

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.

January 26th, 2010 & February 23, 2010- Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
March 23rd, 2010 – General Membership Meeting @ 6:30, then Board Meeting

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now all members should have received the renewal forms in the mail. **Renewal dues are due now.** Members **renewing** their membership do not have to pay the initiation fee - **ONLY THE ANNUAL DUES.** Once you have renewed your membership you will receive a white "2010" sticker. Affix this sticker to your red membership card, right over the "2009" sticker.

If you have 40 or more hours of volunteer work done in 2009 and would like to receive the 25% dues discount, or if you have any questions, please call Debbie Cauthers @ 842-9603.

President's Corner

Happy New Year to all club members. You all have received your renewal notices by now and I hope are taking the time to return them with your dues. We are a volunteer organization and need help to continue. The dues you pay let us pay the bills. Please get those renewals to us!

A leadership group is forming to address the business organization of the club and ways to generate sustainable income. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, please let me know. This will be a limited commitment for time, perfect for the business man or woman that wants to support the club but has a tight schedule.

Thank you to all the club members who have done so much for the club this year. We have moved forward with the club house and range, and more yet on the horizon. To those of you who have thought about helping, please take the time in 2010 to reserve a weekend each quarter to helping out at the club. We have tasks for each skill level, inside work and outside work, do it yourself or a work party. Just call or email an officer or board member to join the effort.

Lynda McMaken
President

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Club Leadership for 2010

The ballots for the 2010 club elections were counted at the December meeting. The results of the elections and appointments are as follows:

BISC Officers and Trustees for 2010

President: *Lynda McMaken*
Vice President: *Steve Korn*
Treasurer: *Debbie Cauthers*
Secretary: *(none)*

Trustees (elected and appointed):

Steve Carstensen
Robert Cromwell
Jon Fehlman
Mike Dorsett
Jeff Hahto
Tim listowanohpataakiwa
Chris Jensen
Jay Smellow
Jim Walkowski
Scott Youngs

In addition to the elected positions, the following people have volunteered to serve in our very important committee positions:

Director of Facilities: *Rich Schmidt*
Chief Range Safety Officer: *Mike Dorsett*
Deputy CRSO: *Steve Carstensen*
Director of Education & Training: *Steve Carstensen*
Education & Training Program Administrator:
Trap Chairman: *Scott Youngs*
Pistol Chairman:
Rifle Chairman: *Tim listowanohpataakiwa*
Director of Communications: *Steve Cosgrove*
Website/Newsletter Manager: *Bob Davis*

Projects Update

Thanks to all of you who volunteered in 2009. You were responsible for major

accomplishments in everything that makes the club a success:

- Pistol and Archery Range construction
- Rifle and Trap Range improvements
- Clubhouse renovation and upgrades
- Business and financial management improvements
- 501(c)(3) charitable deduction capability submittal to the IRS
- July 4th Food and Information Booths
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners
- Donations
- Grant applications (eight total, won one, lost three, four to be decided)
- Education and Training
- Communications, Public Relations (fantastic news articles, great newsletter)
- Maintenance (cleaning, tree/brush cleanup, fence repair, etc)
- Pond Day

And to cap it off, following a glowing recommendation from the City, the entire club facility was unanimously approved to be included in the Bainbridge Island Register of Historic Places.

Great job everyone.
Thanks again.

Steve Korn
Vice President

Meet The New CRSO

I would like to introduce myself to the Bainbridge Island Sportsman Club members. I have been asked by the Board and have accepted the position of Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) for the club.

I returned as a member to the BISC last year after a number of years. I was very impressed with the hard work and dedication of the present members in not only saving our ranges, but also the many improvements which have been made. This was the main reason that I accepted the position (besides the fact I really

love shooting). I started as an RSO on Monday's schedule last year before the range was closed for work. I've met a lot of great people, but still have to meet all of the RSO's. I will be contacting all the RSO's in the New Year (those who have volunteered as well as those who hold the certification). A lot of changes are in the works and we need everyone to make the range a safe range and a well run one. Ken Nelson, CRSO, and Steve Korn have promised to back me up in the new endeavor. Ken has done a great job as CRSO for a number of years and deserves a break I would think. I look forward to meeting and working with all club members in 2010.

Mike Dorsett
CRSO and Trustee

From the Trap side of things...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow! Another year has passed by... I hope everyone's holidays were enjoyable and I would like to extend my appreciation to those who have donated their time at the Club last year. Last years Board worked hard to help our club move forward so to guarantee our existence here on the island and I wish the newly elected Board the same success in 2010. I'm looking forward to another great year and many more outstanding accomplishments at our Club.

More great things will be on our agenda this year and what better way to thank the people who have worked so hard than to volunteer some of your time. Get involved, I double-dog dare you...

Thanks guys for volunteering your time to run the trap range last year (you know who you are...).

Thank you to each and every person that was involved in the "impromptu" work parties, the "Hey, can you help me for just a minute" moments and the "I just have to finish this

before we shoot" delays. Without you we wouldn't have been able to accomplish what we did.

I hope your holidays were joyous and wish you and your family a Happy, Safe New Year!

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

Home Firearms Safety Class

The Home Firearms Safety class provides the basic knowledge and skills and describes the attitude necessary for the safe handling and storage of guns in the home. This course is offered **free to new members and their families**; and \$25 for others, \$10 for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult.

Text: The NRA Home Firearms Safety handbook is included with the course materials.

Lessons:

- Rules for Safe Gun Handling
- Identifying and Unloading Different Firearms
- Practical Exercises in Safe Gun Handling
- Type of Ammunition
- Cleaning and Storage of Firearms

The next class is scheduled for January 30th from 1-6 p.m. To check for space and register, email classes@bainbridgesportsmensclub.org.

Steve Carstensen
Director of Firearms Education and Training

Raffle/Fundraising/Volunteer

Thanks to everyone who participated in the membership dinner and raffle last month. The dinner was wonderful and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The raffle raised over \$700 that will go to cover some club expenses such as filing for 501(c) (3) status. Once the club is awarded the status, donors should be able to take a tax deduction for their donations to the club. In the mean time, if you would like to make a tax deductible donation, contact one of the officers for details.

The club is currently in a major state of change. You have all read about the improvements to the pistol range and clubhouse, plans for an archery range, plans for the rifle range and the new teal trap at the trap range. However, the club is in need of significant member support to accomplish these goals and move forward as a community resource. The club has applied for a number of grants that will help to partially fund some of these projects. In order to raise the additional money, the club will be organizing a fundraising drive with the start of the New Year. Some of the goals will be to establish an endowment for operation and maintenance and perform site improvements such as hard surface walkways, designate parking areas, and ADA access. Please help either through a donation or time spent at the club working on one of the many projects left to accomplish. Help the club move forward for your benefit and the communities.

Dan Iglesias
Fundraising

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner was a tasty success again this year, even though Jeff was home with his leg up recovering his ulcer. The new heating system kept everyone warm. The volunteer pie bakers came through with some great pies again!! The young ladies, Cathy, Dari and Demi made the

raffle a great success! Everyone left with their hands full. We served 22 folks in December and 55 for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their cheerful, helpful, good work!

Terry Zumwalt

My Last Post from “Within Range”

For the last several years it has been my privilege to be Chief Range Safety Officer for the Club’s shooting ranges. During this time we’ve met several challenges, including bringing our ranges up to a National safety standard through the creation and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures and a trained staff of Certified Range Safety Officers. This process was both necessary and difficult, since it meant changing our hearts and minds from the casual ‘old ways’ to the recognition that we are a Shooting Island in the Bainbridge Sea of increasing population density.

In my opinion, all of these changes have resulted in only a slight improvement in the safety record of the Club’s shooting operations, since nobody has ever been injured in a shooting accident at the Club in it’s entire history, and only one bullet has ever been documented as having left the Club’s property (thus initiating these changes) but they have added definite “insurance” against an accident occurring in the future.

Yet, while at times difficult to swallow by our membership, these changes have resulted in an incalculably **huge** change in the perception of the Club’s shooting activities within the 21st Century Bainbridge Island community. Our membership is growing and our shooting classes, particularly *Home*

Firearm Safety and *Basic Pistol*, are consistently filled to capacity. Noise complaints (once common) had dwindled to nothing even before the start of range reconstruction. We enjoy strong editorial support from the *Bainbridge Review*. The City of Bainbridge Island's police force trains on our ranges, saving the taxpayers of Bainbridge Island many tens of thousands of dollars per year that would be spent to send our officers 50 miles away to the nearest training range on the Kitsap Peninsula. In part and in so doing, we have earned contractual support from the City government to keep our ranges open (and available for police training) through the year 2030. Not bad.

I'm proud to have been a part of this growth in these several years, but I feel it's time for the baton (or, more precisely, barrel, as in 'lock, stock, and...') to be passed on. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome Mike Dorsett as the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club's new Chief Range Safety Officer.

When I started in this role, my qualifications were minimal and I was indulged with a lot of "on the job training." Mike brings a career as an instructor in firearms training and law enforcement experience to the job right away. His scope of knowledge of firearms of all kinds would take me the rest of my life to learn. Moreover, I've learned (sometimes the hard way) that one of the primary qualifications of the CRSO is to be able to listen and reason without prejudice before making decisions, and Mike is very skilled at that. In the complimentary words of Lord Nelson (unfortunately no relation) he is a *reasonable man*.

Please welcome Mike in his new capacity as CRSO. I am certain that he will be as and more effective as I endeavored to be, and he of course has my assistance and experience to draw on at any time. Please give him the benefit of your support, assistance and

experience as well.

I would especially and personally like to thank the staff of Senior RSO's and RSO's who were invaluable to me, and *are* invaluable to the Club, for their hard work in keeping the ranges open to members and guests for scheduled shooting, and making sure our ranges live up to the high safety standards we've set. I am now proud to join *your* ranks and help do the job that you do so well. So don't let me screw up.

Sincerely,

Ken Nelson
CRSO (retired)

BISC Leadership Contacts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Lynda McMaken	President	(206) 842-8363
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Debbie Cauthers	Treasurer/Secretary and Membership	(206) 842-9603
Steve Carstensen	Trustee, Director of Firearms Education & Training, Deputy CRSO	(360) 472-1078
Jon Fehlman	Trustee	(206) 780-4686
Robert Cromwell	Trustee	(206) 919-1437
Jim Walkowski	Trustee, Hunter Safety Ed.	(206) 842-2377
Mike Dorsett	Trustee, Chief RSO	(206) 842-7251
Scott Youngs	Trustee, Trap Chairman	(360) 710-7649
Tim Iistowanohpataakiiwa	Trustee, Rifle Chairman	(206) 499-8858
Jay Smellow	Trustee, Shooting Events Coordinator	(206) 849-0908
Chris Jensen	Trustee	(360) 340-7916
Jeff Hahto	Trustee	(206) 842-4326
Rich Schmidt	Facilities Director	(206) 842-0992
Steve Cosgrove	Communications Director	(206) 498-6264
Bob Davis	Newsletter/Web Site	(206) 310-2950
Dan Iglesias	Fundraising	(206) 842-1399
Clubhouse and Pistol Range		(206) 780-9374

BISC— January 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Trap	8 Retiree Trap	9 POLICE
10 Trap	11	12	13	14 Trap	15 Retiree Trap	16
17	18	19	20	21 Trap	22 Retiree Trap POLICE	23
24 Trap	25	26 BISC Board @ 1830 hours	27	28 Trap	29 Retiree Trap	30 Home Firearms Safety Class
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Schedule of Events

Check www.bainbridgesportsmensclub.org for changes (Hot News or Shooting Sports)

BISC Board Mtg (6:30) on January 26
Home Firearms Safety Class on January 30, 1-6 pm
ALL PISTOL/RIFLE RANGE DATES SUBJECT TO REOPENING PENDING FARR CONSTRUCTION
 PISTOL/SMALL BORE RANGE
CLOSED
 RIFLE/LARGE BORE RANGE
CLOSED
POLICE USE:
Jan 9 @ 10 AM – 2 PM; Jan 22 @ 12 -9 PM
 TRAP RANGE
 Every Thursday night @ 6 – 9 PM
 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 1 – 4 PM
 Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 10 AM—noon
 COMMUNITY GROUPS
 None scheduled.

BISC— February 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Trap	5 Retiree Trap	6
7	8	9	10	11 Trap	12 Retiree Trap	13
14 Trap	15	16	17	18 Trap	19 Retiree Trap	20
21	22	23 BISC General, & Board Mtg	24	25 Trap	26 Retiree Trap	27
28 Trap	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5 POLICE	Mar 6

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BISC Board Mtg (6:30) on February 23
ALL PISTOL/RIFLE RANGE DATES SUBJECT TO REOPENING PENDING FARR CONSTRUCTION
 PISTOL/SMALL BORE RANGE
CLOSED
 RIFLE/LARGE BORE RANGE
CLOSED
POLICE USE:
March 5, 10 AM – 5 PM
 TRAP RANGE
 Every Thursday night @ 6 – 9 PM
 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 1 – 4 PM
 Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 10 AM—noon
 COMMUNITY GROUPS
 None scheduled.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 9 & 22

POLICE USE OF PISTOL RANGE

JANUARY 26

BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM.

JANUARY 30

HOME FIREARM SAFETY CLASS – 1:00-6:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 23

BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM.

MARCH 5

POLICE USE OF PISTOL RANGE

NOTE – the pistol and rifle ranges are CLOSED (with the exception of Police use) until further notice for FARR construction.

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