

Bonner County Sportsmen's 2021 Newsletter



Association News A 501-c7 corporation

Note from the Past President

The Bonner County Sportsmen's Association has come a long way and has a long history of being involved with matters involving outdoor sportsmen's activities. We are very proud of our heritage.

Over the years we have witnessed the inception of many other organizations that have picked up the mantle, such as Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, The Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club just to name a few. Our mission has changed from boots on the ground and hands on, to monetarily supporting these great organizations along with funding a scholarship program and working closely with Idaho Department of Fish & Game with Hunter ED and also funding and operate Youth Day at The Range.

Funding these very worthwhile organizations and programs has become more challenging each year and a need for change was unavoidable. This change was achieved by becoming a 501C3 organization which proved to be a very long and complex process. If it were not for the hard work and dedication of two of our members that volunteered to do what they could to achieve this goal we would not be where are today.

Our volunteers are our most important and valued resource. Everything that we accomplish is done so by volunteers. It truly amazes me the number it takes each year to man and put on the various programs that we provide such as the Gun 'n Horn Show, Youth Day at The Range, Women on Target, the Wildlife Center at the fair grounds, Hunter Ed, Tuesday Thursday open Shoot, Rifle Club (Jr. & Sr.), Pistol Club, Archery Club, building maintenance, Association and Foundation officers and board members. None of these would exist if not for our volunteers.

At some point in time all of our programs were just ideas in someone's head. We need your ideas and thoughts on how we can improve or add to what we do or if you would just like to volunteer, we need to hear from you — Bill Moody, Past President

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2021 BCSA Officers

- President— Chad Landrum
- Vice President— Eric Gilbert
- Treasurer—Gregory Miller
- Secretary—

Directors 2021—2022

- Brian Book
- Otto Largen
- Ron Shadel

Directors 2020-2021

- Scott Foster
- Bill Moody
- Tom Johnson

2020 MEMBERSHIP

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

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW TODAY!



Women on Target - Going Strong

Our popular Women on Target program, which teaches handgun basics to ladies who are new or novice to this skillset, has been going strong since 2018. To date, 215 women from all walks of life and political perspectives have spent a pleasant Sunday learning about handgun safety and marksmanship, and developing a camaraderie with other lady shooters.

The course begins with about 3 hours of classroom instruction, but the real fun starts when the ladies spend the afternoon on the range. Working with a specially assigned line coach (all of whom are Range Safety Officers), the women get to shoot various calibers and styles of handguns. This allows them to experience what they like in a handgun, and helps them to better decide what works best for them. No one has yet left the course without a smile!

We owe a great deal of thanks to Cathie Malison, who has been instrumental in getting this program up and running. She has also been the Administrator for the course for the last two years, and will be greatly missed as she heads off to her Montana adventure with her husband John. Trying to fill those big shoes is Marie Forbes, who will be coordinating the monthly classes beginning in January 2021.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this class, please contact Marie (WOT.Sandpoint@gmail.com) with any questions you might have. Word to the wise: the courses typically fill up two months in advance, so please don't wait until the last minute! —Marie Forbes, WOT Coordinator

Remembering our dedicated volunteers

Born in 1928, **Richard James “OZ” Osborn** of Sandpoint, Idaho, passed on April 10, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, “Sally” Osborn; sons, Scott Osborn, Mike Osborn, Andy Freeman, and Dean Freeman; as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Oz was the youngest of four brothers growing up in the Great Depression era, worked summers in the family hardwood flooring business while attending college at San Jose State in California, later earning his master's degree in education. OZ was a talented and engaged “educator” ... high school wood shop, industrial arts consultant, industrial plastics instructor, and hunter education. He loved teaching young people and furthering their success in life.

OZ's life experiences include adventures of hunting and fishing, backpack trips, mountaineering (climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and others), bicycle touring in Austria, snow skiing, VW bus trip around North America in 1968, and minimalist travels in Canada, Americas, South America, Caribbean. Most notable and memorable for him was a 363-day deep-water sailing adventure on the South Pacific Ocean in his Mariner 40-foot ketch rigged sailboat “TA-ATA-ORI” (Dancing Man).

The latest 30-plus year adventure of North Idaho had been the “capstone experience” in his life. The last years spent winding down, enjoying the changing seasons, family, good friends, neighbors, and the Sandpoint community.

Some of his local volunteer involvement included helping to develop the Ed Lehman Wildlife Center at the fairgrounds, the Water Life Interpretative Center at the Sagle fish hatchery, and as hunter safety instructor for the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association.

OZ ... we will look for you in new spring blooms, peanuts on the deck, warm summer breezes, hand-cranked peach ice cream, a sailboat's wake, Indian paintbrush, fall colors, an arrows flight, the first snow, sawdust on the shops floor, handcrafted pieces, and quiet places...

What a ride... A life well lived... We will miss you...

A gathering for friends and family will be arranged in the future.

Clifford “Cliff” Theodore Lanning, 78, passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2020 in Sandpoint, Idaho. Private services will be held at a later date. Cliff was a member of the US Navy and was the head rangemaster at the outdoor shooting range. He also started the indoor shooting range.

Tuesday -Thursday Open Shoot

Once again the indoor shooting season is upon us and Jim Bonn has assembled his volunteer Range Safety Officers. Rumor has it that the diabolical side of Jim will once again make an appearance as he has had all summer to think up a variety of interesting and challenging contest to test your skills. As devious as he is known to get, be assured it will all be in the name of good sportsmanship and safety. There will be weekly contests that will be totaled up at the end of the indoor season and someone will be crowned BCSA Top GUN for 2021.

Keeping the doors open for this program depends solely on participation. We need to meet our obligation of paying for our range time plus the cost of targets and cleaning supplies.

We are sending out an open invitation to everyone to join in and have a remarkable good time at a low cost. Come in and check us out. If you are new to the shooting sport this is the place for you as our range officers are more than willing to assist you and help you to become the next TOP SHOT.

This program is designed for .22 caliber rim fire rifles and hand guns ONLY.

Our hours of operation will be 9am to 4pm Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning December 1st and run into April if participation allows.

Parking can be misgiving as the city employees take up most of the street parking on both sides of the street you may have to get creative and use the city parking lot. The range is seldom full.

The coffee pot is always on and there are plenty of stories floating around. Come in and enjoy. — Bill Moody, Range Master

2021 Calendar

Feb 13-14 — KV Gun Show
Feb 13 —F4WM Banquet
Feb 21 — Women on Target

Mar 4 —BCSF Gun Show Setup
BCSA monthly meeting
Mar 5-7—BCSF Gun 'n Horn Show
Mar —Friends of the NRA Banquet
Mar 21 —Women on Target

Apr 15 —Scholarship Apps Due
Apr 17 —RMEF Banquet
Apr 18 —Women on Target

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

June 19-20 — Youth Day at the Range

Aug 18-21 —Bonner County Fair

Aufwiedersehen to A Sportsmen's Mainstay

Military families quickly learn the heartache of saying goodbye, but they do so with the understanding that somewhere in the world their friendship carries forward. So too do we now face the same predicament, as Cathie and John Malison move to join their family in Montana.

Cathie and John are avid sportsmen with generous hearts. Their introduction to the Sportsmen occurred in 1998 at the Bonner County Fair, where they were sold their first membership to the Leo Hadley Range. Cathie's contributions to the Sportsmen as Secretary and Treasurer for the club, her chairing (or co-chairing) the Youth Day at the Range and Scholarship committees, and creating the Christmas Party centerpieces are only a few of the many activities the Sportsmen benefitted from over the last 20 years. John and Cathie have also generously donated items for the various raffles that the Sportsmen held, helping to fund many activities. At the same as they joined the Sportsmen, Cathie and John joined the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), where John served as Chapter chairman, and Cathie served as Treasurer and Merchandise Chairman at the local banquets. The Sportsmen have always supported the RMEF as a Habitat Partner, and being a member of both groups meant forming lots of new friendships, and learning about Idaho hunting, fishing, and conservation issues and successes. To quote the Malisons,

"The Bonner County Sportsmen's Association is an amazing organization. In New Jersey, where we moved from, groups like this that accomplished so many projects would always have a paid staff member to coordinate efforts. The BCSA is run entirely by volunteers, and the many successful programs that the group has supported have been made possible by the contributions of time, talent, and financial assistance from these volunteers. To be a part of this team has been a blessing, and we will miss our many BCSA friends. Of course, our move to Bigfork (only 175 miles away!) will allow us to be part of our grandsons' hunting and fishing education, and we are sure we will still come back to Sandpoint and visit."

Sadly for us, we say Aufwiedersehen to two exemplary friends. We wish them all the best in their future, and know that although we will miss them, we were blessed to have gotten to know them. Our friendships make their own way in the world, and we look forward until we meet again.

Foundation News

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2021 Officers

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

New Scholarship

A new scholarship is now available through the BCSF thanks to the generosity of Richard and Donna Hutter. The scholarship is funded by an endowment set up with the Idaho Community Foundation that will provide \$1000.00 per year to the BCSF. An applicant only need be a resident of Bonner County and be pursuing educational opportunities through a trade school such as North Idaho College or other bona fide trade school in Idaho. The application process is still being worked out but will be posted to the web site and at the schools soon.—Tom Johnson, President BCSF

Gun 'n Horn Show 2021

March 4th —4 p.m.—Setup
and BCSA mtg
March 5th
Noon—6 p.m.
March 6th
9 a.m.—6 p.m.
March 7th
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Bonner County Fairgrounds

Foundation Update - Yes, We Did!

Congratulations to one and all! As of November 3, 2020, the Bonner County Sportsmen's Foundation became a reality! For those who are unaware, the Bonner County Sportsmen do a lot of charitable work. From scholarships (academic and summer camp), to teaching (Youth Day At The Range, Women On Target), to conservation (management of the Wildlife Center), to outright donations to those in need, the Bonner County Sportsmen are an integral part of our community and culture. Our past president, Bill Moody, foresaw a need for the Sportsmen to gain public charity status so that all the good works could go farther, and a mission was born.

It has been about a year since we started this endeavor, during which we learned a lot and had to make a few decisions. Ultimately, it was decided that to attain the status of a public charitable institution, it was necessary for the Sportsmen to split into two different entities. The Association remains the social club it started as, managing and operating the Leo Hadley indoor range, continuing the Women On Target program, hosting the annual Christmas party (circumstances allowing), and acting as a general source of information and camaraderie. The new Bonner County Sportsmen's Foundation (a.k.a. the Foundation) is able to accept tax deductible donations, and with that will administer the scholarships and donations, continue training and teaching programs (such as Youth Day at the Range), operate the Wildlife Center, and organize and run the annual Gun 'n Horn Show. Although independent organizations with slightly different operating structures, they are both still your clubs.

As you might imagine, the transition from one organization to two separate entities can be challenging (especially given these times), but both are up and running well. Both are in good financial condition, are already planning for the next year (for example, the Foundation is getting ready for the Gun 'n Horn Show in March), and are thankful for the support that they receive from the membership. To find out anything about either organization, you can visit one website: <https://www.bonnercountysportsmen.org>. That page will direct you to the information you need, whether it is under the Association (BCSA) link or the Foundation (BCSF) link. Don't hesitate to contact anyone in either organization with your questions or ideas. We're still one family, enjoying the sportsman's life together! —Marie Forbes, Foundation Liaison

Lehman Wildlife Education Center

The Lehman Wildlife Education Center is located at the Bonner County Fairgrounds. This has been a slow year with all the Covid stuff happening. We did have a very successful fair this year with great crowds every day. I would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers who stepped up to man the building during the fair, we couldn't have done it without you. I especially want to thank the F4WM crew for helping to clean the mounts and building before the fair, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, John at Cabinet Gorge Hatchery for getting us fish for the pond and Josh Stanly and his C.O.s for making sure we got the Citizens Against Poaching (CAP) trailer which is always a big hit with the public.

A big thank you to Eric Jeffries at Selkirk Glass and Cabinets for donating, and replacing, the doors at the Wildlife Building. They were leaking and a cause for concern, but no more.

We have acquired an awesome beaver mount, cutting down a tree, donated by Danielle Ahrens. We are also working on a goat mount and a full body bighorn mount if all the paperwork goes through. As always we are continually working to upgrade old mounts, or get new ones, of animals that belong in Idaho. Some we are looking for are skunk, bobcat, Lynx, red fox, cross fox, pine martin, weasel, squawfish, bullhead, perch, just the things a kid might catch off the shore. The wildlife building is available for group tours and hope to get the schools back when things return to normal. If you have a group and want to schedule a tour call Don Banning at 208-610-3244, with a few days' notice we can set one up.

That said we are looking for somebody to take over running the Wildlife Center, this involves a few hours a month other than fair which is a week long commitment. [scheduling workers, cleaning before and after and scheduling group tours and meetings in building] If you are interested and have questions feel free to contact me at the above phone number. Remember this is an all-volunteer operation and we can't do it without your help and donations.

Hope you all had a Merry Xmas. And are looking forward to a prosperous new year ahead.

— Don Banning, Wildlife Center Manager



Youth Range Weekend June 19 & 20, 2021

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 2021 Gun 'n Horn Show, or e-mail bcsportsmensfoundation@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 or call him at 208-290-6846. — Cathie Malison, Past Youth Day Coordinator

2021 BONNER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

LEO HADLEY INDOOR RANGE SCHEDULE

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Meeting 1st Thur. each month Sept. – May

BCSA Past President - Bill Moody 208-290-6846

BCSF President— Tom Johnson 208-263-9117

BOW HUNTER ED.

At the Fairgrounds

Mike Emerson 208-255-8392

Al Phillips 208-263-8698

HUNTER/ARCHERY ED.

Last full week of month Feb. – Sept

Tom Johnson 208-263-9117

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

Brad Kruger bkruger@nrahq.org

ARCHERY CLUB

Wed. 6:30PM-8PM Nov. - Apr. Open Shoot

Fri. 6:30PM-8PM Jan.-Feb. League Shoot

Brian Book 208-610-1766



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