

# HOME ON THE RANGE



Summer

2020

## Range Construction



*Range Construction installing the new camera system.*



*Range Construction removing trees for the new safety wall.*



*Range Construction painting clubhouse floor.*

These are some of the jobs Range Construction has been doing during the COVID with small groups. Our scheduled work days are now back in progress. We also have some small jobs available if you would like to do by yourself or with only a few people.

Range Construction, Wally and Brad

## From the President

Hey BRC Members!

Hard to believe we are in June already. The world has gone crazy the last 3-4 months. It makes me wonder what is coming next. Life at the range has been quite, as you know, due to Covid-19 but so happy to at least be getting some of life back to normal. I've actually completed a huge project in my house since I wasn't spending so much time down at the club! So that felt really good to finish and not have hanging over my head.

As far as the range goes, we are getting back into the swing of things for discipline shoots with some modifications. If you participate in any, please make sure you follow the director's guidelines. Work days have started again too, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month and more are to be added to make up for missed ones, so keep a watch out. We are open to guests again. All rules revert to pre-Covid-19. Make sure you sign your guest in, they are wearing a guest badge and pay the guest admission.

We have decided to postpone the building of the new indoor range for this year, we will see how things look going into next year and if we feel, monetary wise, it is a good time to proceed.

Membership renewal has finally closed. We have stretched it out quite a bit further this year trying to keep our members and because I'm sure a lot of you have had a lot of ups and down lately. We didn't gain a whole lot but we stayed steady with over 1,100 members. Think of that number... we are one heck of a group. We have something really special. I hope and I think a lot of our members know this. Take care and nurture what we have.

I'm going to stick my toe into politics slightly with you. To my eyes, if anything good came out of the hell of the last couple of months, it would be the eye opening reality to middle of the line and anti-gunners the reason for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. I've heard 1.7 million in the month of May for firearms sold. I've seen many friends comment about now wanting a firearm. A lady emailed me from our website asking for help. My husband's co-workers antigun wife told him to go out and buy one. People are realizing that our Civil Liberties can very easily and very quickly be stepped on. People are also realizing it is up to them to protect themselves and their family and that police cannot be everywhere at once. So while this is wonderful, it also creates a responsibility for us, in my eyes. We have the opportunity to properly introduce new shooters to firearms. To influence the next group of pro-gunners, to educate them further on safe gun handling, practicing and grow them into the shooting sports. More fighters for the pro-gun political fight. We need to step up and help our neighbors, friends and family. We need to find a way to help these newbies and welcome them into our community. We are a community of 1,100 strong and we have an opportunity to make a huge impact for the gun world. Are you up for it? I sure am and hope when the opportunity comes knocking, you reach out!

Stay safe, shoot straight and God Bless,

Julie Wagoner, President



## From the Chief Range Officer

Summer is here. This has been a miserable year for most of us and I have been glad to be able to go to the range. I hope you have too.

We can bring guests again so sign them in before you shoot. Spouses and kids under 18 do not have to pay guest fees. Guests have to wear badges that are available with the waiver forms at the club house, the target shack by the 500 meter range and the black powder lodge. Please return them when you sign them out. We have seen an increased interest by new gun owners. Check with your friends to see if you can bring a new shooter to the range. You are responsible for the actions of guests.

We have observed that people are still shooting at miscellaneous targets with inappropriate calibers. The answer to what you can do is in the rule book. You are expected to know the rules and follow them. Thanks for your cooperation.

We are always trying to communicate with members better. If you are on facebook, we have two pages that you can join. One "BRC Members" is only for members. We also have a page called Beloit Rifle Club anyone can follow that page.

Hope to see you at the club. If you have questions about a particular discipline contact the director that is named on your card.

Lee Thompson, CRO  
608-290-3335 phone or text  
email: shootbrc@gmail.com

## Improving The Kneeling Position

Here are some excellent ways to improve your kneeling position scores. Use these five tips to help advance your skill level in many rifle disciplines.



*Good balance is key for a solid kneeling position in rifle shooting.*

Have your coach or another person compare your kneeling position with the position outlined in this article. Alternatively, take video of yourself and review. In kneeling, the most important features to check are:

1. Having the body weight back over the kneeling roll.
2. The back bend and downward slump of the shoulders.
3. Balancing the body and rifle weight over the kneeling roll.

### Self-Control

A habit all shooters must develop is that of self-control. This means not getting angry over a bad shot or upset because things are not going right. Good shooters teach themselves to stay calm and in full control of themselves at all times. This makes it possible to think clearly about performing the fundamentals of firing the shot correctly on the next shot.

### Balance

One of the keys to good kneeling scores is making sure the weight of the body and rifle is carefully balanced over the right heel, which is supported by the kneeling roll. The right knee should help balance the body but should support little or no weight itself. Check for a balanced position by noticing if your knee is supporting any weight. If it is, try leaning back away from your knee until your body weight is balanced over the right heel.

### Back Bend

A good kneeling position should have as much body weight as possible back on the right heel not forward on the left foot. Some good kneeling shooters appear to be leaning forward, but they achieve this position by bending their back and letting their shoulders and head slump down. A change to a less erect body position requires lengthening the sling and moving the sling swivel forward.

### Position Changes

All shooters reach a point in which they think they can improve their positions by making changes or adjustments. Many times a change in sling adjustment, left-hand position or foot position, or a small movement of some other part of the body will produce better results.

The most important thing to think about making position changes is that each change must be made as a controlled experiment. First, decide exactly what change to make and why it might help. Then make only that one change. Spend an entire practice session or several practices on testing the change.

After giving the change an honest test, decide whether it has helped your shooting. If it helps, make it a part of your position. If it doesn't help, return to the position you used before the change.

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*Both new and experienced position shooters alike can benefit from these kneeling tips.*

# **Center-Fire Benchrest & 100/500 Meter Range Complex**

Center-Fire Bench Rest Matches for 2020 will be held on the following Saturdays beginning at 9:00AM and concluding by 12:00 PM. These matches are open to all BRC members. There will not be a fee for this season. Any Center-Fire or Rimfire Rifles are allowed.

<b>June 6, 2020</b>	<b>Aug 1, 2020</b>
<b>June 20, 2020</b>	<b>Aug 15, 2020</b>
<b>July 18, 2020</b>	<b>Aug 29, 2020</b>

All Matches will be held on the 100/500 Meter Range Complex, most are fired at 100 yards. We are adding a .22 Rim Fire Match at 100 yards. Pure Fun!!!

**Remember: These Are Rules**

1. No unintended discharge of a firearm.
2. No rounds to leave the range.
3. Wear your safety glasses and hearing protection
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.

**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	Bill Larson: 608-317-6919
Chuck Mongan: 815-721-3967	Norm Larson: 815-543-6882
Julie Wagoner: 815-742-1718	Bill Ruck: 608-364-0345
Kyle Schleim: 608-921-6520	Bill Powell: 608-931-1343
Everett Bennett: 815-389-3302	Paul Schuler: 815-519-2141
Wally Marshall: 608-332-9187	

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 17 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 250 members qualified. Before members may use the shorter range target boards, 200 meters, 300 meters 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.**

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 damaging 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.

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!!  
Paul Schuler

# BELOIT RIFLE CLUB, INC.

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ NRA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print carefully, or Type) ("Applied For" is NOT acceptable)

**APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED BEFORE THE FIRST OF JANUARY**  
**POST MARKED** - December 31 or earlier.  
**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**

**NRA NUMBER MUST BE ON THIS FORM!** It is your responsibility to obtain and maintain that membership. Failure to do so will result in loss of club membership.

**Sponsorship:** You need two (2) sponsors. Sponsors must be full, not probationary, members. Sponsors may sponsor only one (1) applicant per year.

**Probationary Status:** If admitted to the Beloit Rifle Club you will be a probationary member for two (2) years from your entrance date. No applicant may sponsor a new member until full membership status is attained. New Beloit Rifle Club members must attend and complete "one" of "three" orientation sessions offered during the first year of their membership or renewal of membership will not be possible.

**Service Hours for Dues Reduction:** During the first year of your probationary membership, if you choose to volunteer sixteen (16) hours of service to the club, your dues for the following year will be reduced. These 16 volunteer hours, are only for the first year of your probationary membership. If you choose not to volunteer to help out at the club, the cost for renewal will be appropriately higher.

**I have read the Beloit Rifle Club rules and agree to obey them. My sponsors and I have reviewed the club facilities and I understand the operating procedure on each range. I have not been convicted of a felony in Wisconsin or in any other of the 49 States and I realize that a public records background check will be conducted.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Signature of Sponsor (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Sponsor (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Sponsors Name \_\_\_\_\_ Print Sponsors Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors NRA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors NRA Number \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND NO MONEY!!**

**NEW MEMBER FEES will be paid on the**  
**Second Wednesday in March**  
(Amount is Subject to Board action)

**MAIL TO:**

**BRC Membership P.O. Box 975 Beloit, WI 53512-0975** (revised 01/2020)

## **MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE:**

### **1.**

Applications must be turned in BY December 31st of the year prior to the year which you wish to become a member. You do not need to come to the “Dues Collection” Day, that is for the collection of dues of current members. A letter will be sent to all potential new members in February inviting them to the March meeting. Each new member who wishes to join the club is required to attend that meeting.

### **2.**

I realize that a public records background check will be conducted. If I am not a resident of the State of WI, I will be required to present a “FOID” card, or its equivalent, prior to admission to Beloit Rifle Club. Also, as of the general club meeting, 3 June 2015, all new Beloit Rifle Club members must attend and complete “one” of “three” orientation sessions offered during the first year of their membership or renewal of membership will not be possible.

### **3.**

At the March meeting, an orientation session will be provided by the various disciplines, the membership directors, grounds keepers and chief range officer. Each person will emphasize the factors of SAFE range operation, as it applies to their discipline.

### **4.**

New member induction takes place at this March meeting of the Beloit Rifle Club. Your dues are payable at this time and it is also the time when you will get your membership card and key(s). Dues will be collected at end of a short club meeting.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

You must be a member of the National Rifle Association. There may not be any felony convictions on you record from this State or any other State in this country. You must have a membership number from the National Rifle Association. That number must be on the front side of this document. Putting the words “**Applied For**”, where the NRA membership number should be will cause this application to be mailed back to you. Do not return it until the NRA membership number is added. **Remember the application due date is THE 31<sup>ST</sup> of DECEMBER of the year prior to the year that you wish to join. The Beloit Rifle Club takes in members only once a year.**

**SUGGESTION:** Make a photocopy of this document and the completed membership application for your records.

# BELOIT RIFLE CLUB APPAREL ORDER FORM



**JERZEES - 995MR**  
**Cadet Collar Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt**  
**\$34.00 + Tax (s-xl)**



**Independent Trading Co. - EXP54LWZ**  
**Water-Resistant Lightweight Windbreaker**  
**\$49.00 + Tax (s-xl)**



**Independent Trading Co. EXP80PTZ**  
**Poly-Tech Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt**  
**\$50.00 + Tax (s-xl)**

**Option 1**  
 Send form and check to:  
 Print n Stitch  
 141 Roosevelt Ave  
 Beloit, WI 53511

**Option 2**  
 Give to Johanna  
 Oksnevad to  
 submit to Print n  
 Stitch



**Independent Trading Co. IND4000**  
**Hooded Sweatshirt**  
**\$43.00 + Tax (s-xl)**

(PLEASE NOTE SIZES ABOVE XL WILL BE \$2-\$3 EXTRA DEPENDING ON SIZE)

ITEM #	QTY	SIZE	COST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH  CHECK  TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Silhouette

The 2020 winter .22 rifle and pistol indoor Silhouette shooting season started on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's "Stay at Home" order ended the season early. We had good participation again this year, with 5 to 10 shooters each week. Brendon Leach had the most improved average with a rifle and Loy Rice was most improved with a pistol. Dennis Loertscher had the highest individual score with a rifle, hitting 29 out of 40 animals. He also had the high score with his pistol, hitting 9 out of 20. Thank you and congratulations to everyone that participated this season. I also need to thank Dennis Loertscher for opening and closing the range, being our statistician, and keeping track of scores and averages again this year.

The 2020 summer outdoor Silhouette target shooting season started late, on Thursday, June 4th and continues until Thursday, September 24th. We had 5 participants on the first night. We shoot a 40 round practice match every Thursday night starting at approximately 5:15. We are usually done shooting rifles by 6:30.

Our 80 round monthly NRA sanctioned matches are scheduled on Saturdays again this year. The scheduled dates for these tournaments are June 27, July 18, Aug 22 [Wisconsin State Championship], and Sept 19. All shooters are encouraged to participate. Come out and have some fun with us. Also, members can get in about six easy work hours if you come out and help set targets for the day.

If you have any questions, call Steve Schmalz at 608-362-7172 for more details.

Be safe and have a great 2020!

Steve Schmalz Silhouette Director  
608-362-7172

## Publicity

Shirts, hats, lanyards, and patches will be available to purchase at the monthly board meetings. We will now be using an order form for jackets and sweatshirts, as shown in this newsletter. Print n Stitch has the BRC logo on file, so you can have it printed on any article of clothing you have or would like to purchase from their catalog. Their website is <https://www.printnstitchbeloit.com/>.

Proudly wear your BRC apparel and help spread the news about our amazing club! In times like these, we have so many new gun owners in the community that are looking for a place to practice and receive firearm education. As upholders of the Constitution, we have a duty to influence fellow citizens and promote gun ownership, personal responsibility to safety, and build a community that can defend itself from threats. If you have any ideas of how we can further promote the Beloit Rifle Club, feel free to email me at [johanna@oxfirearms.com](mailto:johanna@oxfirearms.com).

Johanna Oksnevad





## Precision Pistol

Members of Beloit Rifle Club,

June has arrived and with it the outdoor shooting matches. Precision pistol started June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run into September. Come and check out what we have to offer.

The main pistol range will have a spring match going June 13/14 starting approximately 7am to about 5pm. come and check it out.

I'm sure most have noticed what is going on with COVID-19 and the disruption it has caused in our daily lives. The thought of getting sick from Covid-19 is a scary thought to some and not to others. But none the less it has affected every single one of us. Keep the guidelines in your mind when at the club.

The thought of someone taking your business and your world and totally turning it upside down by smashing your windows and even worse burning it down in the name of Social Justice is appalling to me. Please treat the property of our club with respect. It has been nurtured by so many to make one of the finest. Shooting stuff just to hear your gun go off and see what kind of damage it does, well "Doesn't make any sense to me". If you have a question on the different ranges and what you can shoot please call a board member until you get an answer.

As it stands today we are still following guidelines of Social Distancing at the club. Our summer pistol league has taken steps to follow the rules as best we can. And I have done what I can to have shooters feel comfortable with our layout of the registration and the shooting benches. Please check it out.

Please be respectful of what we have and our members. Be safe on the range and keep them in the ten ring.

John Kittleson  
Pistol Director

## Rattlers Air Rifle Team

Rattlers Air Rifle Team is on the move again!! We are going to have some outdoor shooting events in the month of June. We hope to be back on our regular indoor schedule some time in July.

This has been a tough time to try to safely schedule events as you probably have experienced in the rest of your life. We will progress with new safety measures in place and adapt as readily as the rest of the world. Watch the website for updates and I will directly contact Rattler Team Members for times and dates.

Stay safe,  
Coaches Larry and Dennis

