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Milwaukee, WI**

**Badger Knife Club  
26 Years Strong**



# BADGER KNIFE CLUB

## Summer 2011

### *Club Meeting Sunday, July 31 — 7 p.m.*

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, July 31.

The meeting will be at the Milwaukee County 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.).

We will have **TWO special Featured Programs at this meeting**. BKC Life Member **Tim Perrin** will be talking about getting your collection “Out of the Closet” and ways you can display them at our meetings or shows. He will discuss open table displays vs. displays in cases and the advantages and disadvantages of both.

The other **Featured Program** will be given by Life Member **Col. Joe Fox**. He will be giving out a kit knife to everyone at the meeting. You can take it home and assemble it and bring it to the following meeting in October to show off your handy work. (This sounds like a

possible making of a contest!) Col. Joe Fox will also be bringing an interesting display on the making of Japanese swords. You will no doubt go home knowing something more about swords than when you came to the meeting!

The **Progressive Attendance** prize is at \$15.00 after **Jim Nerud’s** name was selected but he was not present at the last meeting. The regular **Attendance Prize** went to **Rich Heise**. There were also other door prizes handed out. Come and join in the fellowship and have some fun buying, selling and trading knives or just showing them off to the other Club members while having some free coffee or juice and a donut. See you at the meeting.

Special *THANK YOU* to **Wayne and Pam Robbins, John Fleming, Mark Erickson, Col. Joe Fox, Peter Martin, Gary Glowinski, Keith Martino, Gary Furman, Sr., Krause Publications** and **Bob Schrap** for the many great Club Raffle items they donated.

### *2011 Badger Knife Club Knife*

We received our 2011 Badger Knife Club Knives—the beautiful CASE Back Pocket Barehead Trapper. I will be mailing them out to those that paid to have them mailed or handing them out at the next meeting. They turned out very well and you will be really happy with this one. Case knives did a fabulous job. Thanks again to Club Knife Chairman, Bob Stachowicz, for putting this one in the works for us. This is another great reason to come to the meeting and pick yours up.

(We have a couple extra available to any member who did not order one . . . They are \$75.00 each.)

### *Recent Passings*

We haven’t printed our newsletter lately without being saddened by the loss of a member or friend of the Club.

Long time member and regular table holder at the BKC shows, **Kirk Cruze** died on May 4, 2011. He was the friend of his fellow knife collector Greg Harmon. The two traveled together from Illinois to set up and attend our shows. Kirk will be remembered and missed by his family and friends.

We also learned that longtime knife dealer **Jim Taylor** died this past April. He and his wife Cindy Raab Taylor were regulars at many of the major knife shows. He will always be associated with the black derby hat, the t-shirt that said “English spoken, American understood” and, of course, his wonderful English accent. Jim, you will be fondly remembered.

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## Coming Out of the Closet

By Tim Perrin

Are you a “Closet Knife Collector”? Let’s take a quick test to see if you may be a closet collector.

Do you have more knives than you can use at one time stored out of sight?	Yes / No
Do you have a collection of knives that no one but you has ever seen?	Yes / No
Have you ever had a person you have know for year’s say “I didn't know you collected knives”.	Yes / No
You don’t have any knife’s on display in your home?	Yes / No

If you have answered “Yes” to one or more of these questions, you are most likely a “Closet Knife Collector”.

How do you fix this problem in your life? Well, you have taken the first step by admitting you have a problem. We have to find a display solution that you can live with. There are two basic ways to display your knives. The first type is an “Open Air Display” and the second is a “Closed Air Display”.

An “Open Air Display” is what many people refer to as dust collectors. The knife(s) is/are displayed in a manner that does not protect it from airborne debris that can, over time, damage it if not cleaned regularly. This debris can be dry like dust, hair etc. or wet debris can be airborne humidity, finger prints etc.. However, it does allow the viewer better access to interact with the item. This type of display does not provide any security from unwanted touching, children, pets etc. This type of display typically requires more space per knife but tends to be less costly.

A “Closed Air Display” protects the knife(s) from airborne debris and avoids frequent cleaning that an “Open Air Display” requires. It reduces the viewing angles and eliminates any unwanted touching but does not allow the viewer interaction with the item. This type of display typically requires less space per knife but tends to be more costly. The window panes can be

plastic or glass, each have their advantages and disadvantages. Plastics are either acrylic or polycarbonate which may or may not have a scratch resistant coating. Wet cleaning helps reduce the possibility of scratching the windows but the moisture may not be the best thing for the frame work materials like wood if it gets into places that can’t be dried properly. The good news is they are less costly and not as breakable as glass. Glass windows come in two types of float glass, un-tempered and tempered. Tempering improves the durability of the glass. Even with a higher cost, the greater scratch resistance makes glass the greater long-term value.

Combining both an “Open Air Display” and “Closed Air Display” may be another option for you. Placing an “Open Air Display” in a “Closed Air Display” like a curio cabinet brings together a different combination of Pros and Cons that may be more to your liking. See the attached Pro/Con overview chart to help you figure out what display option is best for you.

No matter which option you pick, the most important thing is that your knives are getting out of the closet and are being enjoyed by you and most importantly, by others. Now that you know your options to help yourself with your problem, you have to take the final step and do it. Because until you do, you will not truly be free from being a “Closet Knife Collector”.

Open air display	Pro	Con
No protection from air born contamination		X
Viewer can handle knife(s)	X	X
Viewable for many angles	X	
Security		X
Eye appealing	X	
Require more space per knife		X
Undetected handling		X
Frequent Cleaning Required		
Lower cost	X	

Closed air display	Pro	Con
Protection from air born contamination	X	
Viewer can not handle knife(s)	X	X
Limited viewing angles		X
Security	X	
Eye appealing	X	
Require less space per knife	X	
Provent undetected handling	X	
Infrequent Cleaning Required	X	
Higher cost		X

Open air displays in a Closed air display	Pro	Con
Protection from air born contamination	X	
Viewer can not handle knife(s)	X	X
Limited viewing angles		X
Security	X	
Eye appealing	X	
Require more space per knife		X
Provent undetected handling	X	
Infrequent Cleaning Required	X	
Higher cost		X



*Useful Tip from the Internet  
Burn Remedy*

Once I was cooking some corn and stuck my fork in the boiling water to see if the corn was ready. I missed the corn and my hand went into the boiling water.

A friend of mine, who was a Vietnam vet, came into the house just as I was screaming and asked me if I had some plain old flour. I pulled out a bag and he stuck my hand in it. He said to keep my hand in the flour for 10 minutes, which I did. He said that in Vietnam, this guy was on fire and in their panic, they threw a bag of flour all over him to put the fire out . . . Well, it not only put the fire out, he never even had a blister!

Soooo, long story short, I put my hand in the bag of flour for 10 minutes, pulled it out and had not even a red mark or a blister and absolutely NO PAIN. Now I keep a bag of flour in the fridge and every time I burn myself, I use the flour and never once have I ever had a red spot, a burn or a blister.

Keep a bag of white flour in your fridge and you will be happy you did. I even burnt my tongue and put the flour on it for about 10 minutes and pain was gone and no burn.

Don't run your burn area under cold water first, just put it right into the flour for 10 minutes and experience a miracle.

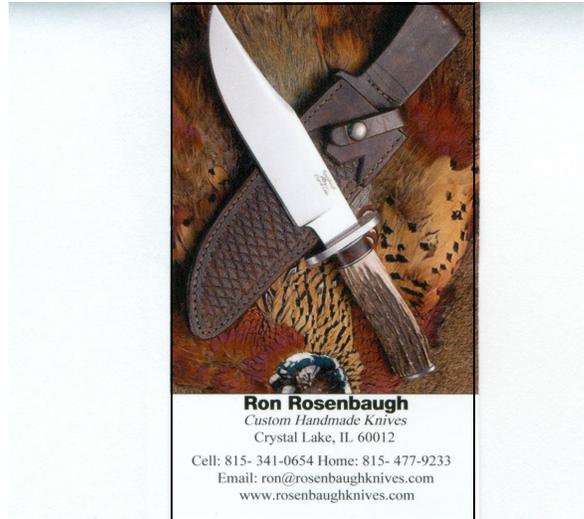
*Knife Care Tip — Sharpening  
Ed Brandsey*

Here are some tips, learned along the way, to help you keep your knives in good condition.

Sharpening. No lessons here. Touch up the blade after each use! It is far easier to keep it sharp this way than to have to go to work on it after it is so dull it won't cut anything at all. A tool steel blade will lose its keen edge just sitting in storage. This is due to oxidation and after a few months, it will have to get sharpened. Bowhunters who use tool steel broadheads will have the same problem.

*Northern Lakes Annual Fall Knife Show*

Be sure to reserve September 30 and October 1 on your calendar for the Annual Fall Knife Show at the Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center.



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 FALL KNIFE SHOW**  
 Holiday Inn Express and Janesville  
 Conference Center  
**Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2011**  
**Friday Noon - 7 pm. - Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 pm**  
 \$5.00 at the door  
 (Early Bird Pass available \$20.00 which allows  
 admission at 9 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday)

Janesville is located approximately 1/2 hour south of Madison, WI and 1/2 hour north of Rockford, IL. Exit 171C from I-90 & U.S. Hwy 14 east to Deerfield Dr., then south to 3100 Wellington Place

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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*

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

**Sept 16—17: AECA 32nd Annual Show.** Oak Lawn Community Pavilion, Oak Lawn, IL. Contact Marty Witek at 708-865-1589

**Sept 24: Wolverine Knife Collectors Fall Show.** Knights of Columbus Hall, Clawson, MI. Contact Pat Donovan 586-786-5549 or Frank Meek 586-262-2031

**Sept 30—Oct 1: Northern Lakes Annual Fall Knife Show.** Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center, Janesville, WI. Contact Bob Schrap, Northern Lakes Knife Co. at 414-771-6472

*2011 BKC Meeting Dates*  
*July 31, October 30*  
*Annual Badger Knife Show*  
*March 23, 24 and 25, 2012*

*See you at the meeting!*

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