

# Brooklyn Sportsman's Club

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### Special points of interest:

- Community Awareness on Radon
- Pay your dues and work your hours
- Range Officer class
- IDPA Irish Hills Winter Shoot
- Fundraiser/Donations/ Membership Drive

## From the President

**John Calhoun**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am often asked why we don't use the clubhouse more for activities that may not be necessarily tied to the shooting sports. While driving north with a friend, we discussed what activities would fit that request. A couple of ideas popped up and I think we need to find out from the membership if it warrants further investigation.

One option is to have a Euchre League on Thursday evenings during the winter months. This would give our membership a chance to meet up with each other and do so on an evening that normally does not interfere with a lot of other activities. It would be a two-man (or mixed couple) teams paired up for the duration of the league with an eventual championship at the conclusion of the league. A portion of each entry fee would go to the Shop-With-a-Cop program for disadvantaged children's Christmas shopping spree that we help sponsor each year. This was discussed at the December Meeting and is a work in progress.

Another thought was a poker night with the same goal as the Euchre League to help fund some of the charities that we sponsor each year be it the Shop-With-A-Cop or the Brooklyn Food Pantry. Again, input is needed from the membership on how to put these together and basically see if there is any interest doing these activities.

Our club is a wonderful benefit to all of us, and our clubhouse is for the use of all members. With the Covid-19 rules, it has been hard to maintain a semblance of normalcy, "we have come through this" in regard to the pandemic.

Stay safe and see you soon.

**January is National Radon Action Month** and the club will host a Community Awareness on Radon January 2nd at 9:00. The club has hosted this presentation for several years as a benefit to its members and the general public.

The speaker is one of our own Michael S (Mick) Holmes who is also our 1st VP and Chief Range Safety Officer.

Mick has held many Radon Presentations throughout the community and across the state for civic organizations, Consumers Energy, and for state chapters of two separate national home inspector organizations.



## Land Use Committee

The 2021 Land Committee of the Brooklyn Sportsman's Club will initiate monthly meetings on January 13, 2021 at 5:30PM. The committee has scheduled meetings for 5:30PM immediately prior to each regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meeting. ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend these land committee meetings

and participate in the continuing development planning for the 27.14 acre parcel acquired most recently. This land was purchased and completely paid for by the membership assessments. The final payment and acquisition of title to the land was completed in April 2020. Current possible concepts for

## Phil Davis

development review, as identified at previous committee meetings, include: trap ranges and skeet fields; new and expanded pistol ranges; archery ranges and similar uses. We hope to see all interested members at these meetings to review ideas and proposals for implementing and funding development of this new land.

## Sporting Clays

Once again it's that time of year when the Clay's stand sponsorship is due.

To be a Clay stand sponsor, the fee is \$100.00 or the amount can be split with others to equal the total.

A couple of years ago John Calhoun was asking for sponsors and renewals. I didn't have an extra hundred dollars but I did have twenty, I approached the guys and had five, therefore the Club had a new sponsor (3 o'clockers), we share stand 9 with the BMW guys.

By the time our renewal came around our group had grown along with new membership. The 3 o'clockers now sponsor two stands. We share stand 5 with Diana Peacock and stand 9.

This money stays in the Clay's Fund as does the money from the Three Bird Shoots. This all helps the fund grow to go toward new equipment, repairs,

lights.

Sponsorship is also available for Five Stand and any of the Pistol Bays or Rifle Range.

**Sporting Clays Winter League Starts Sunday January 10, 2021 at 1:00pm the league runs for 6 weeks with dinner and awards the last night. Entry fee is \$125.00, sign-up at desk inside the clubhouse.**

Questions; see John Calhoun or Carmine McRoberts



## Membership

Your membership comes with a ten hour work requirement. The Brooklyn Sportsman's Club is a volunteer based club and there is always something that needs to be done.

During the year there are work parties that may have people washing windows, sweeping & mopping the floors, emptying the trash from the clubhouse, pistol bays, and the sporting clays field.

With the era of COVID-19 we can

always use the help disinfecting the table and chairs, cleaning the bathrooms, on & on & on.

If we don't get the volunteers we'll need to hire it done and that will mean a dues increase.

Help keep our shooting fees and our membership dues low, Volunteer today.

There is a new requirement That every member must

Did you work your ten hours?

attend a member orientation prior to their renewal in 2022, then once every 3 years. Orientation is held every fourth Saturday at 3:00PM, check the club calendar on the website.

The deadline for you 2021 membership dues is February 1, 2021. You can pay online through the Clubs website, we will also accept cash or checks.

## IDPA

We got off to a late start with the 2020 season, we renewed our affiliation with IDPA and with the help from many volunteers we finished the season with 40 shooters from our monthly match and 326 from our Defensive Pistol Mondays (IDPA).

Therefore IDPA will return for the 2021 shooting season.

We are also excited about having a winter match in February. If this is

successful it may become an annual event.

Our first monthly match won't be until May, but, our Defensive Pistol Mondays will start in April.

We are holding the first Irish Hills Winter Shoot on Saturday February 6, 2021. Sign up online at [practiscore.com](https://practiscore.com), then upcoming matches, enter bsc in the search

matches, our matches will start with BSC.



Contact people are, Mick Holmes, Arnold Trombley, and Walt Paegel.

## CRSO Report

The CRSO Committee has had a very busy year, dealing with COVID-19, following the rules, creating new rules, reviewing and making change to the Club's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), developing a power point for the member orientation, posting new range rules signage, and so much more.

We as a Committee have made recommendation to the Board and after discussion your Board adopted them.

The committee is looking for more members to help spread the load, more eyes and ears, different mind set, a new perspective.

In order to be eligible to serve, you must be a NRA Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO)

We currently have a Range Officer (RO) course scheduled for February

14th, with a CRSO course scheduled shortly there after. The RO class is a one day and the CRSO class is a two day event.

This is a Win-Win The student pays for the class and after working a couple of events the club reimburses you the cost of the class.

We have worked hard in order to keep the members and Club safe. We have created a CRSO contact form that we will be able to track the infractions which will help us develop for our future.

Let anyone from the committee know about your interest.

Mick Holmes-Chair

John Calhoun

Glen Cattell

Steve Collins

## Mick Holmes

Mark Huddleston

Chris McDowell

Scott Poet

Floyd Pratt

Jim Scout

Arnold Trombley



## August Elections

This past August at the General Membership Meeting we held our annual election. This meeting was the best attended meeting that I've seen in a long time.

The executive board ran unopposed with a new club secretary to fill a resignation.

The results are;

President- John Calhoun

1st Vice President-Mick Holmes

2nd Vice President- Ray Garrow

Treasurer-Diana Peacock

Secretary- Judi Whiteman, new

Current Directors are;

Steve Collins

Phil Davis

Kirk Culik

Scott Poet, new

Arnold Trombley, renewed

Floyd Pratt

## MSH

The Board is a one year term  
and the Directors are a three  
year term.

## Treasurer's Report

I hope all of our members and guest are staying safe and well. Brooklyn Sportsman's Club is weathering the pandemic reasonably well. We are a bit down on our number of shooters/ rounds but have managed our expenses in order to match the activities of the club. You are seeing the fund balances as of 11/30/2020. The final large invoices for the year are for insurance coverage and the purchase of clay targets, both funds have the monies to cover the expenses. If you ever have any questions or wish to view the

records please feel free to contact me. Once the financial records for the month are presented and approved by the Board, they're filed on site.

Very shortly our internal Audit Committee will be meeting to review all financial records for 2020. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Arnold Trombley. Finally, 2020 records will go to Dan Maloy, CPA in Adrian Michigan for tax preparation.

General member dues are \$90.00, an

## Diana Peacock

additional \$10.00 will cover a NRA yearly membership.

If you are over 65 years old and have been a member for ten consecutive years, you can apply for a life membership.

A financial statement table with multiple columns and rows. The columns include 'ACCOUNT', 'DEBIT', 'CREDIT', and 'BALANCE'. The rows list various accounts such as 'Cash', 'Accounts Receivable', 'Inventory', 'Prepaid Insurance', 'Property', 'Equipment', 'Accumulated Depreciation', 'Accounts Payable', 'Unearned Revenue', 'Retained Earnings', and 'Total'. The table shows the financial status of the club as of 11/30/2020.



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## BROOKLYN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

To promote youth hunter's, education, community service and education, the shooting sports, sportsmanship, environment, and conservation of natural resources.



## Colonel James P. Newbill Educational Scholarship



This years recipient of the Colonel James P. Newbill Educational Scholarship was Hannah Foltz and she is a sophomore attending Coastal Carolina University. Ms. Foltz is pursuing the major of marine science in hopes to study shark biology in the future. This year has definitely been different and difficult with all the online classes. However, the teachers and staff have been very accommodating and helpful making this year go by smoothly. I am also on the Executive Board for The Coastal Elasmobranch Society and will hopefully be visiting the Bimini Shark Lab to help with research in the summer. "I look forward to being back on the range in the spring at the club!" Ms. Foltz has been a shooter at the club for several years with her father, Franz.

We wish her all the best with all her future endeavors.

The Colonel Newbill Scholarship is funded by his widow, Jan Newbill who is an honorary member of the Brooklyn Sportsman's Club.



## Fundraiser / Donations / Membership Drive

With the most recent Land Use Committee meeting, several ideas and proposals were suggested with regard to the last land purchase where the membership received an assessment to pay for the property. Keeping this in mind, how do we pay for the additional wants of the Club. Which may include Trap/Skeet range, re-design to see if we are using the property to it maximum potential, moving dirt, storage sheds, alleviating or repositioning the Mid-Bays that currently face south.

Should we assess the members again? Probably not. Should we borrow the money while the interest rates are low? Should we do a Fundraiser? Ask for Donations? Push a Membership Drive?

What will be the economic and political climate be in 2022, 2023, 2024. Will clubs like ours have the ability to survive?

With big events (money makers) for the club we need to start as early as the spring of 2021.

