

Bonner County Sportsmen's Association



Winter Newsletter 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that keep the many facets of this great organization functioning throughout the years. The Bonner County Sportsmen Association puts on numerous programs each year that involve countless hours of preparation and execution. Without these dedicated Heroes that give so much, none of these functions (such as our Christmas Party, Gun 'n Horn Show, Youth Day at the Range or the Tues-Thurs Open Shoot for members) would exist. We are also blessed with a small core of very dedicated, and highly qualified, people that have given so much of their free time to coach our youth programs (including the Junior Rifle Club, and the Archers Club), and teach Hunters and Archery Ed. And they do it year after year. It is our volunteers that define who we are as an organization and we should take great pride in our accomplishments, past, present and future, as we strive to continue to make a difference in our community.

I would also like to convey a huge THANK YOU to our association officers and board members, both present and past. You have chosen to take on the extra burden of overseeing the day to day operations of this organization, and continually go above and beyond on behalf of the BCSA. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that you take care of. You folks are truly awesome.

This year we have added a new program: Women on Target. It is in conjunction with the NRA. Brad Kruger, along with Tom Harvill, have assembled a topnotch team of coaches and instructors that put on a great training class for women only. Once again, our volunteers jumped right in and got the ball rolling, and it is a huge success.

I take great pride in saying that I am a member of the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association. We have touched so many lives over the years, and I would like to think that we have made a lasting and positive effect on many. Keep up the great work.

— Bill Moody, President

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2019 Officers

- President—Bill Moody
- Vice President—Tom Johnson
- Treasurer—Gregory Miller
- Secretary—Lance Forbes

Directors 2018-2019

- Mike Emerson
- Scott Foster
- Kathy Konek

Directors 2019—2020

- Brian Book
- Stan Meyer
- Ron Shadel

Gun 'n Horn Show 2019

Feb 28th—4 p.m.—Setup

March 1st
Noon—6 p.m.

March 2nd
9 a.m.—6 p.m.

March 3rd
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Bonner County Fairgrounds



2018 MEMBERSHIP

76 FAMILIES
226 INDIVIDUALS
19 LIFE
1 YOUTH

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

Trail Cam Photo Contest

Enter your trail cam photos at the Gun 'n Horn Show.

- ◆ **\$1 entry fee per photo.**
- ◆ **Must have the date printed on the picture and taken since the last Show in 2018.**
- ◆ **Enter on March 1st—noon—7pm.**
- ◆ **Chance to win a new trail camera.**

Member Quote by Bruce ~
“It is worth the price of the BCSA membership just to attend the Christmas Dinner and party! “

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

As of January 2019 we have 188 “likes” on Facebook. Are you one of them? Great place to be reminded of upcoming meetings and the activities of the Association.

WHAT IS A 501(C)3 AND WHY DO WE WANT TO BECOME ONE?

Nonprofits are governed by the IRS's 501(c) section of the tax code, which recognizes 27 different types of nonprofits. The differences between each kind of non-profit is based upon four factors: (1) eligibility (who may join), (2) what kind of lobbying (influencing legislation) is permitted, (3) what kind of political support (electioneering) the organization may engage in, and (4) how contributions are treated by the IRS.

Currently, the BCSA falls under the 501(c)-7 category, which includes organizations that are created for social and/or recreational activities. 501(c)-7 organizations are exempt from federal tax as long as they are run for the benefit of their membership and do not try to make a profit (all receipts must be re-used for organizational activities). Under IRS regulations, 501(c)-7 organizations can restrict memberships to those who can afford the membership dues, lobby for their causes, and take political stances. The biggest distinction for a 501(c)-7 is that all contributions they receive outside of membership dues are taxable. Non-profits default to a 501(c)-7 classification if they do not apply for another designation.

The BCSA's current articles of incorporation, which was approved by the IRS in 1985 and re-affirmed in 1986, distinctly places the BCSA in the 501(c)-3 category. However, the application to become a 501(c)-3 was never submitted. Our club operates as a 501(c)-3 because we allow anyone to join, our membership dues are so low that anyone can join, the BCSA does not support any political activities, and we do not lobby. The biggest benefit, the ability to receive contributions from others that are tax-exempt for us and tax deductible to those who donate, we cannot use because we are not recognized as a 501(c)-3.

We're hoping to change that. We are in the process of applying for a 501(c)-3 status, but it may take up to 9 months after the application is filed to get a final determination. If we receive the IRS's approval, nothing will change, except that we will finally be allowed to receive tax-deductible contributions. — Marie Forbes, Member

Do You Like to Shop? - As the Christmas Party attendance grows every year, the task to shop for door prizes gets larger. I have had the pleasure of taking on this duty for the last few years and enjoy looking for those special sale items. Now I ask for your assistance. Contact me, to join the BCSA Christmas shoppers! You will be given a set amount of money to spend, and just a few presents to purchase. I will ask that they all get back to me by the beginning of November so we can then get together for a wrapping party! Please don't go out and buy things yourself and show up at the party with them. This is a very organized activity. Join the BCSA Christmas shoppers by calling Kathy at 208-267-8295. Together we can make this happen!

Brownells/NRA Youth Day at the Range

The BCSA has come a long way since the first Daughter's Day at the Range back in 2012. From 30 shooters to now over 100 youth, boys and girls, the program has grown in size and popularity.

The 8th Annual weekend for youth shooters ages 8-18 will be held June 15 and 16th, 2019, at the City of Sandpoint Outdoor Range.

The range use is donated, for the weekend, by the City. The program is supported by many local businesses: IDFG, Brownells, and the NRA. Over 40 adult volunteers (we need you!) help with everything from food and registration to the Safety program, to one on one instruction at the range.

Youth are introduced to the fun, excitement, and safety involved in shooting .22's. Parents participate in both the safety class, and by observing when their child shoots.

Last year 109 youth participated, and sign-ups for the two hour classes (4 held each day) will begin in January. Info will be available on the BCSA website, or by contacting Cathie Malison at jcmalison@gmail.com. Preregistration is a must, as we can handle only 14 kids per class. This is a perfect event to attend on Father's Day weekend!

— Cathie Malison, Member



JUST A BIT OF HISTORY

A search of old Sandpoint newspapers was recently attempted in order to discover more of our history. Below is what was found. Some of the dates were calculated from the story, and others are just the date of the story. We are sure this is just a start, but it gives the reader an idea of how our Association came to be.

- ◆ Aug. 25, 1919—Pend d'Oreille Fish and Game Protective association goes from a group of people to an organization.
- ◆ Apr. 19, 1920— Devotees of the rod and gun met and formed the nucleus for a sportsmen's organization to back the State Game Warden Otto M Jones.
- ◆ Jun. 2, 1920—Meeting of the sportsmen, Earl Farmin president. Committee to draft the by-laws for a county-wide organization was formed.
- ◆ Jul. 2, 1920—JE Ryan was elected as president of the Pend d'Oreille Fish and Game Protective association. Earl Farmin was the president of the temporary organization.
- ◆ Nov. 24, 1922—Story mentions that Dr. FG Wendle was active in forming the local association.
- ◆ Mar. 21, 1923—Nell Shipman signs up as the first woman member.
- ◆ Apr. 1924—120 members
- ◆ Sept. 11, 1925—The association goes from being a local group to joining the national Izaak Walton League.
- ◆ Sept. 1, 1931—Newly formed Bonner County Game Protective association has its first fair display pertaining to the hunting and fishing resources of the county.
- ◆ Oct. 27, 1931—The group takes the name "Bonner County Game Protective association" with 40 members voluntarily joining.
- ◆ Sept. 14, 1933—The paper mentions a reorganization meeting.
- ◆ Oct. 27, 1933—Still called the Bonner County Game Protective association. They decide to meet on the 4th Monday of the month. Discussion of planting elk and serving venison for the yearly game dinner was made.
- ◆ Feb. 9, 1934—This is the first mention of the Bonner County Sportsmen Association. So between October and February, the name changed.
- ◆ Dec. 11, 1934—292 members, \$175 on hand to carry on activities during 1935, \$63.75 was made at the dinner auction.
- ◆ 1936—Plant of Yellowstone elk in Hope/Trestle Creek. Mentions a different herd was released the previous year.

— Kathy Konek, Director

2019 Calendar

- Feb 8-10— KV Gun Show
- Feb 9—F4WM Banquet
- Feb 28 —BCSA Gun Show Setup

- Mar 1-3—BCSA Gun Show
- Mar 2 —Friends of the NRA Banquet
- Mar 17—Women on Target

- Apr 6—RMEF Banquet
- Apr 15 —Scholarship Apps Due
- Apr 28—Women on Target

- May 19—Women on Target
- May 20 —Camp Applications Due

- June 15-16 — Youth Day at the Range

- Aug 18-24 —Bonner County Fair



We've now completed five **Woman on Target** clinics (ten ladies per class) at the Hadley Range, and what a response! The clinics last from 8:15 am to about 2:30 pm, and include lunch, ammo, firearms and all the safety protection for safe handgun shooting. Classes are co-sponsored by the Bonner County Sportsmen and the NRA.

What starts out as early morning yawns quickly turns into interactive participation in the classroom safety and instruction portion of the class, then to huge smiles, high 5's, and "did you see that?" during the shooting session.

Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinics create more opportunities for women to learn all about firearms, and to gain confidence in newly acquired shooting skills. You'll learn safe firearms handling, how to store your firearms safely, shooting skills, and a sport you'll enjoy for a lifetime.

The highlight of the class is the shooting session that lasts nearly 2 hours. Participants progress from the sitting to standing positions shooting a variety of firearms. They start with 22LR single action revolvers, progress to 22LR semi-automatics and finish with 38 special double action revolvers and 9mm semiautomatics. There are a variety of firearms, giving the students opportunities to experience various trigger pulls and semi auto configurations. Small handguns vs. large handguns are provided to experience how grips vary, and the differences in recoil. Range safety officers watch over only two students during this session to oversee safety and provide individual attention and instruction. Ladies get lots of well coached trigger time!

Our classes in January and February are full. See the dates of the next classes by looking at the calendar on the previous page. The cost for the class is \$30, payable the day of the class. Sign up is through the NRA.org web site:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/instructoradmin/insPendingCourses.aspx>

— Tom Harvill, Instructor

GET INVOLVED!

The Bonner County Sportsman's Association needs you! There are lots of opportunities to help out, so volunteer a few hours to keep the BCSA rolling along. The club provides scholarships for students starting college – and it takes volunteers to make that happen. Many kids over the years have had their first chance to learn about firearms safety and how to shoot, through the Daughters and Sons at the Range event the club runs in June – it takes volunteers to help the kids learn and have fun. The BCSA sends a youngster to summer camp each year to learn about animals, fish, the forest and outdoor skills at the Fish and Game camp in southern Idaho – it takes volunteers to make this a reality for some lucky child. Many of our area youth learn through the Hunter Safety courses the club puts on – and that's right, it takes volunteers. At the annual Bonner County Fair we open up the Club's Wildlife center for all to come learn about the area's original native inhabitants – a fun event to volunteer at. Our club has two ranges that we support, and we have volunteers who keep those running. And our annual Gun 'n Horn show attracts participants from around the region each March, and that takes lots of volunteers.

All of these activities and more would benefit from your participation! You have ideas and enthusiasm, use them while you can! And enjoy sharing your experience with the upcoming next generations of sportsmen and women of tomorrow – while meeting like-minded folks today. A great way to start is to come to a meeting, see what's on the horizon, and jump in anywhere. We all have busy lives and responsibilities – and we are lucky to live in a beautiful place with all that the area has to offer. Please remember that you can make a difference in the life of another by giving of yourself and sharing your experience with your neighbors.

We meet the first Thursday of the month at the Leo Hadley Range on Lake St. in Sandpoint across from the City Hall. Long time resident or newcomer – doesn't matter at all. Hunters, fisherman and all other fancy liars welcome. Come down and sit in on a meeting and meet some friendly folks. We look forward to seeing you!

— Gregory Miller, Association Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator



BCSA 2019 Scholarship Reminder

The BCSA gives out \$1500 in scholarships each year to both youth and adults who are continuing their education after High School. Applicants must be Bonner County residents, and have successfully completed a Hunter Education class. The scholarships are given in memory of Leo Hadley and other dedicated sportsmen and women. Scholarship applications are available online at the BCSA website, at the Gun' N Horn Show, or by contacting Cathie Malison at jmalison@gmail.com, or by calling 208-266-0141. 2019 Scholarship applications are due by April 15, 2019.

Scholarship Winners for 2018 were:

Thomas E. Luckey, Coolin, ID – 2017 Priest River Lamanna High School graduate, attending the University of Idaho - \$250

Ciera Bailey, Sandpoint, ID – 2018 Sandpoint High school graduate, attending the College of Idaho - \$250

Maclain Orion Stultz, Sagle, ID – 2018 Sandpoint High school graduate, attending North Idaho College - \$500

Anthony W. Storro, Blanchard, ID -2017 Priest River Lamanna High School, attending the University of Idaho - \$500

2019 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 - Tom Johnson 208-263-9117

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. and Thur. 10AM-4PM Dec. 4th – 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

ARCHERY CLUB

Meeting 2nd Wed. each month Dec. - Aug.
Wed. 6PM-8PM Nov - April
Sr. League—Fri. 6PM-8PM Jan. - March
Youth Class— Sat. 4PM-5PM Jan. – May as use allows
Mike Emerson 208-255-8392
Bill Samms 208-263-9944 (Youth)

WOMEN ON TARGET

Monthly ~ Preregistration required
www.nrainstructors.org/instructoradmin/insPendingCourses.aspx
Brad Kruger bkruger@nrahq.org



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