

# HOME ON THE RANGE



Winter

2024

## 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 11, 2024. **Your current padlock key will not work after February 11, 2024.** 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 11, 2024.** The dues collection will be at **Boundaries Bar and Grill.** Dues will be collected from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. **It is important to remember that your range key, padlock key, will not work after February 11, 2024.** If you cannot make the first collection, there will be alternate dates for you to renew, collection on those dates will be at the Beloit Rifle Club clubhouse.

### Alternate Dates For Payment of Dues:

February	- 24	- Saturday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
March	- 06	- Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
	- 17	- Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
April	- 03	- Wednesday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

### DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2024

(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: 03 APRIL 2024 - 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 3, 2024 club meeting.**

**NOTE: Century Group Members are not required to do the "8" work hours.**

**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.)

- 2023 Membership Card** (with credited hours).
- Padlock Key** - Make sure that you tape your key securely to your Membership card. **Lost keys are \$5.00**
- 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 - Check/Money Order Only - NO CASH!)
- \$5.00 Mail-in Handling FEE** (*Just add this to your dues payment - your membership will NOT be processed without this fee*)

**REMINDER:** When mailing, your padlock key will need to be taped securely to your BRC Membership card. Your NRA membership status and payment are also required. A new BRC Membership card and padlock key will be mailed to you. Your check will be cashed after Feb. 11, 2024. 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 a week 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 3, 2024, 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, call and we will attempt to clarify.

Jon Nortemann/James Searing, BRC Membership Co-Directors  
608-751-0413 / 779-537-3831

## From the Club President

With 2023 behind us there has been a lot going on at the club. The biggest thing of course is the new indoor range. I am including pictures of the progress of the building, more pictures and status updates can be seen on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/share/TinFjxLW31n9DECh/?mibextid=K35XfP> which is the most convenient place to post and look at updates. The plan is for the building to be ready to use end of January but that depends on equipment availability and installation.

When explaining the process of applying to a potential member remember to have them apply or renew their NRA membership through the clubs website. The link can be found on the BRC home page or send them this link <https://membership.nra.org/recruiters/join/XC043763>.

Important dates coming up!

Feb 11 club member due renewals 8:30am-4pm make sure to have your membership card with recorded work hours signed for to get credit towards your renewal fee.

Mar 13 new member initiation 5pm-9pm

Look through the pages and see pictures from events of this past year. It's nice seeing the club getting plenty of use, especially when youth are involved. Hope everyone had a wonderful Merry Christmas and we all look forward to a wonderful and safe new year!!

Kyle Schliem

## From the Chief Range Officer

2023 is past. Did you know that 2025 is the 100 th anniversary of the club? If you're interested in helping plan a party for summer 2025 reach out to your board of directors with ideas or to help. We have an amazing facility and over 1100 members. With the new indoor range nearing completion, 2024 should be the best year yet. The new 25 yard indoor range will have the same rules as the 50 foot existing range until we are able to establish specific rules to apply to each individual range. As with all of the ranges, SOPs will be posted and compliance required.

If you have questions, the directors of the individual ranges are ready to help. Their numbers are listed on your membership card. The current club rules are available on our website.

It takes thousands of hours of volunteer time needed to keep the club functioning. If you still are looking for hours, the opportunities are pretty limited, but you can look at the web site for the calendar and see if there are any events still scheduled. You can contact the director for that event to find out if they need volunteers.

Enjoy our club, be safe, I hope to see many of you there.

Lee Thompson, CRO BRC

## Construction of New Range



## Silhouette

The 2023 outdoor summer .22 rifle Smallbore Silhouette shooting season ended on Thursday, September 28th. Attendance was light this year. We had 4 to 6 shooters every evening. Everyone that came out to shoot had a great time.

Our third 80 round monthly Saturday match of the 2023 season was held on Saturday, July 22nd. Brendon Leach was the winner in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class, hitting 29 out of 80. There were no entries in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class.

The Beloit Rifle Club hosted the Wisconsin State Smallbore Silhouette Championships, which was held on Saturday August 19th. Beloit Rifle Club member Tim Jaedike won the State Championship in the Standard (Heavy) Class, hitting 54 out of 80. Craig Stevens won the State Championship in Hunter (Light) Class, hitting 55 out of 80. With that score, Craig is also the Senior State Champion. Congratulations to everyone!

Our final 80 round monthly Saturday match of the 2023 season was held on Saturday, September 23rd. Gabriel Zaha and Brendon Leach both hit 39 out of 80 in the Standard Rifle (Heavy) Class. A tie was declared and both shooters were given 1st place awards. Again this month, there were no entries in the Hunter Rifle (Light) Class.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make our 2023 season a success. I want to thank everyone that came out to shoot. 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 2024 indoor winter .22 rifle and pistol Silhouette shooting season is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 1st, and it will end on Monday, April 29th. 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 20th, 2024. 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 2024!  
Steve Schmalz Silhouette Director  
608-362-7172

## Cowboy Action

### "Rock River Regulators"



Another Cowboy Shooting season is in the books. The range has changed this past year with the addition of a Saloon prop, extension of the boardwalk at each stage and the addition of another safety wall between two stages that allowed us to incorporate down range movement into our scenarios. At the end of the season the construction of 4 loading and unloading bench coverings were added to protect the shooters from the weather. Even though our season for this year is done we are already working on next year. We hope to complete all the coverings for the loading and unloading tables, and update a few of our prop fronts.

Speaking of next year our annual 3-day shoot "Reckoning on the Rock" will be the "SASS Wisconsin State Shoot!" We are very proud to be hosting the State shoot this coming year at the Beloit Rifle Club and look forward to seeing members coming out to experience the Wild West in their own backyard.

The reason "Reckoning on the Rock" runs so smoothly every year is because of the help and support of club members. If you are in need of work hours there are sign-up sheets in the club house for this 3-day shoot. Each sheet has a description as to what you may be doing that particular day.

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.

Wednesday mornings we set aside for working on general up keep and future project development. So, if you find yourselves with some free time on a Wednesday 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> or visit our website at [rockriverregulators.net](http://rockriverregulators.net).

## **SIGHT-IN DAYS 2023**

Shout out to all the 122 plus volunteers who helped make this happen again this year! We had very good weather conditions all 5 days. Cool mornings with warmer afternoons and light wind speeds.

The total number of guns registered this year was 682 with 527 people registering them. A little off last years 719 and 541 respectively. \*(see below registered licenses issued from the DNR 2023 season ) Report from Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Raffle ticket sales were also a little behind 2022 sales but still added to the overall profit for Beloit Riffle Club. Sales were over 8200 total sales with over 2400 be purchased during the 5 days by those who attended. The \$300 awarded to the person selling the largest amount went to Kyle Schliem. Over 2100 tickets he sold.

Winning tickets picked were won by

- 1- Bob S (sold by Denny)
- 2- Mike N (sold by Maripat)
- 3- Fish B
- 4- Ron T
- 5- Jacob B
- 6- Mark M

Winners were notified by phone and even one was present during the drawing.

\* DNR sold 554,898 gun deer licenses, a 1.6% year-over-year decline. The 2023 kill included 85,390 bucks (down 15% from 2022) and 88,552 antlerless deer (down 20%). All four deer management regions showed lower year-over-year deer registrations, with the central farmland at 98,283 (down 17%), southern farmland at 41,349 (down 7%), northern forest at 28,020 (down 30%) and central forest at 6,290 (down 20%).

## **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.

**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 RAFFLE



### "WINNER TAKE ALL"

Drawing is for both:  
iwi Jericho 941 9mm  
and

**Prizes:** Stag Arms STAG-15 223 wylde  
w/magpul stock



(iwi Jericho 941 9mm - value: \$500.00  
Stag Arms STAG-15 223 wylde - value: \$1,200.00)

Drawing held Wed., March 13th, 2024 after New Member Induction  
Boundaries Bar & Grill (Birch Room) 3807 S. Riverside Dr., Beloit, WI 53511  
Tickets \$10.00 each / Need not be present to win  
Winner must be 18 or older and legally eligible to own a firearm per State/Federal regulations)

**Drawing: March 13, 2024**  
**Contact Kyle 608-921-6520 for tickets**



**Black Powder  
Lodge  
Calendar of Events  
for 2024**

January 20-21, 2024	Milton & Beloit's - W.M. L.A. Program "B" (Annual Winter Shoot) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
February 18, 2024	Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
March 17, 2023	Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
<b>April 21, 2024, Sunday</b>	<b>Curt VanderVeens - WMLA Sanctioned "Squirrel Shoot" Program "B" / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b>
May 19, 2024, Sunday	Sunday Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
<b>June 22, 2024, Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. WMLA Sanctioned "WI Sergeant Alvin C. York Shoot" CGM 60 Yards / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>July 19, 20, 21, 2024</b>	<b>WMLA Sanctioned - Buffalo Shoot - Program "A"</b> Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
<b>August 3, 2024, Saturday</b>	<b>Don Ellis's WMLA Sanctioned "Shotgun Shoot" - 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>August 18, 2024, Sunday</b>	<b>Charlie Brown's WMLA "Hunter Match" / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>September 21, 2024, Saturday</b>	<b>WMLA Sanctioned "Lou Braggio" Chunk Gun Shoot - CGM 60 yds.</b> 10:00 a.m. (Range open for practice 9:00 a.m.)
<b>October 18, 19, 20, 2024</b>	<b>Ed Le Crones "Turkey Shoot" WMLA Program "B" Shoot</b> Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
November, 2024	No Shoot - Deer Hunting
<b>December 13, 14, 15, 2024</b>	<b>WMLA Sanctioned "Frost On The Lodge Shoot" Program "B" Shoot</b> 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 or Charlie Brown (608) 290-2978  
GPS - 851 Philhower Rd., Beloit, WI 53511

# BELOIT RIFLE CLUB

## Beloit Rifle Club 2023 In Review

