

THE SPORTSMAN

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Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club
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**March 24th, 2009 – General Meeting @ 6:30, followed by Board Meeting
April 28 & May 26, 2009 - Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM**

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.)

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President's Corner

The Club is moving forward in many areas. We have classes, events and social dinners on the calendar. Now is a great time to bring a friend to the Club and encourage them to join. And please consider volunteering some time to help. We have volunteer needs from preparing grants and lobbying in Olympia, to maintenance on the building and grounds, to interior design, to kitchen clean up and even historical cataloging. Please contact me to learn more. The more we all do, the better we are and the better the Club. I welcome your email. Lynda@LyndaHMcMaken.com
Take care,

Lynda McMaken
President

Treasurer's Report

January and February have been busy months bringing in revenue, and, of course, spending it.

Membership renewals have been steadily coming in. This is our biggest source of revenue, so, if you haven't done so already, please send in your renewal right away. If any of your friends and family would enjoy the experiences the club has to offer, please invite them to join. We want a big and vibrant membership, for money to pay the bills, and

for volunteers to help spread out the work involved in creating fun events, construction, and maintaining the grounds.

Thanks to Steve Carstensen and his team for offering classes to the public, Jay Smellow for putting on fun competitions, Phil Pons and crew for the upcoming Guns and Honey Dinner, Steve Korn and committee for pursuing Grants, ALL the members who have already renewed their memberships for 2009, and all who have donated goods, services, and money. The commitment shown by this large and amazing group of volunteers is a huge asset to the club.

It is, however, Tax Season. We have numerous large bills at the beginning of each year that must be paid (taxes, insurance, winter heat, etc.) As a result, funds in the general operating account are tight right now.

With the long range view of our 2009 Budget, and the short range view of monthly reports, the Board is prepared with the information necessary to maintain the financial stability of the club. Several board members are looking for ways to cut expenses (I negotiated a lower insurance premium, Lynda is working on a plan to qualify for lower property taxes in future years, Steve K. is working on obtaining grants, and Rich Schmidt is researching less costly ways to heat the club house.)

The combination of Events, Volunteer Work Parties, Donations, and cost cutting strategies is our road to success. If anyone has ideas for fund raising, events, etc., please contact one or more board members with your ideas. We would love to back up your efforts.

In the meantime, please do your part by Joining the Fun! Come to the Guns and Honey Dinner, the Competitions, and the Classes. We have a wealth of knowledgeable Volunteers who are very good at what they do, and would love to share it with you.

Debbie Cauthers
BISC Treasurer

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. Contact Steve Humphrey at (206) 551 4747 to volunteer for the general work party.

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.**

Guns and Honey Dinner

Come on out **March 21st** to another fun and tasty club dinner, for members and guests. There will be a social hour at 6 PM, then dinner from 7-9 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18 to Phil Pons through email (preferred) at ppons@seanet.com, or (206)-842-9779.

WITHIN RANGE: Notes from the Chief Range Safety Officer

We've been finding a new interesting little pill on the Pistol Range lately... 5.7x28mm cartridge casings. Basically, they look like the diminutive .17 HMR cases after being served the same stuff that A-Rod's been taking. The owner of this firearm please **MUST** get in touch with me, or any of our Senior RSO Staff. We need to do a "beam test" on this cartridge. Due to the light-weight bullet, we're expecting it to Pass the beam test (i.e., NOT perforate one beam) but even with our two-beam capture design, for safety's sake we need to make sure. As Julia Roberts so pithily noted regarding Escargot in "Pretty Woman", these look like "slippery little suckers." Thanks, and thanks for thinking of the Club.

Jay Smellow's "Five-to-Glock" fun-gun competition was a big hit. To me, the event proved to be another well-run, SAFE shooting experience at the BISC Pistol Range. The event was won by our own dark-horse Gary Neumann, soundly dusting all of us semi-automatic shooters with an old-style single-action .35-caliber six-gun and a good eye. Goes to the point that a hit is better than a miss! Gary shot a clean round (no misses) and took his time doing it. The rest of us racked up misses at 10 seconds penalty EACH trying to go fast. Thanks for the lesson, Gary! Event Safety Score: 100%

Similarly but differently fun was the definitely more controlled 3-position 50 ft. .22 rifle "competition." Yah, somebody "won" but it was not about the winning. Many shooters showed up who had never settled down into a classic prone, standing, or kneeling position, and yet shot very well. It was all about the learning. I think we'll be hearing more about 3-position small-bore in the future. Event Safety Score: 100%

Just today, the participants in our Basic Pistol class made my job as Chief Range Safety Officer as easy as pie. I was so impressed with

how safe our Instructor Team had prepared that I even blew a "cry-wolf": a first-ever unexpected full-on crash-stop CEASE FIRE!! CEASE FIRE!!!! Just to see if they'd learned that concept well. They had. Everyone took their fingers off their triggers, focused on their muzzles, stood shock still and waited, just like we'd trained them to do, including those who'd never handled a hand gun in their life. Thank you instructor team and students! (I promise not to pull that stunt more often than necessary.) Event Safety Score: 99% (There were a few coach interventions to prevent a shooter from possible personal injury from an improper grip on a hand gun. All were intervened, and none involved an un-aimed shot fired. In Basic Pistol, it's called "learning." Keep up the good work.)

Hey, in spite of the snow, it's getting warmer!
Thanks RSO and Instructor Teams,

See you on the range,

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

From the Trap side of things...

Trap Meeting March 18th...

If you would like to become qualified to run the trap range, or a current trap RSO that would like a refresher, there will be another meeting on March 18th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact me at 360-710-7649.

Its back! And here's the schedule...

2009 Olympic Interclub League

All shoots will start at 9am.

March 21st: Port Angeles

April 4th: Poulsbo

May 9th: Bremerton

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

March Classes – Co-Ed Basic Pistol

The BISC Trainers are offering a Co-Ed Class on Basic Pistol Shooting on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The class will start at 8:00 AM and run to about 6:00 PM. The pistol range is reserved exclusively for this class on that day from noon until 6 PM. It will be open regular hours from 9 to noon for open shooting.

Students will learn the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. Lessons will include two handed and one handed standing shooting positions, range time with one-on-one coaches, pistol selection and care, and overall fundamentals.

Students should bring a sack lunch for a half hour “working lunch”, so as to make best use of the time available. Students are encouraged to bring their

own guns, ammunition, and owner’s manual, hearing and eye protection, and a billed hat. If a student does not have these they will be provided at an additional \$10 fee.

Space is limited, and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Please contact Steve Carstensen, Director of Training and Education, and send in your check to reserve you place in the class.

Students must be 18, or accompanied by a legal guardian, and legally able to own and handle a firearm.

Cost: \$40, or \$55 if using club guns and ammunition. Check out the web site for the class description:

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

Send email to Steve Carstensen:

<mailto:Classes@BainbridgeSportsmensClub.org> with your interest, questions, and for further instructions.

We expect this to be a popular class, so please turn in your reservation and payment early.

The BISC Trainers

NOTE – the pistol range is reserved for the events or classes on the afternoons of Mar 14 and 28 and will not be open to pistol shooters, but will be open as normal in the morning.

Shooting Events

February's Event – Rifle Competition Results

The February Rifle Event went off without a hitch. 18 members and guests showed up to shoot the 3 position Rifle Competition in the beautiful weather. Here are the results:

In the Optical Sights Division:

1 st	Steve Korn	221
2 nd	Aiden Berg	174

In the Open Sights Division:

1 st	Ryan Malcolm	247
2 nd	Jay Smellow	242
3 rd	Ken Nelson	217

March's Event – NRA Handgun

Our next Event will be a **NRA Handgun Distinguished Expert Match** on 3/14/09

Come One Come All to our next BISC shooting event!!! The March competition will be the NRA Handgun Distinguished Expert Match Event on March 14th, 2009 from 12:30 to 5 PM. This 24 round course of fire is based on the revised (fall 2006) NRA Handgun Distinguished Expert Qualification course of fire. Competitors shoot two stages using large tombstone-appearing paper targets at 30 feet (hard to miss). Shooters will use first a two-handed stance for 6 shots, then a strong-hand only stance for 6 shots, a weak-hand only stance for 6 shots, and finally 6 shots in a two-handed stance for a center-left-right sequence. Each 6 shot group must be fired within 10 seconds. Competitors will be welcome to shoot more than 1 time to improve their 'best' scores.

Scoring for this event can be used towards the NRA Handgun Marksmanship Qualification program, to include Distinguished Expert qualification.

Cost for targets is \$5 per course of fire.

In preparation for the March Pistol event, I'd like to invite everyone to take a look at the NRA Handgun Marksmanship Qualification Program. The marksmanship program is a great training tool to provide you feedback and give you steps to practice on the range. This program includes many shooting disciplines, firearm styles and opportunities for learning. For the next event, we are focused on Handguns. Please see the following website for more information. If you are offline, or not computer oriented, we have copies of the program brochure available.

<http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship/Handgun.asp>

Yours 'Event'fully:

Jay Smellow

Event Coordinator, BISC

Celebration of Dedicated Service – To The B.I.P.D

As you have probably read elsewhere, BISC Trustee and B.I.P.D. Chief Matt Haney is moving to Colville, WA, where he will be Police Chief for the Colville Federated Tribes. The BIPD is having a farewell party for Matt on his last day of service and you are invited. Please join the celebration of Chief Haney's years of service with the BIPD (and as an active member and trustee of BISC). The party is Friday, March 6th at the Kiana Lodge. The time is 5:00 – 9:30 PM with a program planned for 6:30 PM. The cost is a mere \$25 per person, at the door. Please RSVP at (206) 780-4661, or email sshultz@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us

Thank You

I would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the seven members who worked so hard to maintain the clubhouse and who helped with the new construction projects. The roof has been cleaned from the winter storms; the shrubbery has been trimmed; the grounds

have been picked up; the old ammo closet has been deconstructed to make way for the new ADA restroom; and a test beam has been constructed for the new archery range. Several of those members worked multiple days. Please be aware that there will be another cleanup party on April 11 to coincide with the pond clean up. There will be a nice lunch to follow the work.

thanks,
Steve Humphrey

Calendar of Events

MARCH 6

BIPD FAREWELL PARTY FOR CHIEF MATT HANEY. KIANA LODGE – 5:00 – 9:30 PM, \$25 AT DOOR. SEE ARTICLE FOR DETAILS.

MARCH 14

NRA HANDGUN DISTINGUISHED EXPERT MATCH – 12:30 – 5:00 PM. PISTOL RANGE CLOSED TO OTHER SHOOTERS.

MARCH 18

TRAP RSO MEETING – 6:30 PM. SEE PG 3 FOR DETAILS.

MARCH 21

INTERCLUB TRAP, PORT ANGELES– 9:00 AM.

MARCH 21

GUNS AND HONEY DINNER– 6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR; 7:00-9:00 PM DINNER; SEE PG 2 FOR DETAILS AND RSVP INFO.

MARCH 24

GENERAL MEETING– 6:30 PM.
BOARD MEETING – 7:30 PM.

MARCH 28

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

APRIL 4

INTERCLUB TRAP, POULSBO– 9:00 AM.

APRIL 11

ANNUAL POND CLEANUP– 9:00 AM.

APRIL 25

ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY– 9:00 AM.

APRIL 28

BOARD MEETING – 6:30 PM.

NOTE – the pistol range is reserved for special events on the afternoons of Mar 14 and 28, and will not be open for non-scheduled shooting at those times.

BISC— March 2009

Schedule of Events

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

BISC General Mtg (6:30) followed by Board Mtg on March 24

NRA Handgun Distinguished Expert Match on Mar 14 from 12:30 – 5 PM

Trap RSO Meeting on Mar 18 @ 6:30 PM

Guns and Honey Dinner at the Club on Mar 21 @ 6 PM social hour, 7-9 PM dinner.

Olympic Interclub (Trap) League in Port Angeles on March 21 @ 9 AM

Basic Pistol Class, March 28 @ 8 AM to 6 PM

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:

March 20 @ 10:00 – 18:00

TRAP RANGE

Every Thursday night @ 6:30 PM

2nd & 4th Sundays @ 1 PM

Retiree Shoot—Fridays @ 10 AM—noon

COMMUNITY GROUPS

None scheduled.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pistol	3	4 Pistol	5 Trap	6 Retiree Trap Chief Haney Farewell	7 Pistol
8 Trap	9 Pistol	10	11	12 Trap	13 Retiree Trap	14 Pistol Handgun Match
15 Rifle	16 Pistol	17	18 Trap RSO Meeting	19 Trap	20 Retiree Trap POLICE	21 Pistol Guns & Honey Dinner Interclub Trap in Port Angeles
22 Trap	23 Pistol	24 BISC General Meeting @ 6:30 PM	25	26 Trap	27 Retiree Trap	28 Pistol Basic Pistol Class
29	30 Pistol	31				

BISC— April 2009

BISC Board Mtg on April 28 at 6:30

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.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pistol	2 Trap	3 Retiree Trap	4 Pistol Interclub Trap in Poulsbo
5	6 Pistol	7	8	9 Trap	10 Retiree Trap	11 Pistol 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 Pond Opening & Fishing Derby
26 Trap	27 Pistol	28 BISC BOARD MEETING	29	30 Trap		

March, 2009 Pistol and Rifle Range Calendar

Day	MAR Date	Time	RSO	Notes
1 st Mon	2 nd	9 am - 12	Steve Korn	
1 st Wed	4 th	9 am - 12	David Fox-Hughes	
1 st Sat	7 th	9 am - 12	Alan Kasper	
2 nd Mon	9 th	9 am - 12	Bill Philbrook	
2 nd Sat	14 th	9 am - 12	Debbie Cauthers	
3 rd Sun	15 th	1 pm - 3	Bob Davis	Rifle Range
3 rd Mon	16 th	9 am - 12	Matt Rothe	
3 rd Sat	21 st	9 am - 12	Ken Nelson	
4 th Mon	23 rd	9 am - 12	Mike Dorsett	
4 th Sat	28 th	9 am - 12	TBD	
5 th Mon	30 th	9 am - 12	TBD	

Times are for the Pistol Range unless noted.

If someone wants to step up for March 28 or March 30, please let me know!

Ken Nelson, (206) 855-0618

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Robert Cromwell	Trustee	(206) 919-1437
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