



# The Blue Water News



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## Welcome New Members!

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Bradley Miller  
Jeffrey Nayback  
Timothy Neville  
Thomas Rutkowski  
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Scott Strittmatter  
Nicholas Suriano

## SASS Championship

Blue Water Sportsman's Association is once again hosting the Michigan State Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Championship. Please pay close attention to your calendar for range closers during the event.

Sept 1: Special Events Bay and 200 yrd range Closed.  
Club House is also closed.

Sept 2 thru 5: All ranges except the 100 yrd range will be closed.  
Club house is also closed.

All ranges to open 12:00pm on Sunday September 5th.

## Muzzleloader News

The "Dog Days of Summer" is a great time to shoot muzzleloaders. It's only a short time till the beginning of hunting season and a good time to tune-up your shooting skills. Join the muzzleloaders on Tuesday nights and shoot a variety of different targets. On August 3rd we will be shooting our last Novelty Night using breakables and clangers. On August 17th, we will have critter targets set up from 50yds. to 200yds. These targets will easily fall over when hit with a .50 cal. or larger ball, although some shooters say there is nothing "easy" about it. It is a real challenge and a lot of fun! The other weeks we will shoot paper targets and see how well we can do. If this is something new to you, come out and join us. You will have a good time burning up some powder and throwing some lead down range.

Keep that powder dry,

Ron (810) 326-0285.

## Jr. Small-Bore

Jr. Small-Bore will be shooting on Mondays, with outdoor practice as needed for matches. It is open to all Jr. Members 10 to 18 years old (Jr. Membership required). The fee is \$5.00 a night, we will meet in the basement at 5:30pm. For more information call: Jerry Silvas 810-364-8406

Please note starting in October, we will be meeting on Tuesdays in the basement.

The next  
**Board of  
Directors  
Meeting  
Monday  
August 9, 2010**  
At 7pm in the  
B.W.S.A.  
Clubhouse.

## Shotgun News

The start of the trap season is here. The following are the dates of upcoming ATA shoots:

September 19th

October 10th (National Trap Day)

Summer shotgun hours will be as follows:

For more information call: John Camm 810-956-0189

	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
August	2pm-9pm	2pm-9pm		
September		2pm-9pm	10am-3:30pm	10:30am-3pm

## Combat News

Our last 3 Gun match of the season will be on September 18th.

[www.michigan3guncombat.com/](http://www.michigan3guncombat.com/)

## Feedback

Any questions, comments or feedback on the newsletter please feel free to contact me.

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## Origins Of The Game

### The Beginning Of 5 Stand

*Copied from Sporting Clays Magazine.*

In 1982, the game of 5-stand was created on whim by a Canadian biologist wanting to teach hunter education students how to shoot ducks.

"While working as a field wildlife biologist, I was asked to critique the shooting component of Alberta's hunter ed program," reminisced Raymond Forman, a Scottish immigrant and owner of Clay-Sport International, who today calls Calgary Home. Upon surveying the program's shooting facilities, which included trap and skeet fields, along with .22 rifle and archery ranges, Forman Asked the simple question, "why don't you use sporting clays?" His colleagues' confused response was "what's sporting clays?" Despite being popular for decades in Europe, sporting clays, like Forman, was also a relatively new immigrant to North America at the time.

As a member of his birth country's international shooting team, Forman was already an avid sporting shooter before moving to Canada. "I cobbled together a demonstration of what they could do at their facilities to more accurately represent what the young hunters could expect in the field," Foreman reflected. "It proved to be popular with the hunter ed staff and a trail with a group of teenagers from a nearby school was initiated. "During this trial, I had three girls and two boys standing in a row, much like in a trap rotation," Foreman continued. "I'd arranged a number of target throwers in and around the skeet/trap combo field and as I went down the line from student to student teaching them, the game of 5-Stand literally evolved in front of my eyes." While Forman didn't set about to create a new game that day, that's exactly what happened, although he assured me it was purely happenstance. "No brilliance on my part," he admitted, "just sheer coincidence."

"How the game got its name also has an interesting story," Forman chuckled. He was scheduled to demonstrate his new game at the ICI World Sporting Championship at England's Doverage Gun Club in 1990. "The game at this point still didn't have a name," quipped Forman, "and writer and top Olympic shooter Paul Bentley was going to cover the event in his new magazine *Clay Shooting*. He called me from England to tell me he'd be happy to write about it, but what was it called?" Forman thought for a moment before confessing, "I don't know."

Bentley responded that the game must have a name if his magazine was to cover it and then encouraged Forman to think more about what all is involved in the game. "Well, it's shot in a rotation much as trap is," Forman replied. "There are five stands with five targets on each stand thrown from a variety of traps," and then he paused, and in a light-bulb moment, suddenly asked, "How about 5-Stand?"

Bentley was less than impressed. "Well, it's not very good, is it?" he chided Forman. "If you think of a better name within the next two weeks before we go to press, call me back and let me know." Forman didn't call him back, and the name, however unimpressive, stuck.

The creative Forman is also the inventor of Make-A-Break, an other shotgun game designed specifically for television coverage. "5-Stand lacks a number of critical elements to be televisable," he readily admits, so he incorporated several key visual elements into Make-A-Break in an effort to make the game more viewer friendly, such as numbered and colored trap houses of varying degrees of difficulty and point values. Through Make-A-Break, Forman hoped to put clay target shooting "on the map" so to speak, and the game has since been a hit on ESPN's "Shooting Sports America" series produced by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Today, Forman continues to promote the target sports through Clay-Sport International, his course design company that has designed shooting facilities worldwide. By creating courses that more closely resemble resorts, Forman hopes to boost the shooting sports' image and, in the process, attract new shooters - a lofty goal that his two games with the funny names are helping to attain.

## 2010 Summer Hi-Power League

Summer is here:

You can still join. You will not be able to make up any missed matches, but you can still shoot the remaining matches.

The league will shoot on the weekends (you can shoot Saturday or Sunday, your choice). Match shooting time 10:00am to 3:00pm. It will take approximately 1 to 2 hours to shoot the match. Please be to the range and ready to shoot by 2:00pm at the latest so that all firing can be completed by 3:00pm. Limited coaching will be available.

The cost will be \$20.00 league fee and \$10.00 per match.

You will need 40 rounds plus sighters per match. The league is N.R.A. registered and N.R.A. Hi-Power rules will apply. All shooters will be handicapped to level the field.

Contact Tom Lehotsky at (586) 871-0757 for more info.

Match dates are:

August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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