

**IBS 51st Annual Membership Meeting**  
**January 11, 2020**  
**Grantville, PA**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Meeting of the International Benchrest Shooters was held on January 11, 2020 at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, Grantville, PA. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Jeff Stover. President Stover commented that Bob White, who was in attendance, attended the organizational meeting in 1970 and had been shooting six years at that point in time. A moment of silence was observed for friends and fellow shooters that had passed in the previous year.

**Recording Secretary** Kay Aikey called the roll of clubs present or proxy representations: *Ashes County Wildlife Club, Bell City Rifle Club, Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis, Black Creek Shooters Association, Bowmanstown Rod & Gun, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Caledonia Forest & Stream Club, Camillus Sportsmen's Club, Capitol City Rifle & Pistol Club, Cavalier Rifle & Pistol Club, Cherry Ridge Range, Colorado Rifle Club, Columbus Sportsmen's Club, Elbert County Gun Club, Fairfax Rod & Gun Club, Georgia Mountain Shooting Association (GMSA), Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club, Grant County Shooters Association, Harry Jones Memorial 1000 Yard Club, Hawks Ridge Gun Club, Hunters Pointe Shooting Complex, Lincoln County Rifle Club, Mainville Sportsman's Club, Manatee County Gun and Archery Club, Memphis Sport Shooting Association, Mid-Carolina Gun Club, Montana NW 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, NC1000, Orrington Rod & Gun Club, Palmetto Gun Club, Piedmont Gun Club, Pine Tree Rifle Club, River Bend Gun Club, South Creek Northern Tier Sportsmen, Sulphyr Springs Rifle & Revolver Club, Thurmont Conservation & Sportsman's Club, Union County Sportsmen's Club (Weikert), Vapor Trail Valley, Virginia 1K, Western Colorado Rifle & Silhouette Club, White Horse Center, York.* A quorum was established.

President Stover introduced the Executive Board. Present were: Bob White, Kent Bratten, David Matthews and Jim Cline.

**Treasurer:** Stover presented the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Bill Gebhardt, who was ill. He stated that the finances for the IBS are structured in two main accounts, one that is held by the Treasurer, the IBS General and the IBS President's fund. A dollar goes in the President's fund for every member that joins through the year. It was set up for special purposes. For the first time in many years, there was an expenditure of \$2,000 from it to help Tom Jacobs recover from his catastrophic flood that destroyed the Vapor Trail Range. This expenditure was approved by the Executive Board to be paid from the President's fund. Vapor Trail Range is back in business hosting IBS matches.

Stover stated that the year started with a balance in hand of \$56,918 in the general account and the balance at the end of the year was \$46,688. The decline was due to cost of awards and IT expenses. In prior years, the cost for awards was approximately \$11,000; this year's cost was \$13,000. The second cost was paid to web developers for online membership system and voting

for a cost of \$11,048 for the IT company in Bellefonte, PA that rebuilt the website. Going forward, this expenditure will go down.

The President's fund started with a balance of \$29,639 and ended the year with a balance of \$28,397 due to the expenditure for the flood recovery at Vapor Trail Range.

President Stover stated that Joan Borden, former IBS Recording Secretary, retired mid-year 2019 and that bank account was closed which is the secretary's fund, being the third account. The money for that account comes in from membership dues and matches. These funds will now go to Kay Aikey, who is located in Lewisburg, PA. Money from Ms. Borden's account were transferred to a bank in Lewisburg. There are two CD's totaling \$20,000 which was generated by the sale of Life Memberships. There has not been any recent Life Memberships. The initial cost of Life Memberships in the past were \$100. Before the Precision Shooting Magazine went out of business, the membership fee was \$40 and of that \$32 was paid to Precision Shooting Magazine, so the IBS operated on \$8 a member.

The balance in the Recording Secretary's account at the end of October is \$4,500 which is basically a working fund.

Stover stated that traditionally an audit committee is appointed within the morning of the meeting. This will not be done this year as it will be more professional to have the CPA review the accounts.

President Stover gave the Recording Secretary Report. As of January 2020, the membership totals 940 plus 100 Life Members, and 41 Clubs.

**First VP and Match Chairman** Jim Cline gave the match schedule report for 2020. He reported that as of this date, all but 8 match contracts have been signed and returned. The Group Nationals 100-200 Yards will be held August 3-8 at Mainville, PA. Score 200-300 Yard Nationals will be held October 17-18 in Orangeville, SC. Score 100-200 Meter Nationals will be held August 22-23 at Ashe County in Laurel Springs, NC. Long Range 1000 Yard Nationals will be held September 5-6 in Ferguson, NC. Long Range 600 Yard Match, August 15-16 at Hunters Pointe, SD.

Mr. Cline reported that three 1000-yard ranges have been lost for this year so there is less matches this year but the attendance per match in 2019 was up significantly. There is a new 1000-yards range out west, Byers, CO. David Matthews and his team are working diligently for two new ranges in Georgia – one this year and the other most likely in 2021. 1000-yard matches coming around relatively well. Group – have same number of matches. Holton will not have a match this year so will lose a club but will pick up Riverbend Gun Club and also Dublin so there is a potential opportunity for growth in Group matches.

For 600 yards there was the addition of Western Colorado this year. Georgia will have 600-yard competition in 2020. There is some potential in Wyoming as well as in Colorado. Ronnie Milford is going to redo Georgia Mountain Shooters Association, a 600-yard potential.

Score lost some clubs due to match directors choosing to go another way, or some due to match directors not getting any help. River Bend, which is a new club, will be hosting two matches in 2020. Dublin is coming on board and will be doing one match in 2020. The Northeast schedule basically stayed the same, 28-29 matches per year. The Central part about 30 matches and the South 27-28 matches a year. Overall there is a lot of growth and potential.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Awards Committee Chairman** Kent Bratten (Doc) stated that two traveling trophies needed to be replaced. Twelve grand agg patches were given out in 2019. Extra agg winner patches were given out in Montana. One of the largest expenses is plaque trophies. All vendors are staying at the same price. The patches are from Waitz in Allentown, PA. He has 944 national patches on hand but have to order agg patches. Score stickers and group stickers are in big supply and don't need to be ordered. Streamer stickers need to be ordered as they are popular.

**Long Range Committee** report was given by David Matthews. He reported that attendance was up in most clubs. The hardest impact seen attendance wise was the Vapor Trail Range because of the flood impacts. Both Nationals had a very good year with attendance. For 2020, there are two new ranges in Georgia – 600 yards and 1000 yards. Construction has started on both ranges. He is talking with some other ranges for 2021. Awards were presented to those in attendance and handed out to others to deliver or will be mailed.

**600 Yard Junior Shooter of the Year is Sophie Bryeans with 22 points. She is also the Female Shooter of the Year with 22 points. The Rookie of the Year with 36.25 points is Gabe Metheny.**

600 Yard SOY Standings 2019		
Place	Shooter	Points
1	Bart Sauter	241
2	Mike McBride	165
3	Chris Nicholas	151
4	Scotty Powell	142.25
5	Jeff Conover	110

**1000 Yard Junior Shooter of the Year is Hunter Hall with 10.125 points. Female Shooter of the year is Donna Matthews with 14.67 points. Rookie of the Year is Glenn Hiatt with 22.075 points.**

1000 Yard SOY Standings 2019		
Place	Shooter	Points
<b>1</b>	<b>Glenn Hiatt</b>	<b>22.075</b>
2	Mike Wilson	18.935
3	Samuel Edwards	17.594
4	Brandon Carico	14.71
5	Donna Matthews	14.67

**2020 Long Range Committee:** Jim Bauer, Mike Wilson, Steve Wilson, Robby Miles, Bart Sauter, Richard Schatz, Clay Fowler and Brandon Carico.

**Group Committee** report was given by President Stover for Mr. Kent Harshman who was not in attendance.

**2020 Group Committee:** Mark Trutt, Russell Raines, Dale Boop, Harley Baker, Jack Sutton, Jeff Peinhardt.

President Stover stated that the Group Committee is stable and every year the committee works on where the Nationals are going to be held. The list of ranges is very short for the six-day event. The place where it has usually been held is the Union County Sportsmen’s Club in Weikert, PA because it is one of the premier facilities in the country. Stover stated he is happy to report that the Mainville Facility, just off of Interstate 80, run by Bob and Edna White, have stepped up to hold the Nationals this year from August 3 – 8.

Mr. Harshman is going to continue to be the Records Committee Chair but needs to step down from the Group Committee. Jeff Peinhardt has agreed to be on the Group Committee.

**Group Shooter of the Year is Paul Mitchell and Rookie Shooter of the Year is Edward Dougherty.**

Place	Group SOY Standings 2019
<b>1</b>	<b>Paul Mitchell</b>
2	Jeff Peinhardt
3	Bob Hamister
4	Bruce Lachapelle
5	Al Auman
6	Harley Baker
7	Bob White
8	Wyatt Peinhardt
9	Russell Raines
10	Edward Dougherty

**2019 Rookie Shooter of the Year is Ed Dougherty. 2019 Junior Shooter of the Year is Kevin Donalds, Jr.**

Place	Group Shooter Rookie of the Year Standings 2019
<b>1</b>	<b>Edward Dougherty</b>
2	Kevin Donalds, Jr.
3	Henry Miller

**Score Committee Report** was given by Ronnie Milford (Chairman). Currently there are 23 ranges with 90 matches scheduled. The Score Committee recognized a Junior Shooter of the Year and a Female Shooter of the Year for 2019.

**2019 Rookie Shooter of the Year Tori Allen**

Score SOY Standings 2019				
Total Score	Total X's	Shooter	Total Shoots	PL
<b>1250</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Tori Allen</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
1250	107	Adam Mihalik	5	2
1250	92	Larry Mihalik	5	3
1250	82	Jerry Seaman	5	4
1250	79	Barry Westbrook	5	5

**6X Shooter of the Year is Brian Fitch.**

<b>6 Power Standings 2019</b>			
Pts	Shooter	# Shoots	PL
<b>276.0</b>	<b>Brian Fitch</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
249.0	Peter Hills	17	2
180.5	Thomas Benoit	12	3
179.0	Jim Cline	10	4
167.0	Orland Bunker	19	5
146.0	Don Cameron	13	6
104.0	Peter Wass	11	7
104.0	Ronnie Milford	7	8
59.0	Todd Payseur	4	9
58.5	Brian Dolinsky	4	10

**VFS Shooter of the Year is Jim Cline. Chris Allen was Rookie SOY.**

Pts	Shooter	# Shoots	PL
<b>1609</b>	<b>Jim Cline</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
1425	Michael Clayton	10	2
1355	Richard Sissel	10	3
1331	Ronnie Milford	10	4
1287	Dave Moore	10	5
1286	Chris Gibby	9	6
1271	L. Al Dirhan	10	7
1244	Todd Payseur	10	8
1228	John Bosley	10	9
1199	Lin Smith	10	10
1143	Barry Westbrook	10	11
1138	James Hooper	10	12
1080	Ken Habedank	10	13
1045	Wayne Lewis	10	14
996	Scott Cochran	9	15
961	Miles Gibby	9	16
943	Steve Hill	10	17
890	John Cascarino	10	18
843	Shannon Robinson	10	19
<b>839.5</b>	<b>Chris Allen</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>

**Measuring (aka) "Records" Committee Report** was given by President Stover as Mr. Harshman was unable to attend. The records committee members are Bob Hart, Dave Tooley & Kent Harshman (Chairman) and have been together for 14 years. The committee had 22 record

submissions in 2019. From those submissions, 18 new records were established: 4 in 600-Yard, 3 in 1000-Yard, 2 in Group and 9 in Score. The committee also had three 250-25X submissions in 2019; one was ratified.

#### 600-Yard Records

Reggie Wilson – 600-Yard HG Group Agg

Confirmed Record: 1.3331

4/13/19 at Piedmont Gun Club

Jeff Godfrey – 600-Yard HG Group Agg

Confirmed Record: 1.3001

4/13/19 at Piedmont Gun Club

Bart Sauter – 600-Yard LG Score Agg

Confirmed Record: 199/1.5188

Bart Sauter – 600-Yard 2-Gun Group Agg

Confirmed record: 1.6406

8/11/19 at Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis

#### 1000-Yard Records

Tom Mousel – 10-Match 1000-Yard LG Group Agg

His new record is 3.8734

Tom Mousel – 6-Match 1000-Yard LG Group Agg

His new record is 2.9540

David Torgerson – 10-Match 1000-Yard LG Group Agg

His new record is 3.7946

#### Group Records

Paul Mitchell – HB 100 10-Shot Group Aggregate

Confirmed record: .1873

8/12/2019 at Holton Gun & Bow Club

Jeff Peinhardt – HB 100 Yard 10-Shot Group Aggregate

Confirmed Record: .1755

8/12/2019 at Holton Gun & Bow Club

## Score Records

6/8/19

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – VH 300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 245-5X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – VH 200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 487-11X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – VH 100/200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 736-30X

9/29/19

Jim Cline at Georgia Mountain Shooters Association – VH/HV 200/300 Yard 2-Gun

Confirmed Record: 986-27X

11/10/19

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – H 300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 243-4X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – H 200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 487-8X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club - H 100/200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 737-18X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – LV 200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 497-12X

Jim Cline at Mid Carolina Gun Club – LV 100/200/300 Meter Aggregate

Confirmed Record: 747-29X

## 250-25X Confirmed Targets

5/4/19

Randy Jarvis at Capital City Rifle & Pistol Club – HVFS 100 Yard Aggregate

Confirmed: 250-25X-14WO's

## **President's Report**

### **Voting Results (212 Signed Ballots)**

Officers: Executive Secretary: David Matthews – 201; Write-Ins – 11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ken Bratten, M.D. – 206; Write-Ins – 6  
Accept New Score Rule Book: Yes – 159; No - 15

President Stover went over a PowerPoint slide show which is posted separately on the IBS website along with his annual report.



Agenda Items:

President Stover discussed life membership and stated the executive board discussed re-establishing life memberships at the cost of \$500.

**2019 Rule Book Agenda Items (for discussion only, to be decided by online voting starting in late January).**

**LR1:** Currently in 600 Yard competition, Light Gun Overall and Heavy Gun Overall do not count for Shooter of the Year points. Vote YES to award Shooter of the Year points for those two categories. If approved, Shooter of the Year Points will be awarded for the Two Gun Overall, Light Gun Overall, Heavy Gun Overall, Light Gun Score & Group, and Heavy Gun Score & Group. A NO Vote rejects.

**LR2:** Currently in 6090 Yard competition, Two Gun calculations are determined by adding together a shooter's rankings in Light Gun and Heavy Gun Score and Group, and not based on a shooter's actual numeric group or score aggregate. Vote YES to use the actual numeric Score and Group aggregates as the basis for the Two Gun final shooter rankings. Vote No to retain current system.

**SC1:** Currently in Score competition, 100 and 200 targets are printed in black, while 300-yard targets are printed in red. This agenda item proposes to change the ink color for 100- and 200-yard targets to RED. No other changes to the target or records are proposed with this item. Vote YES to change the 100- and 200-yard Score targets to RED ink. A NO vote retains the BLACK ink.

**SC2:** Currently in Score competition, the 300-yard target, unlike the 100- and 200- yard targets, has only one sighter bull (ten ring and X) in the sighter target area. The 100- and 200- yard targets have a total of three bulls (10 ring and X). This agenda item proposes no other changes in the target, its current color of red ink or impact any records. Vote YES to add two extra sighter bulls (10 ring and X) printed on 300-yard Score targets. A NO Vote retains the current target.

With there being no further business to discuss, Edna White made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Cline seconded the motion; President Stover adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.