



BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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SPRING OPEN SKEET SHOOT— Sat, May 10

Each spring BSC sponsors a registered skeet shoot at the club facilities. This year's shoot will be on Saturday, May 10. The club facilities will be dedicated to the shoot throughout the morning and afternoon so pick your event and come join the fun! This event is open to all registered skeet shooters (registration available at the event), not just BSC members. Both classes require entry registration, fees, and will provide cash purse prizes. Each rotation is a \$40 fee.

12 Gauge Class - 3 rotations at 9 AM, 10:30 AM, and noon

20 Gauge Class - 3 rotations at 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:30 PM

All purse money will be prized to the class. Gun Champion paid \$10 more than highest Class. For pre-squading call Losson Winkler at 918-333-2583 or e-mail Losson at lossonw@gmail.com

Clean Up Day THANK YOU

The April 11-12 clean-up day was a BIG success thanks to all the members who worked hard to improve our club facilities! There were 12-14 workers on Friday and over 40 workers on Saturday. **WHAT A GREAT TURN OUT!** Many hands made the work go quickly and the club now has better storage facilities for the club house, a new building at the 5 stand area, a new building at the rifle/pistol area, smooth driveways, cleared skeet fields, clean windows, freshly painted skeet pads, mowed and trimmed facilities, well stocked houses with targets, and more!

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE MEMBERS WHO MAINTAIN OUR CLUB THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!!

MILITARY SHOOT - SATURDAY MAY 17

Featuring Military Bolt Action and Military Pistol competitions. See last month's newsletter for eligible weapons in each class. The rifle and pistol area is closed during the Military Shoot competitions but are open after the competitions complete.

How Do I ...

sign up a new club member? This question has many of us scurrying to find a club officer for help yet it's not a difficult process.

The applicant will need to:

1. Fill out a New Member Application (in the left drawer of the top desk cabinet in the Clubhouse or on the BSC web-site <http://www.bartlesvillesportsmensclub.org>)
2. Have a club member (sponsor) sign the bottom of the New Member Application. For the Board's benefit, sponsors, please PRINT your name under your signature! If the applicant does not have a sponsor, leave that line blank and the Club Secretary will interview the applicant. Sponsorship is basically, "Would you go shooting with this person?"
3. Applicants will also need a Release Of Liability form filled out and witnessed accompanying their application form (available in the same drawer or on the website).
4. Include payment of a \$50 one time initiation fee AND \$50 for a single membership or \$75 for a family membership current year dues. (If application is made in July thru Oct membership fees are \$25 or \$37.50 for that year's "half" dues. Nov-Dec are at full dues but are considered paid for the next year.)
5. Put all above items in an envelope and mail to the club post office box listed at the top of the application or put in the white lockbox on the wall to the right of the clubhouse desk.

The Club Secretary will process the application and do a background check on the applicant. If everything is in order, the applicant's information will be presented to the BSC board at the next regular board meeting for approval.

If approved, the application will be notified via e-mail of their approval and when the next Club Orientation Meeting will be held at which they will receive a facility tour, basic safety training review, and their club membership card with instructions.

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THE PERFECT CONCEALED CARRY GUN

By Jim Herndon jim@hemgun.com

As a firearms instructor and gunsmith I'm often asked, "What is the perfect carry gun?" The simple answer is a "good" conceal carry firearm for you is one you **WILL CARRY** and that you **CAN SHOOT AND RUN WELL**. There just is not a "perfect" gun that will fill the needs and fit everyone.

The first rule of gun fighting is -- have a gun! So you must select a gun that you will carry with little or no wardrobe or lifestyle changes or you simply won't carry. A bigger gun is always easier to shoot well, but it is a big gun to carry (also a big gun in a fight.) A tiny modern polymer gun is a great gun to carry but very difficult to shoot well. There is always a tradeoff of size to performance. You must make a decision of what you are willing to endure to protect yourself. Small guns in big calibers are difficult to shoot, that in turn discourages practice, and that is always a bad thing.

The second rule of gun fighting is that "Misses don't count!" You must have a gun in a caliber that you can handle well -- one that you can consistently place center mass hits on a target at 1 to 7 yards. In addition to shooting well, you must also be able to run the gun (manual of arms): load; unload; clear malfunctions easily and quickly -- even when the adrenaline is pumping, hands are shaking, and you are having difficulty breathing, etc.

The third rule of gun fighting is that "The gun must go bang every time!" The tiny light weight guns in sub-calibers are really experts' guns and require considerable practice to master. They often are less reliable than bigger guns and recoil is always more difficult to manage. Many are difficult for those with weak hand to operate. But they carry nicely and are generally cheap to buy.

My favorite group of guns for carry are the polymer "Sub Compacts" typified by the Smith & Wesson M&P, Springfield XD / XDm, and Glocks. These guns come with a short and long magazine with grip extension that make them small to carry with the short mag, and the same grip as the full size guns with the long mag.

PRACTICE-----PRACTICE-----PRACTICE! Remember the bad guy doesn't have to be good, just lucky.

I have never heard anyone that has been in a gun fight say, **"My gun was just too big for that fight!"**