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CLUB NEWS BY JOHN FORESMAN

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer this year. It sure flew by for me. We started the season off with the Blade Show in Atlanta, GA. Although the Buck family was missed, we had a great show. In our own little corner of the exhibit hall, table after table was filled with some incredible Buck knife displays. Our youth exhibitors were filled to the brim with contagious enthusiasm. Brent Schindewolf has done a wonderful job with initiating an excellent interactive youth program. (You can read more about that in the Sharp Zone) Our tables were a little scattered this year instead of all together. Many thanks to Dale Eichberg for volunteering to be out on his own little island! I sure appreciated his offer. His awesome display of pre-factory handmades and 106s attracted a lot of attention.

The Buck Collectors Club once again swept the Blade Show Display Awards. Brent Schindewolf, Frank Meek and Pat Donovan all took home Judges Awards. Larry Oden took the top prize of Best of Show for his incredible display of factory production knives.

Our annual membership meeting was held on the Saturday of the show. We held elections for two Board seats and also the Secretary position. Both Bruce Dollinger and Brent Schindewolf were re-elected. Russ Donoghue decided not to run for Secretary again. Doris Beall was elected as our new Secretary. She is the first female to hold a leadership role in the Buck Collectors Club! Congratulations to all three!

Our after meeting auctions, raffle and knife swap was once again a highlight of the day for club members in

attendance. Many knives exchanged hands and smiles were seen everywhere!

Russ Donoghue served our club with honor during his tenure as a Board Member and then Secretary. I came to heavily rely on his wisdom and gentle guidance when difficult decisions arose. He is a man with great vision toward the future. I am a better person for having worked with Russ. Thank you Russ for your dedication and hard work as an officer of our club. I appreciate you my friend!

Tim Lindsey was honored with the Paul Lentz award this year. He has taken on more and more responsibility for us. Tim not only heads up the Facebook page but now updates our club website. Thank you Tim! Speaking of the club website, make it a point to visit our site. Tim is holding weekly auctions for some cool knives in the Members Discussion Forum. Check the auctions out! Our club has been growing in membership steadily since we launched the new website. Easily over 95% of our new members have joined us via the site.

We're looking for ideas for a special project knife for the December newsletter. If you have an idea for a great collectible club knife, email either me or one of our Board Members or Officers. We strive to offer knives that will be of interest to everyone. Your input would be most appreciated!

Happy Collecting,
John Foresman

MEMORY OF CHARLES T BUCK (1936-2015) BY LORI BUCK



Note to BCCI members: This article was originally printed in the August 2016 issue of the Buck Knives employee newsletter. I thought you would be interested in hearing about this outreach to our nation's veterans.

If you've noticed an abundance of roses in full bloom under the flagpoles at the entrance to Buck Knives this summer perhaps you'd like to know a little bit about their significance.



Graham Crutchfield, retired military, donated two Veterans' Honor™ rose bushes in memory of Chuck in 2015. This summer they burst forth with abundant blossoms!

Graham Crutchfield worked tirelessly with Chuck and Buck Knives since we relocated from California to Idaho honoring many of our veterans with a special commemorative knife. Billy Bates shared, "The project started with a special Limited Edition Model 192 Vanguard in 2005. Each branch of the service is recognized by their unique military symbol etched in the handle.



WHAT MAKES THESE ROSE BUSHES SPECIAL?

ARLINGTON, Va., — In a May 27, 1999, ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Jackson & Perkins, the nation's largest producer of patented roses, unveiled a rose to honor the individuals in the Armed forces whose contributions established and protect our nation.

Ten percent of the sales of each rose, called Veterans' Honor™ is donated to fund research for veterans' health through an account established by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The idea to create Veterans' Honor™ came from The Honorable Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., M.P.H., personally. When asked about the rose, Dr. Kizer commented, "I wanted to create a commemorative rose to signify the pride and gratitude that we as citizens of this country have for our veterans. Without their sacrifices and beneficence, the freedoms that Americans and many other people enjoy today would not be possible."

Graham chose to honor Chuck's memory not only as a vital part of Buck Knives from 1961-2015 but also as having served our Country in the United States Navy as did his father, Alfred C Buck, before him.

Addendum to BCCI members: Just a note that these knives are not for sale. No one can buy one. Graham Crutchfield chooses the veterans that receive the knives. It's been his program and people have donated to the cause with Buck covering half the cost. Graham Crutchfield presents those knives to recipients in recognition of their service in Iran or Afghanistan. Since Chuck's death, Lori, CJ and Josh have participated in events at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. Chuck and Graham shared together in other special events honoring the service of veterans from all branches to our great country.



CJ's UPDATE

It is a wonderful sunny day in August as I write this column. Summer has been elusive up here in the inland northwest. However, today is 90 degrees and we have a beautiful patchwork of clouds in a deep blue sky that is setting us up for a gorgeous sunset. We have not had a single day so far above 95 degrees, so much cooler than normal, and we have had nicely scattered rains all summer long. The heat, fires and fire smoke from last summer are not missed at all and our hearts go out to those folks being evacuated down in California, and those under water in Louisiana.

Two weeks ago we had our company picnic. Usually we do these offsite over a weekend at a local park but this year we tried something different. We only worked a half day and used our back parking lot to have managers cook hot dogs

and hamburgers, and brought in some really fun activities. We had a jousting where you climb onto these unsecure pedestals in a blow up padded landing with a blow up jousting tool. The goal was to knock your opponent off his/her pedestal. It was a hoot. I won a few rounds and then got my clock cleaned. Another highlight of the day was the Management Dunk Tank. I have no idea why all found it so satisfying to watch those of us in management as we vied for who had the longest line. It was an amazing team building and morale boosting afternoon and I think we might do it this way next year as well. We missed the families that attend the offsite events. However, we had greater participation from our employees since they were at work already and the lack of family responsibilities gave more time for interaction with fellow Buckaroos.



Buck employees jousting

Our new products have performed as expected in this “deer in the election headlights” marketplace. We have found key dealers to be conservative about adding products to their mixes but one of the big surprise winners for me has been the success of the Kinetic Spear tips. I have to admit that as I walked dealers through our product line at Shot Show in January, I thought the Kinetic series was going to be more a curiosity than a winner but I have been proven wrong. Survival and “Gigging” are key interests for our customers and the acceptance of these products is proof of that.

Another product I am really excited about is the Model #550 Selector. This knife embodies some real engineering genius and you will feel it when you swap blades in and out. Most people opening the knife for the first time, because of the smoothness of the action, will not even realize the blade is interchangeable. That is a testament to how they were designed to operate, while at the same time removing the blade when you intend to is easy and intuitive. I am excited to put this knife to the test in the field this fall.



CJ in the Dunk Tank

I remain very involved with the Boone and Crockett Club. Earlier this year I was asked to be the VP of Communications for the club. Since Hunting and Marketing are very special to me, I really enjoy this responsibility of helping to educate both hunters and non-hunters about Hunting and Conservation.

Last month the B & C Club held our 29th Big Game Awards Ceremony in Springfield, Missouri at the headquarters of Bass Pro Shops. Johnny L. Morris, owner of Bass Pro Shops, long time Buck customer and friend of my father, hosted the event at the amazing museum he has built next door. It is a truly amazing experience and I would highly recommend spending a full day at least going through the exhibits. There are many interactive opportunities for children as the motive for the museum was to honor Johnny's parents and introduce young people to the importance of hunters and our responsibility to show respect to both game and the land.

We hold these ceremonies every three years and we honor every record book inductee who sends their trophy for display and wants to make the trip. Having the event in the museum made it extra special and promises that three years from now, when we do the 30th, we hope word on how fun it was will spread and we will get even better attendance.

On the night before the grand banquet, we put on the Frank Steel Parker Generation Next Youth Banquet. Yes, I know that is quite a mouthful. I have been the emcee now for the first three of these events that we have held so far. We had over 50 kids who harvested their record book animals from 2013-2015 and who were under 16 at the time. We had each come up on stage to receive a medal from the Records Division of the Boone and Crockett club while I read the story of their particular hunt. It was great to shake their hands as they left the stage and see the multigenerational and very functional families sitting together to honor their young hunter or huntress.

The B & C Club has maintained a record book for collecting ecological data about hunting trophies since the early 1900s. The logic was that if an ecosystem can produce robust adult males, then that ecosystem is balanced and healthy. Conversely, if head and horn quality begin to deteriorate then something needs to be investigated. Populations of antelope, whitetail deer, elk and moose had almost reached endangered levels before the concepts of conservation were internalized by American sportsmen. The populations of big game today are wildly healthy and a huge success story because hunters have taken a long-range approach to bettering the hobby.

On the personal front, one great bit of news I want to share is that my little granddaughter Charlotte is getting big. She just turned six...months and is a very expressive and happy baby. Her folks, my youngest daughter Rachel and her husband Tony, relocated to Idaho earlier this year and that means Grandpa got to babysit last weekend and is still beaming. Not many chores get done around our house but that is a weekend sacrifice I remain prepared to make.

Hope all of you are doing well. My thoughts and prayers are going out to Vickie Burns. We just learned of Ken's passing and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CJ Buck



Charlotte Wagner, CJ's granddaughter

WHEN THREE IS NOT A CROWD

BY LARRY ODEN

The announcement of CJ Buck's induction into the Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall of Fame made public at the 2016 Blade Show in Atlanta, Georgia continues a heritage of extraordinary contribution by the Buck family to the knife industry. This prestigious award ultimately conveys the respect and high regard CJ's peers have for him. What is unheard of, however, is for one family to provide a trifecta (grandfather Al, his son Chuck and now Al's grandson, CJ) of cutlery icons inducted into what is arguably, the industry's most distinguished group of honorees. Lest you think I am exaggerating the point, please consider that CJ became only the 53rd nominee elected to this accomplished group. Further, only twenty of these esteemed individuals are still alive. The likelihood that one family would provide three men to this hallowed assembly is almost unthinkable and I would venture will never happen again. When you consider the process necessary for selection, I think you may agree with my assessment.

First, to be chosen, one must be nominated by a person who is already in the Cutlery HOF. Then, the nominee must be voted upon by the living HOF members. You are now talking about the top people in the cutlery industry acknowledging the nominee's worthiness of the honor. An examination of the names of the HOFers would cause almost anyone to be overwhelmed to even be mentioned in the same breath as these accomplished leaders. These are the luminaries of the knife world, known for their many accomplishments, the importance of these accomplishments and for their integrity. We are talking about the cream of the crop.

In CJ's case, I would submit that he actually had to overcome the fact that Al and Chuck

were already in the hall. Perceptions are often made (sometimes fairly, sometimes incorrectly) that those born and raised under favorable circumstances are where they are due to good fortune – being well-born. You may have heard the adage about such a fellow who woke up on third base and thought he had hit a triple. This does not apply to CJ Buck. Yes, he was born into a great family with a tremendous heritage, but he does not act as though he feels entitled. Further, CJ has independently contributed an incredibly important body of work in the field of promoting knife rights autonomous from his accomplished grandfather and father. CJ did this entirely on his own merit and his HOF selection was based upon his many years of faithful and effective service to the cause, not because he is a member of the famous Buck family. Please consider the following supporting excerpts from CJ's HOF presentation announcement:

...advanced the knife community with contribution to the formation and work of the American Knife & Tool Institute.

...over eighteen years ago...had the foresight and commitment, personally and financially, to ensure there is a forum for the industry to develop solutions to common problems.

...has elevated the knife industry image to the greater world at large.

...honesty, character and integrity are above reproach...greatly respected by his peers.

...demonstrated extraordinary service to AKTI and in turn to the entire knife community. He is the only person that has continuously and personally served as a Board member of AKTI, contributing countless personal hours and expenses to do so.



CJ, Al and Chuck Buck (L-R) raise the American flag in front of the El Cajon Weld Boulevard facility.

a member of the Cutlery Hall of Fame.

Inductees Al and father Chuck would be proud of this inductee – the man he is, heritage he successfully continues and his accomplishments to ensure that (knife aficionados) can continue ... making knives and sharing them with others.

Everything in life rises or falls on leadership. This is true with families, nations, organizations, churches and companies. Our favorite knife brand has been blessed with effective leadership from the Buck family. To date, four separate generations of Buck men have led Buck Knives with ample amounts of inspiration, perspiration, commitment and passion to name a few vital leadership characteristics.

It is encouraging to see that CJ Buck is not only committed to innovation and performance but that he also has had the foresight to act decisively in order to change how knives are perceived and regarded in our changing society. This is leading from the front and I submit such leadership will help Buck Knives continue to succeed. Well done, CJ. May the best years for Buck Knives be yet to come.

...concern for the entire knife community is often demonstrated by making sure that the positions of all facets of the community from user, collector, retailer, distributor, importer and manufacturer are considered.

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CJ Buck Inducted Into Blade Magazine's Hall of Fame



BCCI readers: The following testimony was received from club member Jonathan Brooks on June 10, just a few days after his attendance at the 2016 Blade Show. While visiting with Jonathan for a very short time in Atlanta, it became apparent to me that he loved Jesus Christ, his family and Buck Knives. He asked if he could share this fondness in a submission for the club newsletter and sure enough, the following arrived via email shortly after my return home. I thanked him and told him I would get back to him later. It took a few weeks of getting caught up before I began putting this newsletter together and in mid- July, I sent Jonathan another reply, asking for a bit of biographical information and a picture or two to add to his submission. He promised to send the information shortly but before he could do so, I learned from Tim Lindsey that Jonathan had suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. Sadly, on July 21, I received an email from Jonathan's wife, Amanda, informing me that Jonathan had passed away the previous evening. Jonathan was 38 years of age and left behind his wife of eight years, Amanda, daughter Erica (almost 5 years old) and son Noah (age 1). Amanda added that Jonathan was excited about the chance to share his feelings and asked if we would still print his submission to honor his memory. Therefore, please read the following with consideration it is from a man who obviously loved earthly things but lived with an eternal outlook.

JONATHAN BROOKS TESTIMONY

My relationship with knives started at the age of six with a gift of my first pocket knife from my grandfather. It was a trapper pattern and to this day is the only non- Buck in my entire collection. Of course it came along with a speech about the safety, use and responsible handling of such a tool and also with an added admonition about how a good knife could be a comparison with our spiritual man and our walk in faith. I wasn't introduced to Buck Knives until a few years later, when my father was gifted a beautiful 103 skinner from the early 70's, still in the box and of course with "The Note", that comes with each of our beloved brand's knives.

My family has a strong spiritual as well as scriptural life, as just about every generation of both sides of my family for quite a ways back includes a minister in some avenue to the church and our Savior. So when I read the little slip of paper with those words that gave credit to our Lord for the success of Buck Knives, and also an invitation to know him, along with the most famous of verses John 3: 16, I was immediately hooked. When I began searching for more information about the Buck Family and their history, I found the lives of Hoyt, Al, and Chuck to be very biblically based. It was then and there that my now thirty plus years of following and collecting Buck Knives began. Later, I learned of and joined the BCCI.

The story my Pawpaw told me goes like this, and also I would like it known, that it has been shared countless times over in my life, but especially in my ministry and also when I'm introducing people into the knife world... So here it goes...



Brooks family - Father's Day 2016

"Son, let me tell you something about that knife right there. It'll be as good to you as you treat it, much like your spiritual man. It's both a simple and complex tool that can be useful for many different things and areas of your life, just as your faith. If you take good care of it and don't abuse it, you will find it will be a good tool for a long time and you'll appreciate it more and more as you get older. It'll be something that you'll learn you can rely on to be there when you need it. It's also like your bible. You should learn it well and also know how to correctly use it (2 Tim 2:15). Keep it sharp, just as Hebrews 4:12 (look it up, if you don't know it) tells us that God's word is, because a dull knife is a lot more dangerous than a sharp one, much like a dull faith is a lot less useful than one that has been sharpened by the word. Your knife, although a wonderful tool, can also be dangerous to you and those around you if misused or used purposely to hurt others. In the same way your walk with God, if not used in the proper way and with the proper intentions, may do more to harm the cause of Christianity and drive

PAUL LENTZ AWARDED TO TIM LINDSEY



Paul Lentz would have been proud of the choice of this year's recipient of the award bearing his name. He would have been great friends with Tim Lindsey had he ever had the opportunity to meet him. You see, like Paul had, Tim has a great love for the Buck Collectors Club. I can picture the two of them talking behind a display table at the Blade Show in my mind. We have honored Paul Lentz by choosing a man with many of his own attributes to receive this award. The heart and soul of the Buck Collectors Club for so many years, Paul would have considered it an honor to call Tim his friend.

I consider the Paul Lentz Award to be the highest honor our club can bestow upon a fellow member. Tim Lindsey is a very worthy recipient. The verbiage on the plaque that was presented to him at the Blade Show states:

The 2016 Paul Lentz Award for distinctive service to the BCCI is gratefully bestowed upon Tim Lindsey to recognize his service to the club typifying the "selfless" spirit and effort of the award's namesake. Tim's vision for a BCCI social media outreach led him to create, administer and maintain a club Facebook site to better promote and inform the general public about BCCI happenings and events. From Tim's first appearance at a BCCI show continuing through his administration of club auctions, his spirit of volunteerism has been a hallmark. Tim, we salute and thank you for reminding us of Paul Lentz!

Please join us in congratulating Tim Lindsey!

people away, rather than draw them to our Savior. Yes sir, always be proud of that knife and feel free to show it and share it with others, just as we should our faith."

Those words and that speech has stayed with me all my life since that day, and is part of why knife collecting is not just a hobby to me, but is in my blood and a part of the fabric that makes me up as a father, husband, pastor, and just as a man. I'm proud to be a fan and follower of such a company and a club that not only shares but promotes these same values. See Romans 1:16.

Thank you & God bless you all.

Jonathan Brooks

Anniston, Alabama



Jonathan with Erica & Noah holding a Buck Bantam



THE SHARP ZONE

Well, the Buck Collectors Club Youth did it again! They learned a lot, had fun, won the

writer involved a miniature manikin all dressed up in fishing gear to go with the filet knives on display. Other miniature carvings present represented the whittled wonders that were part of that winning display from 2015. Owen and Grandpa Dave Roberson provided many humorous moments as they interacted with the crowd ... and with each other.

hearts of many adults around them, and impressed many with their winning smiles and good manners. And they did all this in one weekend in Atlanta. For the second year in a row our BCCI youth were a big part of the goings-on at the BLADE SHOW. What a wonderful addition these young folks have proven to be. It didn't take long to notice two young ladies all dressed up in costumes that enhanced their knife displays. Sisters Sarah and Natalie Lindsey played the part of "Monster High" character and Tinker Bell in a way that drew attention and admiration from the Buck collectors and visitors. Watching the interaction between these two darlings and the public as they handed out candy and willingly discussed their personally designed Buck Knives was a sight to behold! -- All the while skillfully remaining in character. Grandpa and Grandma Tim and Sharon Lindsey were obviously very proud of their granddaughters. Sarah is a veteran of two years of displaying while younger sister Natalie premiered her Tinker Bell knife as a novice displayer. The decision to bring these two was an easy one for Tim and Sharon because they knew in advance that high interest and good behavior was a given.



Last year's Blade Show judges award winner, Owen Dady, is shown with his new and improved 2016 display including a unique manikin accouterment

Conner Danskin is a true veteran of BCCI events. In addition to several appearances at BLADE SHOWS, he was Sheriff Rusty Donoghue's right hand man at our club's 25th Anniversary event and the fishing partner of a fellow named Buck who has initials for a first name. In addition to being an award winning displayer and fisherman, Conner is one of three of our older youth in attendance to display true leadership potential. We will definitely be keeping an eye on Logan Whitlow, Nicholas Waldon, as well as Conner for future contributions to our club. The BCCI future is in the hands of the youth who have what it takes to learn from our adult members who are willing to mentor.

Look carefully at the pictures of the youth taking part in the second annual Youth Checklist Activity. What a pleasure it was to observe the interactions among



One of our veteran youth displayers, Sarah Lindsey, is dressed in "Monster High" garb to go with her ghoulish display which included knives she personally designed



President John Foresman presents Natalie Lindsey a.k.a. Tinker Bell with the Novice Award

Owen Dady was back as the reigning BLADE SHOW Judges Award winner from last year. Owen's display was enhanced and improved under the guidance of Grandma Pat Roberson. One of the most interesting accouterments yet seen by this



From left to right: President Foresman, Nicholas Waldon, Logan Whitlow, Conner Danskin, Natalie Lindsey, and Owen Dady. (Sarah Lindsey is on her way). This is our future, fellow members. Every youth who participated won a donated prize at this annual meeting.

our young members and prominent personalities at the show. Among the most interesting of all was Ed Fowler whose words and demeanor captured the attention of youth and adult alike. Ed was the SHOW icon chosen by Steve Shackelford to meet with the youngsters as they toured in search of checklist items. Mr. Fowler not only offered celebrity status to our event, but conveyed the honesty, ethics, and humility that is a major component of his "High Endurance Performance Knife" (HEPK)



Ed Fowler, Custom Maker

association mission. Dressed in authentic Old West garb, this Master Bladesmith and Field Editor for Blade Magazine was the perfect choice to give our youngsters great and meaningful memories.

When the checklist concept was developed, it was with the idea that our youth would benefit from meaningful interactions. The tremendous bonus seen by the observer of these interactions was just how meaningful they were to the adults involved. The big regret this year - just like last year - was that there were so many of our members unable to be a part of

this activity because they were not at Atlanta for one reason or another. Our youth would have definitely benefited from getting to know Ken Burns, Jimmy (Duke) Holbrook, John Hunt, Dan Rickman, and Jim Seagle, just to name a few. And of course we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the void left by the absence of the Buck family. Perhaps next year...



Steve Shackelford, editor of BLADE Magazine and host of the BLADE Show, greeted our BCCI youth and gave official "peerpermission" for our activity.

And speaking of next year there was a fellow at the show that would have been on our list of those to be visited if we had known him then as we have gotten to know him since. Robert Ford has become one of our newest club members and has hit the ground running with a flurry of activities to make up for lost time (reminds one of a guy named Brent back in '08). Robert's natural curiosity and desire to learn more about Buck Knives (especially those elusive 111's) has impressed veteran club members who have had the pleasure to interact with him. Robert is the proprietor of Risingsun Ranch involved in the "Breeding and Sales of Quality Quarter & Paint Horses". He is a master leather sheath maker, and offers custom fitting ones especially suited to our 110 (and of course 111 & 112) models. Look for a donated example on the club website. Welcome, Mr. Ford, and start preparing to be interviewed by next year's cream of the crop BCCI youth.

Brent Schindewolf



Ed Fowler, of Willow Bow Ranch in Wyoming, Master Bladesmith and chairman of High Endurance Performance Knives (HEPK) held our attention with great stories and interesting facts about knife making and life in general. A genuine, authentic old west rancher



After the greetings, Mr. Shackelford was taken on a tour down BCCI alley to view both youth and adult displays. Conner Danskin looks on, ready to help the younger ones, if needed.



BCCI V.P. Larry Oden answers the question on the checklist, "What is your favorite knife? ...by telling Sarah, Natalie, and Owen about those rare white Melamine fixed blades of the early sixties

KNIVES CAN DO SO MUCH MORE THAN CUT!

By Marjorie Donoghue, Life Member

I had a small display at the Blade Show a couple of years ago in Atlanta that showed off several of my Buck knives that don't fall into any specific category.



My husband gave me a small corner of his table to use for this exhibit. Might I add that it was a really small corner? But, I made the most of it and actually had two displays in the one display case. On the left I was able to show my beautiful collection of knives

made just for me that had been by two knife makers that I am honored to call my good friends. You have to understand that they are not all of the same vintage, so to speak. But, some are distant cousins of one another.

The other part of my 'corner' was used to illustrate what special handles with a little scrimshaw can do to tell a tale that in a unique way. All of this really is related to knives, but not in the manner you would think.



Years ago, when Russ was working in Alaska and I was working here in Salt Lake City, I went to the animal shelter looking for a dog to adopt because I was of living alone in our home. My method of choosing animals is that it has to be the one in the corner that is shy, introverted, and needs some love. I stumbled upon a little dog with big brown eyes that melted my soul. Little did I know that he was suffering from a neurological disease that would take him from us much sooner than we would have liked. When I got him home and noticed that he couldn't go up the stairs and bumped into walls and doorways, I took my \$35 dog to the appropriate specialists who determined that he had Parkinson's disease. I was not

aware that a four-legged friend could have that kind of debilitating 'human' ailment.

And, of course, there was really nothing that could be done to help. But, he never complained and was always there by my side.

After we lost Buddy, we made the decision that there would be no more animals for us. We'd had dogs over the course of more than 50 years, and each time we lost one it got considerably harder. But ... Oh yes, there has to be a "but". We had just returned from a great cruise to the Caribbean, and after I turned on my phone after docking in Ft Lauderdale, the first text that I received was from our daughter-in-law telling us that there was a little dog that needed to be rescued in the next few days before it was put down. She just knew that this dog was for us. We, of course, sticking to our previous decision told her no. She called again after we got back to Utah and asked if we would just take the little dog for a couple of days to 'try him out'.



Well, you know the rest of the story. We went to pick him up and knew we were going to keep him before we even got him into the car.

Nikki has afflictions like Buddy in that he had a crippled front leg and had a 'cherry' eye when we got him. We got the eye fixed, and were told by our vet that at some point he would develop arthritis in his crippled leg and we will have to help him up and down the stairs not unlike we had to do with Buddy. But, we have seen him go through cancer surgery to remove a tumor, develop bad eyes that need special \$33 drops, and is now taking arthritis medicine at \$58 a bottle. And, he is such an integral part of our lives that we wouldn't change a thing. We have spent much more than \$35 for each of these dogs, but the amount of happiness they have brought into our lives was worth every penny. Knives and Friends...

Special Friends

Wilde Bill Cody and LeRoy Remer helped me jump start my little collection of Buck Knives a few years ago, with some special models that are custom handled from their shops.

Leesa Martin was able to capture the essence of both of these little dogs with her unique scrimshaw talent. With Buddy having passed away and Nikki still active and loving, both of these creative knives have become part of a special collection.



Atlanta Blade Show 2016 Awards

YELLOWHORSE - Gene Merritt
BUCK CUSTOM SHOP - John Foresman
FACTORY PRODUCTION - Larry Oden
SINGLE MODEL & RELATED - Ed Cooper
ORGANIZATIONAL SERIES - Brent Schindewolf
HISTORICAL/PATRIOTIC - Tim Lindsey
MILITARY/TACTICAL - Brian Hugh
1 OF 1, ODD, PROTOTYPE - Sarah Lindsey
EARLY HANDMADES - Dale Eichberg
AFFILIATION SERIES - Pat Donovan

Overall Awards

NOVICE AWARD - Natalie Lindsey
JUDGES AWARD - Brent Schindewolf
BEST OF SHOW AWARD - Dale Eichberg
YOUTH AWARDS - Sarah Lindsey, Owen Dady and Natalie Lindsey
BLADE SHOW JUDGES AWARD - Brent Schindewolf, Frank Meek
and Pat Donovan
BLADE SHOW BEST OF SHOW - Larry Oden

BCCI MARCHES TO ATLANTA

The first weekend of June brought us the thirty-fifth annual Blade Show and once again, BCCI members (along with several thousand other knife enthusiasts) marched into the Peach State to delve into the world of knives. To say the Blade Show has grown would be an understatement. It is HUGE. However, I am happy to report that the “Bucktown” section of the show retains its same small town, friendly atmosphere and BCCI members still show they understand and live out old-fashioned values such as neighborliness, hospitality and charity.

This version of the Blade Show featured some memorable happenings. BCCI members again swept the display awards. Russ Donoghue was accorded a standing ovation in appreciation of his years of exemplary service to the BCCI. Doris Beall was elected as club secretary, becoming at once both the first female officer and the first female board member in our history. A teary eyed Tim Lindsey could barely contain his emotions upon being named as recipient of the Paul Lentz award. But the crème de la crème had to be the selection of CJ Buck for induction into the Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall of Fame. Not only is this noteworthy in its own right, it is all the more meaningful for a third generation of the BUCK family to be so honored as CJ joins both his grandfather, Al Buck and his father, Chuck Buck in this distinguished group of cutlery notables. Significantly, the Buck family stands alone with three Cutlery Hall of Fame members. Congratulations, CJ!

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

Various committee reports were presented to keep club members up-to-date on progress and finances. Pat Donovan continues to provide timely, accurate financial reports and an audit of his work by club member Vickie Burns again supported Pat’s stellar work. We learned that our new website has attracted both new members and buyers of club knives and the club membership now approaches the two thousand level. Our social media foray has been ably led by Tim Lindsey and seems to have attracted a loyal, growing following of people who are into the Facebook phenomenon.

Also, mark your calendars now for July 24 – 27,

2018. This is the scheduled date for the club’s thirty year anniversary to be celebrated at and around the Buck Knives factory in Post Falls, Idaho. The event committee is already working to make this next get-together just as memorable as past versions.

ON THE SHOW FLOOR

Volunteers at the BCCI table kept busy selling club knives and other fund raising items plus were busy handing out club applications, Buck date code charts, catalogs, price lists and sample newsletters. Several youngsters had their day brightened with a free Buck hat pin to wear. Speaking of volunteers, once again as she has for several years, Pat Heflebower graciously oversaw the club table and kept an eye on member displays during the club’s annual meeting. This is a tremendous contribution as it allows everyone else to attend and participate in the meeting. Thank you Pat!

Participating displayers at this show included: Dale Eichberg, Gene Merritt, Frank Meek, Pat Donovan, Craig Heflebower, Ed Cooper, Brent & Dee Schindewolf, Sarah Lindsey, Natalie Lindsey, Tim & Sharon Lindsey, Brian Hugh, Owen Dady, Norm Sevensma, John Foresman and Larry Oden. The list of award winners is located elsewhere in this newsletter. Even though Joe Houser was unable to attend this year, he again sent out fantastic knives for display awards and

also sent a nice group of build outs that members were able to purchase.

If that was not enough, Joe also provided several other knives that were used for auctions and raffles at the club’s annual meeting. Members in attendance were

able to obtain some highly desirable Buck versions for their collections.



Frank Meek



Dale Eichberg



Gene Merritt



Brent Schindewolf



Ed Cooper



Norm Sevensma



Pat Donovan



Tim Lindsey

*BCCI members
and their displays*

The involvement of several youth members continues to be a highlight at our shows. They bring a level of energy and enthusiasm that is contagious. Brent Schindewolf will have much more to say about this in his Sharp Zone report but I must tell you that the interaction between our youth and adult members is most encouraging. Brent's creativity in promoting meaningful interchanges to encourage and facilitate the transmission of knife collecting knowledge to our youth is to be commended. Our shows are just so much better with the youth involvement. These young people are polite, well-behaved and energetic. Friends, I find that to be a winning combination.



Brent Schindewolf and BCCI Youth attendees interact at BCCI table.

One of the best things about displaying a collection is the almost inevitable opportunities that are presented as show patrons stop to take in the exhibit. This year, as the Blade Show progressed, I observed and/or participated in conversation after conversation between club members and the public. These interactions make all the work of building, transporting and setting up a display well worth the effort. They are a tangible way for us to give back to our hobby and to enrich the experience of those attending the shows. In the future, I hope to share an article about one such visit I had in Atlanta, assuming the promised follow-up comes through from the patron.

SHARPENING EACH OTHER

On Sunday morning, the show's hectic pace slowed down leaving opportunity for more discussion between club exhibitors. One rather new participating member was observed questioning veterans about how to improve that member's display. As always, the veterans were eager to share tips and specific ideas to help the club member tweak an already interesting exhibit in order to take it to the next level. This is how BCCI displays continue to improve. BCCI members help one another with a team mind-set. As the adage is true in economics, so it is with our club's displays: "A rising tide raises all ships". As each display is improved, the overall quality of BCCI displays is elevated. We have seen this truism play out significantly over the past twenty years and it explains why our club dominates the display awards at major knife shows.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR...

The opening paragraph of this report referenced neighborliness, hospitality and charity. Following are some examples that would convict the perpetrators. Due to some changes in the display table allocation, some of our exhibits shared space with new table neighbors. Each of the newcomers was a first-time Blade Show vendor and our tables were situated back-to-back, meaning we shared the common space between our tables. During the duration of the show, acquaintances were made, small gifts exchanged (hat pins and patches) and by the end of the weekend, new friendships had been forged. Also throughout the show, BCCI displayers were helping one another with set-up, by keeping an eye on each other's displays, sharing supplies and tools and generally, just enjoying the camaraderie of our like-minded group. This fellowship is a large part of "team" atmosphere mentioned earlier.

PASSING THE TORCH

As the Blade Show wound down, I learned of a most generous act of charity. Without naming the principals involved, I will tell you that the thoughtfulness of one seasoned BCCI member toward one of our youth members is going to leave a lasting impression. This pertains not only to the young recipient but also to all who know of it. The gift is extremely generous from a monetary perspective plus it is loaded with meaning and symbolism. It is likely that the young person will never forget this act of kindness and it is the sort of action that makes BCCI membership and involvement incredibly special.

The 2017 Blade Show is scheduled for the first weekend of June. I hope you can make it.

Overviews of “Bucktown” Neighborhood at the 2016 Blade Show.



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THE INTREPID, ONE TOUGH SERIES OF KNIVES!

BY JOE HOUSER

The Intrepid series of knives were introduced in the “New Products 1998 Catalog Addendum”. Here is what it says in that catalog:

“Intrepid knives bring new meaning to the word tough! These powerful survival and outdoor utility knives were designed by custom knife-maker Kit Carson, based on input from military and law enforcement experts.”

I can say, from the viewpoint of the warranty guy, that these knives live up to that claim! I’ll bet that in the many years since these knives have been out and in use, we’ve probably only had about a dozen or so returned to the Buck warranty department for problems. And that includes problems caused by misuse and abuse. They really are robust in design!

Available in either a tanto or chisel point with a 6-3/4” (Model 189) or a 5-1/2” (Model 187) blade, the knives feature thermoplastic handles that can be removed for easy cleaning. Outward scalloped serrations provide faster cutting and durable form fitted Kydex sheaths are both lightweight, and strong!

One unique thing about these knives is that they do not have model numbers stamped on them. I get calls all the time from customers describing an Intrepid, but they are sure the knife is from before 1972 because it does not have a model number. My memory is a little fuzzy on this issue but what I remember is that the knives started through production but someone did not order blade stamps. In order to keep production moving, the shop took a stamp from another knife and ground off the model number. That is why Intrepids are only stamped BUCK, U.S.A. with a wide space between the BUCK and the U.S.A. They never did order stamps so all Intrepids are stamped with only 2 lines.

Intrepids were not in Buck’s line for very long, and the data sheet shows the low production numbers for each model. With less than 1300 of the 189CP out there, finding one, especially new in the box, would be quite a find!

Intrepid

Model #	Model Name	Catalog #	Year intro	Year disco	Production qty	MSRP
				last catalog		intro year
187T	Intrepid I with 5 1/2" tanto blade	2747	1998	2001	3,950	\$140.00
187CP	Intrepid I with 5 1/2" chisle point blade	2746	1998	2000	1,760	\$140.00
189T	Intrepid II with 6 3/4" tanto blade	2749	1998	2002	5,270	\$170.00
189CP	Intrepid II with 6 3/4" chisel point blade	2748	1998	2000	1,280	\$170.00
187ns	Intrepid tanto 5 seal team***	9137	1999	1999	205	\$140.00

***No information found on this model other than what is listed here.



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