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**Badger Knife Club  
27 Years Strong**



The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, April 29, 2012, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America, 330 S. 84 St., Milwaukee, WI, lower level Pieper-Power Learning Center at 7:00 p.m. (Exit 306 off I-94 at S. 84 St.).

The **Featured Program** for the meeting will be presented by **Life Member and Custom Knifemaker David Ricke**. He will be showing some of the different ways and whys on marking of knives and why they are important.

# **BADGER KNIFE CLUB** **Spring 2012**

*Club Meeting Sunday, April 29 — 7 p.m.*

The **Progressive Attendance** prize of \$25.00 was won by **Steve Jacobson** at the last meeting, so it is now back to \$5.00. The regular **Attendance Prize** was won by **Rich Heise**.

A special *THANK YOU* to **Mark Erickson, Col. Joe Fox, John Fleming, John Jorgensen and Bryon O'Shaughnessy** for the Club Raffle items donated.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun while you buy, sell and trade knives. Bring a special knife from your collection to show off and talk about with your fellow members. We will have the free coffee, juice and donuts as well.

## *Silent Auction Donors!*

The 2012 Badger Knife Show was a success with most of the table holders expressing brisk sales. Attendance was excellent on all three days. Special *THANK YOU*s to **Deb and Neil Schulze, Doug Schulze, Lisa Schulze, Char Brandsey, Sybil Woodruff, Karen Meyer, Jeanette Rochford, and George and Marlene Jaeger**, and all of the award judges.

I have no doubt forgotten somebody and, if I have, please forgive me.

*THANK YOU* also to the winning bidders. We appreciate your support!

The Silent Auction went well and *THANK YOU* to the donors of the many items. They are:

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## *2012 Badger Knife Club Knife!*

The deadline for ordering the **2012 Club Knife**—a Great Eastern lock back folder—is **April 30, 2012**. Get your order form and check in today or bring them to the meeting.

### *Winners!*

The lucky winner of the **2012 Badger Knife Show Custom Makers' Drawing** was **Tom Lawrence** when his blue card was drawn on a knife purchased from **Dave Ricke**. This year's **Custom Makers' Drawing knife** was made by **Chuck Hawes** with a sheath by **Bob Schrap**.

The lucky winner of the **Win-A-Knife** drawing was **George Jaeger**. The knife was a Leatherman Multi tool furnished by the Club.

Congratulations and Thank You to our winners for participating.

## *Club Knife Photo Gallery*

Recently a prospective Club member expressed an idea that has merit. He asked if there was a photo gallery of all of our Club knives. What a great idea! Now we are looking for someone that could get this done. Can you format this? Can you photograph the knives? We hope to hear from you!

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### *In Memory . . .*

We recently learned that Club member **Andy Victorey** passed away July 16, 2011. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

His wife Karen mentioned that all of Andy's blade and handle materials as well as tools and motors used for buffing and polishing are available to anyone interested in purchasing them. You can contact Karen at 715-459-1421 or email at kvictorey@yahoo.com.

### *Black Hat Award Winner Bob Stachowicz*

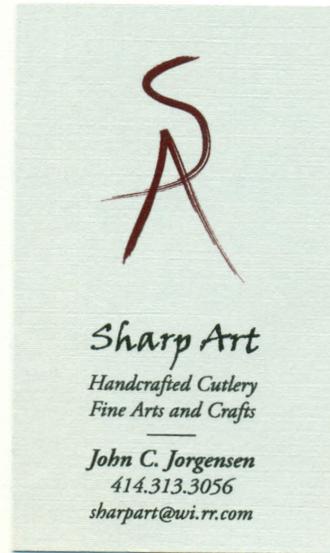
Since 2005, the Black Hat Award has been given in the memory of **Mick and Judy Koval**. Mick and Judy were the owners of Koval Knife Supply and they were well liked and known by many knife makers throughout the country. They both passed away in a short span in time. Mick always wore a black cowboy hat—hence the Black Hat Award. The award was given to persons in recognition of *honesty, integrity and fellowship* in and outside the world of knives and knife collecting.

This year the Black Hat Award was presented to **Bob Stachowicz**. Bob is a Life Member of the Badger Knife Club. He has been instrumental in establishing the standards for judging and awarding various categories of custom/handmade knives, and in the judging and awarding of knife collections.

He has been handling the process for selecting the Annual Badger Knife Club Knives. He has done both of these tasks in an exemplary fashion for over twenty-five years.

Past recipients of the Black Hat Award include: Bob Schrap, Col. Joe Fox, Ed and Kathy Wormser, Hank Rummell, Kevin Cashin, Ed Brandsey, and Wayne and Pam Robbins.

Congratulations to Bob; job well done.



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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 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.

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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## “The Life of the Knife Wife”

By Diane Martin

The continuing Saga.....

As I prepare for my “Annual Vacation” in sunny and warm Janesville, WI I of course am worried about the usual “Knife Wife” things; what to wear, are the table covers clean, where’s my bottle of GIN?

As Peter and I run down the lists in our heads I quickly realize “my importance” as my list has way more on it than his, like duct tape, extension cords, underwear, and the Ambien to drown out his snoring ( I am sure I purr like a kitten).

As we make our way we have the usual conversation asking if we will see “so & so”, or “how tall do you think Ben and Daniel Clark will be this year?” Did we pack the KNIVES???? With all the pre show worries behind us, once we are there it quickly becomes a big family reunion. You miss those who have passed, you see how tall Ben and Daniel really are, all the new babies, boyfriends, girlfriends, puppies and yes.....all the NEW KNIVES!!!

I had the honor of being a judge this year and it was a new and exciting experience for me. Being in this business for 25 years now, it has always interested me as to how this process works. As I dust off all of the wonderful awards Peter has won thru the years I am sure he was extremely happy that I was not judging any of his categories. As he shows me every knife, at every stage of completion, I first ask if it’s done, (his eyes roll and a heavy sigh) then I ask if he wants me to look with glasses on or off (again with the eye roll). So I now take this as a challenge to ask all the very important” knife wife” questions about every tiny minute thing I see (I have the magnifying glass out at this point). It’s to the point now when he is filling an order for a customer he just hands me the magnifying glass along with the knife and sits down for a bit while I point out all of the things he needs to take care of.(I wonder why I haven’t see many knives lately? He must be slacking)

Once at the show, I realize the importance of being a “knife wife”. Being brutally honest REALLY is a lot of work. So as to not become to “tithered” I decide it is time to make a “coffee run” with my friend and fellow “knife wife”. A couple of hours later we arrive back, coffee in hand for our award winning, knife making hubbies! Refreshed, renewed, and before we even sit down they are off and running!

Alone again. I feel like a seat filler for the academy awards. If I just had an evening gown and a tiara! Hmm.....So I of course take this task very seriously, have Peter go over every knife detail so I can answer all questions intelligently and I have found that whether I have the answers or not, they want to purchase a knife from the maker, not the “KNIFE WIFE” So, once again realizing the importance of my role and as to not get too tithered, I decide it’s time for “another coffee run” with my friend and fellow “knife wife”. Several hours later we return with coffee in hand. (Boy they have a bad coffee habit).

But seriously, again we had a great show, great meal, and great fun with friends and are looking forward to next year’s show! Thanks for listening.

Diane

**Bob Stachowicz**, Chairman of the Judging and Awards Committee, is pleased to publish the results of the judging at the 2012 Badger Knife Show.

## 2012 BKC Show Awards

### A. Commemorative Collection / Display Awards

1. Karl Hallberg: Ivory handled miniature Bowies & Fighters
2. Rich Heise: Miniature custom fixed blade knives
3. Lester Levinson: "Babies" – handmade miniature knives by various makers
4. Tim Perrin and youth group: Handmade knives by youths

### B. Knifemaking Awards

#### **BEST CUTLERY ARTISTRY** – Tim Adlam

Engraving on all four bolsters of a Warren Osborne folder. Art depicts a rhinoceros from different angles on the front bolsters and traditional African hunting spears and shields on the rear bolsters.

#### **JUDGES' AWARD** – Douglas Arthur Alcorn II

Two flintknapped pieces done in the traditional manner.

1. A replica of a St. Charles Dovetail – spear or knife point – knapped from Indiana Hornstone.
2. A replica of a Mississippi Duck River sword knapped from yellow slag glass.

#### **BEST BASIC KNIFE (Table Price \$300 or Less)** – William "Bill" Johnson

His Model 110, small, dropped point, Bird & Trout, fixed blade knife. The blade is of ATS34 stainless steel and the handle is camel bone.

#### **BEST FANTASY / ART KNIFE** – Peter Martin

A signature "Bug Knife". This is a Dragonfly with abalone and walrus ivory body – the handle. The knife is a liner lock with titanium liners and a blade of Martin forged, mosaic Damascus. The stand forms the wings and legs with the wings of abalone and the legs of 14K gold.

#### **BEST FIXED BLADE KNIFE** – Kevin Cashen

A trailing point Hunter. The blade is of O1-O2-L6 composite Damascus. The handle is African Blackwood.

#### **BEST FOLDING KNIFE** – Les Voorhies

His Model 13, "Flipper Folder". The blade is of S35VN steel and the handle is titanium with titanium overlays.

#### **BEST-IN-SHOW** – Glen Mikolajczyk

A fully functional, sole authorship, presentation quality "Pipehawk" – a combination of a pipe and tomahawk. This one is called a "Three Heart Hawk" because of the heart shaped decorations and cut-outs. The blade is 160 layer 15N20-1095-nickle Damascus; the bowl is 80 layer 15N20-1095-nickle Damascus; the handle is hand rubbed Tiger Maple. The Pipehawk includes filework, inlays, a carved, wrought iron spacer, and authentic trade beads.

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### ***2012 BKC Meeting Dates***

*April 29, 2012,*

*July 29, 2012 and October 28, 2012*

**Annual Badger Knife Show**

**March 22, 23 and 24, 2013**

***See you at the meeting!***

### ***Upcoming 2012 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.

**June 8—10: 2012 Annual Blade Show** at Cobb Galleria Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact Blade Show at 877-746-9757

**July 27—29: A. G. Russell's Knife Event.** Held at Hammons Convention Center, Rogers AR. Contact A.G. Russell Knives at 800-255-9034.

**October 5—6: Annual Fall Knife Show—Northern Lakes Knife Co..** Held at the Holiday Inn Express and Janesville Conference Center, Janesville, WI. Contact Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472

### ***Badger Knife Club Knives***

We currently have a 2006 Club Knife 20th Anniversary edition available. It is the Bear & Son 2-Blade Trapper, Damascus blades with Mossy Green Bone handles. It is #67 of 80 in the original colorful metal box and sleeve and wrappers. Mint Condition \$80. Call Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472.

We occasionally get one or more club knives primarily from the estate of past or deceased members. Let me know what knife you may be looking for to fill in your collection. We'll put you on a list of knives to watch for. Call Bob Schrap at 414-771-6472.