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Membership

The Club welcomed Jeffrey C. Clark of Hubbardston, MA as our newest member.

REMINDER: 2017 Annual Dues can be paid early

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

Great job to Mark Koenig (and helpers) for organizing and especially to John Neri (and kitchen staff) for a wonderful BBQ Prime Rib dinner with all the fix'ins. Fishing Trophies were presented, in several categories, to participating Club Members. There were numerous raffle prizes as well. A wall plaque was presented in honor of Roger King, a long-time active Club member, who recently passed away. Roger's family was a guest of the BSC this evening. The 'BSC Band' kept the evening entertainment exciting after the dinner. Photos to follow ...





Outdoor Sporting Functions 2017 Season

Pistol Shoot – This has been postponed until March’s warmer weather.

Club Events

- 1) Tickets for the Game Supper on March 11 at 6PM are on sale for \$25pp. (POC: John Neri @ (978) 355-4071)
- 2) The Ham Shoot date has been changed from April 23rd to **Sunday, April 9th**. (POC: Janet Pierce)

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

THE INS AND OUTS OF METERING CHARGES

MAY 27, 2016 12 COMMENTS

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

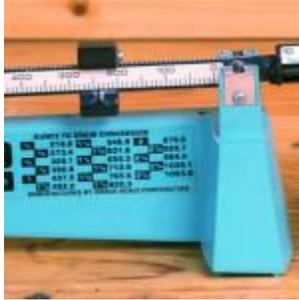
Most reloaders are going to invest in a powder meter. And, right off, it is a meter, not a “measure.” Meters don’t measure. My preference would be to most accurately call a “powder measure” a “dispenser.” That’s what it really does. The “measure” is comparing a meter hopper volume to a weight on a scale. 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.

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

MARCH

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

BOD Meeting - TBA

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

Re-Scheduled Lamb Dinner; Date-to-be-Announced -, 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

Sunday, 9th – Ham Shoot, 10:00 AM, POC: Janet Pierce

BOD Meeting - TBA

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

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

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, October 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:

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)