

# Bonner County Sportsmen's 2020 Newsletter



## Association News A 501-c7 corporation

### Tuesday – Thursday open shoot

Our open shoot program has come a longways from it's beginning by becoming a popular way to spend a cold winter day doing what most of us refer to as therapy. Members are charged \$3. It is a day to take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy a fun filled experience for all levels of shooters. Hours of operation are 10 AM to 4PM on Tues. and 9AM to 4PM on Thurs.

Most folks don't believe that there is much of a challenge shooting at a 50-foot indoor range at the same type targets time after time and they would be right. We have raised the bar and not only made it fun but made it very challenging for all. We have something for the beginner to the master class shooter plus we have weekly competitions on Thursdays that began the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January and finish the end of March

Jim Bonn has been in charge of the contests for the past few years and has earned the moniker "Devious, Diabolical Jim", (and for good reason I might add). Jim has been known to be very creative in his challenges. Some things I know only existed in Jim's fantasy world prior to being implemented into the competition.

If you enjoy a true challenge and good sportsmanship, then this is the place for you. At the end of the season the shooter with the highest aggregate score will have earned the title TOP SHOT and be awarded an appropriate prize. For those that wish to just enjoy a great day of recreational shooting, we can accommodate you as well with a wide variety of interesting targets to keep you challenged.

For those of you that think that this might be fun to try but do not own a match grade or scoped 22 rifle we can provide you with a suitable loner at no charge we do however ask that you provide the ammunition. In most cases CCI standard velocity 22 long rifle will work just fine.

The coffee pot is always on and it has been rumored that occasionally pastries have been known to inhabit the range and you can ask about other programs that are on the horizon that we hope to implement soon.

— Bill Moody, President

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### 2020 Officers

President—Bill Moody  
 Vice President— Mike Emerson  
 Treasurer—Gregory Miller  
 Secretary—Lance Forbes

### Directors 2019–2020

Brian Book  
 Stan Meyer  
 Ron Shadel

### Directors 2020-2021

Scott Foster  
 John Holbert  
 Tom Johnson

### Youth Advisor

Nolan Foster

### 2020 MEMBERSHIP

FAMILIES	\$25
INDIVIDUALS	\$15
YOUTH	\$ 2

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW TODAY!**

# Tom Harvill is remembered

This past November, the Sportsmen community lost a beloved member: Tom Harvill. Tom was an influential member, working diligently to promote the sport he loved, and many of you have wonderful memories and stories to tell. I imagine most of them are humorous, as Tom had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Following is Tom's obituary, which Gerri (his widow), has graciously agreed to let us reprint. I would ask you to charge your glass and toast Tom, as you read about our friend and his many accomplishments.

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Thomas James Harvill died peacefully Friday, November 1, 2019 at the age of 70.

Born September 29, 1949 in Ephrata, WA to Louise and Ed Harvill, Tom grew up in Quincy, WA where he graduated from high school in 1967. There he married Gerri Adams in 1970.

Tom attended Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA graduating with a BA in Education in 1971. Upon graduation he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the US Army serving for 5 years in the US and Europe. While serving in Europe the couple had two children; Tara and Ryan.

Upon discharge from the military Tom began a career in banking in Wenatchee, WA. From there they made their home in Colville, WA for 13 years and then in Sandpoint where Tom was the branch manager at Bank of America and American West banks, retiring in 2012.

Tom loved his family. He loved the outdoors, skiing and hunting as a young man, cutting firewood, and sailing his boat.

He also loved music; particularly Country Western and Gospel music.

Tom always found joy working with his hands, wood working, fixing that which was broken, building something new, tinkering in the garage. He was mister fix it!

His passion was helping people. He volunteered tirelessly with Habitat For Humanity, serving on the Board of Directors and at the actual home building sites. He strongly believed in providing safe, affordable housing for everyone.

Tom sponsored children in Haiti through World Vision as part of the local ministry in which he participated.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Edwin Harvill of Palouse WA.

He is survived by his wife, Gerri, daughter Tara (Sean) Praven, son Ryan Harvill (Tom Weirbonics), grandson Tyler Praven, and his fun loving canine sidekick, Ben. Also surviving are his sister Patricia (Jim) Johnson and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

## WORD SEARCH FOR A BIT OF FUN

ELK  
FISHING  
GUN SHOW  
HUNTERS ED  
KIDS DAY  
PISTOL  
RANGE  
RIFLE  
TURKEY  
WILDLIFE  
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R A N G E C K I E E  
S P C Q N H A P C D  
U R H W O H S N U G

### 2020 Calendar

Feb 7 to 9 – KV Gun Show  
Feb 8 – F4WM Banquet  
Feb 9 – Women on Target

Mar 5 – BCSA Gun Show Setup  
and monthly meeting  
Mar 6-8 – BCSA Gun Show  
Mar 7 – Friends of the NRA Banquet  
Mar 15 – Women on Target

Apr 15 – Scholarship Apps Due  
Apr 18 – RMEF Banquet  
Apr 19 – Women on Target

May 16 – Women on Target  
May 20 – Camp Applications Due

June 20-21 – Youth Day at the Range

Aug 19 to 22 – Bonner County Fair

## Foundation News

### A 501-c3 corporation

#### 2020 Officers

President—Tom Johnson  
Treasurer—Kathy Konek  
Secretary—Ron Shadel  
At Large—Mike Emerson

#### Lehman wildlife education building

Have you ever seen the difference between a black bear and a grizzly bear? Or how big a bull elk is? Visit the Lehman Wildlife Education Center located at the Bonner Co. Fairgrounds in Sandpoint. See life sized mounts of animals found in Idaho and learn about them. The most popular place DURING THE FAIR. Available for school field trips and group tours with advance notice. Contact the BCSF or Don Banning @ 208-610-3244 to arrange a time and date.

— Don Banning

#### Gun 'n Horn Show 2020

March 5th —4 p.m.—Setup  
and BCSA mtg

March 6th  
Noon—6 p.m.

March 7th  
9 a.m.—6 p.m.

March 8th  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Bonner County Fairgrounds

# Exploring New Frontiers - the Foundation

November 5, 2019 marked a new era for the sportsmen of our county, when the Bonner County Sportsmen Foundation (BCSF) was created. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide educational and conservation programs to the public, and has taken over many of the tasks that the Association used to shepherd. The new stewardship of such activities as the Youth Day at the Range, the Women on Target program, awarding scholarships, sending kids to summer camps, and the Gun 'n Horn Show, is being continued following the traditions the Association established.

The Association continues to serve the shooting community by offering the Leo Hadley Range for practice, hosting the various shooting clubs, and the Christmas Party. Although the benefits of establishing the Foundation were discussed in the last newsletter, it is well worth it to re-state that donations to the Foundation will be tax deductible once the final paperwork comes through, which we hope will be no later than this coming June. In the meantime, our wonderful volunteers have continued to step up to the plate to donate their much appreciated time and efforts to keep all of these programs running.

To find the Foundation and its activities, you don't have to look further than the address you have always used: [bonnercountysportsmen.org](http://bonnercountysportsmen.org). This site hosts both the Association and Foundation for your convenience.

—Marie Forbes, Foundation Liaison



## Bonner County Sportsmen's Foundation Scholarship Applications due April 15<sup>th</sup>

Do you know someone who is planning on attending a college or trade school next year, and needs help with funding? Bonner County residents who have passed a Hunter Education course are eligible to apply for scholarships given by the BCSF. Any one, not just seniors in high school are eligible. Interest in the outdoors, community. service, and financial need are some of the criteria considered by the scholarship committee. Further information and applications are available on line at <https://www.bonnercountysportsmen.org/projects> and also at the 2020 Gun 'n Horn Show.

The Bonner County Sportsmen awarded \$1750 in scholarships in 2019. Winners were:

Emily Jo Miller, North Idaho College -\$500  
Michael Myers, University of Idaho -\$500  
Victoria Deanne Hewitt, Boise State University -\$250  
Thomas Luckey, University of Idaho - \$250  
Anthony Storro, University of Idaho -\$250.

— Cathie Malison, Scholarship Chair

# NRA Women On Target Classes Filling Fast

The Bonner County Sportsmen's Association is actively involved in teaching women, with little or no experience, with handguns, through the NRA Women On Target program, the basics of shooting. Eight classes were given in 2019, with 90 women completing the course. The class runs from 8:15 am -3 pm, and is taught once a month Jan. -May, and Sept. -Nov. Thanks to a grant from the Friends of the NRA, the charge for the course is only \$30, and includes indoor range use, instruction, the use of weapons, ammunition, hearing and eye protection, informational handouts, lunch, beverages and snacks. Volunteer Range Safety Officers work with no more than two women at a time, and a lead instructor handles the classroom instruction. Preregistration is a must, and at present, classes through March are filled. The class being given April 19<sup>th</sup> has space available. To sign up for the class, contact Cathie at [jcmalison@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalison@gmail.com), or register directly on the NRA website, <https://www.nrainstructors.org/SearchResults.aspx?State=n&zip=83864&radius=25.1&id=73&bsa=&youth=&women=Y>

Classes will be planned for Fall 2020, but have not been scheduled yet.

— Cathie Malison, WOT Coordinator



## Youth Range Weekend June 20 & 21, 2020

Celebrate Father's Day Weekend and take your children, ages 8-18, to the range for a special shooting program for youth. The Bonner County Sportsmen's Foundation is sponsoring the program, with the support of the NRA Women On Target program, Brownells/NRA Day, North 40 Outfitters, IDFG, a LOT of volunteers, and assistance from local gun shops.

The City of Sandpoint donates the Outdoor Range for the weekend, and the Sandpoint Parks and Rec department registers youth for the classes. Fourteen benches, staffed by 14 volunteer instructors, give individual instruction to the youth participating. Brad Kruger, the NRA Western Region Director, teaches the safety classes which are given each session prior to the students entering the range area. Each session lasts two hours, and preregistration is a must. Four sessions are available each day. Gun safety, and teaching youth that shooting is fun, are goals of the program. All equipment needed, from .22 rifles to hearing and eye protection, targets, and snacks are provided free of charge. Parents/guardians are asked to attend as observers, and cheer their children's success!

For further information, and to register your youth for a session, go to <https://secure.rec1.com/ID/city-of-sandpoint/catalog> . You can also pick up a flier at the 2020 Gun 'n Horn Show, or e-mail [jcmalison@gmail.com](mailto:jcmalison@gmail.com) for further information. Youth ages 6 and 7 are welcome to attend the safety session, and observe the shooting portion of the program. To volunteer to assist at this event, contact Bill Moody, Head Range Master, at [billsandimodig@aol.com](mailto:billsandimodig@aol.com) or call him at 208-290-6846.

— Cathie Malison, Youth Day Coordinator

**2020 BONNER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**LEO HADLEY INDOOR RANGE SCHEDULE**

**SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

Meeting 1st Thur. each month Sept. – May  
President - Bill Moody 208-290-6846  
Vice-President - Mike Emerson 208-255-8392

**BOW HUNTER ED.**

At the Fairgrounds  
Mike Emerson 208-255-8392

**HUNTER/ARCHERY ED.**

Last full week of month Feb. – Sept  
Tom Johnson 208-263-9117  
Al Phillips 208-263-8698  
IDF&G 208-769-1414

**RIFLE CLUB (NRA Gallery shoot)**

Jr.—Monday 6PM-8PM Nov - April  
Sr.—Thur. 6PM-8PM Nov - April  
Ron Shadel 208-255-9800  
John Holbert 208-290-6843

**OPEN SHOOT—22 rifle or pistol only**

Tue. 10AM-4PM Dec.— Mar.  
Thurs. 9AM-4PM Dec. --Mar.  
Bill Moody 208-290-6846  
Membership plus \$3 per visit fee

**PISTOL CLUB (NRA Gallery shoot)**

Tue. 6:30PM-8PM Mid. Nov. - March  
Sunday 3PM-4:30PM Nov. – March  
Tom Johnson 208-263-9117

**WOMEN ON TARGET**

Monthly ~ Preregistration required  
[www.nrainstructors.org/instructoradmin/insPendingCourses.aspx](http://www.nrainstructors.org/instructoradmin/insPendingCourses.aspx)  
Brad Kruger bkruger@nrahq.org



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