

HOME ON THE RANGE



Winter

2023

Membership

A reminder regarding current members. The small padlock key will also be used as the main gate key. We are changing the padlocks again this year. That will go into effect February 5, 2023. **Your current padlock key will not work after February 5, 2023.** If you do not have a current key to exchange, a new key will be \$5.00. I have included a payment schedule so that you can determine your cost for renewal.

PAYMENT OF DUES: Most of the payment of dues occurs at the **Dues Collection Day, February 5, 2023.** The dues collection will be at **Boundaries Bar and Grill.** Dues will be collected from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **It is important to remember that your range key, padlock key, will not work after February 5, 2023.** If you cannot make the first collection, there are **four alternate dates (see below) for you to renew, these will be at the Beloit Rifle Club clubhouse.**

Alternate Dates For Payment of Dues:

February	- 18	- Saturday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
March	- 01	- Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
	- 19	- Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
April	- 05	- Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2023

(Based on \$25.00/work hour) - All Members

8	HRS	\$130.00
7	HRS	\$155.00
6	HRS	\$180.00
5	HRS	\$205.00
4	HRS	\$230.00
3	HRS	\$255.00
2	HRS	\$280.00
1	HRS	\$305.00
0	HRS	\$330.00

DEADLINE: 05 APRIL 2023 - Before Club mtg.

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 the April 5, 2023, club meeting.

RENEWAL THROUGH THE MAIL: If you exercise the option to pay your dues by mail, please submit the following: (Failure to do so could result in loss of membership.)

- 2022 Membership Card** (with credited hours).
- Padlock Key** - Make sure that you tape your key securely to your Membership card.
- Photocopy Of Your Current NRA Membership Status,** (Mailing label from your magazine has this information, clip and send) *Not Required of NRA LIFE MEMBERS*
- Dues Payment** (See Dues table printed above-Check/Money Order Only – NO CASH!)
- \$5.00 Mail-in Handling FEE** (NO processing without this fee)
- Also, include current E-Mail and your date of birth.**

REMINDER: Your padlock key will need to be taped securely, when mailing in your BRC Membership card, NRA membership status and payment. Membership card and padlock key will be mailed to you. Your checks will be cashed after the first dues collection has occurred. 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 the above conditions are not met, your membership renewal will not be processed. This option should be exercised only as a last resort. We make every effort to process the mail renewals as quickly as possible. This process for mail renewal has been done for many years and a processing time of about one week from the time I receive your dues, should be expected.

The Board has decided that since current members have five (5) opportunities and a mail-in option to pay dues, any member not paying their dues by Wed., April 5, 2023, 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 and we will attempt to clarify.

James Searing / Jon Nortemann

779-537-3831 / 608-751-0413

Membership Co-Directors for the Beloit Rifle Club

From the Club President

Dear BRC members, new year is upon us and some changes happened at our annual meeting. There were 6 contested positions of 12 individuals who care deeply about the club but not everyone can serve at the same time. Thanks to everyone who ran for board position and the 198 members who were at the meeting to vote.



Pictured L to R: Jerry Alt, Secretary; Charlie Brown, Treasurer; Kyle Schliem, President; Tim Kienbaum

The members elected to the contested board positions are: Kyle Schliem, President; Tim Kienbaum, Vice President; Tina Saporiti, Cowboy Director; Bruce Nygren, Assistant Cowboy; Don Halpern, Rules; and Jim Shickles, Assistant CRO.

If you see the following members at the club make sure to thank them for their time served on the board.

Julie Wagner, President 2018-2022; Charles Beeler, publicity; Don Rotzoll, blackpowder cartridge; Charlie J. Brown, blackpowder cartridge assistant; Mike Catalano, bench rest CF; Mo Ralston technical director assistant

There are many people that help manage things behind the scenes and keep the club running smoothly. These people volunteer many hours and pour their heart & soul into the best gun club in the state!

For those of you who didn't make the meeting here is my speech to give you a little information about your new president.

I am a 4th generation club member that joined the club in 2014. I came to the club looking to learn action style competition and participate in bench rest with my grandfather. In 2015 a member talked with me about trying to develop 3-gun style matches and so I approached the board and got Multi-Gun approved in 2016. Since then I have also been part of helping with 500M qualification, steel challenge, holster qualification, archery league, women's shooting group, Oscar Mike adaptive programs for wounded vets, NRL22 matches, part of the

development of the defense east bay range, safety walls in cowboy and long term planning of the new indoor range.

One of the things I say at new member initiation each year and orientation days is, if there is something missing from the club that a member would like to see happen, bring it to me and I will do what ever I can to help make it happen. My continued goal is to help members improve this club and keep the club growing so we can secure its future. For that to happen we need to make capital improvements and develop training opportunities which I am focused on both. In order to continue to grow, the club needs people who are willing to listen to others ideas and work to find solutions while treating people with respect and looking out for the club as a whole. I feel I have proven to be that person during my 6 years on the board so far as a director and 2 years as vice president, along with 17 years as a board member of the Edgerton teen center. I'd be so bold as to say this is the best gun club in the state, I look forward to be able to say it's the best in the country.

Kyle Schliem 608-921-6520 brckyles@gmail.com

From the Chief Range Officer

The Annual Meeting for BRC is past us. We have some new faces on the board with several contested races. It was good to see so many members attending the meeting. There were about 200 in attendance. Please try to attend some of the monthly meetings to stay informed.

Thank all of you for a safe and enjoyable year, in 2022. We took in more money for guest fees than the previous year. That is a valuable source of funds for the club. The fee structure is explained at the Club House and the Shack by the 500 meter range. Sign in/out guests at either place. That includes spouses and family. Be sure to return the guest badges.

There will be an addendum to the Rule Book at dues renewal and for new members. The Rule Book cannot cover every situation. If you have questions or see a potential problem, please contact myself, the discipline head or a member of the executive board. Violations should be reported in a timely manner with a Violation form filled out. Red Violation forms are available in the club house.

Have you signed up for the BRC Members Facebook page? If you do, answer the question. That page is specifically for members so please don't invite friends or family unless they are club members.

Do you have difficulty getting volunteer hours? I have limited availability to get some hours in, an hour or so at a time, at your convenience. Contact me if interested. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the range this year. I am nearly always available by phone or text (number on the card). You can email me at shootbrc@gmail.com but it will take longer for me to respond.

Lee Thompson, CRO BRC

Silhouette

The 2023 winter .22 rifle and pistol indoor Smallbore Silhouette shooting season started 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 on Mondays, any time between 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Bring more than one gun, if you would like to. This is a great chance to practice your offhand rifle and pistol shooting skills. Remember, these evenings are casual and intended to be for fun. Everyone is urged to join us. Let's have some good participation this year.

Our annual "Frosty Iron Match" will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2023. Practice and sight-in will be from 9:30am to 10:45. The shooting competition will begin at 11:00am & end at around 12:30pm. The information flyer for this match says, "Only a blizzard will cancel this event." The weather for the 2022 event was sunny, but it was cold and breezy. Let's hope this year is a beautiful day. Plan to come out and join in the fun!

The 2023 summer outdoor Smallbore Silhouette target shooting season will start on Thursday, May 5th. We will shoot a 40 round practice match every Thursday night starting at approximately 5:15.

Our 80 round monthly NRA sanctioned Saturday match schedule has not been finalized at this time. The dates and details for these tournaments will be posted on the Beloit Rifle Club web site as soon as it is available.

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

Be safe and have a great 2023!
Steve Schmalz, Silhouette Director 608-362-7172

Mark your calendars for

**April 22
Noon - 4pm**

**Second Annual Joint Fundraiser we are holding
with the Janesville VFW post 1621**

**Last year we raised almost \$13,000 which was
split evenly between our club and the VFW.**

**Please reach out if you are looking to help
with hanging flyers, asking for donations
and/or selling raffle tickets.**

Cowboy Action

"Rock River Regulators"



Another season is just around the corner and we are all ready working on plans for even more improvements out on the range. We encourage you to stop out back during our shooting season to see what Cowboy Shooting is all about.

We shoot the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month – April thru October. If you do stop out we begin shooting around 9:00. Eye and ear protection are mandatory so make sure to bring yours along. We do have a few extra pairs if you happen to forget.

If you are looking for work hours, we also could use your help with setup, pulling targets during the shoot, helping our fabulous cook with the lunch meal, etc.

We are out back every Wednesday morning during the season doing general up keep and working on future project development. If you find yourselves with some free time on Wednesday mornings come on our and join us – 8:00 to Noon.

If you are interested in what Cowboy Shooting is all about and want further information check out the SASS website at: <https://sassnet.com>

You can also learn more about the rules and safety features of this sport at: <https://sassnet.com/the-shooting/cowboy-action-shooting/handbooks-rules>

Rimfire Benchrest

Greetings from Rimfire Benchrest!
The winners for 2022 are as follows:

ARA

1st Place	Howard Meier
2nd Place	David Hobbs Jr.
3rd Place	Butch Puerner

BARNYARD

1st Place	Steve Greensides
2nd Place	Butch Puerner
3rd Place	Dick Greensides

The preseason meeting for Rimfire Benchrest will be April 8, 2023 at 0900 at the club house. Any questions about Rimfire Benchrest, contact Dennis Munn at 815-633-6831. Our season starts in May and ends in September. Will supply dates when they are approved.

Black Powder



Black Powder News:

Here is a recap of how the Black Powder Lodge did last year. We had a shoot each month, except for our June shoot, which was rained out. In my report to the treasurer, I stated we had 154 shooters compete in our matches this past year and after expenses we brought in over fifteen hundred dollars for the club. Not a lot of money,

but my goal is not to see how much money I can make for the club, that's not my intent or never will be. My goal is to promote Black Powder shooting and the sport of competing with the muzzle loading guns. That's been my goal from the start.

I stated in a past article, I missed our December shoot last year, the Frost on the Lodge shoot. It was the first one I missed in over 40 years.



This year we held the Frost on the Lodge Shoot the weekend of December 16 thru 18. It was a W.M.L.A. (Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association) sanctioned Program "B" shoot. Plus we did shoot some holiday targets that weekend. The shooters shot for various meat prizes and the main prize was a Christmas

ham with a twenty dollar plus value. It was won by Jerry Gosda from Janesville, WI. We had 11 shooters shoot for the meat prizes those three days. The number of shooters was down, but the shooters that were there shot a lot. I think the 7-9 degree temperature and the 15-20 MPH



winds had a lot to do with the low turn out. I did get a chance to shoot Friday, and let me tell you it was cold! I didn't win any meat, but I won a fifth place ribbon. (I know you can't eat the ribbon, but it was worth 75 cents!) I did win something!

All in all, those who shot had a good time. Even the members who came out to get their work hours in said they had a good time. Some said they would come back to shoot with us now that they have seen the fun we have. Make note: They also saw that you don't have to have a great score to win a prize. My score was only 29 points out of 50 points to win a 5th place ribbon! There again, I know you can't eat the ribbon, but 75 cents is 75 cents. I can look at that ribbon a long time down the road from now, when the meat is gone.

I have the new 2023 shoot calendar in this newsletter. Starting with our January shoot, our shooting fees have gone up. We can not sell a 48 cent target for 50 cents and make expenses, all re-entry targets that we were selling for .50 will now be \$1.00 per re-entry. I know shooting will be down for a while, but with everything else going up, we have to raise our prices to make ends meet. Flyers, targets, postage, prizes and everything it takes to put on a good shoot is costing more and we have to adjust for it. I learned a long time ago, there is no such thing as a perfect shoot and you can't satisfy everybody. With that said, I will keep putting on the shoots and promoting Black Powder and Muzzle Loading shooting.

As the chairperson for the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association Big Game Awards Program, we did have 3 people register deer they shot with a muzzle loader this season and one person will be registering a black bear he shot with a muzzle loader. Details will come later.

Respectively submitted,
Limb Bacon, Harley Whitt
BRC Black Powder Lodge / Historian



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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BELOIT RIFLE CLUB

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 RAFFLE



"WINNER TAKES ALL"

Total package value \$1,800.00

Ruger PC 9 with Magpul Stock

Prizes: SIG 365xl-9

\$300 Gift Certificate to CT's Firearms & Archery



Drawing held Wed., March 8, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m. (After New Member Induction)
Boundaries Bar & Grill (Birch Room) 3807 S. Riverside Dr., Beloit, WI 53511
Lic. # R0003180A-40204 • Ticket Price: \$20.00 ea. (Only 500 tickets sold) • Need not be present to win
(Winner must be 18 or older and legally eligible to own a firearm per State/Federal regulations)

Raffle sponsored by
CT'S Firearms & Archery

Drawing: March 8, 2023

Contact Julie 815-742-1718 or Kyle 608-921-6520 for tickets



**Black Powder
Lodge
Calendar of Events
for 2023**

February 19, 2023	Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
March 19, 2023	Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
April 16, 2023, Sunday	W.M.L.A. Program "B" Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
May 21, 2023, Sunday	Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
June 24, 2023, Saturday	10:00 a.m. WMLA Sanctioned "WI Sergeant Alvin C. York Shoot" CGM 60 Yards / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
July 14, 15, 16, 2023	WMLA Sanctioned - Buffalo Shoot - Program "A" Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
August 5, 2023, Saturday	Don Ellis's WMLA Sanctioned "Shotgun Shoot" - 10:00 a.m.
August 20, 2023	Charlie Brown's WMLA "Hunter Match" / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
September 16, 2023, Saturday	WMLA Sanctioned "Lou Braggio" Chunk Gun Shoot - CGM 60 yds. 10:00 a.m. (Range open for practice 9:00 a.m.)
September 17, 2023	WMLA Sanctioned "Squirrel Shoot" / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
October 13, 14, 15, 2023	Ed Le Crones "Turkey Shoot" WMLA Program "B" Shoot Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
November, 2023	No Shoot - Deer Hunting
December 15, 16, 17, 2023	WMLA Sanctioned "Frost On The Lodge Shoot" Program "B" Shoot Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sun. 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 will be conducted on the following dates and are open to all BRC members. There is NO fee to participate. Matches are held from 9:30 AM - 12:00 noon. These are informal Matches. They will be conducted on: **May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug 5, Aug 19**

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 fired at 100 yards, a 2 shot 3 inch group must be held to move to 200/300/500m distances. **Please note that now once you have gotten your red badge, you only need to fire 2 shots at 100 yards to proof your rifle's zero before shooting on the 500 meter range.**
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 Schlein	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!

