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BADGER KNIFE CLUB

Winter 2011

Club Meeting Sunday, January 30 — 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at the Milwaukee County Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 St., Milwaukee, WI, lower level PieperPower Learning Center. (Exit 306 off I-94 at S. 84 St.).

Please use the rear entrance due to possible icy or slippery conditions on the exterior stairway that we normally use.

The **Featured Program** will be ***Let's Talk Tactical Knives***. Bring along a tactical knife or what you consider a tactical knife and be prepared to defend why you think it is a tactical knife. (It doesn't have to be black!) This should be fun and very enlightening.

The **Progressive Attendance** prize is at $5.00 after **Col. Joe Fox** won $5.00 at the last meeting. The regular **Attendance Prize** of $5.00 went to **John Munch**.

Special *THANK YOU* to **Mark Erickson, Col. Joe Fox, Gary Glowinski, Keith Jacobs,** and **Tom Valenti** for the great Club Raffle items they donated.

Come and join in the fellowship and have some fun along with the free coffee, juice and donuts. Be sure to bring a tactical knife if you have one (or more) and any other knife for sale or swap or just to show off!

Annual Badger Knife Show—March 25, 26 and 27, 2011

Be sure to mark your calendar and post the copy of the show flyer on your refrigerator as a reminder of the **March 25—27 2011 Badger Knife Show** in Janesville, Wisconsin at the Holiday Inn Express and Janesville Conference Center.

We have again arranged for a block of rooms at special reduced show rates at the Holiday Inn Express. Please call to make your reservations at **(608) 756-3100 and mentioned the Badger Knife Show** to get the special rate ***prior to March 1st, 2011***. Your support is important to the Club to help keep the show at this location.

We hope every member of the Badger Knife Club makes every effort possible to attend the show.

Remember, Badger Knife Club members are free and Life Members and a guest are free. See the show flyer for additional details.

Call Bob Schrap at (414) 771-6472 if you have any questions.

2011 Badger Knife Club Knife

We will be viewing and selecting the annual 2011 Club Knife at this January meeting. This is your chance to *cast your vote* for your favorite out of those that will be presented for your consideration. Our Club knife chairman, Bob Stachowicz, will have three or four knives to select from.

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*Multi Purpose Tools **

By Erik Meade

Many construction workers, hunters, fishermen, hikers, mountain climbers, etc. like to carry a multi purpose tool with them in order to be able to deal with the kinds of situations that may arise that require more than a sharp blade. An extreme example illustrates this point. A new film is shortly to be released about a man who was hiking in the canyons of Utah and got into trouble. This film is called *127 Hours* and is based on a real life incident. He fell and his right arm was wedged between boulders. After almost five days of being trapped and unable to move, he decided to use his multi purpose tool (the brand name of which he has so far refused to specify) to cut away the lower portion of the arm and eventually extricate himself and survived the ordeal. He made a tourniquet to control the bleeding. He still hikes, climbs mountains and swims. *He also leaves behind written instructions of where and when he is going into the wilderness.* Read that last line again, slowly.

Most of us will never have to face that kind of situation, but it never hurts to plan ahead and always carry an accessory to help out in an emergency. I, personally, own two Leatherman models, a Gerber model, two micro tools and several less than satisfactory give away tools that can barely have any real use. I would say that the major difference between a Swiss Army style knife with accessories and a multi purpose tool is that the Swiss Army style is primarily a knife with extra features and the multi purpose tool is primarily a set of pliers with bonus features that include a sharp blade or blades. For example, if you hook a big muskie, you will reach for the multi tool and use the pliers to extract the lure without cutting your fingers on the fish's sharp teeth. Most muskies are released. If it's another species of fish and you intend to clean it and eat it., you could use the built in knife blade of the multi tool, but there are better styles of knife blades out there for filleting a fish.

Multi purpose tools are not a new concept. Many of you have seen or used a Woodsman's Pal, which is a combination machete and brush hook. There have been knives developed over the years that have interchangeable blades such as a small hammer, saw, screw driver, etc. The folding pliers/blade style is just a more practical development and is less subject to loss of accessories.

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National Knife Collectors Association (NKCA) Update

From the information that is available, the NKCA is no longer functioning and will be folded into the National Knife Museum (NKM). Apparently any future dues will now be tax deductible as a donation to the NKM.

The NKCA will no longer be sponsoring any shows and their dates and locations will be coordinated and run by J. Bruce Voyles. You can get more information on these shows by contacting Bruce or Deb Voyles at (423) 667-3582 or e-mail at jbruce77@aol.com.

Club Knives Available

Annual Badger Club knives occasionally become available. These knives are as new in the box condition, not used, carried or sharpened:

- 2006 Bear & Son Trapper 2-blade Damascus Number 60 of 80 in original metal box—$60.00
- 2009 Schatt & Morgan English Jack 2-blade number 46 of 50 in original box—$84.00

These are the issue prices of these knives when originally offered. Call Badger Knife Club at 414-479-9765 if you are interested.

Business Card Ads

Please support the generosity of our makers and dealers that donate knives and other items to the Club's silent auction and club meeting raffles. We are placing their business card ads at no cost. Thanks everyone. The Club truly appreciates your support.

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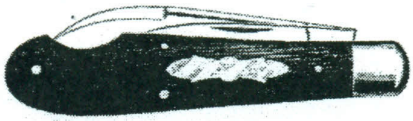

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Club Dues

Check the mailing label for your renewal date.

If you received a ***dues statement*** with this newsletter, please send in your dues right away. You can pay one, two or three years at a time at $5.00 per year. You can mail in your dues or pay at the next meeting. Check to be made out to Badger Knife Club. Your continued interest and support is truly appreciated.

Upcoming 2011 Shows

Note: Be sure to call and check the status of any NCKA sponsored shows before planning on attending as they may be cancelled.

If you don't get *KNIFE WORLD* each month, check out their web site at www.knifeworld.com for a complete listing. Here are a few you might want to checkout:

Feb. 5-6: Wolverine Knife Collectors Club Show in Novi (MI) at the Rock Financial Showplace. Contact Pat Donovan 586-786-5549.

March 25—27: Badger Knife Show at the Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center in Janesville, Wi. Contact Bob Schrap at 414-479-9765

June 10—12: Annual Blade Show. Cobb Galleria Centre—Atlanta, GA. Contact Blade Show at 877-746-9757

See you at the meeting!

2011 BKC Meeting Dates

January 30, May 1

July 31, October 30

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