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MONTHLY NEWLETTER
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President's Corner:

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close, but the signs are all around us – complete with brisk mornings and falling leaves from the trees. Perfect weather for socializing at the club with a warm cup of coffee – come down and join the conversation... Two weeks ago, three of our club members traveled to Sparta Illinois for the Grand National Trap shoot. Ben Beeman, Billy Pierce and Pat Kendrick spent a few days trying their luck with the “best of the best”. To our dismay, we came home empty handed, but the company was great and the memories are many. The “Grand” is the premier trap tournament in the world, with more than 168 trap fields stretching over 1 ½ miles and attendance of 4-5,000 contestants. All of the big name vendors, from guns to shooting supplies were there. If anyone ever gets a chance to attend or just visit, please do so – the experience is something you will long remember. Talk with any of the three who attended and they will tell you some interesting stories.

One subject you will continue to hear us preach at the club is gun safety. Safety is the responsibility of all club members. During new member orientation, we spend time reviewing the gun safety regulations for all shooting disciplines. Safety is not something we can take for granted; we need to always keep in mind what we and others are doing. Last month we had an incident on the rifle range that needs to be brought to everyone's attention. When people were downfield with the blinking lights on, some other younger members were standing at the shooting benches with rifles in hand and clip in. This action is against safety regulations. As a reminder of our safety rules, I have attached a document listing the “safety rules” for our club. Please review this document and make sure you or any guest that you may bring, or any other member at the club obeys these rules. All club members should make sure that any family members - wife, daughter or son, are fully aware of safety rules. Also, please wear your BSC badge in plain sight. Also, remember that as a club member, you have the right to ask anyone not wearing a badge to leave the premises.

BSC Safety Rules:

General:

1. No fully automatic firearms are allowed.
2. If you are inexperienced shooter, please contact a range officer or a member of the Board of Directors for assistance.
3. Shooting glasses and ear protection are MANDATORY for all shooters, referees and trap personnel.
4. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. This applies equally to medicinal drugs which might impair your reflexes or judgment. If in doubt seek medical advice.

Pistol and Rifle Ranges:

1. Keep the muzzle pointed below the top of the berms (earthen embankment). Dewey is north of the ranges and within range of most rifles.
2. When anyone is down range for any reason, all firearms must be laid down, the actions opened and individuals on the firing lane are to back away from the shooting bench. Firearms are **NOT** to be handled when anyone is down range.
3. Pistols may be fired on the rifle range.
4. Do not fire high powered rifles or high powered pistols at the metal pistol targets.
5. Any pistol firing rifle shells may **ONLY** be fired on the rifle range.
6. Pickup and clean the target holders used on the rifle and pistol ranges when finished shooting.

Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays:

1. Keep the action of your gun open at all times except when standing on the shooting station ready to shoot. This includes when you are bringing a gun from your vehicle to the shooting area. The only exception is when the gun is placed in a gun rack. The gun must be reopened when it is removed from the rack.
2. Trap shooters may not load more than one shell at a time (unless shooting doubles).
3. No shot size larger than eight (8) may be used on the skeet field.
4. Never load your gun except when standing on the shooting station ready to shoot. Always unload your gun completely of both live and fired shells before turning around and walking off the shooting station.
5. Never walk directly in front of the low house openings on the skeet field. You could be struck if a target is released.
6. If an over and under shotgun is carried over the shoulder, it must be opened with the barrels facing forward.

Pat 337-1477

Thank You:

We really appreciate the volunteer work of Ken Larmore and Bob Harton. They installed the lights on the 5 Stand field and replaced bulbs on the East Skeet/Trap field. Also, Billy Pierce, Ben Beeman, and Troy Sielsky modified the trap house and thrower so that it doesn't have to be rolled in and out of the trap house for each trap session. In addition, Jim Spradlin has offered to donate a 22 foot truck to be used by the BSC. Thank you all very much; we really appreciate everything you have done to make the BSC better. Thanks again!

Annual Club Picnic and Carl Thompson 410 shoot:

The annual picnic and 410 shoot will be held Saturday, September 20th. Please come and enjoy the picnic and friendship of your fellow BSC members whether or not you choose to shoot in the 410 event. Shooting will begin at 8:30 and the picnic will begin around 11:30. The club will provide the main meat dishes and beverages. Members whose last name begins with the letter A through J are asked to bring a dessert to share. Members whose last name begins with the letter L through Z are asked to bring a vegetable dish to share. For those that wish to shoot, there is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. As we did last year, we will shoot 50 targets on each field. Classes and Class Winners will be determined as they were last year (by the "Lewis" method). In case of a ties, a shoot off will determine the overall champion and a coin flip will determine the other class winners.

Good Shooting:

Two of our skeet/trap shooting gals have recently shot 25 strait. Both Deb Crume and Jeannine Stevens have been busting a lot of birds lately. I hear the word is out that they are even challenging the guys for a Pepsi.

Main Gate Open:

The main gate has been left open several times recently without any club members on the property. **PLEASE**, if you are the last one to leave the facility, close and lock the gate.

Club Elections:

Club elections will be held at our annual meeting December 9, 2008. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Directors, or as an Officer of the BSC, please submit your name, the office or general board position you are running for, and a brief description of your qualifications. Applications for the Board should be mailed to the BSC or placed in the lock box in the clubhouse prior to November 1, 2008. We will publish the individuals that are running for Board of Directors or Officers in the November News letter. In order to vote for Board members, you **must** be present at the annual meeting.

Gun Sale / Swap:

A gun sale and swap will be held in conjunction with the fall cleanup on October 18, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. This event is for BSC Members only. Please bring your own table and chairs.

5 Stand Volunteer needed:

As previously mentioned, we need a volunteer(s) to set the targets and to open and close the range during 5 stand shooting hours. If you are interested, please call Pat Kendrick 337-1477. Also, when the 5 stand is used, please remove the electric cords. It is impossible to see the cords when mowing.

Archery Range:

If you haven't been to the new and improved archery range, please make it a point to do so. A number of members have been using the field, and we have had numerous compliments about the new range. Just a reminder though; broad heads are **NOT** allowed on the archery range.

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