

Butler County Sportsmen Rifle and Pistol Club

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“President's Message”

by Tim Evans, President

As we begin a New Year the fight for our constitutional rights continues. November's election will be important both in Ohio and Nationwide. In Ohio it will determine how the electoral districts will be redrawn, and nationally there are a number of important elections which will affect our right to keep and bear arms, including the US Senate race in Ohio. Each of us has a duty to learn the candidate's positions. This can be done by logging on to NRA-ILA.

This year the US Supreme Court will decide if the Second Amendment applies to the states, and the Ohio Supreme Court will decide if Ohio's preemption statute is constitutional. An Ohio Appeals court has held it is not, thus allowing cities to enact laws restricting our rights, including concealed carry.

At the club level it was decided not to raise the membership from the current number of 800. There are now 56 people on the waiting list.

We continue to have problems with people shooting the baffles. If anyone has any information on who is doing this please contact one of the officers.

New .22RF Pistol Group

by Ron Bengé

A few of the women pistol shooters in the club are starting a .22cal handgun shooting session. They will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00am starting February 6th. They will be shooting indoors and move outdoors when the weather warms up.

There will not be any particular course of fire. After they have shot for a few weeks they may establish a course of fire to add a little competition to the sessions, but for now they just want more women in the club to get out and shoot.

If you have any questions you can contact Patricia Finan. After the group establishes a course of fire (they may just decide to come out and shoot and have fun together) it will be posted on the club's web site.

100 Yard Range Baffles

by Ron Bengé

The membership has approved solicitation of bids for construction on the second steel baffle on the 100 yard range. If the bids are within our budgets and all goes well construction could possibly start in a couple of months and be completed before the spring shooting programs start. There will be NO SHOOTING or handling of firearms on the 100 yard range while work is in progress. The 50 yard range, use of the trap range, and the plinking range may be closed at times while work is in progress above ground level or on the 50/100 yard wall. The ranges should be open on Saturdays, Sundays and after 5:30pm weekdays.

Check the BCSC web site for the current status and possible range closings.

All Range Rules Have Been Revised

by Ron Bengé

All range rules have been revised. The range rules are at the back of Constitution and By-Laws. You can view and download a copy from the BCSC web site, or get a copy in the club house. They are kept in a box behind the office's table. The range rules will soon be posted on the outdoor ranges.

The most frequent violation is shooting at a target of improper height and bullet does not impact the earth backstop.

Failure to follow the range rules may result in exclusion from the club.

BCSC WEB SITE

www.butlercountysportsmen.com

To access the members only area of the web site, use **BCSC** for the name and the **four digit gate number** on your membership card for the password.

2010 Club Officers

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| President: | Tim Evans |
| Vice President: | Frank Siefer |
| Treasurer: | Mark Legg |
| Secretary: | Patricia Finan |
| Memb. Secretary: | Mike Finn |
| Executive Officer: | Art Balph |
| Editor: | Ron Benge |
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| Vending Trustee: | Gary Dittman |
| Grounds Trustee: | Ron Benge |
| Club Rental Trustee: | Tom Ferneding |
| Buildings Trustee: | Don Flick |

New this year are Patricia Finan, Don Flick and Tom Ferneding. Patricia is the only club officer that has never previously held an office at the BCSC.

See photo below

Trustees and their Duties

by Ron Benge

Don Flick, BUILDINGS TRUSTEE: Work parties, buildings and equipment. Maintenance and repairs of all buildings and equipment within the buildings.

Gary Dittman, VENDING and SANITATION TRUSTEE: Bar and kitchen sanitation, restrooms, vending machines, clubhouse supplies, and cleaning of meeting area for meetings.

Ron Benge, GROUNDS TRUSTEE: Outside grounds. Parking lots, driveways, mowing, snow removal, trash dumpsters and card accessed entry gate.

Tom Ferneding, CLUB RENTAL and SPECIAL EVENT TRUSTEE: Club rentals, non-league programs, and special events. Schedules club rentals of meeting room and picnic to members.



2010 Butler County Sportsmen Rifle & Pistol Club Officers

L-r Garry Dittman, Art Balph, Mike Finn, Tom Ferneding, Don Flick, Tim Evans, Ron Benge and Patricia Finan.
Frank Siefer and Mark Legg were not present.

(Photo by R. Dale McGee)

BCSC Jr. Program Receives Grant

by Ron Bengé

The BCSC Junior Shooting programs has received a \$1,500 donation from The Ohio Gun Collectors Association. The money will be used to purchase a target rifle and some other needed shooting equipment. Several of the instructors and junior shooters went to the January OGCA gun show and received the check (see photo below). The junior program thanks the OGCA for their generous donation.



(Photo by Ron Bengé)

Jr. Rifle and 4-H Shooting Programs

by Ron Bengé

The BCSC Jr. Rifle Program is over half way through the season and has nearly 40 regular shooters. It seems that every year we have more juniors shooting in the mid to high 40's than before. We have three of our juniors working on the NRA Distinguished Expert Award. Deanna Schindler only has a couple of targets to complete; Nathan Conley and Nate Mack are about half way through. It takes a lot of hard work and some very good shooting to earn the NRA Distinguished Expert Award. They must shoot in all four positions and a total of 180 qualifying targets. If you would like to try it sometime I will give you the requirements. I assure you the standing requirement is a killer.

The 4-H program started January 7th and they have nearly 100 kids in the program. They will shoot rifle and pistol indoors until April and then they will move outdoors, weather permitting, and shoot trap, muzzle loading rifle and archery.

For more information about the Junior Rifle and 4-H programs go to the Butler County Sportsmen web site and click on "Junior Program". From there you will be directed to the Junior Rifle and 4-H web site.

I may be a little prejudiced, but I believe we have the best junior shooting program in the state, actually a lot of states.

Members Shoot in WSU Postal Match

by Ron Benge

Twelve of our club members are shooting in the Wyoming Schuetzen Union .22 Rimfire Winter League. We have entered four teams, two adult and two junior teams. This is a world postal match with teams from several countries, but mostly from the US.

The match is 500 shots fired offhand, 50 shots per match over a twelve week period. We are shooting in an open class allowing basically any single-shot rifle and any sight.

The scores will be posted weekly on the web and the final team scores will be posted in *the Black Powder Cartridge news*. The BCSC team scores will also be posted in the next news letter. If you want to follow the team and individual scores from week to week go to Ron's Web Page at <http://home.fuse.net/ronbenge/> and click on Wyoming Schuetzen Union Winter League. From there you can see the scores of all teams and individuals in the league. As this letter goes to the printer the Junior Blue team is in 2nd place. Look for the final scores in the next newsletter.

Meet our new Membership Secretary

By R. Dale McGee

I thought it might be a good idea to introduce our new Recording Secretary as she is a fairly new member. I am talking, of course, about Pat Finan (she is at the right in the "New Officers" picture, a rose amongst the thorns...).

Pat is a native of Hamilton, Ohio and works for the City of Fairfield, Ohio in the Finance Dept. She is Don Flick's sister and has two grown children. She has been a member just over a year. Pat joined the Butler County Sportsmen Club to gain and maintain proficiency with her self defense handgun. She is a graduate of Art Ralph's Concealed Carry Class and has a Concealed Carry permit.

After Pat started shooting at the club she enjoyed it so much she bought a .22 Semi-auto pistol for sport shooting. This has encouraged her and some lady friends to start shooting regularly once a week.

Pat mentioned that she has found the BCSC to be a friendly environment for women in general and as a result has brought a number of ladies into the club. They have become active members. This is a GOOD thing. Women make up over 50% of the voting public and we NEED them on our side in the perpetual fight against so called "Gun Control". So, if you see Pat around the club, say, "Hello"...glad to have you aboard.

Gun Show March 6th

There will be a gun show at the BCSC on March 6th from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

All firearms must be unloaded and have "empty chamber indicators" inserted into the chamber. A supply of indicators will be available at the show.

There is no entry or table fee. All tables are available on a first come basis.

We usually have a full house so come early and bring lots of money.

Wanted!

Would the gentleman who had the pistols, one being a Lyman great plains 50 cal. pistol, at the gun show in November, set up at the end of the table near the handicapped rest room, please give Don Flick a call.

If your bullet is not hitting the earth backstop your target is not at the correct height, or you are a bad shot. Make sure you target is at the correct height.

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2010 B.C.S.C. Range and Event Calendar (Saturday and Sunday)

February

Sunday, 7th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

March

Saturday, 6th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Sunday, 7th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 20th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Saturday, 20th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 27th ATA Shotgun, 1:00 PM

April

Saturday, 3rd Shotgun 1:00 PM

Sunday, 4th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 10th **Work Party 9:00 AM - Ranges Closed**

Saturday, 17th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Saturday, 17th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 24th ATA Shotgun, 1:00 PM

May

Saturday, 1st Shotgun 10:30 AM

Sunday, 2nd Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 15th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Saturday, 15th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 29th ATA Shotgun, 1:00 PM

June

Saturday, 5th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Sunday, 6th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 19th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Saturday, 19th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 26th ATA Shotgun, 1:00 PM

July

Saturday, 3rd Shotgun 10:30 AM

Sunday, 4th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 17th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Saturday, 17th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 31st ATA Shotgun, **10:30 AM**

August

Sunday, 1st Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 7th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Saturday, 21st Shotgun 1:00 PM

Saturday, 21st NRA Smallbore Prone Conventional Rifle

Sunday, 22nd Match. Starts 9:00 AM each day and end at approx.

2:00 PM. For details see BCSC Web site under Matches.

Saturday, 28th ATA Shotgun, **10:30 AM**

Saturday, 28th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

September

Saturday, 4th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Sunday, 5th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

September

Saturday, 18th Shotgun 10:30 AM

Saturday, 18th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 25th ATA Shotgun, **1:00 PM**

October

Saturday, 2nd Shotgun 1:00 PM

Sunday, 3rd Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 9th **Work Party 9:00 AM - Ranges Closed**

Saturday, 16th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Saturday, 16th Service Rifle Match, 9:00 AM

Saturday, 30th ATA Shotgun, 1:00 PM

November

Saturday, 6th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Sunday, 7th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 13th 4-H Muzzleloading Turkey Shoot 10:00AM

Saturday, 20th Shotgun 1:00 PM

December

Saturday, 4th Shotgun 1:00 PM

Sunday, 5th Muzzleloading Rifle 10:00 AM

Saturday, 18th Shotgun 1:00 PM

All events are on the main rifle and pistol ranges except for shotgun which is on the trap range.

The plinking range is closed during shotgun matches.

Monthly Match Contacts

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| Muzzleloading Rifle: | Tom Ferneding |
| Shotgun: | Dan Watkins |
| ATA Shotgun: | Gary Schweinfest Don Flick |
| Muzzleloading Shotgun: | Doug Erbeck |
| Junior Rifle Program: | Ron Benge |
| Service Rifle Matches: | Randy Gross |
| 4-H Shooting Program: | Mike Briski Steve Haverkos |
| Smallbore Rifle Match: | Allan Joseph |
| Archery: | Jerry Hill Don Flick |
| Work Parties: | (All Ranges Closed) |

BCSC Weekly Programs and Matches

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
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| Monday, March 29th | Indoor smallbore rifle ends | 4:00 PM | Doug Buzan |
| Monday, March 29th | Indoor Jr. Rifle ends | 6:00 PM | Ron Benge |
| Tuesday, April 5th | Indoor pistol ends | 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Marvin Dilley |
| Wednesday, April 7th | 4-H indoor shooting ends | 6:30 PM | Steve Haverkos |
| Friday, April 30th | Indoor rifle silhouette ends | 6:00 PM | Steve Magly |
| Sunday, January 3rd | Indoor archery starts | 5:00PM | Jerry Hill |
| Wednesday, January 7th | 4-H shooting program starts | 6:30 PM | Mike Briski Steve Haverkos |
| Saturday, February 6th | Indoor Women's pistol group | 10:00 AM 1st & 3rd Sat. | Patricia Finan |
| Monday, May 3rd | Outdoor smallbore rifle starts | 4:30 PM | Doug Buzan |
| Tuesday, May 4th | Outdoor pistol starts | 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Marvin Dilley |
| Friday, May 7th | Outdoor rifle silhouette starts | 6:00 PM | Steve Magly |
| Thursday May 6th | Muzzleloading shotgun starts | 10:00AM, 1st & 3rd Thur. | Don Flick |