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# Nife Notes

Badger Knife Club 30 Years Strong

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## Club Meeting Sunday, October 26, 2014

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, October 26, at 7 p.m. at the Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 Street, Milwaukee, WI, lower level PieperPower Learning Center.

The Feature Program will be presented by **Life Member Ed Brandsey**, Custom Knife Maker, who will be providing information and showing examples of *modern-day Bowie knives*. Ed is well known for his large Bowie knives.

Ed has made a concerted study of Bowie knives and Ed's knives, sheaths and presentation display stands are works of art.

The \$40 Progressive Attendance prize was won by **Bryan O'Shaughnessy**. The Regular Attendance prize of \$5.00 was won by **Tim Perrin**. Thanks for your faithful attendance at the meetings.

A special THANK YOU to the following persons who donated items for the club raffle: **Col. Joe Fox, Jake Jakus, Cecil Douglas, Rich Heise and Peter Martin.**

Don't forget the free coffee, juice and donuts. Be sure to bring some knives to sell, trade or just show off. We always see something new and different.

The reconstruction of the I-94/U.S. 45 corridor (Zoo Interchange) is now a major factor in accessing the Boy Scout Service Center. **You cannot use S. 84 St. or the driveway entrance off of 84 St. to enter the BSA parking lot.** The on/off ramps at S. 84 St. are closed and the overpass is being demolished and rebuilt. This is a long-term closure. Please refer to the enclosed map and route direction below.

Going south on 84 St. (N. Glenview Ave.) turn just before the BSA office on Honey Creek Pkwy.

If you're coming from the south, I recommend going north on 70<sup>th</sup> Street to Stevenson (by the Girl Scout office). Turn left on Stevenson, go to 76<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left again and go to Dixon. Turn right and go to the office parking lot.

See back page for a map.

## 2014 Badger Knife Club Knives

The 2014 Club Knives have been received—and mailed or picked up by the members. If you haven't received yours, come to the meeting and pick yours up.

We have some prior year knives available, including a current year knife.

Any questions, please contact Bob Schrap—or see him at the club meeting.

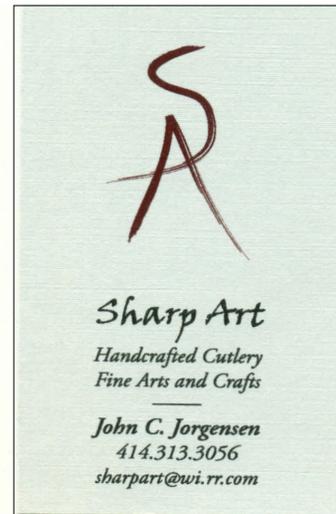
2007 Canal Street—Gus Stock Trapper	\$83.00
2010 Case—Saddlehorn	\$67.00
2013 Canal Street Swell Center Jack	\$99.00
2014 Great Eastern Missouri Tracker	\$87.00

## Ivory Ban Update by Ed Brandsey Elephant Ivory Saga . . .

**ELEPHANT IVORY SAGA** On it goes. Some scrimshaw artists and some knife makers formed a group to push back on the pending rules. They have had some success. They called Congressmen. Turns out that the amount of that ivory that is used here in the US is VERY small, contrary to what has been written. The vast amount of the stuff goes to Asia. Two shipments of something like a ton of ivory had been confiscated here in the past. On investigating it was found out that the neither the US Fish and Wildlife nor anyone else made much of an effort to find out where that ivory came from or who did the poaching. So much for stopping poaching! Now the US Congress is getting involved to help formulate some rules. Now things will happen, and it surely will not get done any time soon. One of the African countries has now stopped all hunting. Governor of New Jersey (Christy) and his bunch got a law passed in that state making the sale of ANY TYPE of ivory illegal and that includes mammoth ivory! Now we must protect the mammoths!! Ivory that was previously legal to use and sell, cannot be sold. I related in the last letter the conversation that I had with the US fish and Wildlife people regarding my 100 year old billiard ball. "No, you cannot cut it up and use it because you do not have any written documentation as to where it came from and how old it is." I had someone tell me that in New York State it is illegal to sell deer, elk, caribou, or moose antlers! If you sell a knife with an antler handle...it is illegal! I once had a conversation at a Guild Show with an East Indian dealer in handle material. He told me the animal rights people got the export ban on Sambar Stag material in India passed. He also told me that if you had 100K to put in the right East Indian hands, the market would open right up. Money talks! Tons of Sambar Stag are in storage in India. There are a large number of wealthy people in the world that are dead set against hunting in any form. Some of those look on people who hunt or like guns as ignorant, red neck, Neanderthals...not to be trusted! I'm sure that applies to those who like knives also. Political Correctness, not common sense, is running amuck here in the U.S. of A. and elsewhere. I will stop here.

### 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 1, 2 or 3 years at a time at \$5 per year. You can mail in your dues or pay at the next meeting. Check made out to Badger Knife Club. Your continued interest and support is truly appreciated.



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### 2015 BKC Meeting Dates

January 25 - April 26

July 26 - October 25

### Annual Badger Knife Show

March 27, 28 and 29, 2015

**See you at the meeting October 26!**

