

**IBS Annual Membership Meeting
January 13, 2018
Grantville, PA**



The 48th Annual Membership meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters (IBS) was held on January 13, 2017 in Grantville, Pennsylvania near Hershey. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Jeff Stover. A moment of silence was observed for those of our shooting friends that had passed in 2017. The moment of silence was preceded with a few remarks of remembrance for **Dick Grosbier** who had been in the leadership of the IBS for decades.



Recording Secretary Joan Borden held a roll call to determine a quorum of clubs, which were either present or proxies held. Jeff Stover, John Cascarino, Jeff Walker Bill Gebhardt, Frank Danisienka, and Bob White of the IBS Executive Board were in attendance. Approximately 45 members attended.

Joan Borden gave the Recording Secretary's report. Membership as of January 2018 is 955 members which is an increase of thirty-three from January 2017.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Gebhardt. The organizations finances are solid because of not paying for subscriptions to Precision Shooting Magazine. Total cash assets are \$122,930.

The IBS Secretarial and Treasurers books were reviewed before the meeting by a CPA located in Tunkhannock, PA. Before the meeting, the books were further reviewed by Long Range Committee member Jim Bauer, who reported the financial records were in order and did not have any discrepancies.

First VP and Match Chairman John Cascarino reported that the 2018 schedules are on the IBS website. The number of IBS registered Group matches have grown due to the addition of Visalia, CA and Porcupine, SD. The other disciplines will see an increase in the number of shoots in 2018. This year's Nationals are:

- **1000 Yard – Deep Creek Range, Missoula, MT**
- **600 Yard – Benchrest Club of St. Louis, MO**
- **Score 100-200 – Ashe County, NC**
- **Score 200-300 – Thurmont, MD**
- **Group – Weikert, PA**

Second Vice President Frank Danisienka gave a report on awards. Frank is now also handling the Screamer Patch program for Jeff Walker, who previously did it. He noted some updates to the program that will be posted on the IBS website. He noted that IBS will have new Grand Aggregate winner's patches that will be one inch larger; the new ones will be four inches rather than three.

Long Range Discipline

The **Long Range Committee** report was given by Committee Chair David Matthew. The other committee members were recognized: Larry Bryant, Shannon Lowman, Mike Wallace, Jim Bauer, Ken House, Carroll Lance, Steve Wilson and Richard Schatz. Top Shooters of the Year plaques were presented. Awards for those not in attendance were either handed to others to deliver or will

be mailed by the IBS. The 600 yard Shooter of the Year, Gaylon Byreans, is a rookie. This may be the first time in IBS history that a rookie has won SOY.

1000 yard Shooter of the Year: Mike Wilson



1000 yard Female Shooter of the Year: Donna Matthews

1000 yard Rookie Shooter of the Year: Blake Wilson



1000 yard Junior Shooter of the Year: Amber Brewer

600 yard Shooter of the Year: Gaylon Byreans
(AND a Rookie!)



600 yard Junior Shooter of the Year: Rory Jacobs

600 Yard Female Shooter of the Year: Maia Wolf



Shooter of the Year Program Prizes

Jeff Stover announced that Stanley Taylor from West Virginia, with assistance from David Matthews, had assembled thousands of dollars in donations from the benchrest industry for the Shooter of the Year program.

Items donated were:

- Vapor Trail Bullets - two boxes of 500 (one each for both long range SOY)
- Bart's Bullets - two boxes of 500 (one each for short range SOY)
- Night Force Scope - four certificates for 40% off on scope
- Douglas Barrels - four barrel blanks
- Bat Actions - four certificates for \$200 off an action
- Davis Custom Duck Calls - four IBS commemorative Duck Calls
- Matthews Long Range Supply - four Gift Certificates
- SEB Rests - eight rear sand bags



The **2018 Long Range Committee** will consist of: David Matthews (Chairman), Mike Wallace, Ken House, Carroll Lance, Steve Wilson, Larry Bryant, Richard Schatz (appointed to committee by President) and Mike Wilson (appointed to committee by President).

GROUP Discipline

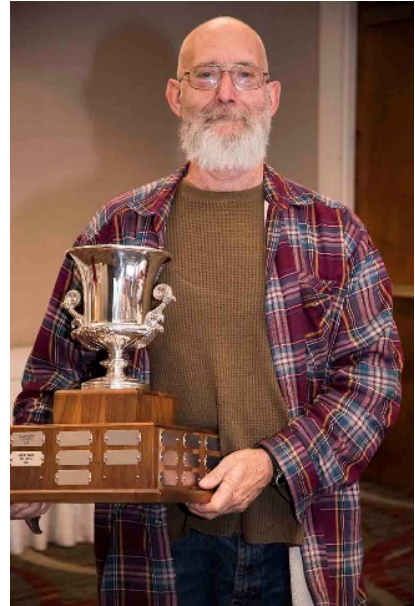
The **Group Committee** report was given by Committee Chair Hal Drake. He thanked his committee for their work through the year. They were: Kent Harshman, Bob Hamister, Mark Trutt, Russell Rains, Brian Dolinsky, Sid Goodling and Dale Boop.

Hal noted that it is difficult to find a range for the Group Nationals as it is a six-day affair; it is a burden on the club members to allocate that length of time. To that end, we bring in a professional match administrator to handle many of the details for the entire period. As was done in 2017, this year's Nationals at Weikert, PA will ably be managed by Nancy Scarbrough.

The Group match calendar expanded in 2017 to include IBS registered matches in Visalia, CA. Another new range, Prairie Dog Target Club in South Dakota will be on the 2018 calendar in addition to six matches at Visalia.

The **2018 Group Committee** will be: Hal Drake (Chairman), Kent Harshman, Mark Trutt, Russell Rains, Sid Goodling, Dale Boop and Dennis Thornbury (appointed to committee by President).

Group Shooter of the Year: Al Auman



Junior Group Shooter of the Year: Devin Burdick



Rookie Group Shooter of the Year: Chris Jeffers

SCORE Discipline

The **Score Committee** report was given by Chairman Jerry Powers; the annual Shooter of the Year awards were presented. Jerry thanked his committee members that he worked with this past year: Wayne France, Ricky Read, Kim Llewellyn, Orland Bunker, Charles Brock and Hillary Martinez.

The newly elected **2018 Score Committee** will be: Orland Bunker, Wayne France, Hillary Martinez, Ronnie Milford, Josh Shrum, Kim Llewellyn and Jerry Powers (Mr. Powers appointed by President for geographic representation).

Score Shooter of the Year: Jim Cline



6X Score Shooter of the Year: Peter Hills



Rookie Score Shooter of the Year: Scott Cochran

RECORDS REPORT

The records report will be posted separately on the IBS website.

Voting Results for Election of Officers

Stover announce the results of the recent election:

2nd VP – Frank Danisienkia (unopposed), Treasurer – Bill Gebhardt (unopposed) and Executive Secretary – Jim Bauer (defeated Mike Gaizauskas in the voting).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Stover went over a PowerPoint slide show which is posted separately on the IBS website with this annual report.

2017 Season Rule Book Items:

The meeting then moved into the proposed agenda items. **Each of the items below, if approved, will result in a one year trial period. A ballot vote of the IBS will be conducted in the fall to either to accept or reject the trial rule book amendments.**

SCI: Recommendation for Score SOY Program

This is a petition to change the current point system for Score Shooter of the Year (SSOY). SSOY should encourage people to travel and promote shooting this sport against competitors from all over. The current system was to only be a one year trial, and we would like to see the Score Committee change it back to 2016's way of calculations with changes in the number of points awarded.

This submission is simply a recommendation to the Score Committee. It is not a rulebook agenda item. It was not considered further.

SC2: New 6x Class

Any current legal light varmint rifle with a 6x scope, weighing 10.5 lbs or less, will be acceptable for this new 6x class. We did not want to disturb the Hunter, or Varmint Hunter rules or records with making changes to the current guns so a new class should start where anyone can bring an existing LV rifle out and compete. Any Hunter or VH rifle can compete in this new class. Records should be awarded only after 2 calendar year of competition.

This was an agenda item but the process for consideration was not consistent with IBS Bylaws so was not voted on. Nevertheless, the Executive Board and Score Committee believe the idea has merit. The Score Committee, by consensus, will encourage all Score discipline clubs to offer non-registered competitions using 13.5# VFS rifles with a 6X power scope affixed. The 6X Hunter and Varmint Hunter classes continue to lose participation; using VFS rifles with a 6X may stimulate overall 6X shooting.

The Long Range Committee asked that the following Long Range agenda items be reordered for consideration.

LR5: “Coaching Rule’ Changes

RE: New Long Range Rule Book, Page 26, “General Rules”, Coaching.

Existing Rule:

1147 Coaching. Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exception: for safety and
1148 instruction purposes, new shooters may be assisted during their sighter period and record
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1149 with permission for the Range Officer and for no more than two matches. Other than this

1150 exception competitors caught coaching or receiving coaching will be disqualified.

Proposed Rule Change:

Replace lines 1147, 1148, 1149 and 1150 with the following:

Coaching will be allowed during the sighter period only. Exceptions for safety reasons only. New shooters may be assisted during their “Rookie” period with permission for the Range/Safety Officer. Mentally or Physically handicapped shooters may receive assistance with permission from the Range/Safety Officer. Handicapped shooters must indicate what type of assistance they may require prior to the start of the match. It is for the Range/Safety Officer to determine whether this request is reasonable, fair or within current IBS rules. The Range/Safety Officer may allow a New, Rookie or handicapped shooter a previously designated coach and that person/coach, during the sighter period only, may fire a sufficient number of shots until one shot is spotted on the bank, berm or sighter target. Then the New, Rookie or handicapped shooter must resume firing the rifle for the remainder of the sighter period. If a Coach performs more than described here and or to the Range/Safety Officer, then both the shooter and Coach will be disqualified from the matches in which they committed the violations.

Reason for Change/Addendum: Pursuant to the 2016 IBS National Championship incident where an advising competitor took possession of another competitors gun, occupied the same competitors seat at their assigned bench. Shot the same competitors rifle and adjusted the same competitors scope so as to be “On Target”. The previously mentioned “same” competitor had participated in many previous IBS matches including top ten finishes at National competitions and obviously did not have Rookie status.

Through a misunderstanding with a Range Officer this “advising” competitor took full advantage of the Range Officer’s lack of familiarity with this “advising” competitor and did not convey their full intentions. It is also commonly felt that this was a violation of existing rules but further clarification would be helpful in future situations.

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

VOTE OF LONG RANGE COMPETITORS AT MEETING: APPROVED (unanimous)

LRI: “For 600 yard competition at a given range, only one IBS club may host matches that earn 600 yard SOY points”

One IBS affiliated club may use a single or common range facility including the ability to award 600 yard IBS SOY points. Any additional IBS club wishing to use a range or club facility that another IBS club is currently using may not award 600 yard SOY points at their matches.

Reason for Rule Change: There is no existing rule concerning this matter and this proposal would be an addition to the rules instead of a “Change”. Currently we have no formal policy in place for the addition or prohibition of new IBS clubs or existing IBS clubs piggybacking an existing IBS range/club facility. At the Winter Meeting of 2015 it was decided by the LR committee that any additional IBS clubs, whether new or existing, may not use any IBS affiliated range/club facility that is currently being used by a IBS club including the ability to award SOY points. See current January 16, 2016 IBS 600 YARD SHOOTER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM on the IBS website. In effort to promote consistency within the 600 yard discipline and at the direction of the LR committee.

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

VOTE OF LONG RANGE COMPETITORS AT MEETING: APPROVED

LR2: “One Range/One Club” in 1000 yard competition

RE: New Long Range Rule Book, Page 2, Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities. Club, Line 221 thru Line 223.

Existing:

221 Club. An affiliated Club, as defined in the By-Laws of the association, or an individual of the
222 Association who owns, leases, or controls a range meeting the specifications of a range suitable
223 for holding a Registered Tournament.

PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THIS RULE:

At this end of line 223 add the following: No IBS range or facility may allow more than one club to use their range or facility for the purpose of awarding additional IBS SOY points. Each IBS approved range location has the ability to appoint only one club which can award and submit SOY points to the IBS for consideration on an annual basis.

Reason for change: In the past more than one IBS club has piggybacked on other club’s range. All IBS clubs in the past have had the ability to award SOY points. With the ability to allow additional IBS clubs to shoot at another IBS Facility/Range there exists the chance of an unfair abundance of SOY points in a specific geographical location. It is impossible to determine the intent of these “piggyback” clubs that operate without their own ranges and therefore should not be allowed the ability to award SOY points. With the presence of these “piggyback” clubs in close proximity to other legitimate/conventional IBS clubs creates a situation of an overabundance of available matches in a specific geographical area that hurts the attendance and viability of the legitimate/conventional IBS clubs.

Score Committee Recommendation: OPPOSE

VOTE OF LONG RANGE COMPETITORS AT MEETING: REJECTED

LR4: “One Range/More Than One Club”

It is recognized that the number of Ranges Suitable for conducting IBS Long Range matches is limited. Long Range Clubs may conduct their matches at a Range owned by the Club, or at a Range that is owned by persons other than the Club. More than one Club may conduct its matches at the same Range provided that each Club is recognized by IBS as a separate Club, each Club is in good standing with IBS, and the range used by each Club is covered by liability insurance that is suitable to the owner of the Range.

Score Committee Recommendation: OPPOSE

VOTE OF LONG RANGE COMPETITORS AT MEETING: REJECTED

LR3: “One Club/One Range with Exceptions” in 1000 yard competition

1000 yard Ranges and Clubs - Ranges are only permitted to hold IBS sanctioned matches for one IBS Club for its 1000 yard matches, noting that:

- ✓ The Virginia 1000 Yard Benchrest Club is grandfathered and is not subject to this rule.
- ✓ By action of the Long Range Committee, and with agreement by the Executive Board, this one range/one club rule may be waived in order to allow more than one club to use the same range if there is a reasonable expectation that it will lead to growth of the 1000 yard discipline. However, the second club at the range must be a distinct club with distinct officers running its own matches, not a clone of the other club.
- ✓ The Long Range Committee is required, to the best of its ability, to establish a 1000 yard Shooter of the Year points system that minimizes geographical advantage. (*EBoard comment- this last bullet is a recommendation and not subject to a rules amendment*)

Long Range Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

VOTE OF LONG RANGE COMPETITORS AT MEETING: APPROVED

Members meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

(Summary prepared by Jeff Stover on January 14, 2018. This document does NOT replace the official minutes of the meeting of the Recording Secretary Joan Borden.)