

HOME ON THE RANGE



Fall

2018

2018 SIGHT-IN DAYS

Sight In Your Rifle At The Beloit Rifle Club

\$10.00 for the first rifle and \$5.00 per gun thereafter.

Immediate family members under age 18 - \$5.00 per gun.

Beloit Rifle members are there to help you.

Minimum charge for experienced scope mounting.

Approved targets & shooting benches are provided.

PISTOLS • RIFLE • SHOTGUN • BLACK POWDER IN LINES • FLINTLOCK & CAP CARTRIDGE

Oct. 27 & 28 **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Nov. 3 & 4 **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Nov. 10 & 11 **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Nov. 14 (Wednesday) **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

ALL SHOOTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A DISCLAIMER
AND MUST ADHERE TO BELOIT RIFLE CLUB SAFETY RULES.

Raffle Drawing November 14, 2018 4:00 p.m. at B.R.C.

1st Prize - Remington 700 .308

4th Prize - Glock M17 9mm

2nd Prize - Savage Axis .308

5th Prize - Remington 870 12ga. Combo

3rd Prize - Sig Sauer 9mm

6th Prize - Beloit Sport Center \$100 Gift Certificate

From the Club President

Can you believe we are in October? Where has this year gone? Soon we will start Sighting-in-days, then Thanksgiving and then the Christmas season- ugh!!!! Then we start all over again! I know I'm not the only one that feels time just goes by faster and faster either! Looking back though, I think we have had a productive year at the club.

Long Range Planning Committee has taken a field trip to see another indoor range built by the same company that we are looking into, Action Targets. Smokin Gun Worx in Forreston, IL. I highly recommend the drive and the opportunity to rent a lane for an hour to shoot there. It is very close to what we would like to do for our new indoor range. Check it out if you have the opportunity and let us know what you think. The committee will have more details at the annual meeting to share with you all, so stay tuned!

The Holster/Draw Policy is still going through the process. I wish I had more of an answer than that but as I've learned, things take time. Especially when we work hard at making them the best they can be.

We had a change and an adjustment on the Executive Board this past quarter. Joe Peake, our Treasurer, stepped down due to health reasons. He has been part of the Executive Board for 9 years at the club, also having served as Vice President two of those years. I can't say enough good about this man. He is a solid, selfless man and always there to help the club and step up in anyway he could. I'm blessed and honored to call him my friend and I know many others feel the same. If you see him out and about please be sure to thank him for his service to the club and wish him well. Steve Martin came highly recommended by Lee Thompson and has graciously stepped into the Treasurer roll. He is a new member this year with some past treasurer experience, so while learning how we handle everything, he has the basis of how it works! Please welcome him into the roll he has stepped into and say 'Hi' and 'thank you' if you see him about. I honestly think I spent more hours doing Treasurer duties than President, so who ever has it deserves all of our gratitude!

Now on to Sighting-in-days! The sign up sheet for volunteer hours has been posted in the club house and the last time I saw it there were quite a few slots available. It is the one of the biggest events we run at the club and it takes a lot of people giving of their time to make it happen. We also have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets at Gander Outdoors again and are looking for some out going members to sell tickets there. If you

have done this in the past and have enjoyed it, please reach out to Chuck Beeler to sign up- it would be greatly appreciated. Oh and don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!!!!

I was just sitting here thinking of all the people that work so hard to make our club run- every day. I have named a few in the news letter, but there are so many more that work together to make this range the best one around. Too many to name but so appreciated. Thank you all for what you do. Here is to a great year and many more.

Shoot Straight and God Bless,
Julie Wagoner



From the Chief Range Officer

Here we are at the end of another year. It is impossible to calculate the number of volunteer hours that have made this another fantastic year at BRC. All of us enjoy our exceptional facility because of their efforts. Thank you all volunteers.

We started a range survey program this year. If you can be friendly and proactive, you may be interested. Feel free to contact me with questions. Email and text number at the end of this article.

We are all aware of members that violate rules at the club. Be sure to check out our new rule book for 2019. There will be a schedule for tracking violations and the associated penalties. The intention is to be consistent in the handling of complaints. Without going into details, the changes along with some others will be included when you get your new book in 2019. The rules committee has worked very hard to clarify the rules.

Our member orientation is working very well. We had a high attendance of new members and many current members that were interested in a refresher or learning about a new discipline.

I hope to see many of you at the range this fall and next year. I appreciate the support I have been given by so many. Please let me know if you have questions or problems.

Lee Thompson
Chief Range Officer
608-290-3335 or shootbrc@gmail.com



Upcoming Important Dates

October

Sight in days: 27th & 28th

November

Sight in days: 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th & 14th.

December

New member application deadline: 31st.

January

Annual Membership Voters Meeting: 2nd.

February

Club Member Swap Meet: 9th

Member Renewal: 10th

March

New Member Induction Meeting: 13th



Upcoming Events at BRC

We have scheduled some training classes for the club in the upcoming months and we hope to be adding a few more.

01/12/2019 NRA Metallic Cartridges

Reloading Course

This 8 hour class will help both novice and experienced reloaders. You will be given the NRA reloading handbook and will be trained in everything from Die set up to ballistic coefficients. Class will be limited to 10 students and the cost is \$50.00. Register for this class at NRA Programs. Preregistration is required by 01/01/2019. Instructors will be Robbie Personette and Tom Helbig.

I hope to offer a couple CCW classes in Feb and March. We want to offer an IL CCW class (16 hours) Instructor Rob Lowery and a Wisconsin, Utah and Arizona (37 states) class (4 hours) Instructor Tom Helbig. Watch for emails or contact Tom if you don't have a permit yet.

05/11/2019 Youth Sports Fest

Please save the date. We will start taking volunteer requests and registrations in 2019.

Tom Helbig

**2018 Calendar of Events
Black Powder Lodge**

October 27 and 28“Ed LeCrones” Turkey Shoot
WMLA Program “B”

NovemberNo Shoot (Deer Hunting)

December 15 and 16WMLA Sanctioned
“Frost On The Lodge Shoot” Program “B”

Note: All Shoots “Range Opens 9:00 a.m.”
except where noted.

For More Information Contact:

Harley Whitt 608-921-1542 or Charlie Brown 608-868-2514

GPS - 851 East Philhower Rd., Beloit, WI 53511



The 4 Rules of Gun Safety

1. The gun is **ALWAYS** loaded.
2. **NEVER** point the gun at something you don't want to destroy.
3. Keep your finger **OFF** the trigger until your sights are on the target.
4. Know your **TARGET** and what is beyond it.

A Shout Out!

In August we had to put a new roof on our club house. We had not anticipated having to do this project this year, but once we found the issue it was unavoidable. We put the call out for two additional work days and our members stepped up to the plate and made it happen- even with the horrible heat we had while they installed it.



Thank you Wally Marshall for leading the charge, Brad Mueller for your additional work and Jerry McCormick for your professional knowledge, skills and tools. PLUS all the other volunteers that helped out!

**You are all greatly appreciated!
Thank you!**



Focus on Safety

The first lesson that members of the Junior Air Rifle Program are given, is safety and range commands. The juniors must pass a Junior ROTC safety exam before they are allowed on the range. In order to prevent accidents, the juniors must have the discipline to stay focused on safety.

We all need to be focused on safety whenever we handle firearms. What is firearm safety? The first step is muzzle control. When someone hands us a firearm, or we remove it from storage, we always point the muzzle in a safe direction. While at Beloit Rifle Club the safe direction is at the backstop and up in the indoor range or at the backstop and down on outdoor ranges. We don't want a bullet to leave the range. At home it may be up or pointed at a solid part of the wall such as a corner, where a discharge would cause the least amount of damage. Certainly never point the muzzle at yourself or others.

The second step is clear the action, which is to make sure the bolt or slide is open and no round in the chamber. Remove the magazine or make sure the internal magazine is empty. That is how firearms that are not carry firearms should be transported. An unloaded firearm with an open action is the firearm's safest condition. Your owner's manual explains the process for your particular firearm.

Last, keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Place your finger above the trigger (indexing) and outside of the trigger guard. A finger on the trigger makes a bad situation worse.

Safe gun practice requires awareness of where the muzzle is pointed, the condition of the action (open) and your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. This requires self-discipline and focus. Do it for yourself and those around you.

Pete Taylor

Welcome Junior Air Rifle Shooters

This is the 3rd year for CMP Junior Air Rifle. We have 3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 openings every Wednesday night. If you are interested and you are between 8 and 18 years of age you can call 608.756.1046 and leave a message. I can then schedule an appointment.

A safety test completion is required. You must be able to take direction and follow all safety rules. Our group of NRA certified coach trainers and NRA range safety officers provide a safe and fun filled experience. Beloit Rifle Club provides the sub juniors with BB guns and juniors with pellet guns for training along with targets and ammo.

A small donation each period is collected to defray the cost of targets and ammo. Winter league started Oct. 3rd. Join anytime.

Coaches Larry, Dennis and Pete

Archery

Hey BRC Members, did you or your new young hunter in your family get a deer this year with your bow or cross bow? We want to see it. We are going to have a bragging bulletin board in the clubhouse. Bring in a photo and post it on the Archery Discipline Board and be sure an put your name on it. A quick caption describing the event is also recommended.

Good luck and be safe!!!
Ed Lange

Silhouette

The 2018 outdoor summer .22 rifle Smallbore Silhouette shooting season ended on Thursday, September 27th. Attendance was light this year. We had 6 to 8 shooters per evening. Everyone that came out to shoot did have a great time.

Our third 80 round monthly NRA sanctioned match for the 2018 season was held on Saturday, July 21st. Johanna Oksnevad was the match winner in Standard (Heavy) Class hitting 40 out of 80. Craig Stevens from Madison was the match winner in Hunter (Light) Class hitting 43 out of 80.

This year the Beloit Rifle Club hosted the NRA Wisconsin State Smallbore Silhouette Championships, which was held on Saturday August 18th. Beloit Rifle Club members did very well this year. Club member Tim Jaedike won two State Championships. He is the State Champion in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 47 out of 80. He also won the State Championship in the Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 55 out of 80. Club member Dennis Loertscher is the Senior State Champion, hitting 46 out of 80. Club member Johanna Oksnevad is the Woman's State Champion, hitting 30 out of 80. Great shooting, everyone!

Our final 80 round monthly NRA Saturday match of the 2018 season was held on September 15th. Beloit Rifle Club member Tim Jaedike did extremely well in this match, too. Tim was the match winner in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class hitting 56 out of 80. Tim was also the match winner in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class hitting 54 out of 80.

There is one more thing I need to note. Throughout this season, Tim shot some excellent scores with his Hunter (Light) Rifle. Three of these scores were high enough to move his NRA Hunter Rifle shooting classification from AAA to MASTER! Congratulations, Tim, on a very successful 2018 season.

Thank you to everybody that gave their time and energy to make our 2018 season a success. We need to thank everyone that came out to shoot with us. Thank you to the volunteers at the state Championship and the monthly NRA Saturday matches. Thank you to the grounds crew and the people that worked to keeping the sand berms free of grass and weeds. We have a first class, high quality Silhouette shooting range. Plan to come out next summer and enjoy it with us.

The 2019 indoor winter .22 rifle and pistol Silhouette shooting season will begin on Monday, January 7th, and it will end on April 29th. We shoot paper silhouette targets on the indoor range. Come out and join us any time between 5:00pm to 6:30pm or so. Bring more than one gun, if you want to. This is a great chance to practice your offhand rifle and pistol shooting skills. Remember, these evenings are informal and meant to be low pressure fun. Finally, don't forget our annual "Frosty Iron Match", to be held on Saturday, January 19th, 2019. Check the Beloit Rifle Club web page for further details. Our 2018 event was a very nice warm pleasant day. Plan to come out for the day and join in the fun!

Be safe and have a great 2018!
Steve Schmalz
Silhouette Director
608-362-7172

Greetings from Rimfire Benchrest

Saturday, September 29th was our last shoot for this year. The winners are as follows:

ARA 1st Butch Puerner
2nd David Hobbs Jr.
3rd Dennis Munn

Barnyard 1st David Hobbs Jr.
2nd Dennis Munn
3rd Butch Puerner

Special congratulations to David Hobbs Jr. for shooting two perfect 200 Barnyard scores!

Next season will start on the 2nd Saturday in May at 0800 - 1000 a.m.

Get that 22 out and come join us!

Any questions on Rimfire Benchrest, contact Denis Munn at 815-633-6831.

Email Communication

Jean Alvornd has set up a way for us to communicate with members at Beloit Rifle Club in an email system called Mail Chimp. We are only sending out important information that we feel the members need to know about. If you do not receive these emails and would like to, please email Jean at dorv@mchsi.com and ask her to add you to her email list.

Also, Thank you Jean for all your work on this. We appreciate it!

Center-Fire Bench Rest & 500 Meter Range

Center-fire Bench Rest Matches for 2018 are over and will be scheduled to start again in Spring of 2019.

500 Meter Range

The 500 Meter Range consists of 18 shooting benches, the first 12 are for general use by all members and their guests. The benches are numbered 1 thru 18 from left to right.

BENCHES 13 THRU 18 ARE POSITIONED FOR USE OUT TO 500 METERS AND ARE ONLY TO BE USED BY THOSE BRC MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR THAT RANGE. NO GUEST IS ALLOWED TO USE THIS PORTION OF THE RANGE.

The following club members are authorized to qualify members on the 500 Meter Range:

Bruce Nygren	815-978-9767
Chuck Mongan	815-721-3967
Julie Wagoner	815-639-9174
Kyle Schleim	608-921-6520
Everett Bennett	815-389-3302
Wally Marshall	608-332-9187
Bill Larson	608-317-6919
Norm Larson	815-543-6882
Bill Ruck	608-364-0345
Bill Powell	608-931-1343
Paul Schuler	815-519-2141

The qualification process is posted in the club house and on the bulletin board at the 500 meter range. That process is:

1. Shoot a 3 shot group a 100 yards to verify rifle zero.
2. Obtain bullet weight and velocity.
3. Calculate the necessary sight change to impact at 500 meters (547 yards).
4. Prove proper sight adjustment from calculations in step "3" by shooting another 3 shot group at 100 yards with the calculated adjustments made to your sights. The group should be 9

inches to 16 inches high depending on bullet speed and weight.

5. After the rifle is properly adjusted to strike high at 100 yards, the shooter to be qualified must fire 4 shots at 500 meters; all shots must strike within a 20 inch square steel plate. More than 4 shots are allowed as needed.
6. Upon completion of the above orientation, the member's name and \$5.00 processing fee, will be forwarded to Jon Nortemann. A special "RED 500 Meter" badge, with the members name will be made for the member to wear. The member will also have his/her membership card signed to substitute for the badge until it arrives.

THE 500 METER RANGE IS FOR QUALIFIED BRC MEMBERS ONLY! NO GUESTS! We have over 200 members qualified.

Before members may use the shorter range target boards and steel targets, which co-exist on the 500 Meter Range, they MUST BE QUALIFIED AT 500 METERS. Guests are not allowed to use the shorter ranges on the 500 Meter Range at any time. NOTE: ONLY QUALIFIED BRC MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE 500 METER RANGE, BENCH POSITIONS 13 THRU 18 REGARDLESS OF THE RANGES AT WHICH BACKSTOPS AND TARGET BOARDS ARE INSTALLED ARE FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS ONLY!

I will be qualifying members to use the 500 meter range on any Wednesday morning that the 'Wednesday Morning Group' shoots, between 9:00 AM and noon. You may call the other 10 members to set up other times if needed. Also I will qualify members on those Saturdays that Center-Fire Matches are held, immediately after those matches.

If you are shooting a caliber that is dam-

aging our steel targets and/or range facilities, **PLEASE STOP.** This club belongs to each BRC member and needs to be treated with respect. Normal wear and tear is expected but should not be accelerated. Thank-you.

Remember:

1. No unintended discharge of a firearm.
2. No rounds to leave the range.
3. Wear your safety glasses.
4. ALL members, whether new this year or a 40 year plus veteran have a duty to see that our rules and procedures are followed. Politely remind each other if infractions are observed. We have a 'jewel' of a club. Please keep it that way. THANK YOU!
5. No 50 BMG's to be used on Club grounds at any time!
6. Always wear your Membership Badge.

Email or call if you have questions.

Paul Schuler 815-623-2268

Email: pschuvett9@aol.com

Safe and Accurate Shooting
Every barrel and action is a law unto itself. No two are alike!!

Please treat all guns as loaded until you have verified otherwise.

Paul Schuler



Women On Target 2018



We hosted our 2nd annual Women on Target at the club on Sept 22. We had 31 ladies show up for the class. Learning firearm safety and handling, target shooting with .22 pistols and .22 rifles. It was a great day empowering women! Thank you to all who came out and all who volunteered! Looking forward to next year!

Violations Corner

While I applaud this persons marksmanship skills - intentionally destroying club property is not ok. Not only have you taken out steel targets for others use you have created more work for our already over worked range construction crew. If you are needing more challenging targets why don't you work with us in developing them instead of destroying? If you can't tell what has happened in this picture, someone shot the bolts out of the hanger until it fell apart. We need to remember this is our club. All of ours. Why would you intentionally destroy your property?



Unfortunately we had another incident. This stand was in the ground about 5 feet in front of the back stop on the main 100 yard range. Our volunteer mowing did not see it and hit it with the mower. Thank God no one was hurt when it happened but it did cause significant damage to our mower. Three hours of work to it by Roger Hager to be exact. If he couldn't have done it, it would have been quite costly to us. The main range does not allow these kinds of target stands. It is paper only on the back stop. If anyone knows anything about this or the other damage done please contact me. Oh and if you see Roger out and about please pat him on the back and say thank you for all his hard work around the club. He and his crew have saved us many times with their skills. If it was you who left the steel, you owe him and Donny BIG time.



Membership

This is a reminder regarding membership responsibilities for both dues paying members and prospective new members. Anyone sponsoring a prospective member for membership, must get the application to the membership committee **before January 1, 2019**. They must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Make sure they are filed out completely! Two valid signatures and a valid NRA number. If either of these items is missing, or determined to not be valid, the application will be returned! Applications turned in after that date will be for the “2020” membership group. Please be careful with these items. Criminal background checks will be made on all Wisconsin applicants. All Illinois applicants must show a current F.O.I.D. card when being processed for club membership in March. All applications must be either mailed in or given to Jon Nortemann, or David Steenblock, at club functions. Do not attempt to deliver the applications to us at our homes.

Payment of Annual Dues: Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Boundaries

Most of the payment of dues occurs on Dues Collection Day, February 10, 2019. Bring your 2018 Membership Card (with credited work hours), range/padlock key, copy of current NRA membership status and dues payment. It is important to remember that your range/padlock key will not work after February 10, 2019. If you do not have a current key to exchange, a new key will be \$5.

Dues Structure for 2019

Regular Member	Dues	First Year Member
8 HRS	\$110.00	16 HRS
7 HRS	\$125.00	15 HRS
6 HRS	\$140.00	14 HRS
5 HRS	\$155.00	13 HRS
4 HRS	\$170.00	12 HRS
3 HRS	\$185.00	11 HRS
2 HRS	\$200.00	10 HRS
1 HRS	\$215.00	9 HRS
0 HRS	\$230.00	8 HRS
	\$245.00	7 HRS
	\$260.00	6 HRS
	\$275.00	5 HRS
	\$290.00	4 HRS
	\$305.00	3 HRS
	\$320.00	2 HRS
	\$335.00	1 HRS
	\$350.00	0 HRS

If you cannot make this first collection, there are several alternate dates to renew at the Beloit Rifle Club clubhouse. These will be posted on the entrance gates.

Alternate Dates for Dues Payment

February 23 - Saturday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
March 06 - Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
March 17 - Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
April 03 - Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Renewal Through the Mail

If you exercise the option to pay your dues by mail, please submit the following: Failure to do so could result in loss of membership:

- 2018 Membership Card and range/padlock key** (with credited hours).
- Photocopy Of Your Current NRA Membership Status**, (Mailing label from your magazine has all this information, just clip and send)
- Dues Payment** (Check/Money Order Only – NO CASH!)
- \$5.00 Mail-in Handling FEE** (just add this to your dues payment – membership will NOT be processed without this)

REMINDER: Your range/padlock key **will** need to be sent in when mailing in your BRC Membership card, NRA membership status and payment. Membership card and new key will be mailed to you. Your checks will be cashed after Feb. 10, 2019. Include your E-mail address if you want confirmation that your check has been received.

MAIL TO:

JON NORTEMANN

1831 ARROWHEAD DR., BELOIT, WI 53511-3809

If above conditions are not met, your membership will not be processed. This option should be exercised only as a last resort. We will make every effort to process the mail renewals as quickly as possible. This process for mail renewal has been done for many years and a processing time of one to two weeks should be expected.

We are also requesting that payments be made by check or money order, whenever possible. Remember: Your dues must be paid by April 3, 2019 before the club meeting. The Board has decided that since current members have 5 opportunities to pay their dues, any member not paying their dues by April 3, 2019, will be required to go through the new member application process if they wish to continue their membership.

Please call Jon Nortemann (608) 751-0413 or David Steenblock (608) 754-8501 with any questions.