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In Remembrance

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of a long member Roger King whose love of the BSC was undeniable. Roger will be missed. The Club voted to have a wall plaque made and invite the family when it is presented to the Club, hopefully at the February 11th Grand Slam Fishing Derby Dinner.

Membership

The Club membership stands at 145 with 30 available slots.

Annual Membership Fee Schedule:

NEW MEMBERSHIP: \$150 (includes a one-time initiation fee)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \$120

SENIOR (age 65 and older) MEMBERSHIP: \$60

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$1000 (nonrefundable)

ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERSHIP: FREE

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$5 each

Grand Slam Fishing Derby Dinner

Saturday, February 11 at 6:00PM the Annual Dinner will be held at the BSC Hall. This year we will feature a Prime Rib BBQ and of course a band. For tickets call Mark Koenig at 978-724-0213.

Christmas with Santa

The annual Christmas Party entertained 10 children of our Club members. Santa ... gifts ... food ... fun were the highlight of the day. Thanks to Dave and all who helped.

Outdoor Sporting Functions 2016 Season

Archery, .22LR, 200 yard shoot and Trap are all closed for the 2016 Season. After September 16th Pistol will switch to Saturday mornings.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO HEAD-UP THE CLUB'S THE SPORTING CLAY FUNCTION. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL FACILITY FOR THIS SPORT. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED.

If you have an interest and would like to ensure this activity continues, as in the past, please step forward and express your desires to one of the Club officers. If you have questions /concerns as to what is involved they will be able to help you or direct you to a person with that knowledge.

Range Guidelines for Law Enforcement Agencies

Procedural changes have been drafted for Law Enforcement Agencies use of our Range. This has evolved as a result of inadequate Range housekeeping. It is hoped that this mandate will result in a cleaner Range for all to enjoy.

A Form will be provided to the Requestor representing the Law Enforcement Agency. This form is to be completed by the Firearms Instructor or Chief of Police and handed or mailed to the Club Secretary as follows;

Warren Farnham
842 Daniel Shays Highway
New Salem, MA 0135

The Reloading Corner

AMMO HANDLING

By Glen Zediker:

Last time we talked about case lube, and also about getting it gone. This time, let's talk about storing ammo. Concerns and cautions aren't necessarily only applicable to those looking to store a lot of ammo for a very long time. Nope. Ammo can "go bad" pretty quickly.



I use these pretty much the same as everyone. However! This is handy convenience but it's not really air-tight storage. Old-school mil-spec ammo boxes work best for rounds to be left up on a shelf. They are reasonably priced and reliably dry. It's excess humidity, not so much temperature (too warm or too cool), that does the longer-term damage to ammo and components. (Outside) air-tight is the trick.

Tough to see good efforts go to waste. Remanufactured ammo has a shelf life, but I can't say exactly what that will be for everyone. "Cool" and "dry" are our allies, but, here in Mississippi, and in many other similar climates, that's tough to find without climate-controlled storage.

Moisture, mostly, is the enemy. Propellants can last for years and years and years, if they're stored air-tight. When a propellant goes bad, it smells bad. Very acrid. Or it gets moist, and then its ruined too. Use it for garden fertilizer (honestly). Primers likewise need to be stored away from contact with outside air.

After time, it's common for reloads to develop "stiction," which is a freezing of the bullet in the case neck. Some call it a "cold-weld." Despite reasons some have provided to describe a near-alchemy-like relationship between brass alloys and copper alloys, it's more simple than that. All this is corrosion.



The chemically-responsible source of the corrosion is from touching the bullets with the fingers. If you're loading for extended storage it might be wise to avoid epidermal contact with the bullets by wearing latex-examination-type gloves when you're seating. Get them at a drug store.

A work-around if you encounter a stiction condition is to seat the bullets just a tad deeper. This breaks loose the bond. It's liable to take a good 0.005-inches additional dialed into the bullet seating die to hear the "pop." And it

will make a pop. This is the “trick” I use to pull down Lake City .308s to break the “seal.” Moving the bullet, therefore, may negate this sticking, and it’s then not likely to reoccur. It would be easy enough to leave bullets in loaded rounds standing tall and then finish the seating to desired length prior to firing them, but the only problem with this tactic (including “popping” the seal) is if there is stiction afoot the resultant increased force to seat may cause change to the case neck/shoulder area, possibly also damage to the bullet. It takes some force.

Stiction is rare in commercially-loaded ammo. Folks who have pulled down thousands of mil-spec bullets from ammo loaded for decades don’t encounter it. Again, it’s from touching the bullets. Factory ammunition, by the way, is frequently assembled with a sealant. Likewise, neither cases nor bullets are normally handled during the process of loading at an ammo factory. It’s automated.



Coated bullets don’t seem to develop this condition of “stiction” in the case neck, although they still need to be stored in air-tight containers because the coating can attract moisture that’s been known to corrode the bullet underneath the coating. Moly coating (molybdenum-disulfide) contains sulfur and sulfur dioxide, and those react with moisture in the air to produce sulfuric acid, and that eats metal. I prefer boron-nitride as a bullet coating. Works the same, meaning just as well and in the same way, and fewer worries. And, no, lubes and waxes are not even a little bit wise.

I’ve had this happen, and the results (on this batch) were blown primers. There was that much more resistance to overcome at the moment of bullet release, and less than a millisecond is moment enough to spike pressures. This, indeed, is a problem, and it’s very important for those looking to rely on a stock on hand. Inspection of these pulled bullets and case necks showed a few fingerprint whorls on the bullets and the case neck insides showed bright patches where, evidently, the bullet had been frozen in place and abraded the surface upon removal. Stiction doesn’t happen overnight. The rounds I encountered this in had been loaded, though, for only about two years. Not really a long time. You might want to check a couple of rounds if you have any that have been sitting back a spell and see what you find, especially if you see any corrosion on the exposed bullet. As suggested, an easy check is seating a bullet a few thousandths deeper and seeing how much resistance there is compared to that on a fresh loading.

Don’t leave propellant sitting out in a meter! Empty it back into its canister at the end of each loading session. Keep it sealed. I’ve done enough weight-tests to tell you that it soaks up moisture in a hurry.

The preceding is a specially-adapted excerpt from the new book, “Top Grade Ammo,” by Glen Zediker. It’s soon to be available at BuyZedikerBooks.com or call 662-473-6107. You can also find Glen’s other works at [Midsouth Shooters Supply’s](http://MidsouthShootersSupply’s).

Hall Rental Notice and Reminders

- (1). Bar Tender - If you require a bar tender, the requestor is responsible for making those arrangements through the Club Bar Manager. Chris Duggan is the current Bar Manager. He can be reached at (978) 926-5878.
- (2) Crowd Control Manager - **MA laws require that if the event will have over 100 people, you must have a CROWD CONTROL person (one for 100 people). If it is a private function, the sponsor will have to get a Crowd Control certification, and provide evidence of this Certificate prior to the event to comply with MA laws.** You can obtain a certificate by taking a brief test at: <http://public.eopsselearning.com/>. (also see info below on this subject)
- (3). Clean up – The return of your ‘Deposit’ depends on how the hall is left after your function. The renter will be responsible for assuring that the club is restored back to its original condition or better. After inspection by one or more members of the board, the deposit will be refunded to the person renting. The person renting the club must attend the entire event for which the club was reserved.

Other Club Reminders

- The **Entrance Gate Lock** has changed BUT the code to unlock it remains the same.
- The updated membership cards should be available at the July Club meeting.
- **Crowd Control Manager(s) are required by Mass Law for ALL indoor Club functions.** All members are urged to go online to take this 30 minute course to get certified as a Crowd Control Manager. The Website address is <http://public.eopsselearning.com/> and click on the DFS-Crowd Manager Training.
- When you leave the property; PLEASE close the gate & lock the new combination lock.
- NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME – this is NOT a club rule but is a STATE LAW due to our liquor license.
- Please ‘POLICE’ the range after use to clean up your cartridges/shells.
- By-Laws are available online.

BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 2017 EVENT & FUNCTION CALENDAR

NOTE: The dates in italic have NOT been confirmed by the POC

JANUARY

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Wednesday, 11th - Hunters Education, 6:30-9:00PM (snow date: 12th), POC: Rick French

Saturday, 21st - Hunters Ed, continued, 8:00-3:00PM, POC: Rick French

Sunday, 22nd - Hunters Ed, continued, 8:00-3:00PM, (snow date: 28th) POC: Rick French

FEBRUARY

Thursday, 2nd - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 11th – Grand Slam Fishing Derby, Time: TBA, POC: Mark Koenig

MARCH

Thursday, 2nd - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 11th - Game Supper, 6:00PM, POC: John (Fig) Neri

Saturday, 18th - Lamb Dinner, 5:00PM, POC: Tony Pitisci

Saturday, 25th - Youth Turkey Hunt Training Course, 8:00-3:00PM POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley

APRIL

1st of month - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES BECOME PAYABLE

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 22nd - Youth Turkey Hunt, 8:00-noon, POC's: Rick French & Pepper Cooley

Sunday, 23rd - Ham/Meat Shoot, 10:00 AM, POC: Janet Pierce

Saturday, 30th - **REMINDER: EARLY DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**



AVOID LAPSE IN YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP



MAY

Thursday, 4th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Sunday, 21st - Sportsman's Challenge, All Day, POC: John (Fig) Neri

JUNE

Thursday, 1st - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

JULY

Thursday, 6th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

AUGUST

Thursday, 4th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 1st - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM ... Annual Installation of Club Officers

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, 9th - Fall Club Grounds Spruce-Up

Sunday, 10th - Clambake, 11:00AM, POC: John (Fig) Neri

Friends of the NRA Banquet (details when they become available)

OCTOBER

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Saturday, October 7th - Massachusetts Youth Deer Hunt (time TBA), POC: Rick French

Saturday, October 7th - Fall Hunter's Kickoff & Gun Raffle, 6PM, POC's: Rob Deschenes & Meridith Young

Saturday, 28th - Youth Pheasant Hunt, 9:00AM, POC: Chris Duggan

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 2nd - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM

BOD Meeting - TBA

Sunday, 12th - Turkey Shoot, 10:00AM, POC: Janet Pierce

DECEMBER

NO Club Meeting this month, resume in January 2018

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Sunday, 3rd - Children's Christmas Party, 1:00PM, POC: Dave Fleming

OTHER POCs for Sporting Functions:

Trap – POC: Mike Noblini (508) 889-7839

Sporting Clays – POC: (looking for volunteer(s) to fill this position)

Archery – POC: John (Fig) Neri (978) 355-4071, Mondays at 6pm (~April to Oct.)

Range .22 Shoot – POC: Tony Pitisci (978) 355-4474

Pistol Shoot – POC: Bert DuVernay (508) 413-6529, 3rd Saturdays 9am until time change

200 Yard Rifle – POC: Peter Stalker (978) 928-5223, Mondays at 6pm

(CHECK WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)