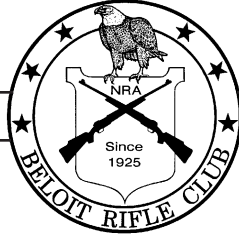


HOME ON THE RANGE



Fall

2022

SIGHT-IN DAYS

(Rain, Snow or Sunshine)

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**

November 5 & 6

November 12 & 13

November 16 (Wednesday)

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

~RAFFLE~

Raffle Drawing November 16, 2022 4:00 p.m. at B.R.C.

1st Prize - Rossi R92C Rifle 45 Long Colt

2nd Prize - Smith & Wesson EZ Shield 380

3rd Prize - Stevens 12 ga. Model 555

4th Prize - Henry Goldenboy 22

(70# pull w/29" draw)

5th Prize - Mathews Vertix Real Tree Edge

From the Club President

BRC Members, It has been a busy and hard summer. My dad and your fellow BRC member since 1986, Vern Meyer passed away in July unexpectedly. He was one of the good ones. He loved this club and his group in Precision Pistol. He had been a precision shooter since the 60's in rifle and pistol starting out with Pine Tree where he was a life member although un-active once he joined BRC. He had us kids out almost every Monday night growing up shooting trap or Benchrest with my brothers and had fun trying out Multi-gun with us when that started up. He taught each of us our respect and love of firearms and hunting. I don't know how many things he fabricated for around the club or fabricated and fixed parts for peoples firearms over the years as a master machinist. He was one of those men who was a doer and could make or fix about anything. He was, like I said, one of the good ones and we were so blessed to have him and he is so missed.



Long range planning has been meeting with contractors for estimates on the new indoor range. Hopefully you have read and responded to the survey that has gone out. We hope to keep moving forward with this project and bring this to the club next year. I know the more I use the indoor range for classes it really is a space that needs to be updated- especially the air handling system. As always, please reach out if you have any questions regarding this project- or any thing else for that matter.

The Exec Board created and the Board passed a Code of Conduct for the club in October. It includes a mission statement too. I've added it to the news letter but please read it and follow those standards. It will be added to our rules book and the next time we do a by-laws change it will be added in there too.

January will bring the annual meeting. Please mark January 4, 2023 on your calendars. Per our by-laws it states voting must be in person, so know that with Covid restrictions being reduced we will be going back to in person voting and need a quorum of 10% to proceed with the meeting. There will not be an on-line ballot this year. Also, if you would like to run for a board position in 2023, the sign up sheet will be posted in the club house after sign in days is over in November.

Speaking of sign in days... it will be here before we know it. The sign up sheet is almost full so that should be handled by November BUT we need help selling our raffle tickets. Please contact Chuck Beeler at 262-227-7186 if you can help sell tickets. This is an important fund raiser for us and club effort is needed! If you can't sell, please be sure to stop down during sign in days and purchase some.

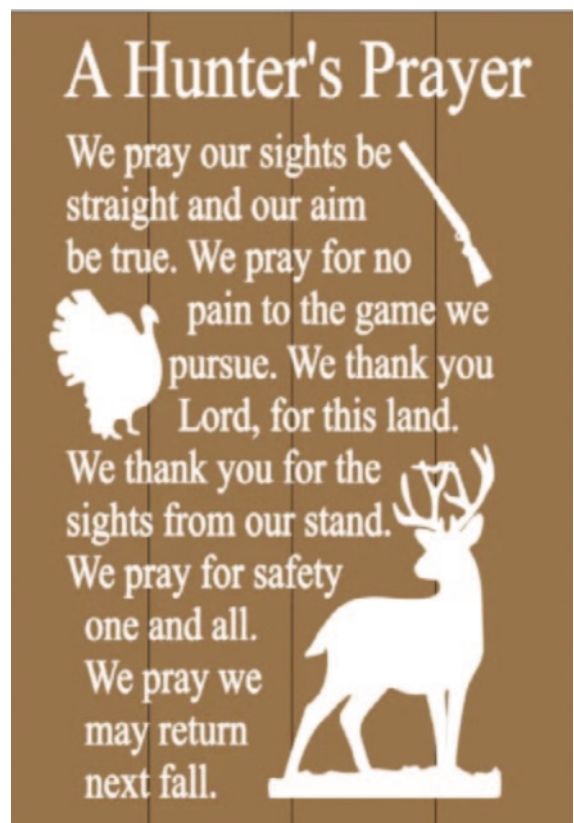
Ladies in Arms group is in their third year this September. I have 5 classes this year. Two classes for new shooters and 3 classes for returning ladies who want to keep learning and

shooting. Other than the 1st year we have not advertised this class. It is all by word of mouth or ladies searching the internet for women's shooting classes. I wish I had the time to do and add more classes- there is a huge need for this in our society and women are really taking their and their families safety seriously. If you can be a mentor for any new shooter, help them out- we need to be doing what we can for them.

On a political note, be sure to get out and vote in November. Protect our 2nd A rights. Also, if you are not aware, in Illinois the politicians passed the Safe-T Act. When it become official on January 1, 2023, Winnebago County alone is projecting releasing 400 criminals on to our streets. This includes 2nd degree murderers, rapists, stalkers and more. Please read up on this bill and contact your legislators and ask them to get this bill reversed and how you can help make this happen. This affects us all – because Beloit and Rock County connect with Illinois and these criminals can very easily come north. Another bill on the ballot in Illinois is Amendment One. It will change our state constitution. I won't tell you how to vote on it but please please read more into it and understand the details of this bill. It is not what they are advertising it to be. Illinois Policy is a good site to start with.

I do hope you have all had a great summer. Looking forward to the fall, I would say that I hope it slows down some, but I don't see that on my radar. Hunters- I hope you have a successful and safe season. Remember to know your target and what is beyond! We want all hunters to come home to their family.

God Bless and Shoot Straight!
Julie Wagoner, President.



From the Chief Range Officer

Hunting season, holiday season, new year for the club. As we close out another year at the Beloit Rifle Club the opportunity for work hours is decreasing. Reach out to the discipline heads if you still need hours. Events on the calendar should show you who might need help.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make this club work. We will soon be electing the new board. The sheet of candidates should be up after the November board meeting. If you want to run for a position, put your name on the list. The election is during the January member meeting.

One important change is that you can now sign to sponsor two members. It is important to sign for responsible candidates since you are responsible for their actions for the first two years. If you have someone that wants to join the club, I suggest that you take them shooting and be sure they are safe, and willing to follow the rules. Applications are due by December 31.

If you accidentally damage something, please contact the discipline head, myself or a member of the executive board. The same is true of discovering damage. If you witness someone deliberately damaging club property, contact one of the same and fill out a red violations form found in the foyer of the club house. Thank you for the expected cooperation.

We have had some problems with people moving targets on the defense range. Remember nothing steel at less than 30 feet, all metal should be deflected down. Don't use damaged steel for a target in the sand by the back stop, they deflect rounds upwards. Never move Cowboy targets or targets at the East bay. Discipline heads can be contacted if you want to suggest a different target configuration.

Read your rule book, ask questions of the discipline head and be proactive about safety while you enjoy one of the greatest clubs in the Midwest. Let me know if I can be of help.

Lee Thompson

CRO

Lee Thompson CRO

Cowboy Action

"Rock River Regulators"



This summer the Cowboy Crew has been working with Roger Hager to develop our downrange stage between the Jail and the Depot. We added concrete barriers at the loading and unloading tables for safety measures. Mounds of sand were also added against the concrete wall to eliminate splatter. Our new downrange stage, was used at our August 20th shoot and met with very positive feedback from the shooters.

With the short supply of primers, powder, and shot we are still averaging 33 shooters per cowboy shoot. A 22 category has also been added to our shoots to help those shooters who are struggling to find supplies.

This past month the Cowboy Crew demoed and replaced the rotted-out wall on the cook shack with a new and improved metal wall. They also helped to clean up the old steel in the back.

This past summer several of our club members competed in the **Illinois State Shoot** and the **Wisconsin State Shoot**. Following is the breakdown of how they did:

Illinois State Shoot:

Joe McCalister (Average Joe) Senior Division – 6th Place
Lewis Adams (Arkansas Lew) Frontier Cartridge – 2nd Place
Dave Carrier (Tulsa Tex) Cattle Baron – 4th Place
Ron Kammes (Rough Rider Ron) Cowboy – 4th Place
Bruce Nygren (Sawbones Cooper) Elder Statesman – 6th Place
Karen Carrier (Deadwood Kitty) Grand Dame – 3rd Place
Linda Christensen (Lady Pearl) Lady Silver Senior – 3rd Place
Steve Nygren (Ramblin Ringo) Wrangler – 6th Place
Tina Saporiti (Turkey Legs) Lady Duelist - 1st Place, State Champ, & Lady Overall

Wisconsin State Shoot:

Ronald Earnest (Elkhorn Ernie) Senior – 4th Place
Dave Carrier (Tulsa Tex) Cattle Baron – 1st Place
John Earnest (Off Track Jack) Gunfighter – 1st Place

Bill of Rights, Our Responsibility

"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense (sic), promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America".

In today's media and social climate many are squawking again about gun control. Several tragedies have consumed our news feeds this year alone. We of course mourn the loss of any human life. However squawking is just that. Real solutions are needed, but also must balance rights and responsibilities. Too often, upon review we see that laws put in place are ineffective and/or not being enforced. Additionally states have closed their mental health facilities and left many of the mentally ill to fend for themselves. The mentally ill do not serve politicians well because they do not represent a large enough voting block. Therefore closing of state mental health facilities does not land on most decision makers radar due to this part of their constituency not having much voting power.

Let me be clear, I am supportive of our second amendment in its totality and without reservation. The only thing of human authorship I hold more dear than the second amendment is the complete Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution. Our ability as citizens to fight tyranny is the purpose and cause for the second amendment. It is the second amendment that is written to ensure that no tyrannical despot or radical segment of our society can hijack or steal the other 9 amendments.

We need to focus on those with mental illness (majority of mass shooters). We need to influence politicians to return to state funded facilities as opposed to throwing so much money toward pork and pet projects. The answer does not fall to gun control. "Gun Control" is always, and only a feel good maneuver.

The brilliance of the Bill of Rights lies in the fact that our founding fathers saw that our rights were not given to us through human agency but by '...the Laws of Nature and Nature's God....' This statement by the Founders codified the belief that man had no right to claim or exercise control over fellow humans. These statements represent universal Truths not just truth for the United States.

Many in the political arena see us as being imperialistic, stuffing our values down others throats. When basic freedoms are denied by despots and dictators, as U.S. citizens who under-

stand history, we are often moved to action. We have also had our failings throughout history, but we have had far more successes than failures. We defend against those who would seek to destroy these most precious human freedoms. Human freedom can never be allowed to die on the ash heap of politicians who lack the fundamental will to acknowledge the truth that these expressed rights are universal in application to all humanity.

Living with the Bill of Rights, creates a greatness of, and in the United States of America. This is the greatest country because of the principles that are expressed in the Bill of Rights. Any peoples exposed to this structure, maintain the ability to create a direction most consistent with one's own goals (The American Dream). There are still many nations that live within a cast based society where people are relegated to governmental dictates and whims. So, let us commit to understand, and talk with others about the document we hold so dearly, so that we have a ready answer for those who would tear our nation down needlessly and fruitlessly.

Bill Of Rights:

1st Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

2nd Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

3rd Amendment: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

4th Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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Bill of Rights Continued...

5th Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

6th Amendment: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense (sic).

7th Amendment: In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

8th Amendment: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

9th Amendment: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

10th Amendment: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

No human authored document has been so arduously defended. Roughly 1,354,664 United States military personal have died in service to our country since its founding. The defense of this country, the Declaration of Independence, and The Bill of Rights has come at a very high price. Let us pay tribute to our service men and women who have so arduously defended our freedoms by learning to defend our Bill of Rights from attacks from within our Great Country.

E pluribus Unum.

Anonymous BRC Member at large

Silhouette

The 2022 outdoor summer .22 rifle Smallbore Silhouette shooting season ended on Thursday, September 29th. Attendance was light again this year. We had 3 to 8 regular shooters every evening. We had a few new shooters this year, too. I am sure that everyone that came out to shoot had a great time.

Our second 80 round monthly Saturday match of the 2022 season was held on Saturday, June 25th. Craig Stevens was the winner in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class, hitting 54 out of 80. Craig was also the match winner in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class hitting 46 out of 80.

Our third 80 round monthly Saturday match of the 2022 season was held on Saturday, July 23rd. Craig Stevens was the winner in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class, hitting 53 out of 80. Craig was also the match winner in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class hitting 41 out of 80.

Again this year, the Beloit Rifle Club hosted the Wisconsin State Smallbore Silhouette Championships, which was held on Saturday August 20th. The weather was overcast, cool, and windy. Beloit Rifle Club members did very well again this year. Club member Tim Jaedike won both State Championships for the sixth year in a row. He is the State Champion in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 56 out of 80. Tim also won the State Championship in the Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 52 out of 80. Craig Stevens is the Senior State Champion, hitting 54 out of 80. Congratulations to everyone!

Our final 80 round monthly Saturday match of the 2022 season was held on Saturday, September 17th. Dennis Loertscher was the winner in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class, hitting 35 out of 80. Dennis was also the match winner in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class hitting 30 out of 80.

Thanks to everyone that helped to make our 2022 season a success. I need to thank everyone that came out to shoot with us. Thank you to the volunteers at the state Championship and the monthly Saturday matches. Thank you to the grounds crew and the people that work 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 2023 indoor winter .22 rifle and pistol Silhouette shooting season is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 2nd, and it will end on Monday, April 24th. We shoot paper silhouette targets on the indoor range. Come out and join us any time between 5:00pm to 6:30pm. 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 are meant to be low pressure fun. Finally, do not forget about our annual "Frosty Iron Match", scheduled on Saturday, January 21st, 2023. Check the Beloit Rifle Club web page for further details. Plan to come out for the day and join in the fun!

Be safe and have a great 2022!

Steve Schmalz Silhouette Director
608-362-7172

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!

Beloit Rifle Club's Mission and Code of Conduct

Mission Statement

Beloit Rifle Club's mission is to provide a safe shooting environment for a multitude of different shooting disciplines and events. To provide educational opportunities for our members and the community in shooting sports. To hold close our history and traditions while continuing to grow with the future of shooting sports.

Code of Conduct

Beloit Rifle Club members and guest are expected to follow this code of conduct and will be held to high standards. Members and guests are expected to display mutual respect, integrity, sportsmanship and be compliant with club rules. There is to be no threatening of one another, physical aggression and there is zero tolerance for any form of discrimination. Members are expected to protect the reputation of the club and take personal responsibility for their actions.

Accountability

Beloit Rifle Club members will be held accountable for their and their guest's actions. Members who violate the rules, our Code of Conduct or our policies may be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including termination. Violations will be reviewed and disciplinary action is up to the discretion of the Executive Board and the Chief Range Officer. Our disciplinary procedure and bylaws will act as a guide.

Pistol

We'd like to thank all the shooters who participated in the Outdoor Summer League. We had a good time celebrating the end of the summer season with awards and dinner at Boundaries. Looking forward to next summer, if you're interested, the summer league will start on the first Tuesday of June and run through the first week of September. If there's no summer league, then there must be a winter league. The Indoor Winter League will have matches on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. November will have only one match due to Thanksgiving. The league will run into May 2023 and ending with our league dinner. The match hours are 5-7. The first relay will begin at 5 and the second relay will begin at 6. It's great overall practice especially for those wanting to hone their trigger control skills for other shooting disciplines.

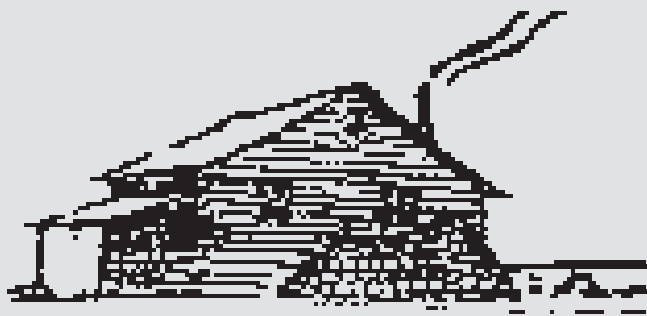
My name is Don Halpern and I have the honor of being the Pistol Director. My contact information is on your membership card. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Membership

Just a few notes from the Membership Directors:

1. Remember that all new memberships must be in by December 31, 2022, for those who want to be a member in 2023.
2. Remember also, that any application for the newly created "Century Group", must also be in by December 31, 2022, to be eligible for the work hour reduction for the 2023 Dues collection that will begin February 5, 2023. Applications are on the website, or you can contact Jon Nortemann or James Searing to receive one, if you do not have an internet connection.
3. The first dues collection for the 2023 club year will be at the Beloit Rifle Club House, **NOT AT BOUNDARIES**. The collection will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you plan to pay your dues at 8:00 a.m., plan on waiting. The line will be long! Remember, we are there until 4:00 p.m.
4. Final reminder: Each work hour worked reduces dues by \$25/hr., as was the case last year. Dues with no work hours will be \$330.00, with 8 work hours, \$130.00

That's it,
Jon and James



Black Powder Lodge

Calendar of Events for 2022

November, 2022 - No Shoot (Deer Hunting)

December 16, 17, 18,
WMLA Sanctioned "Frost On The Lodge"
Shoot - Program "B" Shoot - Friday, Saturday
& Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT:
Harley Whitt
(608) 921-1542

Charlie Brown
(608) 290-2978

GPS - 851 Philhower Rd., Beloit, WI 53511

Center Fire Bench Rest & 100/500 Meter Range Complex

Center Fire Bench Rest

Center Fire Bench Rest Matches have concluded for 2022.

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. Every time prior to using 200/300/500m range, rifle and ammunition must be sighted in at 100 yards, a 3 shot 3 inch group must be held to move to 200/300/500m distances.
5. **MINIMUM MUZZLE VELOCITY MUST EXCEED 2300 FT PER SECOND.** If in doubt do not shoot until you can get chronographed.
6. Only BRC provided steel targets allowed.
7. 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.
8. No handling of firearms when range is Cold.
9. All firearms must be racked or cased & off the firing line with bolts open or chamber indicated and magazines removed when range is Cold.
10. Bench rest, 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.
11. Check website for the times when the disciplines have matches scheduled.

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	815-742-1718
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
Charlie E. Brown	608-290-4842
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 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 300 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 or the 500 meter target boards and steel targets.

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. 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!!
Paul Schuler

BRC Historian (Trap Shooting)



When I joined the Beloit Rifle Club in 1977, I needed a place to shoot one of my Black Powder rifles. I shot on the General Range. There wasn't a Black Powder Range at that time. The Trap Range had a lot of shooters then. I was already shooting trap with some friends at a farmer's place that we knew.

I had all the stuff you needed for reloading so I decided to join the Trap League. The Trap League met on Monday nights from 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock, the same as they do now. According to the history book, Beloit Rifle Club (Then and Now) written by Robert Thompson, the Historian at the time: 1998 - 1999.

The Trap League began in 1975 with the purchase of a Winchester White Flyer electric trap thrower or machine. A concrete and wooden trap house was built to house the machine.

In 1976 the range was dedicated to the memory of avid shooter, Richard G. Beaudin, and became known as the Beaudin Trap Range.

In 1977 when I joined the Trap League, Claude Willoughby was in charge of the Trap League. It was called a league, but it was just a group of members who shot together on Monday nights for the fun of it, or to practice for hunting and not for competition. The competition part of it, is the patch you get if you shoot and break 25, 50, or 100 straight clay birds. The same as it is today. I, myself, have never broken 25 straight.

The Trap Range has seen many range officers over the years. Names such as I remember other than Claude, was Bill Wintlend, James Browning, Tim Lee, Fran Sogona, Lou Braggo, Walt and Sheila Shambough, Don Larson, and Bob Thompson.

Phil Switter ran the Trap Range until 1997 and then Larry Abbott and his assistant, Tom Clark ran the Trap Range until 2011. According to my 2012 membership card, Jeff Goode took over the Trap Range and still runs it with his assistant Tim Rockhold. The machine shop I used to work for in Delavan, Wisconsin had me doing internal audits, so I thought I would audit Larry Abbott and Jeff Goode.

Q=Question A=Answer

I started with Larry first.

Q. (1) Larry, what was the cost to shoot a round of 25 birds back when you took over trap?

A. (1) The cost was \$1.50 a round for about 3 or 4 years and I had to bump it up to \$2.00 a round of 25 birds and it stayed that way until Jeff took over.

Q. (2) How many shooters did you have back then?

A. (2) We would start shooting at 5 o'clock and we had all 5 stations full until 10 o'clock when we had to stop shooting because of the Town of Beloit's noise ordinance, which is 10 o'clock. We shot under the lights.

Q. (3) Did most shooters load their own shells back then?

A. (3) Yes, because things were cheaper back then. (Components)

Q. (4) Have you always shot on Monday nights, and can guests shoot trap?

A. (4) Yes, Monday nights from 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock, from May thru October. The guest fee back then was \$3.00 per guest. It is now \$5.00 per guest plus their round of birds.

Q. (5) Larry have you broken 25 straight birds?

A. (5) Yes, several times, I have on my trap vest that I wear a 25 straight patch, 75 and a 100 straight patch.



Q. (6) Larry, the final question, Is trap shooting numbers up or down and why?

A. (6) Our numbers are way down, because of the pandemic and components are hard to get and high in price when you can get them. It's hard to buy 12 gauge trap loads now.

(Jeff Goode Audit)

Q. (1) Jeff, what is the cost of a round of 25 birds?

A. (1) Since the pandemic (Covid-19) we stopped handling money or making change. You would get a plastic bag and 6 orange disks or poker chips, good for 6 rounds of trap. The cost was \$20.00 you can use them all in one night or one each night for 6 weeks. (Your choice.) The number of chips has changed from 6 to 5 chips for \$20.00 because of the higher cost of birds to us. We do not make much on the Trap Range as far as profit, we just want to break even.

Q. (2) How many members shoot trap now?

A. (2) Not as many before the pandemic. It is hard to say, Chuck

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Trap Shooting History continued

Sauber runs the Wednesday A.M. Group and they shoot alot of Trap now. That's Wednesday mornings starting around 9 o'clock. He uses the orange chips too, and you can use them then.

Q. (3) Jeff, do most shooters still load their own shells?

A. (3) I think the one's that started loading their own bak in the day still load their own, but shooters starting out today shooting trap buy their shells, Trap loads that is, 7.5, 8, or #9 shot is all you can use on the Trap Range.

Q. (4) What hours do you have for shooting Trap?

A. (4) Same as Larry Abbott had. Monday nights. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., guests are welcome. \$5.00 guest fee plus an orange chip. May through October!

Q. (5) Jeff are you a good Trap shooter?

A. (5) Yes, I have broken 25 straight, and I also shoot down in Rockford, IL at the Plug and Pellet on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Q. (6) Jeff, How much is a 25 round bag of shot now?

A. (6) From Recobs, where we get our birds, the price of shot is \$62.00 for a 25 pound bag.

Q. (7) Jeff, do you enjoy running the Trap Range?

A. (7) Yes I do, I am committed!

Q. (8) Jeff, your final question: What improvement or improvements would you like to see happen on or to the Trap Range?

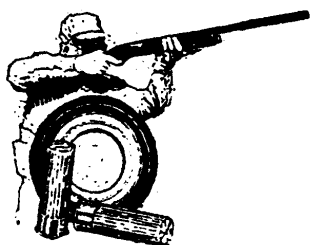
A. (8) I would like to dig out and put steps going down to the trap house. I would also like to raise the roof of the trap house for bird clearance.

Jeff Goode and Larry Abbott, I would like to thank you both for taking the time to answer all the questions put forth to you. Our members should have a better understanding how the Trap range came to be and what it takes to get started in shooting trap.

Jeff and Larry, you both are assets to the Beloit Rifle Club. Great job, and thank you!

Limb Bacon / Harley Whitt
BRC Historian

Note: For more information on trap shooting, contact: Jeff Goode - His phone number is on your membership card.



BRC MEMBERS!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

The bylaws and the rule book have been changed to allow members to sponsor two new members per calendar year. Potential members must still have two sponsors and members still hold the same responsibilities when sponsoring. That starts this year! Make sure applications are turned in before December 30th!

Recommended By-Law Changes

Recommended By-law changes for discussion at August 3, 2022 Board Meeting 6:30 pm (recommendations are in bold)

ARTICLE II

Members, Voting Rights and Dues

2.1 Classes. There shall be one class of membership **and all members shall have one vote.**

2.3 Admission of New Members. All perspective members must be sponsored by two members, **each** having at least two years' membership with the Corporation. Sponsorship is limited to **one two** members per calendar year.

ARTICLE X

Conflicts of Interest

10.1 Due to the possible conflict of interest, the President and/or Vice President **or any other executive board member** of the Beloit Rifle Club, Inc. shall not, at the same time, hold the office of President and/or Vice President **and/or Treasurer** of any other gun or archery related club.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment

11.1 A proposed amendment to the By-Laws may be offered at any regular meeting of the Beloit Rifle Club. No action can be taken on this amendment until the wording of the amendment has been given to each member in the **quarterly** newsletter showing the date of the meeting when the amendment will be brought from the table for discussion. The amendment may then be brought to the floor for discussion. Passage will require **a Quorum and an** affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of directors present.

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/POST MARKED, BEFORE THE FIRST OF JANUARY THERE ARE 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 during the first year of their membership or renewal of membership will not be possible.

Service Hours for Dues Reduction: During the first, and succeeding years of membership, if you choose to volunteer eight (8) hours of service to the club, your dues for the following year will be reduced. 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 1831 Arrowhead Drive Beloit, WI 53511 (revised 04/2022)