

Brooklyn Sportsman's Club

BSC SIGHT PICTURE

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From the President

John Calhoun

Great time of year! Leaves are changing and bow season is in full swing. Spotting large bucks this year on my hunting grounds and if I can coordinate them being where I am at the right time, there just might be backstraps on the grill.

We have completed all the scheduled large corporate shoots and again we received compliments on the grounds, targets, services and are receiving bookings for 2024 shoots. One of the main fund raisers that the club is involved with is the Shop With A Cop program. We will be holding a special shoot for this cause on the 4th of November and I encourage all members to participate. There will be both shotgun (Sporting Clay's) and pistol (IDPA and USPSA) events scheduled, so you can pick your sport!

We are inching closer to our land closing for the approximately 4.5 acres of additional property to the west of our main drive. I have been contacted by the surveyor and he estimates that we should have a final legal description by the end of October. We can then arrange for closing and begin the fencing, layout and tree plantings that will follow (hopefully before the frost sets in the ground).

Get out to the club and get those shotguns and rifles sighted in! Good luck to all of you hunters and remember that this club has something for everyone!

Special points of interest:

- From the President
- Elections
- Life gets in the way
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Rimfire Challenge



We started shooting Rimfire Challenge on the 2nd Sunday of the month April through October. Getting four matches under our belt. We ended our first year with a visit from the President of the Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association, Peter Swenson.

This is similar to Steel Challenge, however, this is shot with Rimfire (.22lr) ONLY! Pistol, Revolver or Rifle.



The rules are a little different than Steel Challenge. Target placement is not dictated and can be 5-7 targets placed no closer than 21 feet.

Scoring is available through PactiScore

The match is to be run using both pistol and rifle by all competitors, We will run a hybrid match if you only have a pistol bring that, if you only have a rifle bring that. We don't expect anyone to run out and purchase the one they don't have.



Heidi Roberts



Pete Swenson, Mick Holmes

Save the date (s)

BSC also gave two \$500.00 scholarships to C. O'Brian and E. Martin.

We are currently updating our website with a rollout in 2024, Joshua Novikov will present his version to the BOD at our December board meeting.

Veterans day is Saturday November 11th and all veterans shoot for free.



Saturday December 2nd at 10:30 we will be decorating a Christmas tree donated by Mick Holmes, items needed; tree skirt, ornaments, white lights, tree topper, icicles. This will help decorate the clubhouse for the Santa visit during the Shop with a Cop event (s) for lunch and wrapping.



Lunch for the workers!

BSC will once again hold a Low Light Shoot on November 11th and December 9th starting at 6:00pm in the clubhouse then going to the range for live fire exercises.

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January is National Radon Action Month and the club will host a Community Awareness on Radon **Saturday January 6th 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.



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Elections

This past August at the General Membership Meeting we held our annual election. This meeting is the best attended meeting of the year, as it should be.

The executive board ran unopposed along with two Director renewals.

The results are;

President– John Calhoun
1st Vice President–Mick Holmes
2nd Vice President– Ray Garrow

Treasurer–Diana Peacock

Secretary– Lisa Poet

Current Directors are;

Terry McClain,

Jeff McClurg

Steve Low

Scott Poet, renewed

Arnold Trombley, renewed

Floyd Pratt,

Many Committee Chairs are open, maybe you could help your club.

If interested see John Calhoun.

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Membership meetings are even numbered months;

February

April

June

August—Election of Officers

October

December

We have started door prize (s) some time ago and you must be present to win.

Could be a shooting card, gas card, Cabela's gift card, free lunch, free water or a picture opportunity with the Club President John Calhoun.

Dues

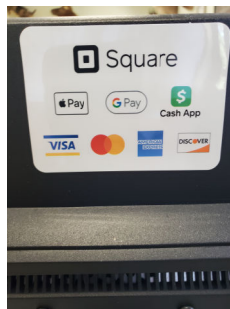
It's that time of year that you'll be seeing email reminders about your club dues.

The reminders usually go out December 1st as per our bylaws, however we started a little early this year trying to catch the "Snowbirds" before they head towards a warmer climate.

Dues are \$120.00 per year if you are 65 and over and \$180.00 per year if under 65 years of age.

Dues are prorated monthly for all new members.

We are now setup to take credit card payments at the desk.



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Work the Desk

As of late, we closed the scheduled shooting activities on a Thursday because of the lack of shooters, no one available to work the desk and rainy weather.

This is a shotgun issue, the desk workers register you, take your shooting fees, oversee the shotgun activity that day.

Shotgun days are; Tuesdays-all day, Thursdays-all day, the second & fourth Saturdays for Sporting Clays and Five

Stand, Saturday with a fifth Saturday we hold a three bird event.

All other shooting events are paid on the range that is being utilized.

You don't need to commit for the entire day, work a couple of hours, do what you can. Spread the work load.

We will train.





Practical shooting is a year-round activity. The cold months may force competitors into stationary contests and indoors for dry fire training, but the hungry stay focused. Brooklyn Sportsman's Club makes every effort to accommodate that competitive spirit. 2023 is a perfect example. January through March hosted small but dedicated squads of shooters braving cold temperatures to hear the sound of lead striking steel. April promised the return of run and gun fun.

April saw first time major match director Alex Mansfield, along with a cast of cohorts from the club, bring the Cheely Custom Gun Works Michigan Sectional Championship to Brooklyn. For nearly two days the weather cooperated, but it's springtime in Michigan and Mother Nature would make her rainy appearance. The late-stage downpours didn't hamper the men and women committed to achieving their goals early in the USPSA season. When the clouds cleared there were some familiar faces atop the leaderboard. Open shooter Gregory Clement, a Hillsdale college student (now graduated) brought home the overall win. Jake Walker, a BSC regular, was best in the popular Carry Optics division. Full results are available here- <https://practiscore.com/results/new/8a86be17-df79-4038-957f-e308611f85bf>

Locals and club members were treated to a May monthly match that featured stages from Mansfield's major. The setup crews appreciated the break, and the shooters embraced the challenge. Steel Challenge was shelved for the short term to lighten the setup and tear down workload. It would return after the USPSA major championships were completed.

The turnaround to another and even bigger match was just long enough to whip the events bays, and this time, the mid bays into top form. The first of June saw a familiar title sponsor. The Cheely Custom Gun Works Area 5 USPSA Championship returned to BSC for a curtain call. Match director Ken Lane, (KJ) stepped into a comfortable role after successfully directing the previous summer and taking the lead on our local level I matches. With the help of our USPSA regulars 15 stages, chronograph testing, and a function/sight in bay, found their homes in every corner of the club. It was no big surprise that Nils Jonasson repeated in the Carry Optics division, defending his 2022 title from a large and hungry field. High overall went to Army Marksmanship Unit standout Aaron Eddins. He earned top spot over a familiar face, Andrew Hyder- the lightning-fast gunslinger from central Ohio. Full results for the 2023 Area 5 championship are available here-

<https://practiscore.com/results/new/d7dded86-b0f7-406a-8503-99a5a76f41a7>

So many people deserve recognition for their roles in both these major events. Some are familiar, others new. Thank you to the range staff and officials from near and far for keeping the competition equitable and fair. A special thanks to all of the members who took it upon themselves to volunteer. The people on the range, in the clubhouse, and working before and after the event, our gratitude knows no bounds. We pour ourselves into these events but without everyone who does the same no one person could make it happen. The men and women who gave of themselves are the reason our club continues to host world class shooting events. Every volunteer, parts large or small, owns a piece of these victories. We can all take pride in the four championships hosted by Brooklyn Sportsman's Club in 2022 and 2023.



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USPSA



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The end of these matches brought a string of changes. Longtime curators of USPSA and Steel Challenge Walt and Svetlana Paegel, and Ken "KJ" Lane elected to take a less prominent role going forward. That allowed me (Ricky Roberts) to take a more active role in our matches. Each in their turn has contributed mightily and has offered support. Their tutelage has been invaluable, and I continue to learn each time they offer advice.

Because major championships cycle around the state and area, it's unlikely BSC will see one for several years. That break allows this transition time to happen fluidly. Heidi Roberts, my wife, and I are eager to continue our development as USPSA range officials. We aspire to the safest, most exhilarating, shooting sports experiences we can bring to BSC. Floyd Pratt has been an invaluable asset as pistol chair and as a cohort who cares deeply about this club and the shooting sports at large.

The three of us brought the last three monthly USPSA matches to our cadre of shooters. The USPSA season closed with solid attendance and an eye toward future possibilities. Anyone interested in participating, volunteering, and joining us in this transition should contact Ricky or Floyd.

Looking towards the end of 2023, will continue shooting Steel Challenge all winter, allowing anyone who cares to brave the elements a chance to stay on top of their game. Matches are held on the events bay the second Saturday of every month. Registration is at 9am with first shots at 10am. Register in person or at PractiScore.

2024 will see more of the same. While the shoes left to fill are quite large, the desire to continue a program that any club would envy is larger. I invite anyone who sees this transition as a good time to try USPSA or Steel Challenge to contact me – bscmatch@gmail.com or to introduce yourself to me or Heidi if our paths cross. Come out and try your hand at a shooting sport that's second to none! It's been our pleasure to represent Brooklyn Sportsman's Club, to bring USPSA to our area and our members. Our mission is to continue the tradition that so many of you have worked hard to establish. Join us in 2024.



Pistol Committee Chair

Floyd Pratt

With the retirement of KJ Lane from the Chairman of the Pistol Committee I (Floyd Pratt) was recommended, approved and accepted the role of Pistol Committee Chairman. Thanks to KJ for the lessons taught, the rational of stage design, and the tireless dedication in his numerous role in the past Michigan Sectionals and Area 5's. The event experts / owners commonly known as Match Directors are expert in their roles and will be my pleasure to work with and support everyone. I see my role as facilitating a consistent published schedule of pistol events and support each so enjoyable and safe pistol activities are available at BSC.

With the completion of the traditional pistol events, the mid-bay and events range canopies have been secured for the winter. Target stands, walls, and wall bases on the events bay are nearly ready for the winter. Bay 8 remains set up pending a possible shoot by Columbia PD, and the Shop with a Cop fundraiser. A roof protecting mid bay prop walls was built and attached to the main mid-bay storage trailer. Improved wall access and enables varied shooting stages.

IDPA: BSC is registered officially for the next three years in IDPA. Thanks to Mick Holmes for processing and seeing completion of the item.

USPSA and Steel Challenge: Ricky Roberts has accepted the match director roles for each of these events. Ricky's dedication to USPSA is keeping USPSA available at BSC. Many thanks to Ricky.

Steel Challenge is planned to be run on the 2nd Saturday through winter. Hoping we're not shooting in 9 degree weather. Even the center fire pistols had a hard time.

We have a NEW shooting event at BSC. RIMFIRE Challenge !! Kind of similar to steel challenge until you get into the detail. Limited to 22LR pistols and rifles but bring what you have. You could see 4 to 7 steel targets in any format that Mick chooses. He keeps things close and fast but gets tricky sometimes. We've hosted shooters from South Kent Shooting Club (close to 2 hours away from BSC). Also the President of Rimfire Challenge Shooting Association. Thanks Mick Holmes for taking this challenge on. It's good for BSC to offer and support this shooting event. Get those 22's out of the safe and join us next year (but start practicing) it's a blast !!!

Thanks to the other match directors, without you we'd not have the pistol sports available at BSC like we do. In addition to the activities noted above **"Thanks"** to the Match Directors, Experts, and Hosts of additional shooting events at BSC. SASP, IDPA Level I, Defensive Pistol, Armed Women of America, 3-Gun, 9 Pin (both rim fire and center fire).

Any gripes, complaints, moans, groans, kudos, or comments can be directed to me at FJPRATT052@gmail.com. Phone doesn't work when I'm on the range which is frequent. Even on shot gun days with my 3 o'clock colleagues. Or on most Thursdays on the trap range.

Thank you, Stay safe and have fun shooting.

Shop Rat Foundation

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SHOP RAT FOUNDATION

On September 16th the Shop Rat Foundation held their Thank you event with a Sporting Clays shoot at the Club. Kelly does a great job, well organized,

We did however, double book the clubhouse, the Armed Women needed it for about an hour and we made it work.



Thank a Veteran

As all ex-servicemen and women know, you never really retire from the military. You will always be held to high standards, whether that's your family expecting you to be in great shape, or your co-workers expecting you to lead a task and handle stress. The responsibility of the military is expected to stick with you forever.

Don't join the military if you want to be rich, spoiler alert you won't be. Whilst some people may join for a bonus or to pay off student loans, which is a great benefit, the take home money is actually low. Whilst the memories and experience are priceless, if you're only concerned about money, the military is not your best option.

Many of our members enlisted voluntarily while others entered under the "Draft" either way they served their country.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Name	Branch	Years of Service
Mick Holmes	Army Medic	1973-1980
Arnold Trombley	Air Force	1972-1976
Chris Knipp	Air Force	1981-1986
Trent Mitchell	Navy	1984-1988
Terry McLain	Army	1967-1969
Tim Tennis	Army	1968-1970
Bob Jenson	USMC	1967-1976
Don Duvall	Navy	1964-1968
Mike Warden	Canadian Armed Forces	1970-1973
Dustin Lanehart	USMC	2001-2006
Harry Krass	Navy	1962-1963
Ken Meyer	USMC	1969-1971
Randy McGraw	USMC	1959-1983
Mike Gusineua	Army	1965-1967
Scott Richards	Navy	1977-1984
Phillip C. Davis	Army	1971-1978
John Ofchar	Army	Donated golf cart



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Brooklyn Sportsman's Club Presents Scholarship

The Brooklyn Sportsman's Club's yearly "Colonel James Newbill" \$1,000 scholarship was presented on Wednesday October 11, 2023 at the Club.

The deserving recipient was Abigail Miles of Parma. Abby is the daughter of Jen and Brian Miles. She attended Western High School and will be attending Lansing Community College, for her second of four years, to obtain a BS in Business Finance.

His widow, Jan Newbill, donated the scholarship fund in honor of Colonel James Newbill. The annual scholarship is open to all area high school students and applications are available online at:

<https://www.brooklynsportsmansclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/BSC-Application-2024.pdf>

or by calling (517) 592-1785.



Abby Miles and Jan Newbill
Receiving the Colonel James Newbill 2023 Scholarship at Brooklyn Sportsman's Club



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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.

Life Gets In The Way

We are a volunteer club and when life gets in the way, we look to others to fill that much needed void.

It doesn't matter if it's a illness, a surgery, a injury or even a death. We are very appreciative for members like you, so we can continue to run as normal.

THANK YOU ALL!

BSC Legacy Fundraiser "Be Remembered"

You are never too late.

Order your brick today. We plan on placing two orders per year with installation during the warmer months.

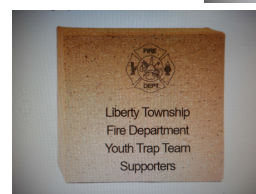
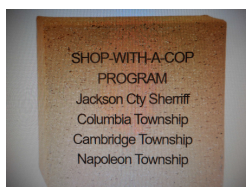
When your inscribed brick is here we will dig out a plain brick and replace it with yours.

This is an on going fundraiser for the club.

The Brooklyn Sportsman's Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization located in Brooklyn, Michigan nestled in the beautiful Irish Hills.

See the attached order form or go to our website under the new Donations tab and order and pay there.

www.fundraisingbrick.com/bscleadership/



9/30/2023

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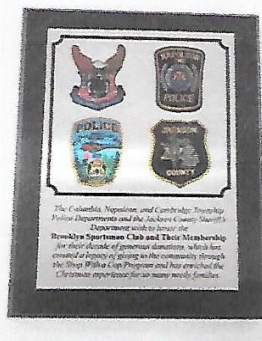
Shop With A Cop Special Shoot

\$25.00

DATE: Saturday

11/04/23

Time: 9:00am



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The Brooklyn Sportsman's Club has been involved with the Shop With A Cop program for over a decade. We will be holding a day of shooting to help raise money for the program on Saturday November 4th starting at 9:00am.

We will be offering 10 stations of Sporting Clays (shotgun) and for the pistol shooters we will have a sampling of Steel Challenge, shooting 5 steel plates in 5 strings with the slowest time thrown out.

USPSA is a run and gun shooting competition, shooting around barricades, activating targets, this is a points based scoring.

IDPA is a defensive pistol competition, these scenarios are designed as it could happen, (bad guys attacking you) shooting around walls and vehicles, this is a points down scoring system



Once again, the Brooklyn Sportsman's Club will be participating in the Shop with a Cop program this holiday season.

Departments are the Jackson County Sheriff, Columbia Township, Napoleon Township, & Cambridge Township.

Kids are selected by their schools, escorted by the deputies & officers from the various departments to Walmart to do shopping for their family members.

After shopping, they all returned to the Club for lunch and wrapping. We aim to do the same this year.

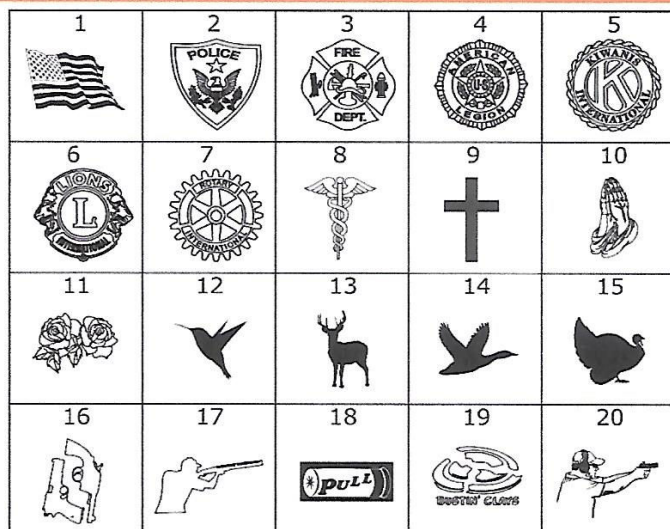


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Make Checks Payable To: Brooklyn Sportsman's Club



Brooklyn Sportsman's Club Legacy Project "Be Remembered"



- ☐ 4X8 Brick **\$100 No Clipart** (3 lines, 20 char/line)
- ☐ 4X8 Brick **\$150 With Clipart** (3 lines, 15 char/line)
- ☐ 8X8 Brick **\$200 No Clipart** (6 lines, 20 char/line)
- ☐ 8X8 Brick **\$250 With Clipart** (4 lines, 20 char/line)
- ☐ 8X8 Brick **\$1000 Corporate Logo**

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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY, ORDER YOUR BRICK TODAY!



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Colonel James P. Newbill Scholarship Application

The Brooklyn Sportsman's Club is currently offering scholarships to a high school senior, graduate, or college student. This may be used for tuition or room and board. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the contact information for the student business services department at the college they are attending. Awarded last year one Newbill (\$1000.00) and two BSC (\$500.00 each).

- Applicant must be a high school senior or graduate, with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 point system, or the equivalent on a 5 or 6 point system. College students must meet the same requirements. **An official transcript is required with the application.**
- Applicant must provide proof of college or community college enrollment.
- Please briefly outline why you would like to be considered for the Brooklyn Sportsman's Club scholarship.
- **Applications, transcripts, outline, and proof of enrollment must be received by the club no later than July 1st of the scholarship year.**
- Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the educational institution.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CURRENT GPA: _____ H.S.SCHOOL: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING: _____

FIELD OF STUDY: _____ (Optional)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please attach all supporting documentation for this application and mail to:

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INCOMPLETE OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE JULY 1ST DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.