email from a Club member who was privy to a few conversations and a Facebook thread with folks from the Island who “question the safety of the planned rifle range as well as the perceived noise and potential for lead pollution.” When our Club member asked for details about where their concerns arose from the answers were “pretty vague.” As a result I thought I would use this President’s Corner to make it crystal clear our motivations, plans and strategies.

From time to time I have been exposed to individuals some of whom live on the Island and some not (they own property on the Island) who have opposed the enhancement of our rifle range and in fact sometimes the Club’s very existence. It is been my observation that these folks are often short on facts but long on passion. I had one individual, in a somewhat agitated moment, make claim we were developing weapons of mass destruction. I can assure you that we have no

chemical, biological nor nuclear weapons or agents on our property.

The concerns fall into three generic categories: safety, noise and lead management. I will get into each of those areas but first there is a bit of history I should cover. Our decision to temporarily close the existing range was exclusively the Club’s decision. No government body of any kind stepped in and directed us to close the range. The Club did this purely out of selfless and altruistic desires to make the range safer and quieter than it has ever been, **for the community.**

Safety: Let’s talk first of safety. There is no evidence to support the contention that a projectile has ever left the rifle range. Yet these allegations have been made. About 18 months of so ago I received a call from the President of Meadowmeer Golf Club asking if we were depositing bullets on his country club. I asked if he had seen any evidence of that, he said no. I asked where he got such a notion. Apparently an individual had made the call to him making said claim. I assured him that that was not the case. He was satisfied. Nonetheless, such unfounded rumors fuel a small smoldering patch of discontent.

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The historical absence of projectiles leaving the range can be attributed to our muffler boxes that limit where the rifle muzzle can be pointed and the practices and procedures relating to the range use. At no time is any range open at the Club without the presence of a Range Safety Officer (RSO). These RSOs are NRA educated/certified and are permitted to conduct a BISC range session only when they complete a program of familiarization with our range policies/procedures and signed off by either the Chief RSO or one of the Senior RSOs.

The existing range back stop is approximately 25 feet tall and will be augmented with a 12 foot tall crushed rock filled range cap which will serve three purposes: 1) It will effectively capture bullets in a sand berm (new to the range). 2) It will cap the range so that possible ricochets will bounce harmlessly off of or be captured by the berm cap. (It is unlikely that there will be any ricochets as sand is a very effective medium at decelerating bullets.) 3) It will cover the sand so that effective lead management practices can be deployed to limit exposure of the lead bullets to rain and to enable relatively easy for lead removal in compliance with EPA guidelines. The range will also feature no blue sky beams which will serve to prevent projectiles from leaving the range.

Note: We did on one occasion in 2003 have a projectile leave the **pistol range** and that prompted an immediate closure of that range and a multiyear project to reengineer the design that features rock filled walls and ceilings and no blue sky beams. That new construction and the development and deployment of enhanced range safety practices and policies give us great confidence that the 2003 event will not happen again.

Noise: State law Chapter 173-60 WAC <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-60> deals with noise. Section 173-60-050 subsection (b) establishes an exception to the Chapter i.e. "Sounds created by the discharge of firearms on authorized shooting ranges." It should be noted that this state law permits authorized ranges the right to discharge firearms 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. However, we the Club voluntarily limit range use between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm and never permit shooting on Sundays prior to 1:00 PM so as to not impose on worshipers. And it is a rare day (if ever) that shooting extends anywhere near 9:00 pm.

Moreover we have taken steps to reduce/mitigate the emitted noise on both our pistol and trap ranges. The design of the pistol range encloses the range on five sides and features the use of sound absorbing materials. The Club spent \$135,000, not including extensive donated labor, in building this range. The trap range now features an "irregular surface" wooden fence instead of highly reflective concrete blocks. The irregular surfaced wood tends to break up noise waves. We have heard positive reports from the folks in the surrounding community. We haven't yet conducted db tests to validate this empirical observation but we plan on doing so. Note: we have also done penetration tests and a shotgun discharge does not pass through the fence.

We are taking several steps to mitigate noise on the rifle range. 1) Our existing rifle range building is in the shape of a band shell which tends to project the sound outward. This building is being disassembled. Our new building will be of a gable design and will more effectively contain the shooters, firearms and noise. 2) It, like the pistol range, will have sound absorbing materials within the building to absorb noise. 3) We will again be using muffler boxes which will further mitigate the noise based at least in part on Army Corps of Engineer designs.

Lead Management: We follow practices and policies established by the EPA regarding lead management i.e. "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges" https://www3.epa.gov/region02/waste/leadshot/epa_bmp.pdf and NIOSH (affiliated with the CDC) <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2009-136/pdfs/2009-136.pdf> for practices relating to lead exposure at indoor firing ranges. Now we don't really have an indoor range but the material is in part useful relating to how we manage aspects of the ranges such as lead collection and disposal, and signage relating to hand washing after shooting.

As stated above the rifle range bullet berm will contain a sand trap (EPA recommended) to capture rifle bullets. This is a highly effective way to capture bullets and to prevent ricochets from bouncing upward and out of the property and it facilitates lead mining. As stated we will also have a cap over the sand which inhibits ricochets for leaving the property and inhibits rain from entering the sand and reaching the lead. We will mine the rifle sand berm much like we mine the pistol range sand berm which we have done twice since the pistol range was built. There we mine the lead in accordance with the NIOSH guidelines and take the lead to an EPA approved lead recycler (Navy

City Metals in Bremerton). In May 2015 we mined about 3,800 pounds of lead out of the pistol range over two days and delivered it to Navy City Metals within the NIOSH recommended 24 hour period.

The EPA guidelines talk about bullet berm design and recapture of lead on the ground. We had the surface of the trap range mined for lead about two-three years ago and recovered about 80,000 pounds of lead. That may seem a lot but it is not as we are a small range. We regularly test the soil on the trap range for acid levels to ensure that the soil is basic. If soil becomes too acidic (trees make the soil acidic) we treat the ground with dolomite or some similar product to ensure that the soil remains basic. This prevents acidic soil from dissolving the lead and more or less fixes it as inert. We also track all the shots on the trap range so that we know when the trap range should be mined again.

As to the rifle range part of our new range will encompass a trench which will accumulate the water both coming off of the hill to the West and rain that falls directly on the range. The range surface will also be treated with dolomite plus the 100 yards trench will have at least 30 yards of limestone that the water will filter through serving to trap lead thus better ensuring that no lead leaves the property. Again this is an EPA recommended design.

It should be noted that we have submitted our drainage plans to the City and received permit approval for our approach and have submitted plans for the berm cap to the City and are awaiting the permit approval for that aspect of the range enhancement.

One last point is that historically Kitsap Health department has tested our runoff and our pond on the East side of Sportsman Club Road and there is no lead present in the runoff or the pond beyond expected background levels.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me. As always we welcome your feedback.

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

Alan Kasper
BISC President

From The Membership Chair

Spring is in the air and Club membership renewals are steadily coming through the new system. Please do watch for an automated email from Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, and follow the directions that are included to renew. We hope you find that this system makes renewing quick and easy! 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.

You can also log into the new online system to check your records if your renewal isn't due until later this year. Have a look at your profile 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.

There is a 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.

Kitsap Great Give – May 3rd

This is a 24-Hour Event to raise money for Non-Profits in Kitsap County. This is our first year in the running and it's a chance for us to raise some money to help support our Brand New Projects below. Please spread the word.

Summer Camp For Kids - Ages 10-17 –

The Board has approved a plan to develop a Summer Camp for Kids this year. Featured will be 3 one-day classes on **Fly Fishing, Rifle, and Archery**.

Fly Fishing will be taught by International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) Certified Instructors at our Pond.

RIFLE – BASIC SKILLS with .22 cal rifles in our Pistol Range taught by Chris Jensen, retired BI Police and NRA Certified Instructor.

ARCHERY – INTRODUCTION on our Archery Range

Kids can sign up for one, two or all of the classes. Classes will be held on Saturdays and based on interest will be repeated later this summer. **More information including the dates and cost of the summer camp will be available soon.**

Archery News - Spring programs

Open Range

Regular hours are Wednesdays 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Sundays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Rental equipment available.

Adult Archery

RSO orientation/archery class opportunity coming in May. Watch the website for the dates and details.

Youth Archery

Explore Archery program will now be offered as a weekend "camp". This format will contain the same important information and skill-building instruction as the four week class, and students will have more range time than we did in the previous format. Explore Archery camp 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 for kids age 8 to 18. The program will include instruction on safety, shot execution, scoring, aiming and equipment knowledge. Please contact Coach Scott if you have an aspiring archer who would like to participate in this fun program.

Island Archers JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) club is for archers age 8 through 20 who want train for the competitive environment. 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

The Pistol Range continues to maintain last year's level of use or better. I would ask that everyone help in advertising the new hours. They are: Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (An exception may occur occasionally for training classes).

In the meantime; the RSO's, the Board Members, all the BISC helpers, and for sure, the membership needs to be commended for the time and effort that is being expended by them in making the Range a viable and fun place to be.

Come on down and have some safe fun at the Range.

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. All machines are in good working order.

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:
April 2nd and April 16th.

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
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:

- 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>

5-STAND AND SPORTING CLAYS

June 5th shoot at Sunnydell in Sequim. We have scheduled our annual June trip to the Dryke's Sunnydell range in Sequim on June 5th. This trip has been a long tradition for shotgun shooters in our club. It is a fun day of shooting at a range renowned for creative targets. Bring lots of ammo for the *Tower* (the trap is 100 feet up in a tree), as well as the *Groundhog*, *Bus Stop*, *Fur 'n Feather*, *Podium*, *Bunker*, *Quail Rail* and other unique stations. Our hosts will be Ellen and Matt Dryke – both accomplished shotgun shooters. Ellen was North American Champion and Matt won many international skeet championships, including the 1984 Olympic Gold.

This year there is a new addition to this event. Ken Fenwick has graciously offered to provide a breakfast at his house on Bainbridge Island for those going to this shoot. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Ken's address is there. Breakfast is 7:30 to 8:30 AM at Ken's. Shooting starts at 10:00 AM at Sunnydell and continues until we run out of ammo or energy!

The BISC 5-stand Is Open. Join us for informal fun with a variety of targets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in April. We throw trap targets as well as seven other – and very different -- trajectories as single targets and as report or true pairs. We also shoot preset menus for a formal round of 5-stand. This is a fine tune up for sporting clays, bird hunting – and the Sunnydell trip on June 5th! We hope you join us.

Sporting clays features different target trajectories at every shoot. Each club changes all trajectories 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., April 10th). Come join us. BISC usually has very good participation at the Bremerton shoots so you will see

familiar faces when you join us there. Sporting clays shooters are preparing for the 2016 WA State Championship in June. For more info, go to: www.mywsca.com.

The **PSCA Tour** features head-to-head competitions among the top sporting clays shooters. They are broadcast on the Sportsman Channel through June 25th with a different 2015 event each week. These shows are broadcast Mondays (1:30 PM and Midnight) and Saturdays (10:00 AM) on Comcast channel # 636 on Bainbridge Island. They used flash targets at night under the lights so target trajectories and breaking targets can be seen on the video. You can find a detailed schedule and also watch videos of the 2014 events online at www.pasca.com.

BISC Training Classes

NRA Home Firearm's Safety - April 16, 2016 from 12:00 PM - 6:00PM, \$160. Sign up at nrainstructor.org or email instructor at cmjbsj@hotmail.com.

This is a 6 hour course that teaches NRA three safety rule of safe firearm's handling, primary causes of firearms accidents, firearms parts, how to unload certain firearms types, ammunition components, cleaning, and safe storage. This course will provide students an opportunity to shoot a revolver, a semi-auto pistol, a bold action rifle, a semi-auto rifle, a bolt action shotgun and a pump action shotgun.

Basic Pistol 101 - April 22, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, \$140. Sign up by contacting instructor at cmjbsj@hotmail.com

This course teaches students firearms safety, the components of modern pistols, the fundamentals of shooting- stance, grip, sight alignment, and trigger control. Students will shoot revolvers and semi-auto pistols. Live fire is approximately 3 hours of this course. This course is appropriate for beginners and shooters who want a refresher on the basics because it has been a while. Firearms and ammunition provided by instructor. Students who want to bring their own pistol may, you will need to bring 50 rounds of ammunition for your pistol.

Basic Firearms 100 - May 14, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, \$160 per person.

This course will introduce you to the three most popular firearms types, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. The

course covers safety, the components of each firearm, ammunition, handling, and ends with live fire. Students will shoot revolvers, semi-autos, bolt action, and pump action firearms.

Firearms Seminar, June 10, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, \$40 per person.

Classroom only, the realities of carrying a concealed pistol or defending yourself with a firearm in Washington State. This is an interactive workshop where questions and comments are not only encouraged but expected. Topics include Federal Laws, Washington State laws, safety, firearms selection, storage, ammunition, training, and carry options? What you can expect when you display or use a firearm in self defense. Bring your questions so they can be answered or at least discussed.

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

APRIL 16

NRA HOME FIREARM'S SAFETY – 12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

APRIL 16

POND CLEANUP – 9:00 AM

APRIL 22

BASIC PISTOL 101 – 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

APRIL 27

BOARD MEETING – 7:00 PM

APRIL 30

POND OPENING/YOUTH FISHING DERBY – 9:00 AM

MAY 14

BASIC FIREARMS 100 – 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

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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 <i>Trap</i> POND CLEANUP NRA Home Firearm Safety
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