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# BADGER KNIFE CLUB

**Badger Knife Club**  
**26 Years Strong**



## Spring 2011



### *Club Meeting Sunday, May 1 — 7 p.m.*

The next meeting of the Badger Knife Club (BKC) will be Sunday, May 1. (NOTE: The meeting will be the first Sunday in May due to Easter falling on the last Sunday in April this year.) 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.).

The **Featured Program** will be given BKC Life Member and Custom Knife Maker **Edward Brandsey**. He will tell us about the pioneer knife maker and his friend, **Dan Dennehy**, who recently died at the age of

88. Come and learn more about this long-time maker that I think will be very enlightening and interesting.

The **Progressive Attendance** prize is at \$10.00 after **Don Geiser's** name was selected but was not present at the last meeting. The regular **Attendance Prize** was won by **Ken Walz**.

Special *THANK YOU* to **John Fleming, Mark Erickson, Col. Joe Fox, Peter Martin, Dwight Mason, Bryon O'Shaughnessy** and **Bob Schrap** for the many great Club Raffle items they donated.

Come and join in the fellowship and have some fun buying, selling or trading your knives while you have free coffee, juice and donuts. See you at the meeting!

### *2011 Badger Knife Club Knife Reminder*

The deadline for ordering your 2011 Badger Knife Club Knife—the beautiful CASE Back Pocket Barehead Trapper, is April 30, 2011. Don't miss out on this one. Club Knife Chairman, Bob Stachowicz

### *Black Hat Award—Wayne and Pam Robbins*

Since 2005, the Black Hat Award has been given in memory of **Mick and Judy Koval**. (Mick always wore a black cowboy hat.) It has been awarded to those persons who best *exemplified honesty, integrity and fellowship* in and outside the world of knives and knife collecting.

This year's Black Hat Award is given to **Wayne and Pam Robbins**, who have been consistent good-will ambassadors in the world of knife making and collecting, not only at the shows they attend, but also in their business practice of making and selling zippered knife and gun cases. Their attitude and product quality are top notch; excellent to say the least.

Other past recipients of the Black Hat Award include **Bob Schrap, Col. Joe Fox, Ed and Kathy Warmser, Hank Rummell, Kevin Cashin** and **Ed Brandsey**.

Congratulations to Wayne and Pam!

### *Recent Passings*

We were saddened at the recent deaths of two of Badger Knife Club's Life Members:

**Henry Gaab** of Ripon, Wisconsin

**Terry Kopplin** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

They will be remembered and missed by the members of the Badger Knife Club.

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## 2011 BKC Show Awards

Bob Stachowicz, the Chairman for the Judging and Awards Committee is pleased to publish the results of the judging at the 2011 Badger Knife Show.

### **A. Commemorative Collection / Display Awards**

1. Karl Hallberg: Ivory handled miniature Bowies & Fighters
2. Joyce Hembrook: Depression era glass cake and fruit knives
3. Keith Jacobs: Display of George Schrade Knife Co., Ulster Knife Co., and Kingston Cutlery Co. knives.
4. Lester Levinson: Handmade miniature knives by various makers
5. Thompson Irish Settlers 4-H Club: Handmade knives by students

### **B. Knifemaking Awards**

#### **BEST CUTLERY ARTISTRY** – Lori Ristinen

Color scrimshaw of a feudal Japanese scene featuring Samurai warriors completely encircling the handle of a Ray Beers knife. Handle material is old ivory.

#### **BEST BASIC KNIFE (Table Price \$300 or Less)** – Chuck Hawes

Hunting knife with a W2 steel blade that was differentially tempered by Chuck to show a pronounced temper line (Hamon). The handle is spalted alder, Sambar stag, ironwood, and elk antler with brass spacers.

#### **BEST FANTASY / ART KNIFE** – Philip Booth

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> in Philip's series of car knives and is a 1957 Chevy with a liner-locking blade of Alabama Damascus. The car body and engine are constructed of hand-fabricated parts made from stainless steel and titanium. The doors sport flames of anodized titanium.

#### **BEST FIXED BLADE KNIFE** – Glen Mikolajczyk

Large Bowie knife with powder mosaic Damascus blade of nickel, cutting bar 1095, and 15N20. The handle is ancient, blue walrus ivory. The sheath is also by Glen and is made of leather with diamondback rattle-

snake skin inlay.

#### **BEST FOLDING KNIFE** – Peter Martin

A large folding dagger with mosaic Damascus blade forged by Peter. It is a double action auto with window-frame handle construction. The handle is also of mosaic Damascus and incorporates black lip pearl and mokume.

#### **JUDGES' AWARD** – Mark Nevling

A "Bullpup", upscale, tactical folder. The blade is of bold, feather pattern Damascus steel made by Doug Ponzio and forged to shape by Mark. The bolsters are explosion pattern Damascus steel. The knife is fully fileworked including the backspring. Handle is (very) blue, Mammoth ivory. The leather sheath is also by Mark and includes elephant hide inlay.

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

A fully functional, sole authorship, presentation quality "Pipehawk" – a combination of a pipe and tomahawk – with accents of horse hair and authentic trade beads. The blade head is of forged 150 layer Damascus steel of 1095, 15N20, and nickel. It is engraved and fileworked and incorporates a cross cut-out. The handle is Tiger Maple with sterling silver inlays. The mouthpiece is of old ivory.

### **C. Ugly Knife Contest**—Bob Rossdeutscher

Last fall a group of custom knife makers got together and promoted an idea for an Ugly Knife Contest. The makers who participated each received materials for the blade and handle—a piece of steel and a chunk of cow bone! Go make a knife! The group of knives were judged by a couple of knowledgeable knife people and the knife that was selected was made by Bob Rossdeutscher. It's really hard to judge something like this, since Bob's winning knife actually looked pretty darn good to me, but what do I know?

## Silent Auction

The Silent Auction at the past show was very successful and is the main fund raising effort to fund the Club for the coming year. We appreciate the generous donations of knives and other items. We thank the winning bidders also for their wonderful bids. Thanks to **Deb and Neil Schulze**, who ran the auction this year.

### Silent Auction Donors

Nick Smolen	Daryl Hibben	Jim Summers	Tim Adlam
Ed Brandsey	Matthew Lerch	Dave Kohls	Tom McLennon
Bob Schrap	Gary Glowinski	Richard Johnson	Mike and Sarah Sakmar
Peter Albert	Mike Wais	Marty Witek AECA	Doug Ponzio
Diane Martin	Peter Martin	Dave Ricke	Douglas Gift
Clarence De Yong	Jerry Kohls	Fred Harrington	Wayne and Pam Robbins
Great Eastern Cutlery	Mike Spors	Steve Kohls	

*Thank You for your Support.*

### *Thank You*

Last, but not least, THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who help put on the show.

There are so many, I am afraid to list them for fear that I might forget someone. It takes many people to run the Administration Table, the Silent Auction, the Judging and Awards, the Security, the Admission Table and so many other things that go into putting on a successful show . . .

A THOUSAND THANK YOUS!

## Knife Care Tip from Ed Brandsey—Cleaning

Some of this seems obvious, but you should see what comes back to my shop each year. Clean the knife after each use. Blood, tallow and other fluids can cause rust, pitting and discoloration . . . Don't stuff the knife back into the sheath dirty! Clean the knife with water, snow, grass, wet leaves, whatever is at hand. Then dry it off. All of this holds double for folding knives.

When you get home, finish cleaning if there is a need. Give the blade a light coat of oil or WD-40. Give the hinge pin and spring of your folder a little oil. Your knives ought to get the same treatment that your gun or bow gets. A well-cared-for knife is a joy to use!!

### *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](http://www.knifeworld.com) for a complete listing. Here are a few you might want to checkout:

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

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

*2011 BKC Meeting Dates*  
*May 1*  
*July 31, October 30*  
*Annual Badger Knife Show*  
*March 23, 24 and 25, 2012*

*See you at the meeting!*

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