

THE SPORTSMAN

Supporting the Bainbridge Island Community Since 1929

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Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club

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Calendar at www.my.calendars.net/bisc/ -- Note: physical address (not for mail) is 8203 Sportsman Club Rd.

April 28 & May 26, 2009 - Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
June 23rd, 2009 – General Meeting @ 6:30, followed by Board Meeting

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now everyone should have returned their membership renewal. If you have not please do so right away. Once you have renewed your membership you will receive a white "2009" sticker. Affix this sticker to your red membership card, right over the "2008" sticker.

Our liability insurance requires membership as a condition of range use. If your card does not have the 2009 sticker, please feel free to renew with the RSO on duty so you can use the range right away. They will forward your form and payment (check only, no cash) to the Membership Coordinator who will mail your sticker. (RSOs who use the ranges during off hours must renew prior to range use, as well.)

If you have any questions email Debbie Cauthers at Cauthers@drizzle.com. If you need a renewal form you can print it off the Website,

or pick one up at the range. (You will not need to pay the initiation fee if you are renewing.)

President's Corner

Club members, your board is hard at work to review class fees and membership dues. We are interested in what you have to say on the subject. Please let me know your thoughts. And we are forming a membership committee that will look at our membership structure, application form, process to join, marketing the club to find more members and other aspects of membership. This will be an ad hoc committee, which means when you are done with the work, the committee no longer meets. This club is based on our members. Your voice is important. Thanks.

Lynda McMaken
President

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Pond Cleanup and General Work Party

There will be a general work party on April 11th in conjunction with the pond cleanup work party. Bring your energetic youths, friends, and neighbors and help get the club grounds in shape for our annual pond opening. Bring gloves, rakes, and other general cleanup tools. Contact Steve Humphrey at (206) 551 4747 if you have any questions.

ANNUAL POND CLEANUP AND FISHING DERBY

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 14 and under).



First we have to clean up the pond in preparation for a fresh delivery of trout.

Pond clean-up will be

April 11 at 9am and opening day fishing derby April 25 from 9am 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. 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 on either day.**

Treasurer's Report

This last month has been a great illustration of the active participation of our club members in caring for the club and furthering our goals of community service. We held classes, competitions, a club dinner, work parties, meetings with other groups in the community, and the usual range days throughout the month manned by our able-bodied RSOs. All of these amazing events occurred thanks to the varied and talented volunteers at BISC.

This month I would like to draw attention to various financial donations that have been contributed without solicitation by members who saw a need, and filled it.

Stan Lewis sent in a generous donation to our

Scholarship Fund at the board meeting Tuesday night.

New Members Ray and Phyllis Kummerow graciously donated to the building fund as a thank you to Jim Walkowski.

Michael Mociuluski donated not once but TWICE to the building fund, with a focus on securing the building.

David Fox-Hughes, who pulls RSO duty every month, also chose to donate some cash.

Councilman Bill Knobloch attended the Guns and Honey Dinner, and contributed a donation as well.

No small amount of gratitude goes to Phil Pons and Eric Olanie, who not only cooked for the romantic evening, but then made it known that they had donated all the gourmet food that went into it.

In addition to these, a number of other members bought small things for the club members' use throughout the month to enhance enjoyment, classes, and functionality.

On behalf of the Board and the Club Members I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all of you for recognizing the value of the club to its members and to our community by supporting it so selflessly. It is a reflection of the best in all of us, and an illustration of the vibrant life of our membership.

Please look through the newsletter for volunteer opportunities in April, and come enjoy the events and activities on the calendar.

See you at the Club!

Debbie Cauthers

BISC Treasurer/Secretary

Rotary Grant

BISC won the \$7,000 Rotary Club grant to fix up the club house (second bathroom, insulation, siding, paint, safety/security lighting). Thanks to Steve & Jan Korn, Rich Schmidt, and Pete Cholometes.

New Trustee – Jon Fehlman

Please welcome our new trustee. Replacing Matt Haney, former BIPD Police Chief, is Jon Fehlman, BIPD Interim Police Chief. He attended the recent club dinner with his wife, Denise, and met several members and board members.

WITHIN RANGE: Notes from the Chief Range Safety Officer

Hello all,

Periodically, for both security and accountability, the Range Committee changes the combination on the Rifle/Pistol Range gate. This will be done in April (exact date not known yet), and at the last Board meeting, we resolved to do this annually.

Range Officers and Range Safety Officers will be provided the new combination by email. Any of you without access to email can call either me or Treasurer Debbie Cauthers for the new combination.

Please note that in order to receive the new combination you must be up-to-date with 2009 dues.

Once again we ran a VERY successful Basic Pistol Course on March 28. It's a long day for all, but nobody, especially the students, left unhappy. Proof positive that our outreach programs are working!

See you on the range,

Ken Nelson (206) 855-0618
CRSO@BainbridgeSportsmensClub.org

From the Trap side of things...

Opening day for the 2009 Olympic Interclub League was sunny and with the "you can set a clock to it" Port Angeles breeze made shooting a bit brisk. We had a great turnout with ten squads from six different Clubs. Pete Dahl from Poulsbo claimed High Over All with a score of 94. Poulsbo won team high score with 450,

followed by our host club, Port Angeles with a 434. Gig Harbor took third place with a 426, BISC 417, Port Townsend 400, and Bremerton with 366.

On another note, Val Keimig shot her first 25 straight in the optional continental at PA. Way to go Val!

Come on out and support your club!

2009 Olympic Interclub League

All shoots start at 9am. **Please note the time change for the Bremerton shoot!**

March 21st: Port Angeles

April 4th: Poulsbo

May 9th: Bremerton **10:00am**

June 13th: Gig Harbor

August 1st: Bainbridge @ Poulsbo

September 12th: Port Townsend - Awards & dinner afterwards...

This year the League shoots will consist of; 50-singles, 50-22yd handicap and optional 50-continental targets. The top five shooters scores of each club, at each shoot, will be added together as a team score. The optional continental shoot does not count for team scores, but the winner will be awarded new shells. Come out and shoot for your club! If you would like to shoot this League, please contact me 360-710-7649 and I will provide you with the information to get started.

HELP NEEDED...

Any Range Safety Officer willing to learn to set up and close the trap range please contact me @ 360-697-3482 or my cell, 360-710-7649. I would be willing to work with you at any scheduled shoot. Please help out even if you cannot be there for every day. I can work with other Members to fill in when you cannot show. The hours helping at the Trap Range count towards a discount on your club dues.

Scott Youngs
Trap Chairman



On Target

Firearms Education and Training

New Class Prices and Policy Changes

The board has approved some price and policy changes for the classes offered at BISC. The new policy is that payment must be received 15 days in advance of the class to ensure enrollment, no refunds for cancellations or no-shows, but students will be able to reschedule in another class one time.

The new class prices are shown in the table below. First column is old price, second column is new price. Where there are two dollar amounts shown, the first price is with own firearm and ammo, 2nd price is with club gun and ammo.

New prices reflect direct cost increases (e.g. ammo) and are more in line with surrounding clubs' fees.

CLASS	OLD \$	NEW \$
Home Firearms Safety	25	25
Home Firearms Safety (12 and under)	10	10
First Steps Pistol	20/30	30/45
Basic Pistol	40/55	50/65
First Steps Rifle	20/25	30/45
Basic Rifle	60/70	60/75
First Steps Shotgun	30/40	30/45
Basic Shotgun	40/50	50/65
RSO		50

NRA Coed Basic Pistol Class
Saturday 4/25/2009 8AM - 6PM

I am pleased to announce that we are conducting a NRA Coed Basic Pistol Class Saturday 4/25/2009 from 8:00 AM to approximately 6:00 PM. The class will begin promptly at 8:00 AM, those arriving late, and by so doing do not receive the complete curriculum, may not receive a course completion certificate. *Please be courteous to your fellow students and instructors by arriving on time.*

Please refer to the club's education page for detailed information about the class, pricing and prerequisites.

http://www.bainbridgesportsmensclub.org/course_descriptions.htm#Basic_Pistol_Shooting

Directions to the club:

<http://www.bainbridgesportsmensclub.org/Facilities.htm>

The class size is limited due to the nature of the hands on training. Those that are *first to reply with payment* will be given priority enrollment. You may provisionally enroll with an email to me. Please also supply the full names of each student (and the ages of minors) as well as phone numbers and emails for each student (or guardian).

Enrollment fees must be received before Friday April 10th in order to be guaranteed attendance.

Cancelations made within one week of the class will not receive a refund unless your empty seat can be filled from a student on the wait list, however you will be able to reserve a place once in a later class.

Please make your check payable to:
Bainbridge Island Sportsman's Club.

Send your check to:

Steve Carstensen
5834 Ward Ave NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Please bring a beverage and a lunch, class lecture or Q & A may occur over lunch. Fee is \$40 with your own handgun and ammo, \$55 with the club's gun and ammo. \$25 if you are retaking the course and have your own handgun, ammo & course materials (please refer to the course description web page).

No live ammunition is allowed in the classroom. Those who routinely carry concealed will save themselves an inconvenience and "being made" if they leave all ammo in the car (though you may keep your carry safely with you – safer than in the car).

Steve Carstensen
Director of Firearms Education and Training, Deputy Chief RSO

NOTE – the pistol range is reserved for the classe on the afternoons of Apr 25 and will not be open to pistol shooters, but will be open as normal in the morning.

Hunter Ed Classes

Basic Hunters' Education – Each class takes place Monday through Thursday 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

April 6-9, 11; May 4-7, 9; August 3-6, 8; September 14-17, 19

Washington State law requires all individuals born after 1 January 1972 to show proof of basic hunter education training before purchasing a hunting license. There is no minimum age required to enroll in hunter education, but instructors may require a parent or guardian to attend all classes if students are less than 12 years of age. Hunter education classes focus on three broad topical areas:

- -Firearms and outdoor safety
- -Wildlife management
- -Hunter responsibility

The average class includes 4 - 6 sessions spanning 16+ hours. Successful students must pass a written test; demonstrate safe firearms handling skills and a positive attitude. All hunter education classes are taught by instructors certified by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information about the Basic Hunters Education program visit:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/enf/huntered/index.htm>

This class is taught by Jim Walkowski.

Please email

classes@bainbridgesportsmensclub.org or call Jim at (206) 842-2377 to enroll.

Shooting Events

March's Event – NRA Handgun

March was another very productive event month, with the NRA Distinguished Pistol course as our event. We had 10 people shoot 25 matches of which 20 surpassed the standards required for their Distinguished Handgun Expert qualification.

April's Event – Trap Shotgun

For April, we will be moving down next to the Club house for a BISC classic Trap Shotgun event. This is a Great opportunity to come out and learn about the Shotgun, Trap activities, and build up your shotgun shooting skills. Scott Youngs and team have brought together a group of experienced shooters to assist and help guide our new members in this great sport. A few club members are providing loaner shotguns, in case you don't have one of your own. The club will also have ammo for sale.

If you've never shot before; If you want to learn more about your shotgun; if you want to brush up on your skills or if you want to just come out and have fun, then Come to the Sportsmen's Club Shotgun Trap event on April 18th.

Event details:

April 18th, 10am to 3pm
BISC Shotgun range.
Cost: \$7 per string of 25 shots
\$14 per string with ammunition
Hotdogs and sodas will be available for lunch for a nominal fee.

Yours 'Event'fully:
Jay Smellow
Event Coordinator, BISC

For Sale

Walther PPK. Caliber .380 ACP, stainless steel, condition: like new in the box, 3 magazines, gun rug, original box and manual, Fobus holster. Asking \$500. Contact Steve at (360) 472-1078.

Calendar of Events

APRIL 4
INTERCLUB TRAP, POULSBO— 9:00 AM.

APRIL 6-9, AND 11
--BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION; MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY; 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM AND SATURDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. CONTACT JIM WALKOWSKI AT (206) 842-2377 TO REGISTER.

APRIL 11
ANNUAL POND CLEANUP— 9:00 AM.

APRIL 18
BISC SHOTGUN TRAP EVENT – 10 AM – 3 PM.

APRIL 25
ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY— 9:00 AM.

APRIL 25
BASIC PISTOL CLASS – Co-Ed, 8 AM – 6 PM.
PISTOL RANGE RESERVED FROM 12-6 PM. EMAIL CLASSES@BAINBRIDGESPORTSMENSCLUB.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

APRIL 28
BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM.

MAY 4-7, AND 9
--BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION; MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY; 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM AND SATURDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. CONTACT JIM WALKOWSKI AT (206) 842-2377 TO REGISTER.

MAY 9
INTERCLUB TRAP, BREMERTON— **10:00 AM.**

MAY 26
BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM.

MAY 30
BISC PISTOL SHOOTING EVENT – DETAILS TBD.

NOTE – the pistol range is reserved for the Basic Pistol Class on the afternoon of Apr 25, and will not be open for non-scheduled shooting at that time.

BISC— April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pistol	2 Trap	3 Retiree Trap	4 Pistol Interclub Trap in Poulsbo
5	6 Pistol HUNTER ED	7 HUNTER ED	8 HUNTER ED	9 Trap HUNTER ED	10 Retiree Trap	11 Pistol HUNTER ED Pond Cleanup & Gen. Work Party
12 Trap	13 Pistol	14	15	16 Trap	17 Retiree Trap POLICE	18 Pistol
19 Rifle	20 Pistol	21	22	23 Trap	24 Retiree Trap	25 Pistol BASIC PISTOL Pond Opening & Fishing Derby
26 Trap	27 Pistol	28 BISC BOARD MEETIING	29	30 Trap		

Schedule of Events

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BISC Board Mtg on April 28 at 6:30

- Hunter Education Class on April 6-9 & 11
- Olympic Interclub (Trap) League in Poulsbo on April 4 @ 9 AM
- Annual Pond Cleanup and General Work Party on April 11 @ 9 AM
- Pond Opening and Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher Youth Fishing Derby on April 25 @ 9 AM – noon.
- Basic Co-Ed Pistol Class on April 25.
- PISTOL/SMALL BORE RANGE
 - Every Monday @ 9 AM—noon
 - Every Saturday @ 9 AM—noon
 - First Wednesday @ 9 AM—noon
- RIFLE/LARGE BORE RANGE
 - Third Sunday @ 1 PM – 3 PM
- POLICE USE:
 - April 17 @ 12:00 – 20:00
- TRAP RANGE
 - Every Thursday night @ 6:30 PM
 - 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 1 PM
 - Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 10 AM—noon
- COMMUNITY GROUPS
 - None scheduled.

BISC— May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Pistol
3	4 Pistol HUNTER ED	5 HUNTER ED	6 Pistol HUNTER ED	7 Trap HUNTER ED	8 Retiree Trap	9 Pistol HUNTER ED Interclub Trap In Bremerton
10 Trap	11 Pistol	12	13	14 Trap	15 Retiree Trap POLICE	16 Pistol
17 Rifle	18 Pistol	19	20	21 Trap	22 Retiree Trap	23 Pistol
24 Trap	25 Pistol	26 BISC Board @ 1830 hours	27	28 Trap	29 Retiree Trap	30 Pistol BISC PISTOL EVENT
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BISC Board Mtg on May 26 at 6:30

- Hunter Education Class on May 4-7 & 9
- Olympic Interclub (Trap) League in Bremerton on May 9 @ 10 AM
- Annual Pond Cleanup and General Work Party on April 11 @ 9 AM
- Pond Opening and Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher Youth Fishing Derby on April 25 @ 9 AM – noon.
- PISTOL SHOOTING EVENT – May 25, details TBD
- PISTOL/SMALL BORE RANGE
 - Every Monday @ 9 AM—noon
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- POLICE USE:
 - May 15 @ 12:00 – 20:00
- TRAP RANGE
 - Every Thursday night @ 6:30 PM
 - 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 1 PM
 - Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 10 AM—noon
- COMMUNITY GROUPS
 - None scheduled.

April, 2009 Pistol and Rifle Range Calendar

Day	APR Date	Time	RSO	Notes
1 st Sat	4 th	9 am - 12	Ken Nelson	
1 st Mon	6 th	9 am - 12	Steve Korn	
1 st Wed	8 th	9 am - 12	David Fox-Hughes	
2 nd Sat	11 th	9 am - 12	Ron Laes	
2 nd Mon	13 th	9 am - 12	Bill Philbrook	
3 rd Sat	18 th	9 am - 12	Dick Kocan	
3 rd Sun	19 th	1 pm - 3	Bob Davis	Rifle Range
3 rd Mon	20 th	9 am - 12	Matt Rothe	
4 th Sat	25 th	9 am - 12	Alan Kasper	
4 th Mon	27 th	9 am - 12	Mike Dorsett	

Times are for the Pistol Range unless noted.

BISC CONTACT INFORMATION

Lynda McMaken	President	(206) 842-8363
Steve Korn	Vice President	(206) 842-6119
Debbie Cauthers	Treasurer/Secretary and Membership	(206) 842-9603
Steve Humphrey	Trustee	(206) 780-9455
Steve Carstensen	Trustee, Firearms Education & Training Dir., Deputy CRSO	(360) 472-1078
Matt Haney	Trustee	(206) 780-4683
Pete Cholometes	Trustee	(360) 930-8017
Robert Cromwell	Trustee	(206) 919-1437
Jim Walkowski	Trustee and Hunter Safety Ed.	(206) 842-2377
Ken Nelson	Chief RSO	(206) 855-0618
Scott Youngs	Trap Chairman	(360) 697-3482
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Steve Cosgrove	Communications Dir.	(206) 498-6264
Bob Davis	Newsletter/Web Site	(206) 310-2950
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