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Nife Notes

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2015 Badger Knife Show

The correct dates of the 2015 Badger Knife Show are
March 27, 28 and 29, 2015.

Badger Knife Club Website

We have a new address for the Badger Knife Club's website. It is a dot com vs. dot org
www.badgerknifeclub.com

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Here are some items of interest that we will pass along periodically in between our quarterly Club Newsletters

Ivory Ban

There is a new and rather all encompassing ban on ivory that you should all be aware of. Go to <http://www.knifeworld.com/ivoryban.html> for a copy of the recent article that appeared in 'Knife World'.

Pound of Fun

Jake Jakus has taken it upon himself to put together a one-day fun and enlightening day of pounding on some steel and eventually making a knife. Here is the information. Space is limited, so make your reservation now to avoid missing out. See page 2.

NKCA Knife Museum

The NKCA Knife Museum located at Smoky Mountain Knife Works has closed. The museum corporation has gone out of business. The collection will be divided between three other museums. More information will be available as we receive it.

Tactical Knives Magazine

Tactical Knives Magazine has ceased publication. We are sorry to see this go, as it was a very informative publication.

2014 Meeting Dates All Sundays!

- July 27
- October 26

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March 27, 28, 29, 2015

2014 Badger Knife Club Knives

The order for 65 club knives for 2014 was placed with Great Eastern Cutlery Co. on May 1st. There are two extra knives available, so if you missed the April 30th deadline, call Bob Schrap at Badger Knife Club, 414*479-9765 for information on now you can purchase one of the knives.

Also, we have a "new in the box" 2005 Badger Knife Club Knife available. It is a Schatt & Morgan single blade lockback with a beautiful jugged amber bone handle for the original issue price of \$75.00. Again, call Bob if you are interested.

Jake Jakus will be hosting a *Pound of Fun* at his home in Dousman on June 14, 2014. Jake will fire up his forge about 8am and have his anvil and belt sander out for use by those willing to pound some steel. This will be a laid-back, fun event tailored to the beginning or aspiring knife makers and future blacksmiths.

This will be a free event, but you must make a reservation to attend. Make your reservation early, because the number of participants will be limited. After talking to the first person (I won't mention his name, but his initials are Peter Martin), we already have 27 people coming!

Peter wanted to call the event "Red hot steel, flying sparks, smashed fingers, burning clothes and all-out chaos," but Jake decided to make it more kid-friendly and decided on a *Pound of Fun*. This will be a hands-on opportunity for beginners and knife collectors to see what is actually involved in the knife blade forging process. Although it is being presented for beginners and youth, advanced knifemakers are welcome and should be able to learn something. Of course, their knowledge and oversight is always welcomed.

Peter has put together an all-star line-up of demonstrators. Peter is a master craftsman and has over 20 years of forging experience. Peter will demonstrate forging blades using his gas forge and has invited Glen Mikolajczyk to demo heat treating and Eric Woodruff to show us how to forge flowers on a traditional coal forge. In addition, we will have several other Wisconsin knife makers, including Ed Brandsey and Richard Johnson to help with grinding techniques and shop safety. Dwight Mason and Tom Boyes will be available to answer questions, too.

Those participating must wear the appropriate safety equipment and must attend the mandatory 9am safety meeting. If you are late for the 9am safety meeting, you will not be allowed to pound or grind steel. It is a Pound of Fun, but you must attend the "Ounce of Prevention" safety meeting. We expect to wrap it up by 3 or 4pm, but we'll try to give everyone a chance before we close it down. We will have it rain or shine, so dress appropriately.

As a special treat, Jake will have Pete Heath's original anvil from Winneconne out so everyone will have an opportunity to see it and maybe pound some steel on it! We plan on having three forges available for use with an experienced instructor at each to give their guidance.

A light lunch will be available, but a dish to pass, soda or chips would be appreciated. Volunteers will be needed to help with the registration, safety check and lunch. The women and girls will want to see the flowers made! Cecil Douglas will help with security and Bob Schrap has volunteered to bring his delicious world famous donuts. Yum Yum!

Safety equipment will be required to forge or to use the grinder. You MUST bring (or borrow) your own:

- ◆ Cotton clothes (No Nylon clothing - It catches fire quickly)
- ◆ Safety Glasses
- ◆ Ear protection (Ear plugs or ear muff shooter's style)
- ◆ Leather Gloves
- ◆ Shoes (Leather is preferred, but absolutely NO sandals or flip flops allowed)
- ◆ Dust mask if you are sensitive to grinding dust

This is a personal event being hosted by Jake Jakus and all attendees will be required to read the safety rules and sign a liability release form to participate. Children will need their parent's permission. We expect the event to fill up fast, so call Jake at 262-392-9522 and make your reservation as soon as possible. I would like no more than 50 people and maybe 25 or 30 actually forging. We'll start with the youngest going first. Please do not expect to leave with a completed knife. It is just an introduction to forging and fun get-together. There is plenty of parking along the road and bring your lawn chairs. By June, there should be shade to sit under!

Tentative Schedule:

- ◆ 8am Instructors set-up and start the forges
- ◆ 9am Mandatory safety meeting (if you want to forge or grind)
- ◆ 9:15am Peter Martin will explain annealing a file and demonstrate how to forge a blade
- ◆ 11am Eric Woodruff will demonstrate how to make flowers
- ◆ 11:30am Lunch will be available (not everyone at once!)
- ◆ 12pm Glen Mikolajczyk will demo Heat Treating blades
- ◆ 1pm Grinding demo by Ed Brandsey
- ◆ 4pm End

Jake Jakus, 262-392-9522,
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Located just off Highway 83, a little southwest of Wales. Jake's home is in the center of the triangle formed by Highway D, E and G/C. Find it on the internet or call if you need directions.

Be careful, Highway 83 may be closed for construction? Call Jake with any questions.