

HOME ON THE RANGE



Spring

2021

Membership - ATTENTION: NEW PAYMENT DATES

1. The small padlock key, for the main gate key, will be changed. The padlock key that will be changed, will be changed May 2, 2021. Your current padlock key will not work after May 2, 2021. If you do not have a current to exchange, a new key will be \$5.00. I have included a payment schedule so that you can determine your cost for renewal.

2. **PAYMENT OF DUES:** Most of the payment of dues occurs at the Dues Collection Day, **May 2, 2021**. Remember also that dues collection will be at the **Beloit Rifle Club**. Dues will be collected from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is important to remember that your range key, padlock key, will not work after **May 2, 2021**. If you cannot make the first collection, there will be some alternate dates for you to renew. We have included a chart of the alternate payment days and the times of collection for each of those days.

Dues Structure for 2021

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

Alternate Dates for Dues Payment

May 22 - Saturday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
June 02 - Wednesday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
June 13 - Sunday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
June 27 - Sunday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

DUES DEADLINE: 27 JUNE 2021

These dates and times will be posted on the entrance gates. Check for the next renewal time and date, should you miss the first one. **We are also requesting that payments be made by check or money order, whenever possible. Remember: Your dues must be paid by June 27, 2021.**

Renewal Through the Mail

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

1. **2020 Membership Card** (with credited hours).
2. **Padlock Key - Tape your key** inside your membership card. **Lost keys are \$5.00**
3. **Photocopy Of Your Current NRA Membership Status**, (Mailing label from your magazine has all this information, just clip and send) *Not required for NRA Life Members*
4. **Dues Payment** (Check/Money Order Only – NO CASH!)
5. **\$5.00 Mail-in Handling FEE** (just add to your dues payment – membership will NOT be processed without this)

REMINDER: When mailing, your range/padlock key will need to be taped securely, to your BRC membership card. Your NRA membership status and payment are also required. A new BRC membership card and new key will be mailed to you. Your checks will be cashed after May 2 2021. 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. We will make every effort to process the mail renewals as quickly as possible. A processing time of 5 to 10 business days can be expected.

The Board has decided that since current members have 5 opportunities to pay their dues and also have a mail-in option to pay dues, any member not paying their dues by June 27, 2021 will be required to go through the new member application process if they wish to continue their membership.

If you have specific questions or are confused, please call Jon Nortemann (608) 751-0413 or David Steenblock (608) 754-8501, Membership Co-Directors for the Beloit Rifle Club.

From the Club President

Happy Spring BRC Members! What a crazy year this has been! I think we can all agree it is a year we are happy to see in our review mirror. Unfortunately some things in the firearm world are going to stick with us and could possibly get uglier than it currently is- ammo, lack of firearms and more gun control policies.

We all know finding ammo is like going on a scavenger hunt for gold nuggets these days. From store hopping to internet sales trying to find it is a job within itself. Pricing is also all over the board. It is nothing to see .22 ammo at over .20 a round! The shortage seems to be on all rounds too, affecting all shooters. Even components for reloading are scarce and impossible to find. Primers being the most elusive. If you are willing to pay the prices the scalpers post, well more power to you cuz that is one I just can't stomach.

Firearms sales are also crazy. If you can find what you are wanting they are way over MSRP. Long guns being more available than pistols but even then they are not common calibers or are very high end models. The manufacturers are saying they are adding more shifts and expanding as fast as they can and with over a million 1st time firearm owners added to the mix, it still doesn't appear that it will balance out any time soon. The experts I've spoken with are thinking another couple years of the shortages.

The current administration is also pushing for countless new gun control laws. On this front, I encourage you to follow all the different gun control lobbies and contact your legislature, state and federal on all issues. NRA, Gun Owners of America, American Firearms Association. Join your states Rifle Associations- Illinois & Wisconsin. Just because you live in Illinois doesn't mean you can't support Wisconsin and vice versa. The Lobbies do a wonderful job supplying templates to follow and make it so easy to submit witness slips and letters to politicians. They can't do it alone. We have to stand up and have a voice.

As for the impact it will have on the club, I honestly foresee a slow summer. If you have ammo, you are more hesitant to use it in a recreational way. Leagues or matches, the numbers are down and I don't see them increasing. I do want to encourage you to be proactive and practice with your carry firearm as much as you are able. It is such an important skill to keep up. Practice and train continually. If you don't want to use the ammo you do have, be sure to get a laser trainer to practice at home or dry fire at a dot.

In other news around the club, in the next couple of weeks the indoor range's northern wall is going to be repaired, so if you are down there and they are working, that is what is happening. Please be courteous and stay out of their way as much as possible. It should not affect the safety of shooting indoors, but I strongly suggest you shoot on an outdoor range. No one wants to be working on the wall with firing going on inside.

Also, there is a lot of work starting up on Philhower Road. Please be careful coming a going. I believe it is going to be widened and all new utilities going in, so it is going to be a mess all summer.

God Bless and Shoot Straight, Julie Wagoner, President.



From the Chief Range Officer

The nicer weather is finally here. Looking forward to seeing some of you at the range. If you have questions about a range or event, feel free to ask the discipline heads listed on your card. If you are interested in a new discipline, look at the calendar and show up to observe the events made possible by the many dedicated volunteers. If you check, you might be able to get some volunteer hours.

Everyone is getting an updated rule book this year. You are responsible to know what they are and follow them. Some of the common problems we have are members not wearing their badges in a visible place and not signing in their guests. If you bring a spouse or a dependent, you still have to sign them in even if they don't have to pay a guest fee. They are required to wear a guest badge that you turn in when you sign them out. Another problem that occurred was a member shooting without eye protection. Protecting your eyes is not optional as you can see by reading the Rule Book.

Our website is your friend. Our excellent team of volunteers keeps it as up to date as possible. They are constantly working on updating our web site. That includes allowing online payments for some things. The calendar has lots of volunteer opportunities and other information.

We have scheduled the Youth Sports Fest for September 25th. Information to follow on the web site. Because of high demand, we would like to ask for donations of 22LR, 410, 20 and 12 GA factory ammunition. The shotgun ammunition needs to be target loads in 7.5 and smaller shot. We especially need the 410 loads. The .22 ammunition that works best is 40 grain round nose, but we can use anything donated that is still boxed. Contact Robby Personette or Chuck Sauber if you have ammunition donations.

There will be a change to the Sight In schedule. Scheduled days will be the two weekends and the Wednesday prior to the Wisconsin Deer rifle season. The dates will be put on the board at the club in October. Set up November 5th. Sight in November 6-7, 13-14 and the 17th.

If I can be of assistance, feel free to contact me.

Lee Thompson, BRC CRO
608-290-3335 text/call

NRA Youth Sportsfest Updates and Reminders

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we did not host the NRA Youth Sportsfest in 2020. The 2021 NRA Youth Sportsfest is set to occur on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

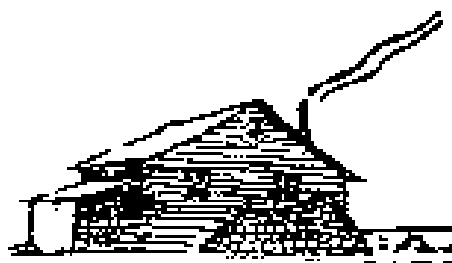
We have the same shooting/sports clubs that are willing to participate as before, and I am looking forward to another successful event. As we get closer to that date, Brad Little (Assistant Director) and myself will continue to work with you – as the leaders of individual disciplines and members of the club, to fine tune the details of the event.

The event, on average, hosts approximately 130-150 participants. Participants are able to shoot a variety of firearms, as well as archery equipment and air rifles. With the multiple shooting stations, the kids shoot through quite a few rounds of ammunition. During an average event, participants shoot approximately 12,000-13,000 rounds of 22 LR, and approximately 1,500 shotgun shells.

In an effort to conserve ammunition for this event, and maintain a level of inventory, I will be asking each shooting station leader to limit the number of rounds that each participant is able to shoot. This number will be based on our inventory of ammunition as we get nearer to the event date. Additionally, all participants will only be able to go through a shooting station once. Historically the event would unofficially end an hour or two before the actual stop time, and kids would then be able to go to their “favorite” shooting station(s) and continue to shoot until the official stopping time of the event. I think these limitations will ensure that we have enough ammunition for this year and keep with the tradition of a highly successful event.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a premier shooting event and opportunity for the participants and the club.

Robby Personette,
Director, Youth/NRA Instruction



Black Powder Lodge Calendar of Events for 2021

May 15, Saturday 3:00 p.m. WMLA “Moon Light Delight” Chunk Gun Shoot - CGM 60 Yards

May 16 - Sunday Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 26 - Saturday 10:00 a.m. WMLA Sanctioned “Wisconsin Sergeant Alvin C. York Shoot - CMG 60 Yards

**July 16, 17, 18 - WMLA Sanctioned - Buffalo Shoot - Program “A”
Friday & Saturday / 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

August 7 - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - WMLA Sanctioned “Shotgun Shoot”

August 15 - Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September 18 - Saturday 10:00 a.m. WMLA Sanctioned “Lou Braggo” Chunk Gun Shoot - CGM 60 Yards

September 19 - WMLA Sanctioned “Hunter’s Match” 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

October 15, 16, 17 - “ED Le CRONES” Turkey Shoot - WMLA Program “B” Shoot. Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November, 2021 - No Shoot (Deer Hunting)

December 17, 18, 19 - WMLA Sanctioned “Frost On The Lodge” Shoot - Program “B” Shoot - Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harley Whitt (608) 921-1542 or Charlie Brown (608) 290-2978
GPS - 851 Philhower Rd., Beloit, WI 53511

Emergency Plan

The BRC board has developed and implemented an emergency plan for the club. We have prepared an action plan with the Beloit Township Fire Department and most importantly informing the membership in what to do in an emergency. Each range has the below sign displayed. Please familiarize yourself with it and think of how you will handle an emergency situation if it arises. The sign is as simple as we can make it but with as much information as possible.

EMERGENCY

(Requiring Medical Attention)

- Call 911 / Administer aide.
- Go to gate, open & direct emergency vehicle if able.
- Cease fire and make firearms safe on all ranges at the club if possible.
- Call BRC President or next in line to report.
- **DO NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO ANY MEDIA OR SOCIAL NETWORKS.**
- Take notes, fill out incident report and keep witnesses at scene.

851 EAST PHILHOWER RD.
GATE A: BLACK POWDER RANGE

Call 911 / Administer Aide

- If you have to call 911, start now thinking about how you are going to word it... train your brain to say, "I have a medical emergency at the Beloit Rifle Club." NOT "Some guy just shot the guy next to him". Your wording could determine if we have the S.W.A.T. team descend on the club which would hold up the paramedics from helping you or your friend and avoid an intense sweep of the club.
- Administer Aide to the best of your ability. There are emergency kits in the Clubhouse, Main Range shack, Black Powder Lodge, back 100yrd/500m range shack and by Cowboy. We will be improving these and keeping them updated. Please be respectful and do not take what is not needed.

Go to gate, open & direct emergency vehicle

- If you are able or can send someone to unlock the gate and direct emergency personnel. If not, they will go to a key box on the main gate to get onto the property. Be sure to tell the 911 call center what gate and range you are at. (Last line on all signs)

Cease fire and make firearms safe on all ranges at the club if possible

- The fire department asked us to do this due to the current atmosphere. The ambulance may not enter the club if there is continued gun fire and they do not know the situation, or they may just grab and run.

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Emergency Plan Continued...

- If there is someone else available, have them go to other ranges and call a cease fire and make all firearms safe. They may resume once emergency personnel has left.
- If it sounds like emergency personnel is entering or near club property, cease fire and make all firearms safe until you know what is happening.
- Help spread the word and make the emergency personnel feel safe on our property.

Call BRC President or next in line to report.

- Call the club President, VP, Secretary or Treasurer until you reach one of them to report that there has been a medical emergency so they can get to the club and help deal with anything that they would need to. Their phone numbers are on your card that should be with you at all times on the property.

DO NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO ANY MEDIA OR SOCIAL NETWORKS

- If the media happens to come out, do not make any comments to them. The Board will appoint someone to speak with the media and will take care of it. We have to protect our club and the media may take something out of context that can hurt us as a whole because of an untrained remark, it could be detrimental to the club.
- Do not post anything on a social network about what has happened. Social network images or statements can also be detrimental, so please do not take a picture and say, "Look at what just happened at Beloit Rifle Club".
- The media casts a negative light on stories dealing with firearms, it is not a time to get involved in gossiping and spreading what you know. It is best to let the professionals handle these situations.

Take notes, fill out incident report and keep witnesses at the scene

- There will be file holders with each sign that will hold paper and pens in order to do this. This will be for any emergency personnel and our insurance company.
- In the file holder will also be incident reports. These are required by our insurance company so please fill out to the best of your ability. Give it to the board member that is there or place in guest fee/admission box inside club house door.
- Keep the witnesses at the scene until emergency personnel have taken any needed statements from them. Witnesses should also take notes as to what happened.

The last line on the sign will be our address and where you are at on the range. We have coordinated a map with the fire department to make this as seamless as possible in an emergency. Please think about what you will do in an emergency, spread the word, talk about it, and ask questions if you have them. This is extremely important on so many levels.

Enjoy the club and BE SAFE!

Range Construction

Update on the lighting on the Main Range:

If you haven't noticed, the Beloit Rifle Club has installed new LED Lighting on the 25 yd, 50 yd and 100 yd targets on the Main Range to replace the old unreliable and substandard halogen lights. The new 25 yd and 50 yd lights are working well with great lighting intensity on the targets. The new 100 yd lights are also installed but are still being modified to improve the lighting intensity. We are working with the manufacturer of the LED lights to resolve the 100 yd intensity issue and hope to have them improved in the next month to provide exceptional lighting on those targets also. Operation of the lights is still controlled by the three switches on the east wall in the main range shack.

We are also in the process of adding two new photo cell controlled LED lights in the main parking lot to provide better visibility and safety. These should also be installed by early May, weather permitting.

Indoor Range Wall Structural Repair:

Beginning in Mid April, the structural repair of the north wall of the indoor range will be taking place. Currently, the north wall and a portion of the floor near the north side are seeing considerable settling. The Club has hired an outside contractor to complete this repair. New footings will be installed to properly support the existing wall and the concrete floor will be leveled to remove the step that currently exists. We do not expect any major disruptions to the use of the indoor range during the construction process.

Brad Mueller – Range Construction Director



Center-Fire Benchrest & 100/500 Meter Range Complex

Standard Operating Rules For 500 Meter Range

1. Red Badge Certified Members Only. Red Badge must be worn.
2. All Shooters must sign in prior to shooting. (A sign-in sheet will be in the shed next to the guest sign-in sheet. Sign in with date, name, time in/out.)
3. All shooting to be done from the bench top only. (No prone or standing are allowed.)
4. No hand guns allowed. Only rifles or bolt-action pistols.
5. Every time prior to using 200/300/500m range, rifle and ammunition must be sighted in at 100 yards. A 5 shot 3 inch group must be held to move to 200/300/500m distances.
6. Minimum muzzle velocity must exceed 2300 ft per second. If in doubt do not shoot until you can get chronographed.
7. Only BRC provided steel targets allowed.
8. When 'cease fire' is called, properly display Hot/Cold sign with warning light. "Cold" means it is safe to go down range. Warning lights to be on when range is cold. "Hot" means the range is active. Do not go forward of the firing line.
9. No handling of firearms when range is Cold.
10. All firearms must be racked or cased & off the firing line with bolts open or chamber indicated and magazines removed when range is Cold.
11. Benchrest, BR-50, CMP and Highpower disciplines have control of the entire firing line during their matches. All lanes will be closed to non-participants at that time.

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
 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 at 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 9 members to set up other times if needed.

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.

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.

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!!

From the BRC Historian/ Black Powder Lodge Chairperson

I must say, the computer is a big help when you want to record or store something (Data). Then when you want to revisit or retrieve that data, a time in history or in the past you might say! All you do is name that site, click on it and wham! There it is up on the screen! So let's click on one of my stored documents. The place where I keep every shoot that I have ever put on!

Let's click on the year 2006 and see what comes up on the screen. CLICK - (WHAM!) Why, that's the very first Wisconsin Sergeant York Sanctioned Memorial Shoot that we held at the BRC and also when we started sending all the proceeds from the shoot to Clitis York in Pall Mall, Tennessee to help with the Sergeant York Historical Foundation.

Now! Let's go down to the basement to the big plastic tote and find the hard copies of the shoot results. I keep each month's shoot results in a big brown envelope. In the envelope is a copy of the flyers of the shoot I sent out, the receipts from the money I spent to put the shoot on, the money or proceeds we made from the shoots and the number of shooters that attended that shoot. I do this just in case my computer crashes. I started doing this way before computers so I just continued doing it that way.

So let's take a look at the results for the June shoot 2006. It looks like we had 14 shooters show up to shoot. We had \$80 worth of meat to shoot for, along with 25 gold dollars and the top prize of a pocket watch which was won by Paul M. Swanson of Rockford, IL. The reason I remember that is because he beat me by 20 thousand of an inch, I had younger eyes back then, and so did he!

According to my records, for the June 2006 shoot we sent \$211 to the York Foundation.

Now, let's forward to the year 2020, the year of the COVID 19 pandemic. The June 2020 Sergeant York shoot was cancelled. The Black Powder Lodge suspended all shoots. We used the suspended time to spruce up the lodge with new paint inside and to get COVID 19 guidelines in place.

The Black Powder Lodge started holding shoots again in July 2020, with our 3 day Buffalo Shoot. Then with the COVID 19 guidelines in place and with our new 60 yard range completed, we held the Wisconsin Sergeant York Memorial Shoot on October 24, 2020. We had a nice sunny day for the shoot. 9 shooters showed up to shoot for meat prizes, gold coins, and various other prizes. We sent \$252 to Deborah York for the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation in Pall Mall, Tennessee.

The following is a copy of the kind letter Deborah York sent to all the members of the Beloit Rifle Club thanking us.

Sincerely,
Limb Bacon - Harley Whitt, Historian,
Black Powder Lodge



November 20, 2020
Beloit Rifle Club Inc.
c/o Mr. Harley Whitt
1908 Forest Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511

Dear Harley and Friends at the Beloit Rifle Club,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and staying healthy. These are challenging times we find ourselves living in, but Sgt. York survived the pandemic of 1919 and we will also!

The Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation's purpose is to promote Education and Opportunity and honor our Veterans in the footsteps of Sgt. York's life work. We advance and perpetuate Peace through education and service to others, upholding the fundamental tenets of the Medal of Honor: Courage, Commitment, Sacrifice, Patriotism, Integrity and Citizenship.

We have managed to pivot and persevere during these challenging times.

Our Foundation provided virtual programming for all school age children in our county that encourages youth to emulate positive character traits to make their lives and community better. Our ultimate goal is to encourage learning from our past, so we inspire their futures.

We have moved several of our programs online and have continued to provide tours and live programming at Sgt. York's home place. We have expanded our living history portion of Sgt. York's farm to include Appalachian history and music as well as old-fashioned farming techniques and demonstrations.

American Values. Words to Live by. Ideals to guide us.

Rattlers Air Rifle

Welcome to Rattlers Air Rifle! The spring / summer session is just beginning so come join us. Our brother and sister members Ariel and Malachi lead all categories. High score, aggregate, high average and recent 8. always something new and exciting happening at BRC Rattlers. We just received a gift of precision air rifles and we are using them. Parents Pistol Team is just up and running. Never a down moment with this group of great people. We always seek wisdom and we share our knowledge freely. We have Orion automatic scoring system so you are sure to get your score correct. We offer hands on training and safety for your youth. Coach Larry and Coach Dennis are NRA coach certified in both rifle and pistol. We start at 8 years if they can pass the safety test and can take instruction we will invite you to join Rattlers. Daisy 99B Avanti BB guns are provided for your training. Older mid level youth start with Daisy 853 pellet target rifles and advanced shooters are given CZ200t pellet rifles. Expert and above are given the chance to shoot precision Hammerli air rifles. We would like to offer you a try out to shoot on our team. Those who qualify are given advancement awards from the NRA Winchester awards system. We shoot Monday nights at 6:30 with summer hours variable??? We shoot every Wednesday Starting at 3:00. Then 5:00 and 6:30 as space is available 10 slots each session. If your son or daughter between the ages of 8 and 18 is interested in becoming an Expert Rifleman, this is where it starts. Call for an appointment to meet our team.

Larry Abbott
1-608-751-5271

Defense Range / Steel Challenge

Beloit Rifle Club is shooting Steel Challenge again this year. We are holding practices on the first and third Thursdays starting at 5:00 pm in the East Bay Range. We will also be hosting a couple of Sunday matches over the summer, so stay tuned for dates.

Each stage contains 5 steel targets. Shooters get five runs on each stage (4 on Outer Limits), with their slowest run dropped. The counting times are totaled for their stage score. The stage scores are added together to establish the competitor's match score.

For each run, one hit per target is required, with an unlimited number of rounds. The last target to be shot is known as the "stop plate", which stops the timer. All primary target hits made after the stop plate has been struck, will be scored with a 3-second penalty each. The maximum time permitted for a run is 30 seconds and a competitor will be stopped and asked to reload if they reach the 30 second limit.

Equipment divisions are available for any rimfire or pistol caliber firearm, either iron sighted or optic equipped.

Please stop out and give it a try.
Tim Kienbaum

Silhouette

Our annual winter "FROSTY IRON CHALLENGE" was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021. The weather was sunny, cool, and breezy for the day. We had a small turnout, only six people participated. Larry Abbott was the Match Winner in Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 20 out of 40 animals. Craig Stevens was the Match Winner in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 22 out of 40 animals. Congratulations to Larry and Craig. I want to say thank you to everyone that participated and those that came out to help.

The 2021 winter indoor .22 rifle and pistol Silhouette shooting season will be ending soon. We shoot paper silhouette targets every Monday evening, on the indoor range, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm or so. Participation was down a bit again this year. The indoor season ends on Monday, April 26th.

The 2021 weekly outdoor Silhouette target-shooting season will start on Thursday, May 6th. We will shoot a 40 round practice match every Thursday night at approximately 5:15. In addition, our 80 round monthly NRA sanctioned matches scheduled on Saturdays again this year. The dates for these tournaments are May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 21 [State Championship], and Sept 18. All members are encouraged to participate. Also, members can get in about six easy work hours if you come out and help for the day.

We have a beautiful, first class, high quality Silhouette shooting range. Come out this summer and enjoy it with us. Again, all members are encouraged to join in the fun.

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

Have a safe 2021!
Steve Schmalz,
Silhouette Director
608-362-7172