



BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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2015 NRA QUALIFICATION AWARDS

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The BSC board presented 8 awards to junior shooters for their 2015 season accomplishments. The Nation Rifle Association Qualification Program is designed to allow shooters to gain National ranking without having to shoot in organized competition. The program encourages participants to set both small and large goals and through informal, self-paced courses of fire improve their shooting skills incrementally.

The BSC operates a year around shooting program for youth with an indoor air rifle program in the winter and small-bore rifle, small-bore pistol, and shotgun outdoor summer program. The BSC youth program is open to both boys and girls from 10 to 18 years of age that are gun enthusiast or just want to learn the basics. The youth shooting program is an NRA, CMP, and USAS affiliate program with NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers.

Anyone interested in the youth program or the NRA Qualification Programs may contact Jim Herndon, BSC Youth program coordinator at jim@hemgun.com

There are several courses of fire for each of the disciplines of Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol with each having at least 6 skill levels. Shooters progress in skill ranking through the following Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter, Expert, and Distinguished Expert.

Rimfire Rifle

Branden Kiser	Expert
Brandon Standish	Sharpshooter
Kenneth Standish	Sharpshooter

Pistol

Daymon Seals	Distinguished Expert
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Shotgun (5 Stand)

Nathan Staudinger	Marksman
Andrew Barnes	Sharpshooter
Travis Black	Marksman 1 st Class
Thomas Black	Distinguished Expert

Our appreciation to Jim Herndon and Jack Archer for their hours of dedicated work to make this program a HUGE success!

2016 LOCK COMBINATION IN EFFECT

The facility locks have been changed to the combination on the back of your 2016 membership card. Please be sure to use the new code and display your membership card at the facilities.

If you need a new card holder, they are in the bottom right drawer of the clubhouse desk. I personally suggest putting a staple through the cardholder and card so your card does not slip out.

BSC Components Inventory

The shortage on some components is starting to loosen up. BSC has been ordering extra stock in attempt to build some inventory for club members. Currently we have limited quantities of rifle and shotgun powder, .22 shells, and shot shell components. To request if specific items are available, please send your requested item(s) to sanders_tyson@hotmail.com

RIFLE/PISTOL SHOOTER NOTICE FOR SUNDAY, FEB 28 FROM 1 TO 3 PM.

On Sunday, Feb 28 at 1 PM the Winter 5-Stand Challenge finale will be held on the 5 Stand field at BSC. The "shot field" for the 5 Stand will be relocated to over the west creek which will NOT interfere with pistol/rifle shooters but you will hear gunfire to the west. Both areas can operate safely with the 5 Stand field modification for the event.

If you can come out that afternoon, cheer our BSC 5 Stand shooters on to victory! If you are not familiar with 5-Stand what a GREAT opportunity to see how it works ... You could get hooked!

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WHY IS FIREARM SAFETY SO IMPORTANT?

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Bartlesville Shooting Supply

PART ONE OF TWO

Over the many years of carrying firearms as an officer, instructing and just participating in range activity I have seen many people violating the basic safety rules. Many people just have not been taught basic safety. There are four basic firearms safety rules that if practiced until they are second nature will make everyone safer when handling firearms.

The first is simple common sense. **TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED.** This is known and practiced by many and also ignored by more. I don't know how many times I see someone handling a firearm, pointing it around and hear them say, "It's okay, it's not loaded." My response is usually the same as many other instructors, "No, It's not okay!"

The second usually follows the first. **NEVER POINT A FIREARM AT ANYONE UNLESS YOU ARE READY AND WILLING TO KILL THAT PERSON.** I see this a lot when people are looking at firearms in a store or at a gun show. They wave it around, looking at this or that totally ignorant of who or what or where it is pointed. Many times when I mention to not point the gun at me or anyone else they get miffed put it down and say "Well, it wasn't loaded!" as they leave.

Think on these simple, common-sense rules every time you handle your firearm. Do you have the courage to mention to another when they are not following the rules? Do you get offended when you are corrected or do you take it as a learning experience? Usually a violation of one of them normally will not result in injury, but violation of any two is very dangerous.

PART TWO NEXT MONTH ... "Watch your finger!" and "What are you looking at?"

IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON LEAVING A BSC BUILDING OR PROPERTY PLEASE LOCK IT UP!

On Monday morning, Feb 8, the clubhouse doors (both west and east) were unlocked when a member came in at 9 AM. Another member tells me the west door was open on Thursday morning, Feb 4 when he came in.

I (Jim Crume) get frequent e-mails that early morning members find the property gate open when they arrive and no one is on the property. **PLEASE REMEMBER ... LOCK IT UP!**