



Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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Have an Idea to Help Promote the Club?

Please call Cean Burgeson to let him know of any opportunities to put the Club's best foot forward:
(916) 616-4014 or
editor@bcsportsmansclub.com

Funding and Support for the BCSC Jr. Rifle Program and Jr. Shotgun Program is generously granted by the NRA Foundation. nrafoundation.org



CHECK US OUT ON FACE- BOOK

Be sure to visit [BCSC Youth Programs](#) on Facebook and "follow" our youth archery, shotgun and rifle programs. Thank you.

New Members for November

Welcome to the Sportsman's Club!
Please introduce yourselves when you come by—we'll always be glad to see you and your family!

Noah Boswell
St. Joseph

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Stevensville

Mike & Jericho Mannino
Baroda

Mark & Karen Michaelson
Sawyer

Jacob Milliken
EauClaire

Jeff Newman
St. Joseph

William & Nilda Riley
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2017 Election Information

The Elections/Dec. Membership Meeting will be held on Dec. 2. Voting will start at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner starting at 6 p.m., so bring a dish to pass. The Membership meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a review of last year's accomplishments and a presentation of the 2018 budget. The Sportsman of the Year Award will be presented and the election results will be presented after voting is closed.

Absentee Ballots will be available after Nov. 1. You may request a Ballot from Mike Parker by phone at (269) 429-0507 at michaeleparker@comcast.net.

Ballots need to be requested by Nov. 23 and returned to the club no later than Nov. 28. Any absentee ballots received by mail after the 28th will be invalid. Absentee ballots can be hand-delivered to the club during the election times. Members are encouraged to request absentee ballots A.S.A.P. to ensure they get their ballot submitted on time.

Attention: Range Users

Club range rule 2.22 states: Always police the range, any range, and clean up brass and mess after you're finished. This includes Archery, Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun ranges.

Some members and/or guests are not cleaning up after themselves when leaving the club ranges. The main violation is large amounts of cartridge cases left in piles on the ranges. It is your club and your responsibility to clean up your brass after shooting.

Winter Archery

Winter archery 3D leagues start Jan. 8 at 7p.m. for traditional archers and Jan. 9 at 7p.m. for compound shooters. League lasts 10 weeks. Contact Dan Jennings for additional info.

Charge is \$5 for members and \$9 for non-members each night. Sunday Youth Instructional Archery starts Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. Youth 3D archery starts Jan 7 at 3:15 p.m. Youth archery is free.



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**Point Blank Classic
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April 8, 2018

Registration 7:30 am

Shooting Starts 9:00 am

NRA Membership not Required

**Sunset Coast Regional
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ACTION PISTOL MATCH**

May 19 & 20, 2018

Registration 7:30 am

Shooting Starts 9:00 am

NRA Membership not Required

**ARE YOU SPONSORING,
COORDINATING, OR SUPPORTING
AN ACTIVITY AT THE BERRIEN
COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB?**

If it is happening at Berrien County Sportsman's Club, be sure your event gets into the monthly club newsletter. Let the BCSC newsletter help you get the word out to our members. Does your club activity sponsor weekly or monthly events? Put a monthly column in the newsletter and build participation. Email details to: editor@bcsportsmansclub.com

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This will assure that you are getting your digital copy of the newsletter each month. If you do not wish to give us your email, you may also download a PDF of the newsletter from the club website at:

www.bcsportsmansclub.com

Thank you,

*Cean Burgeson
Newsletter Editor*



We look forward to seeing families enjoying the club together. Children under 18 are included under their family membership. Children 18 or older may enjoy the club as guests. However, in order to enjoy full membership privileges and access, family members 18 and over must purchase their own membership.

2018 CMP Shoot Schedule Now Available

May 6
CMP Shoot

June
No shoot due to Compton's

July 15
Rattle Battle

Aug. 12
Poker Shoot

Sept. 9
CMP or Poker Shoot

Oct. 7
Military Bolt Shoot



Sight-In Days Results

We had cold and rain for the club's Sight-In Days on Nov. 4 and 5, but the shooters still came out. There were 29 shooters and 36 guns sighted in on Saturday and Sunday.

We had a great group of volunteers supporting the event. Thanks to Jason Grimm, Jim Essig, Mike Essig, Les Herrman, Marty Prillwitz, Matt Foster, Susan Foster, and Jerry Hebner.

Good luck to the hunters! See you next year.

Al Foster

Board Secretary Candidate Dean Carlile

Family

- Born in Jacksonville Fla. (Jacksonville Naval Base)
- Lived in South Bend Ind. since 1968
- Wife: Suzie Carlile
- Married 15 Years
- Children: Janee Carlile 32
- Three granddaughters

Education/Work

- Graduated: Penn High School (1978)
- Work: Adams Remco (1978-Present) - Vice President

Organizations/Clubs

- Member/V.P.—St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers (SJRFFF)
- Member—St. Joseph River Yacht Club
- Member/Officer/Pres.—St. Joseph Benton Harbor Elks #541
- Co-Founder/Member/Pres./V.P.—St. Joseph Benton Harbor Elks Yacht Club

Hobbies

- Boating
- Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Reloading
- Shooting

**Board of Directors
Candidate
Jim Brandonisio**

I was born and raised in Berrien County. I grew up on a small family-owned farm in Spinks Corners Michigan and graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1970. I also graduated from Lake Michigan College and attended Western Michigan majoring in business.

I started my business career in 1973 becoming a Xerox sales reps for Berrien and Cass County. For the past 33 years I have worked for the Ricoh Corporation as executive dealer manager for Michigan and Indiana. Today, as of Aug. 7 I am dedicating the rest of my life to family, friends and my love of shooting and wanting to help others.

My wife Rae and I have been married for many years and have four grown adult children and four young wonderful stinky grandsons, with the hopes of having many more.

I would like to have my name placed on the ballot to be elected on the Board of Directors of BCSC. I bring to the club 44 years experience in business. I love shooting and have a love for teaching others how to shoot safely. I believe I have the energy and the resources to be a very productive member of the Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Monthly Membership Meeting has moved to the first Tuesday of the month. This will coincide with the Executive Board Meeting. We will no longer be having potluck dinners at the combined Executive Board/ Membership Meetings.

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DPA shoots are the second Saturday of each month. Shooting runs from 8 a.m. to noon. Come on out and see what it's all about.



NEW MEMBERS, BRING YOUR PISTOLS

New members! Come on out with your pistol on Thursday nights and enjoy shooting with some of the old members. We would like to meet you and have you use our indoor pistol and rifle range. We will help you with your shooting skills for when you decide to take the club's monthly CPL class.

If you are not a current CPL holder, you will need to be sure to separate your ammunition and firearm and place these two items in different parts of your vehicle when transporting your firearm. The clubhouse range opens at 7:00 p.m.

Martin Prillwitz

RANGE SAFETY CLASS

Range Orientation begins at 7 p.m. in the BCSC clubhouse.

Monday, Dec. 4

Firearm & Archery Safety Rules Number 9.1:

Club members are **not** permitted to use any range unsupervised unless they have completed the Club's range safety class."

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**Board of Directors
Candidate
Chris Blackburn**

I am married to my British wife Penny, and have two children, James and Jennifer, who graduated from Lakeshore High School and are now attending college at LMC. We moved here from Winston Salem, NC in 2003. I am currently employed as a mechanical engineer at JR Automation in Stevensville.

I actually lived in Stevensville and attended Lakeshore Schools through 10th grade (1983) after which I moved to Pennsylvania where I finished high school and received an engineering degree from Pennsylvania State University. After college, I spent most of my time living and working in the Southeastern United States. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel internationally with work throughout Europe (where I met my wife Penny in England), and have traveled to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.

I enjoy golf, camping, hiking, fishing, shooting and reloading, and very recently hunting. In Oct. 2014, Penny and I attended a CPL Class at BCSC after being invited to go shooting by Jim and Margo Howley earlier that year. Needless to say, we were hooked. In July 2015, I became a member at BCSC and have since become a firearm enthusiast.



**DNR Southwest
Lower
Peninsula
Fishing Report**

St. Joseph River: After all the rain the flow was high and the water was turbid. A light number of steelhead were still moving through the Berrien Springs ladder.

Kalamazoo River: Water flow was high and fast.

Grand River at Grand Rapids: Had higher water levels including a flood advisory at Ionia. Those fishing below the 6th Street Dam have caught steelhead and the occasional walleye on wobble glo's, plugs, spawn, jigs and beads.

Rogue River: Is producing steelhead all the way up to Rockford as more fish move in with the high water levels.

Maple River: At Maple Rapids had higher water levels and was under a flood advisory.

Muskegon River: Water levels are up after the rain. There is still a decent number of steelhead in the river. Boat anglers fishing Hardy Pond continue to take a fair to good number of perch and walleye.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

You can read the Berrien County Sportsman's Club Newsletter online every month by visiting the Club's Website

www.bcsportsmansclub.com.

Select the NEWSLETTER box in the bottom left corner of the home page.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO BE DRIVEN ONTO THE RIFLE RANGES. THANK YOU.

BERRIEN COUNTY

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB RANGES

The Berrien County Sportsman's Club includes a variety of ranges to meet your shooting needs. This includes indoor and outdoor archery, indoor and outdoor rifle and pistol, along with black powder, 25, 50, 75, and 100 yard ranges, handgun tactical and bowling pin ranges. A 200-yard rifle range is available for special club events only.

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<http://www.migunowners.org>

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Berrien County Sportsman's Club does not allow slide fires, trigger bumps, or any actions that attempt to mimic a fully automatic firearm. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTIONS

Did you find an error in the newsletter? Please email the correct information to editor@bcsportsmansclub.com for publication in the following month's newsletter. Thank you.



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Vice President Candidate Alan Douville

Alan Douville leads Global Information Technology Services for Stryker Medical Systems and is a resident of St. Joseph, with his wife Lisa and daughters Anya and Elena. Alan comes from Connecticut where he was Treasurer and Vice President of the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. His passion for the outdoors stemmed from a lifetime of hunting and fishing in Maine, fishing on Lake Michigan and shooting any chance he can get.

Board of Directors Candidate David Ingeson

I am a semi-retired firefighter/paramedic and surgical nurse. I was on the ROTC sponsored rifle and pistol team while in college years ago and recently became interested again after taking the CPL class at BCSC.

I have taken courses to become a pistol instructor and hope to start assisting in teaching classes at BCSC. I would like to serve on the board to look to the future and find ways to involve more members in activities.

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CAMPGROUND LOTS AVAILABLE

Two lots in the Berrien County Sportsman's Club Campground are now available (#12 and #14). The lots have electricity and campers have access to running water and toilets. The campground offers a dump station.

The vacancies will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The cost is \$85 per month or \$1,020 per year.

To reserve the open lot, or for more information, call Les Herrman at (269) 429-9963 and talk to the machine. I will get back to you in the order that calls come in. Please leave me valid phone numbers.

Thank You,
Les Herrman, Campground Chairman



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VOLUNTEER



Compton Volunteers Needed for 2018

We are in need of a couple of volunteers to head up the pavilion concession during the 2018 Compton Tradition Rendezvous. Dates for 2018 are June 13 through 17.

The pavilion plays an extremely important role in the shoot by providing drinks, food and dessert for attendees and campers. If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved, please contact:

Jay Steinhauser, 269-921-8723.

IN GOD WE TRUST

"No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and Virtue is preserved. On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant, and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the Aid of foreign Invaders."

Samuel Adams to James Warren, 1775

**Board of Directors
Candidate
Michael Kechkaylo**

I have been a member of the BCSC for some time. I am currently on the BCSC Board of Directors serving as chairman. I am 61 years old, single and have two children.

I am an avid hunter and fisherman. I very much enjoy recreational shooting and am currently a CPL holder. In addition, I am a life member of the NRA and an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor. I am also an avid supporter of the 2nd Amendment. I started my own real estate appraisal firm in 1976 and held that license until my retirement. I remain very active in the real estate industry.

Hobbies include collecting guns, hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, collecting antique fishing lures, old Michigan hunting and fishing licenses, playing cards, riding horses, riding motorcycles, wiring and plumbing. I also collect the old Berrien County Sportsman's Club badges, of which my oldest one is 1937.

My goal with the BCSC is to insure that our members continue to enjoy one of the finest clubs in the area. In addition, to continue to strive for any updates and renovations to our facilities that would be of great benefit to our club and our members. I would be honored and proud to continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

Officers/ Board Members/ Chairpersons

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ATTENTION:

Several target frames have been taken from the club recently. These will not be replaced. Just a reminder that the target frames are not to be removed from BCSC under any circumstance.

December 2017

2 Membership Meeting	5:00 pm
4 Range Orientation	7:00 pm
5 Executive Board Meeting	7:00 pm
7 CCW Class	6:00 pm
9 CCW Class	8:00 am
9 IDPA Rifle	8:00 am
11 Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 pm

Monthly Club Events

Trap & Skeet

Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tuesdays 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Pistol

Every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Fishing

Every Day

AEP Tactical Range

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Retirees

2nd and 4th Wed. at 10 a.m.

January 2018

2 Executive Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8 Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 pm
8 Range Orientation	7:00 pm

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