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**Badger Knife Club
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BADGER KNIFE CLUB Winter 2013



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Club Meeting Sunday, Jan. 27 — 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, January 27, 2013. The meeting will be at the Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 St., Milwaukee, WI, lower level PieperPower Learning Center at 7:00 p.m. (Exit 306 off I-94 at S. 84 St.).

NOTE: DUE TO POSSIBLE SLIPPERY CONDITIONS OF THE EXTERIOR STAIRS, PLEASE USE THE REAR ENTERANCE DOOR TO THE BUILDING. IT WILL BE MANNED FOR SECURITY REASONS. IF YOU ARRIVE LATE, THERE IS AN EXTERIOR DOOR BELL. HOWEVER, WAIT BECAUSE SOMEONE MUST COME FROM THE LOWER LEVEL.

The **Featured Program** for the meeting will be reviewing the various knife publications. . . books, magazines, catalogs,

etc. . . that are available for new and old knives . . . and other reference resources.

The **Progressive Attendance** prize is at \$20.00 when **Barry Brunow**, who was selected was not present. The regular **Attendance Prize** of \$5.00 was won by **Mike Kelly**.

A special *THANK YOU* to the following persons who donated items for the Club Raffle: **Ed Brandsey, Bob Schrap, Col. Joe Fox, John Fleming and Roger Wood**.

Your donations of new knives, books and other cutlery related items are always requested and welcomed.

Come and enjoy an evening of learning, fun and fellowship while you buy, sell and trade knives. Bring the latest addition to your collection or one of your favorite knives to show off while enjoying the free coffee, juice and donuts. See you at the meeting!

Noted Knife Maker

It was recently noted in the *Hawkeye Knife Collectors* newsletter that **J. P. Miller*** displayed a knife at a show and called it his "Yellow River Dag." Quoting the Hawkeye newsletter:

"He explained that it was modeled after a knife found here in Iowa on the riverbank just north of McGregor. What he told me next was really exciting: his Yellow River Dag was selected by the prop staff of the upcoming movie 'The Lone Ranger' starring Johnny Depp. I believe he said Tonto would be wearing it! I told J.P. that this was quite an honor for one of our club members! J.P., being as modest as they come, stated, 'I was just in the right place at the right time.' I replied, 'Yeah, and you also just happen to be one of the best period knife makers in the entire world!'"

(*A regular BKC show exhibitor!)

Upcoming Consignment Auction

Our club member **Bryan O'Shaughnessy** brought to our attention a gun, knife and other sporting item **Consignment Auction** on March 2 and 3, 2013, in Union, Illinois. We will have some flyers at our next meeting or check their website at www.zimsgunshop.com after February 15, 2013.

Broken Blade

We were sorry to learn that our BKC member and archery enthusiast **Kenny Koepsel** recently died. He was a regular attendee at our meetings and shows and will be missed.

Minnesota Weapons Collectors Show

The BKC and the Hawkeye Knife Collectors have been invited to participate in the upcoming Minnesota Weapons Collectors Association (MWCA) show on April 20-21, 2013, at the Minnesota State Fair Education Building, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN. It will be billed as the First Annual Knife Expo (?) as a major part of the MWCA show. We do not have any other information at this time concerning hours, table fees, etc. We will try to post updated information on the BKC website.

2013 Badger Club Knife

Bob Stachowicz has a nice selection of knives to choose from when we vote for the 2013 Badger Club Knife at our next meeting. Here is another good reason to attend the meeting, to help make sure the knife you like will become the next Badger Club Knife!

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Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center Changes Hands

The Holiday Inn Express and Janesville Conference Center recently changed ownership. The new owners plan on keeping the name and other outward amenities the same, including the personnel.

Periodically, hotel chains make changes such as this for financial consideration. The former owners had the franchise for about 20 years and the new owners will be making updates to the rooms and other facilities in their investment amounting to over several million dollars.

Nothing will change that will affect our upcoming shows.

Letter to the Editor from Jim Ryken

I so much enjoy reading these two folk's letters you print in your newsletter. However the last one Diane Martin wrote about being a knifemaker's wife and all the work Diane is forced to do prior to the show and look after to be sure it is packed cannot go unchallenged. You should handle the cash though or Peter would forget it or forget where he packed it.

1. Clothing, yes, I imagine you must (my wife does) pack for both yourself and Peter but do it the easy way. Two slacks or jeans for Peter, two socks, two shirts, shoes he wears. He does not have to shave. I guess I agree you may as well pack the UNDIES you referred to. No one could begin to pack for a wife with all extra STUFF she requires because of so many changes she manages to do each day.

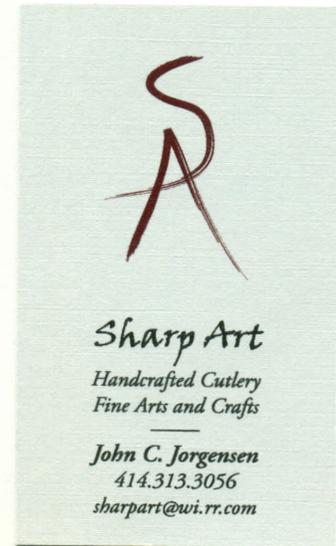
2. Now we are at the show and all set up and here comes the public. Peter normally has 5-6 sellers and some to deliver right off the bat, so some cash type money comes in during the first hour or time is spent visiting with old friends. THEN IT HAPPENS! (Peter takes off.) You are there to run the show. No problem. You do fine and are much nicer to look at than the big lug anyway. If you don't know it by now after years of working with the hammer and all the small parts he must grip, he has developed a very powerful grip. His sincere handshake can be a bit strong the first time and then you prepare for it. Yours is perfect. (You score again.)

3. As to people always wanting to talk to Peter on knives me thinks you can handle all but a very few technical questions but are pleased to play the "good wife" and defer to him and simply say he has taken off somewhere but should be back soon. You can't fool this old knifer of 50 plus years.

4. Now you know you get time away from the table too. Two way street there but you also get to see other wives and also get to plan what is going to happen that evening, where to eat and what ever else wives plan for a fun evening and spring it on hubby after he is wrecked from a hard day. I guess this must be important.

5. Do not worry about forgetting the important stuff like being certain the gin is packed as I always have an extra Texas one packed and would be happy to let you folks enjoy it.

6. Now you can appreciate the honor and how NICE AND EASY it is to be a knifemaker's wife and get to go to all the shows.



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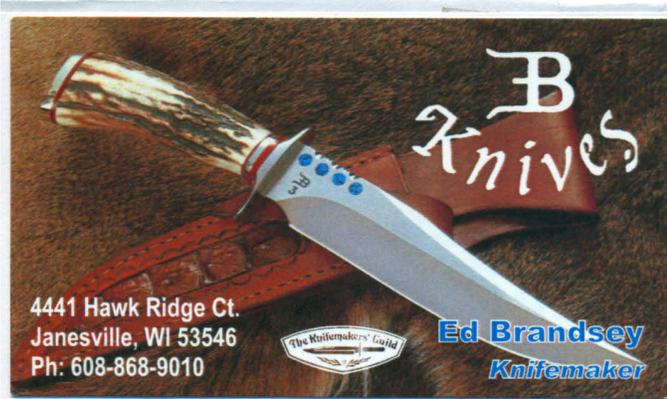
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In closing have just received my latest Martin knife (assisted opener with black pearl) and it is outstanding. I have been kicking around this knife game since the mid 50s. One and 3/4 years ago when I told Peter that he and I both know what high grade black pearl is, and that is what I want and will pay the extra, that is exactly what I got. It was worth the wait. You two run a top drawer operation.

Badger Knife Club member, **James D. Ryken**

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.



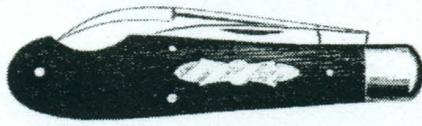
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2013 BKC Meeting Dates

January 27—April 28

July 28—October 27

**Annual Badger Knife Show
March 22, 23 and 24, 2013**

See you at the meeting!

Badger Knife Show

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend our club show **March 22, 23 and 24, 2013**. If you can't do anything else for the BKC, this is the most important thing you can do to show your support. Your attendance is important to help to keep attracting top knife makers, dealers and suppliers to our show. All the information is included in the show ad in this newsletter. We'll see you at the show!

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.

Upcoming 2013 Shows

We try to present information on upcoming shows in our area. For additional listing, check out current issues of *KNIFE WORLD* and *BLADE* magazines.

March 22-24: Badger Knife Show at the Janesville Conference Center at Holiday Inn Express, Janesville, WI— I-90 & U.S. 14. Contact Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472 or badgerknifeclub@aol.com

April 20-21: First Annual Knife Expo Show held at Minnesota State Fair Education Building, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN. Contact Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472

April 27-28: Wolverine Knife Collectors Club Show at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI. Call Pat Donovan 586-786-5549