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June 2017 'WCLSC Sportsmen's News' Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

Membership

The Club welcomed Terrence Foster of Wheelwright, MA to the Club Membership. Currently the Membership is 153 with 22 open slots.

Outdoor Sporting Functions 2017 Season (POC contacts at the end of Newsletter)

Archery – Mondays at 6PM.

Range-Pistol – Friday, June 16th at 6PM

Range-22 Rifle – Check with POC at the end of this Newsletter

Range-200 yard – Check with POC at the end of this Newsletter

Sporting Clays – Currently no activity

Trap –Wednesday @ 7PM; Cost: \$4/rd for Members, 1 free rd/night for Jr. Members, then \$3/rd. 12ga and 20ga ammo. available for \$8/box.

Club News and Up Coming Club Events

- 1) *The Annual Sportsmen Challenge* is slated for Sunday, May 21st in Hardwick, MA, details as follows;
 - 2 teams/Club maximum, cost is \$100/team
 - 300 yard rifle; prone, sitting, standing. Scopes and Slings are allowed. 6 rounds scored.
 - 50 yard shotgun; free standing only. Scopes and Slings are allowed. 5 rounds scored.
 - 100 yard black powder; free standing only. Scopes and Slings are allowed. 5 rounds scored.
 - Results in the July Newsletter.
- 2) *Capital Projects Committee Report* – Relocating the BBQ pit away from the Club House is currently moving forward. Steve Di Silvestro has asked for volunteers to help during the week. He can be contacted at his cell 413-519-8155.
- 3) *Scholarship Committee Report* – Two (2) recipients; Madison Kusske of Hubbardston and Shawn Barry Jr. of Barre will each receive \$150. Both students have achieved academic excellence.
- 4) *Clean Up Day* is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th starting at 9AM. Lunch will be provided.
- 5) *Old Plow Truck* – Need a usable plow truck for snow removal. The Club is offering our old vehicle including the plow for a reasonable offer. If interested contact Rob at (978) 798-9048.

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 (Jack) Farnham
842 Daniel Shays Highway
New Salem, MA 0135



2017 Annual Fall Hunter's Kick-Off

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

**Saturday, October 7, 2017, 6:00PM
@ the Barre Sportsman's Club
221 Springhill Road, Barre, MA**



THE 2016 EVENT WAS THE LARGEST YET

***** Each ticket holder will be entitled to a FREE meal *****

Tickets will be available for sale on April 6th. Only 1000 tickets are to be sold. Additionally, there will be the 'Tin Can' raffle as in past years.

Those who attended our previous Fall Hunter's Kick-off raffles can attest to the magnitude and quality of this annual event. This year will not disappoint. **Rob & Meridith always manages to surprise us!** Stay tune for more details as they become available.

POC's for this event are: Rob Deschenes and Meridith Young. Tickets will be available through any Club members after April 6th. Contact Meridith regarding how-to get tickets at (978) 434-7932 (cell)

***** THIS YEARS PRIZES *****

Benelli Super Black Eagle III Gore Optifade Waterfowl Timber 12ga.
Benelli Montefeltro 20 ga Walnut finish
Benelli R1 rifle 30-06 Comfortech Stock Realtree
Benelli Nova Comfort Tech 12ga Realtree Max 5
CZ Bob White 20 ga
Mossberg Silver Reserve 20ga o/u
Savage Model 220 / 20ga bolt action shotgun Realtree
Mossberg Duck Commander 500 / 12ga Realtree Max 5 Treated barrel
Henry Golden Boy 17 HMR
Savage Model II Predator w/Nikon Scope, Snow Camo
Ruger American .270 Win w/scope
Remington 870 Youth 410 shotgun wood / blued
Ruger American American Farmer Addition
Parker Enforcer Crossbow Package
Diamond Provider Package

=== **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID SELL-OUT** ===

Thanks to:

Old Glory Guns & Ammo, Mason, NH
Minute Man Armory, templeton
Buck Rub Sporting Goods, Orange, MA
Also a special Thanks to: Neri Painting

The Reloading Corner

THE INS AND OUTS OF METERING CHARGES

This is a specially-adapted excerpt from the forthcoming book, "Top Grade Ammo," by author Glen Zediker, owner of [Zediker Publishing](#). Click [here](#) to order from Midsouth.

by Glen Zediker

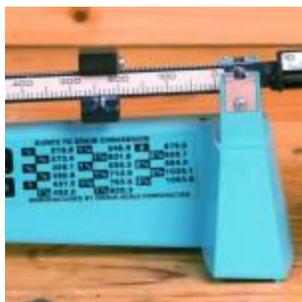
Most reloaders are going to invest in a powder meter. And, right off, it is a meter, not a "measure." Meters don't measure. My preference would be to most accurately call a "powder measure" a "dispenser." That's what it really does. The "measure" is comparing a meter hopper volume to a weight on a scale. This may seem tediously technical, but I think it's important to really understand what we're doing when we use a powder meter. It's a volume, not a weight. The volume corresponds to a weight, that we arrived at through adjusting the meter volume.



Here's a Culver. All Culver mechanisms are the same in that they have the same values; there can be differences from model to model in the steps between whole rotations, but each whole rotation is the same. It's like comparing a ½-moa back sight to a ¼-moa back sight.

If you plan on relying on a meter to throw charges, and not weigh each one, you best get a good meter. If the meter is only a starting point, where you are then going to use a powder trickler to top off a scale-weighed charge, meter quality is of no real concern. A powder trickler is a device that delivers propellant a kernel at a time.

So what's a "good" meter? Good question. The very best have Culver dispensing mechanisms. Named for Benchrest pioneer Homer Culver, these precision-made mechanisms click, just like a back sight. Each click, of course, either expands or contracts a void that the propellant fills. The only Culver-equipped meters I know of are produced by smaller shops, and they are more costly. But unlike most of the major-player meter designs, a Culver setting cannot change. There are no set-screws or rotating micrometer stems or barrels. A lot of folks give advice to "check the meter each 10 throws...." Meaning, check to see if it's still throwing the desired weight (by the way, that would be a pretty bad meter). My experience, which has come from a whopping lot of testing, showed me that my scale was going to change before a Culver would change.



The author is adamant about following this process to set a meter: Don't throw and weigh single charges to adjust the meter. Throw and weigh 10-charge portions, with the scale set, of course, to 10-times the desired single-charge weight. The author does not recollect one time when the meter adjustment did not change following this process from what he first arrived at weighing single throws. Here's how he sets it to adjust for a 24.0-grain throw.

If you look at how a meter works, there's a volume-adjustable cavity that rotates in position under the propellant supply, fills with propellant, and then rotates back, to dispense the propellant through an outlet. When it rotates, the granules contained in the meter are struck off, fixing and sealing the amount of propellant in the "hopper," I call it.

A few things: One is that the smaller the granules, the more precise each fill can be. Longer-grained kernels have more air space and "stack" more than smaller-grained kernels. It's also clear that the higher degree of precision on the internal sliding surfaces, the more "clean" the strike-off will be. It's also clear that meter operation has a lot to do with the consistency of filling the hopper. Just like tapping a case bottom settles the propellant to a lower fill volume, same thing happens when filling the hopper in a meter.



Not too heavy, not too light. Work the handle the same each time, and have it come to a positive stop. "Thunk. Thunk." Focus on a consistent speed. This has a huge effect on how consistent the throws will be.

A key to good throws is working the meter handle consistently, and also settling on a contact force when the meter handle comes to a stop in the "fill" direction. It should bump but not bang. I wish I could be more clear on that, but it's a feel that must be developed. Don't go too slowly and gingerly take the handle to its stop, and don't slam it there either. You want a positive, audible "thunk" when the handle stops. If it's the same each time, fill consistency will improve. I have found that focusing on operating the handle at a constant rate of speed teaches this. It's a positive movement that, for me, takes about one second to lift the handle.



The author recommends longer drop tubes, whether it's for a meter or a funnel. The longer tube has the same effect as tapping the case to settle the propellant. This helps when loading stick propellant into small cases, like .223 Rem. A dryer sheet rubber-banded around the propellant container eliminates static influence, which indeed can be an influence, especially in the Western regions. And do not leave propellant in a meter! Return it to a sealed container when you're done for the day. This setup is a Harrell's Classic



with a Sinclair stand. This is a Harrell's Premium. Its accuracy is astounding and is the author's choice. With H4895, the "10-throw" test is within a tenth of a grain, for the whole pan-full.

RANGE HOUSEKEEPING

As a friendly reminder ... Leave the Range *'Better Than You Found It'*. This includes picking up your spent cases, replacing your target frames and discarding any waste in the barrel provided.

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.eopsslearning.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

JUNE

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

JULY

Thursday, 6th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
Friday, July 14th Vintagers
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
Saturday, 30th - Massachusetts Youth Deer Hunt , POC: Rick French
Friends of the NRA Banquet (details when they become available)

OCTOBER

Thursday, 5th - Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
BOD Meeting - TBA
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
NO BOD Meeting this month, resume in January 2018
Sunday, 3rd - Children’s Christmas Party, 1:00PM, POC: Dave Fleming

OTHER POCs for Sporting Functions:

Archery – POC: John (Fig) Neri (978) 857-8202 (cell)

Mondays at 6PM (~April to Oct.) [\$20/month covers a steak dinner]

Pistol Shoot – POC: Bert DuVernay (413) 477-6529 (H) and (413) 575-3330 (cell)

3rd Friday at 6pm until time change [no cost]

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

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

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

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

Wednesday at 7PM (mid April-November, weather permitting)

Members – \$4/rd. Junior Members – 1 free rd./night then \$3/rd.

12ga. & 20ga. ammo available @ 8/box [no meal]

(CHECK WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)