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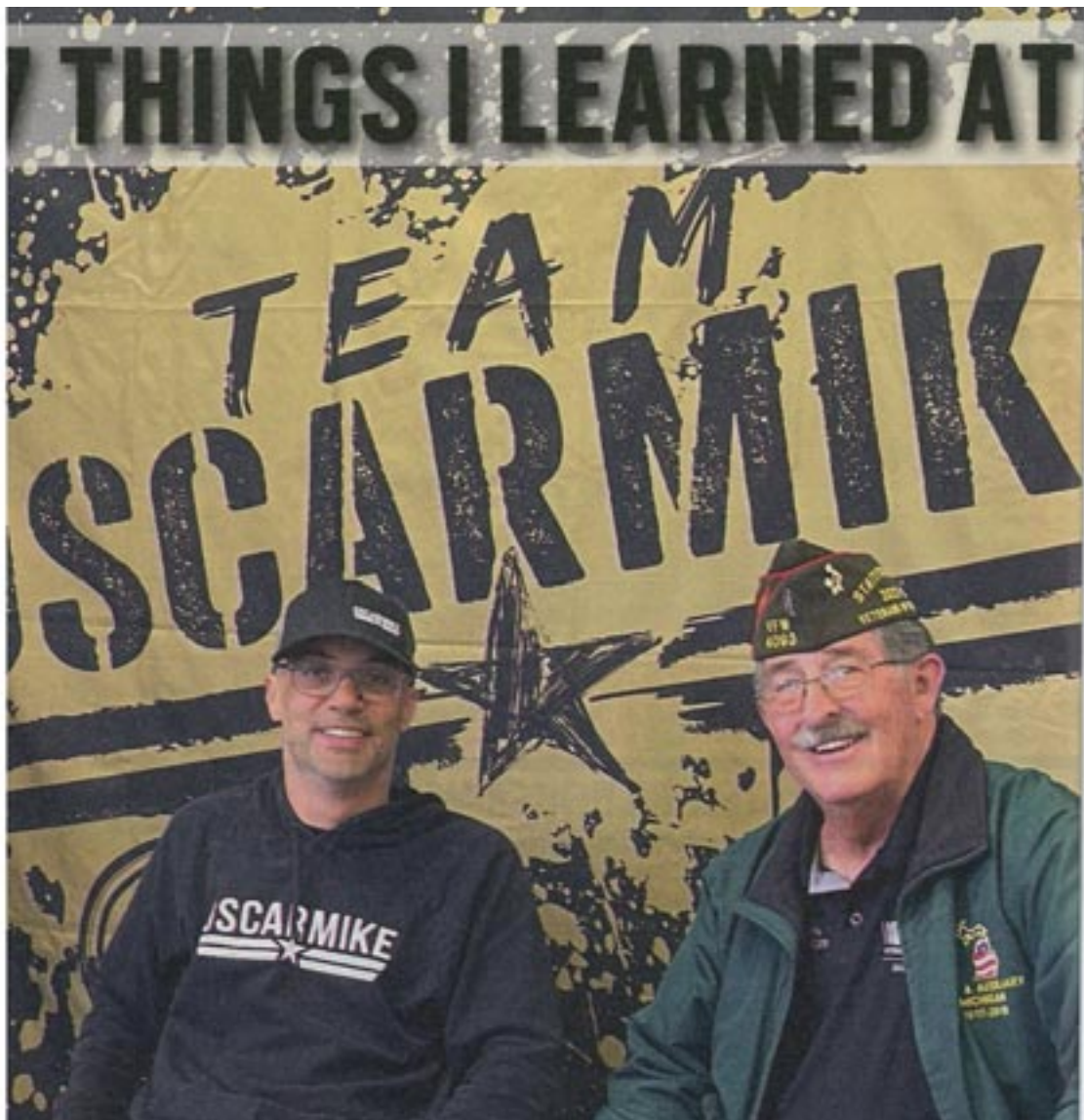
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From the President

Last year our club hosted a program called Oscar Mike. This program has many activities provided to injured veterans and we gave them the opportunity to enjoy some range time. Below is a copy of the article shared in the VFW newsletter and includes pictures from our range. If you are interested in helping with this event reach out to me for club work hour opportunities. These are the OM clinic dates for 2023 with a start time of 1:00 p.m. (All Tuesdays) – Kyle Schliem, BRC President

Oscar Mike Clinics: May 23 - June 6 - June 20 - July 11 - Aug. 1 - Aug. 22 - Sept. 12



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AT AN OSCAR MIKE CLINIC



By invitation from the VFW's Department of Michigan commander, a Marine visited a clinic dedicated to using sports to help disabled vets. She came away impressed.

BY SARAH ANDERSON

Oscar Mike was a term used by NATO forces during the early years of the Iraq War meaning "On the Move" and used for strategic troop movements. Now, the term once used for combat is being used for healing by the Oscar Mike Foundation (OMF) to get injured veterans moving with adaptive sports.

The VFW Department of Michigan Commander John Griffith adopted OMF as his special project this year. Griffith's emphasis on the VFW representing the diverse veteran community includes a focus on veterans with disabilities. As part of this partnership, OMF leadership invited me to spend a week attending one of their clinics on behalf of the VFW Department of Michigan. Here is what I learned.

SERVICE TO OTHERS IS A HIGH PURPOSE

OMF's founder, Noah Currier, is a quadriplegic Marine Corps veteran injured in a car accident just days after returning home from the 2003 invasion of Iraq. After a season of struggle, Currier credits adaptive sports for changing his life and inspiring him to create the foundation and spread healing to others.

"Oscar Mike, the name was immediate," Currier said. "Let's get people moving, let's shorten that period of time (to get moving again). For me, it was a half-dozen years."

Each week during the summer, Currier and his family invite 12-15 veterans into their home in Poplar Grove, Ill., which serves as the OMF compound. Last year's event was held Sept. 12-16.

By the end of each week, the group experiences multiple sports that many never imagined possible.

"It's like meditating in a way, working out and being physically active," he said. "Then you start making goals, which leads to the next thing, and the next thing."

THE 'ACCIDENT' ISN'T TABOO

Austin Walter, a 24-year-old Army veteran with Brown-Sequard syndrome, shared his story during the clinic with an openness and humor that eased tension in any room.

"It's empowering to me to empower others," he said. "I'm open because I feel others want to be open about what's going on with them."

Walter's positive energy and willingness to embrace new challenges allowed other clinic participants to feel safe to share their own experiences.

"Gaining knowledge on what I could do boosted me mentally," he added. "I limited myself before by what I thought I knew I was capable of."

BECOMING THE 'DITCH QUEEN'

Each clinic holds an adaptable triathlon, where the group uses wheelchairs (1.5 miles), handcycles (4.3 miles), and kayaks (1.7 miles) to complete a race. All participants use wheelchairs whether required for mobility or not, to understand the experience of those who use them daily.

Together, we guided our visually impaired teammates and took direction from those familiar with wheelchair mobility. Personally, I struggled going



ABOVE: Sarah Anderson is a Marine who served from 2009-2016. She attended an Oscar Mike Foundation clinic last September near Rockford, Ill., by invitation from VFW Department of Michigan Commander John Griffith, who chose to partner with Oscar Mike for his commander's project.

Noah Currier, left, and VFW Department of Michigan Commander John Griffith discuss the benefits of the Oscar Mike Foundation last September at Currier's home near Rockford, Ill. Currier, a quadriplegic Marine Corps veteran of the 2003 invasion of Iraq and founder of OMF, says the adaptive sports offered by his foundation can improve the lives of disabled veterans.





straight and relied heavily on Walter, who repeatedly pulled me out of the gravel shoulder of the road. Ultimately, I earned the name "Ditch Queen," and Walter was dubbed "Mater," after the tow truck in the Disney Pixar movie "Cars."

Through the triathlon, I realized that a piece of me was missing after leaving the Marine Corps. I missed my team and the camaraderie brought by physical and mental challenges. Sports bonded us in this clinic in a way that I had only experienced in my service and was grateful to feel that camaraderie again.

DON'T TRY THE HOT SAUCE

A few of us were mingling in the kitchen on the first night when a bottle of Dave's Gourmet "Insanity Sauce" appeared on the table. Joe, a visually impaired Air Force Gulf War veteran, goaded me on to a hot sauce challenge. Being a Marine unwilling to turn down a challenge, I said, "You're on."

Tears, pain, and a red-hot face followed immediately, and Joe's infectious laugh spread across the group. I am not sure who ended up the victor in that situation, but the milk mysteriously disappeared from the fridge. Noah, if you are reading this ... it was probably Joe.

JOY CAN BE A CHOICE

I partnered with Thomasina Ryals, a visually-impaired Army veteran, in a two-person kayak for the third part of the triathlon. I served as her eyes, and together we paddled onward. In that kayak, we



ABOVE: Kelsee Lainhart, left, and Scott Anderson, an Oscar Mike Foundation staff member, practice on the Beloit Rifle Club shooting range at an Oscar Mike clinic last September in Beloit, WI. Lainhart is a Marine who was wounded in August 2021 at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Scott is a Marine Corps veteran of the 2003 Iraq invasion.

LEFT: Blind Army veteran Thomasina Ryals, left, holds on to the wheelchair of Austin Walters in September at an Oscar Mike Foundation clinic near Rockford, IL. According to the author, Ryals, after dealing with bitterness about her condition, decided she "wanted to be the light that I lost" for other disabled veterans.

PHOTO BY SARAH ANDERSON



Army veterans David Feinels, left, and Thomasina Ryals help Oscar Mike Foundation (OMF) staff member Chris Warkocki prepare dinner for participants of an OMF clinic last September near Rockford, Ill. OMF clinics bring disabled veterans together and uses sporting activities to “get people moving again,” according to its founder.

had a real conversation that day that will stick with me the rest of my life.

Ryals shared that her blindness was due to medical mistakes and poor care by doctors. To me, she stood out as a person with unwaveringly positive energy at the compound.

“Thomasina,” I said, “I feel I would struggle with bitterness if that happened to me. How are you always so positive?”

She explained to me how she worked through her own mental struggles to get to a place of healing.

“I decided I wanted to be the light that I lost,” she replied.

This left me speechless. I understood then that the veterans attending OMF were among the strongest people I had met, and I could only hope to emulate that strength on my own journey.

BE THE LAST ONE TO JUMP

I boarded a way-too-tiny plane with Michael Fidler, an Army veteran diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Fidler uses a walker and never believed he would jump out of plane, which he did both at the clinic.

“Come on Sarah, we got this!” he repeated and fist-bumped me as we

reached 14,000 feet.

As he jumped out of the plane yelling, “Let’s go!” he was gone in an instant. When I reached the door, I faced a choice — give into fear or be like Fidler and embrace this. If I had been first to jump, I doubt I would have mustered the same courage. So, I followed him. For the first time in too long, I lived in the moment and embraced the fall.

“I was thrilled, I did it,” Michael said. “I’m glad for programs like this because they show you that you can do things you didn’t think possible.”

VETERANS ‘GET’ VETERANS

A particular engagement between one attendee and an instructor at the shooting range stood out to me. Kelsee Lainhart, a 21-year-old Marine Corps veteran, was wounded during a suicide bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan, in August 2021. She was among the last to be wounded during the 20-year-long war.

Her weapons instructor at the clinic, Scott, is a Marine Corps veteran deployed during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. These two Marines represented the beginning and end of a conflict that impacted everyone there and were now

working together in recreational sports to heal those wounds.

Lainhart and Scott are a part of the same family from different generations. The understanding and community shared between them left me humbled and reflecting on the power and influence of the veteran community.

“The Oscar Mike Foundation represents the heart of the veteran community,” Griffith said. “The staff members embody selfless service to others and want to lift their fellow veterans up for success. The VFW Department of Michigan is proud to have partnered with them this year, and we hope for their greater success going forward. They are yet another example of VFW veterans still serving.”

For more information on OMF, please visit www.oscarmike.org.

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The views of the author are not necessarily those of VFW.

Sarah Anderson is the director of development and communications for the VFW Department of Michigan. She served in the Marine Corps from 2009-2016.

From the Chief Range Officer

The good weather is here. Many disciplines are starting their outdoor seasons. The calendar on our website has events listed. Feel free to participate or just watch if you have an interest. The directors will be needing help if you are looking to get in some volunteer hours.

Remember you must sign guests, including family, in and out at the club house or the shack by the 500 meter range. Return badges before they leave. Each range has rules in the rule book as well as SOPs to follow. If you are uncertain what the rules are for a specific range, check with the director for that range or myself.

If you see a serious rule violation, do everything you can to identify the people responsible, contact myself, the executive board or the director for the range where the violation occurred. There are red violation forms at the club house. Report violations in a timely manner so that they can be resolved. Members should identify themselves and make some corrections in a polite manner for minor violations. If someone asks about not seeing a badge or picking up brass etc., they are just trying to make the club a better place. We have some people who comment about how long they have been members if someone tries to correct them. Everyone has the same set of rules to follow. I hear a fair number of complaints about people not cleaning up after themselves. It is member responsibility to pick up their brass and make sure their guest do so as well. You are totally responsible for the actions of your guest. Beware that many people shoot at different ranges that do not have the same rules that BRC does. Damage happens, report it in a timely manner to the director of the range that it is on. Deliberate damage is a serious rule violation but things do happen so inform someone if you are responsible or if you find damage on the range.

There are dud boxes in numerous places on the range. If you have a dud, place it in the box for disposal or take it with you. We recently found a live .308 round mixed in with the range brass. Because of the potential danger, we are not able to recycle brass or steel cases. The funds from recycling help the club keep our dues down.

At this time we have had one new member orientation. There were 50 new and current members that went to that event. Note it is mandatory for your first renewal but it is also open to members that want to get current information on the ranges available at BRC. The calendar on our website has those dates as well.

Members on Facebook can ask to join the "BRC members" group. Remember that is for members only. Please don't invite non club members to that group. Another new Facebook group is "BRCVets". It is an informal group that is trying to bring the club vets together for camaraderie and possible events or volunteer opportunities. If I can help you, 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

BRC Top Shot Competition

To encourage members to participate in additional disciplines, the Beloit Rifle Club will be hosting a Top Shot competition during the 2023 shooting season. The competition will be run from May 1st through October 31st, 2023. The cost to enter will be \$10 per participant, with the entry money going towards prizes and trophies. The competition will be open to all Beloit Rifle Club members, spouses and children under 18 years of age. Prizes will be awarded for overall champion as well as high senior, lady and youth.

In order to register simply drop your \$10 entry fee into a "Top Shot" envelope and drop it into one of the guest fee drop boxes. Once registered, all you have to do is sign up and participate in Club shoots. All the scoring and tracking will be handled for you. You can shoot as many different disciplines as you want, as many times as you want. Your score will be the total of your best scores in up to 7 different disciplines (max of 700 points) achieved during the competition.

Discipline directors will be forwarding their shoot results to me for tracking. Scoring for all events will be on a 0-100-point basis. Numerically scored disciplines will be based on the percentage of maximum points attained. For example, the maximum score for a round of trap is 25, so anyone shooting a 25 will get a trap score of 100 points, a 23 will score 92 points, a 15 will score 60 points and so on.

Timed events will have the top competitor's time set as 100 points and will be scored down from there. For example, competitor A wins a Steel Challenge match with a combined time of 31.88 seconds and is awarded 100 points. Competitor B finishes with a time of 38.16 and is awarded 83.5 points while competitor C gets 49.2 points for a time of 64.77 seconds.

A standings sheet will be posted in the clubhouse and will be updated at least monthly.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Kienbaum by email at twkienbaum@gmail.com.

Member at Large

We the People.....

All too often we hear in the news these days there is conflict, and it is all around us. Conflict on college campuses, in legislative bodies, at school board meetings, and that is just the tip of the iceberg. As a club we have had conflict at times. Different people have differing ideas as to the club's direction, rules, programming, and other issues.

As advocates for the U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights we face a changing and challenging landscape of attitudes. Advocates for a variety of causes seek to put their spin on laws, the application of law, the meaning of words, policies, educational content, and again, the list is endless.

With the 2024 election cycle ramping up we will witness segments of our society and especially some politicians fomenting discord for gain, all with the intention of jockeying for position. It has already started. Name calling, and baseless accusations. Outright lies are no longer the exception they are now expected and accepted. Twisting information to fit an agenda is all too common today. There is little integrity left in the process. Integrity has been replaced by a philosophy expressed as 'the end justifies the means'. Careers are destroyed, jobs are lost, reputations are damaged and society continues its move toward tribalism. We no longer have true diversity through a genuine plurality of opinions and positions. (I am reclaiming the traditional definition of "diversity" and "plurality" and it is not today's woke definition)

As a club, in this day and age why is it important for us to work toward understanding the variety of opinions and positions in the club and yet reach unity in the public eye?

Inevitably, people look for direction. In that direction people find a sense of identity, belonging, and stability. The youth today are exposed to all sorts of influences that are contrary to the founding and sustaining principles of our nation. In a recent Wall Street Journal article on the changing attitudes of our country's population we see startling results. In 1998, 70% of those surveyed saw patriotism as very important, that has decreased to 38% today (WSJ article from March 27, 2023). We have entered a crisis phase in our Country.

Fighting from within will weaken this country's existence. There are those that seek to destroy that which has stood for almost 250 years. Under these current conditions our country is more likely to perish. The organizations that have stood behind this country and its Constitution will be pressured and potentially cease to exist due to the inevitable rise of Orwellian policies that will replace what we have worked so hard to maintain for the duration of our history.

So, it becomes important to privately discuss, dissent, and gov-

ern in a way that seeks to maintain and grow our club and its cause. Supporting our club, our U.S. Constitution, and our future is worth the effort and sacrifice required to reach public unanimity. We face a choice; do we want to become like so many public and private institutions that become a public mockery due to the public airing of internal grievances; Or do we need to show a unified front, now more than ever?

We have set a goal. Working toward accomplishing that goal provides a public view of our club that is increasingly important to our society. When so many are lost, it is time to demonstrate our resolve through leadership, and at times sacrifice to accomplish this end.

Wanting to see this club last long after we are gone is about respecting the hard work and sacrifices made by those that came before us. We need to provide a stable and sustainable club for those that will come after us. We need to acknowledge the enduring truths we are supporting by working together. This endeavor called BRC can not solely be about us, our current generation. If we truly believe in the principles contained in our founding documents we must seek to maintain and build upon the structure we have inherited from those that laid that foundation. This applies as much to the BRC as it does the United States Constitution.

As a club we are already positioned to provide leadership to the greater community? Our communities are so fractured by politics, social issues, issues related to sexuality, second amendment issues, and the list goes on. A part of our nature as humans is to seek those who can provide clarity as opposed to raw emotion. In culture today, emotions run wild and have become the central focus of many people's existence. We must provide a logical, well thought through, and a well-constructed alternative. This is leadership.

We have over one thousand members, we have a large presence in the community. We have a responsibility to provide direction that creates genuine sustainability that represents the brilliant nature of our Constitution, and the great history behind it.

As always, I choose to follow the leadership of our club. We have elected them and we must demonstrate our support for that leadership, even when we disagree. Be civil, discuss, debate, dissent, find common ground and by these things we can create unity, and provide leadership. In the end, we work together toward growth. In this way we provide a much-needed role model for our communities.

Since I have now written several pieces for the BRC Newsletter, I decided to address the issue of who I am. The answer to this is simple; I am no one special. I have a passion for writing, for our country, and for the BRC. This is simply an outlet for all three of those passions.

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Member at Large Continued...

It is not my purpose to be the focus of the conversation. The principles I write about are far more important than the author is so..... I choose to remain anonymous. My views are just that, my views. I am not writing to express some covert agenda for anyone in the club. I write to express principles that I think are timeless and germane to the issues we face today. More importantly I want to encourage discussion. It was, and is in the arena of debate, dissent, and collaboration that this great country was founded and is sustained.

I have created an email account for your comments in regards to these pieces. If the interest and engagement is there, I will consider opening a blog site to encourage online discussions on these topics. Although, I am a tech id10t, so I would look for tech support.

Fondly, and committed to this endeavor
BRCMemAtLarge@gmail.com

Silhouette

Our annual winter "FROSTY IRON CHALLENGE" was held on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The weather was overcast with a light breeze. We had a small turnout, only five people participated. Tim Jaedike was the Match Winner in Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 23 out of 40 animals. Dennis Loertscher was the Match Winner in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 14 out of 40 animals. Congratulations to Tim and Dennis. I want to say thank you to everyone that participated and those that came out to help.

The 2023 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 this year. The indoor season ends on Monday, April 24th.

The 2023 weekly outdoor Silhouette target-shooting season will start on Thursday, May 4th. We will shoot a 40 round practice match every Thursday night at approximately 5:15. In addition, our 80 round monthly NRA sanctioned matches are scheduled on Saturdays again this year. The dates for these tournaments are May 20, June 24, July 22, Aug 19 [State Championship], and Sept 23. 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 2023!
Steve Schmalz 608-362-7172
Silhouette Director

Cowboy Action

"Rock River Regulators"



Our new shooting is upon us and we are working hard continuing to improve our range. We have replaced over 18 shotgun targets to eliminate/reduce the splatter that we experienced last year and make it safer for the shooter. There are new shooting fences/shelves on several of the stages for better movement.

We have several other projects that we are working on to improve the range for our upcoming three-day shoot June 2nd – 4th. Speaking of that awesome shoot if you are need work hours there are sign up sheets in the club house. Each sheet has a description as to what you may be doing that particular day.

Speaking of seeing something new in Cowboy shooting, we are also going to have Wild Bunch matches on the 5th Saturday of April, July, and September. This is an experience you don't want to miss.

A reminder that our cowboy matches are held on the 1st and 3rd, Saturday of the month. If you want to come out to see what it is all about, we sure would love to have you. There is a safety meeting at 8:45 and shooting begins at 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.

We sure could use some help on Wednesday mornings with general up keep and future project development. So, if you find yourselves with some free time on Wednesday mornings come on out 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://www.sassnet.com>

You can also learn more about the rules and safety features of this sport at: <https://www.sassnet.com/Shooters-Handbook-001A.php>

BELOIT RIFLE CLUB

Black Powder

By Limb Bacon - Harley Whitt
Black Powder Lodge / Historian

For the new members who just joined the club, I welcome you! I hope that some of you come join in on the fun that we had at the Black Powder Lodge shooting the muzzle loading guns. I said at the new members meeting, we started shooting muzzleloaders at the club in 1977. We shot on the general range until 1980 and we moved to our present location at the west end of our property. We were just a group of shooters who liked to shoot the black powder guns (muzzle loaders). We had a contest, for someone to come up with a name that we could call our group that pertained to black powder shooting.

Well, Richard (Dick) Small, a member at that time, won that contest with the name: The Black Powder Lodge. Well Dick has passed on now, but the Black Powder Lodge is still going strong promoting Black Powder shooting. We shot twice a month back then. The 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Then we dropped the 1st Sunday on the month so that the Black Powder shooters who wanted to could go to other clubs in the area that shot on the 1st Sunday of the month. We now shoot the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We shoot 25 minute relays, the range closes at the end of each relay. You pull your old target, post your new target and when everyone is done posting the range is open for another 25 minutes. This goes on until about 2:00 p.m. After the scores are totaled, the winners are awarded prizes. Mostly meat, ribbons, or shoot-related prizes. Most everyone leaves the range happy. I know the shooters that win do.

In 1982 the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association was formed. The Black Powder Lodge is a charter club with them. The lodge has several members names that appear on that charter. My name is not one of them, but several years later I was asked if I would serve as the hunting chair person. My job would be to take care of the big game hunting books and awards. The books include: black bear, whitetail deer, wild turkey (Spring) wild turkey (Fall, Canadian goose, and predator awards, which include raccoon, fox, and coyote.

So if any new member or old member would like to join the Wisconsin Muzzle Loader you can get your name in one of the record books. For more details on joining the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association you can contact: Harley Whitt at phone #: (608) 921-1542 or Charlie J. Brown at phone #: (608) 290-2978.

The following is the W.M.L.A. 2022 Big Game Awards final report. These muzzle loading hunters took the One Shot Challenge! So come and join us!

Limb Bacon - Harley Whitt

Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association, Inc. Membership Application *(Please print clearly)*

I hereby request Membership in the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association, Inc. If accepted as a member, I will abide by all of the rules and by laws of the Association.

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Please note: Associate Memberships are reserved for additional family members within an individual's household.

Areas of Interest: *(Check those which apply)*

- Competitive Shooting
- Hunting
- Historical Reenactment/Rendezvous
- Education/Community Activities
- Collecting

Name: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25.00 |
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If Renewal, Membership Number: _____

**Please enclose check or money order made out to: Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.
Mail to: Rose Conklin, WMLA, P.O. Box 113, Milton, WI 53563**

W.M.L.A. 2022 Big Game Awards Final Report

There are six entries for 2022 as of 1-9-23

- Black Bear: (One)
- Whitetail Deer: (Five)
- Wild Turkey: (Spring) - (None)
- Wild Turkey: (Fall) - (None)
- Canadian Goose: (None)
- Predator Entries: (None)

A Black Bear: A 16-year old sow was harvested by Norm Hotz of Eagle, Wisconsin on September 9, 2022 and witnessed by Pete Baumgnn. The bear was harvested in Bayfield County, WI. Norm used a CVA Accura inline muzzle loading rifle with a Konus scope and a 250 grain Hornady sabot bullet and 120 grains of black powder with a 209 primer. No official score was taken, The estimated score was: A 16 year old Black Bear Sow, that weighed 212 pounds dressed. Entered into the W.M.L.A. Big Game Record Book as such.

A Whitetail Deer: (A 12pt. buck) was harvested by Scott Donovan of Waukesha, WI. Scott harvested the deer on December 3, 2022 in Sauk County, and witnessed by Scott Donovan Sr. Scott used a Traditions Pursuit 50 cal. rifle, 95.5 grains of loose black powder, and a Hornady sabot bullet. He had been hunting the deer for 2 seasons and with the conditions perfect on a cold day, with the wind in his favor, he made a shot at 260 yards and the deer went less than 50 yards. After the 60 day drying period the official score by Ronald Walter, Official Wisconsin Buck and Bear measurer, the final score was 138 5/8 points. The 12 point buck moves Scott Donovan in 5th place in the W.M.L.A. Big Game Record Book. Jon R. Erdmann held 5th place in the record book since November 3, 1996 with a score for his 10 point buck of 138 3/8. Jon now moves into 6th place.

A Whitetail Deer: (A 8 pt. buck) was harvested by Bill Swenson of Madison, WI. Witnessed by his son Will. Bill harvested the buck on December 2, 2022 on land in Vermont township between Mt. Horeb and Black Earth, WI. Bill shot the buck with a T.V.M. Tennessee 50 cal. percussion long rifle that he built from a kit over 20 years ago. Bill used a patched round ball with 90 grains of 2f black powder. The estimated score for the 8pt. buck was 70-80 pts. He did not have it officially scored. (pin award)

A Whitetail deer: (A spike buck) was harvested by Gary Lang of Stratford, WI, and witnessed by his wife Lori Lang. Gary harvested the buck on December 4, 2022 on land he owns in Marathon County. Gary used a T/C Black Diamond 50 cal. rifle with a Nikon 3x9 power scope. He used a Traditions Smack down 250 gr. sabot bullet, 90 grains of Triple (7) 2ff powder and a Winchester 209 primer for muzzle loaders. Gary dropped

the deer at 110 yards with a good shot, (No tracking). No score give! (pin award)

A Whitetail deer: (A spike buck) was harvested by Charlie Brown of Milton, Wisconsin on November 19, 2022 and witnessed by Ray Brown. The buck had 5 inch spikes with three non scoring points on each spike. Charlie shot the deer on land that he owns near Lone Rock, Wisconsin. Charlie made his one shot kill using a Harper's Ferry 54 Cal. flintlock rifle. No score given! (pin award)

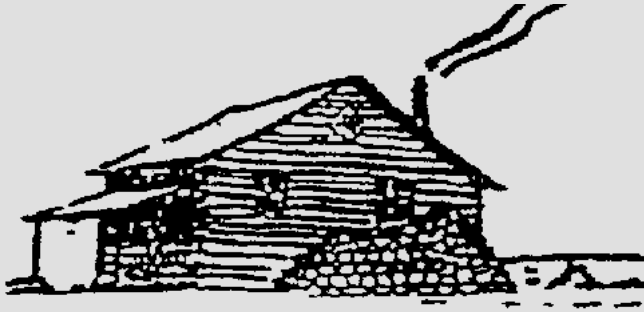
A Whitetail deer: (A rub buck) was harvested by Harley Whitt of Beloit, Wisconsin on November 19, 2022 in Crawford County, WI, and witnessed by Ron Machajewski. Harley shot the deer using a 54 cal. under hammer muzzle loading rifle (Old Greensides) with 95 grains of 2ff black powder and a .530 round ball. A 60 yard off hand shot was made with no tracking. No score given! (pin award)

The above is the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association Inc. Big Game final report for the year 2022.

Respectively submitted by Limb Bacon/Harley Whitt/W.M.L.A. #067 Big Game Chairperson



Bill Swenson's 8 pt. Buck and his 50 cal. Tennessee Rifle.



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

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| 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 Braggo" 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:

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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:

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| 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 \$10.00 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!

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. Qualified club members may sponsor two (2) applicants 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)