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January 15, 2018

#### **Upcoming Events**

Lodi

Squirrel Gun Match Jan 26 – 28, 2018

Wisconsin Friends of the

**NRA Convention** 

Jan 27, 2018

**Oshkosh** 

**Junior Indoor Sectionals** 

Championship

Fed 3-4, 2018

Lodi

**Indoor Conventional 4** 

**Position Open** 

Feb 9 - 11, 2018

Oshkosh

**NRA Open Sectionals** 

Mar 3-4 & 10-11, 2018

**Wisconsin Firearm Owners** 

Gun show and Banquet

Mar 10, 2018

**Bloomer** 

Air Pistol Match

Mar 31, 2018

See Calendar on web page for other events:

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# Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club



Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club's Mission statement is to preserve the Second Amendment by educating the community on firearm safety and how to shoot proficiently through community events and by having a safe place to practice your shooting skills.

Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club Operates the Dunn County Public shooting range and they offer Wheelchair and handicap accessible shooting, 100, 200, and 300-yard shooting benches, Dedicated pistol shooting area and Clay pigeon shooting.

Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club offers many events for the community. Some of the events are Appleseed, Big game sight in day, Club picnic, Pheasants Forever Youth Day, Small game 22 sight in day, Veteran's Shoot, Hunter's Safety Classes, Women on Target, Women's invitational shoot and Youth Muzzle Loading Shoot.

Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club offers a wonderful place for the

Dunn county community to shoot safely in a supervised environment. If you would like to know more about Menomonie Rifle and Pistol Club go to: http://www.menomonierifleandpistolclub.org/index.html



## **Junior Sporter Air Rifle**

Story by: James Melville

Three years ago, me and a friend of mine Jody Olson took over coaching Eau Claire National Rifle Clubs Junior Air Rifle after the late Joe Vig was unable to do it any longer.



It has been challenging and rewarding. When you have a kid start shooting at the beginning of the year that has little shooting experience and no competitive shooting experience makes it tough. But if they stick by it for the season they get better and are able to compete and win. When the kids win they feel a profound sense of accomplishment. It builds their confidence and drives them to keep shooting and get better.

Our number one focus is on safety. We make sure everyone on the range is wearing safety glasses, all shooters are using safeties on rifles, using empty chamber indicators along with other range safety rules. I tell the kids like at Camp Perry "Safety First, Last and Always"

Our other focus is on shooting fundamentals. Sight alinement, trigger control, breathing, follow through and hold control. Most kid have only had a small amount of teaching from a parent, grandparent or hunter safety. We get into much more advance techniques that can take them to the nationals and compete with the best of the best.

Three and four positions are also taught. This is prone, sitting, kneeling and standing. With the emphasis on standing. Matches are won in standing.

Not only does this training help them in competitive shooting, but also in other types of shooting and with life skill. Some of the things that come along with shooting skills are comradery, competition, patients, focus, hard work and much more.

So, if you are not involved in a Junior shooting program, I would suggest you do. They are the future of our clubs and there is always a need for more help. If your club has no Junior program the CMP and the NRA can help. Here are some links: http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/junior-air-rifle-camps-and-clinics/ <a href="http://youth.nra.org/">http://youth.nra.org/</a>

This can be very rewarding to the kids and the coaches. Get involve with your youth/Junior programs.



# Racine County Line Rifle Club is Alive and Well



Over the past several years rumors have swirled of the closing or imminent demise of the **Racine County Line Rifle Club** (RCLRC). As President of the **RCLRC Board of Directors I wish** to state that all rumors to this effect are untrue. Beginning in April 2018 a major construction project will remove the Bullet Impact Berm from the facility. It will be replaced with individual Impact Berms, built to NRA Range Sourcebook guidelines. The construction is planned to be completed in late September 2018.

This construction project will improve the facility by making each range independent (all ranges will be able to safely operate at the same time). The project will also free up enough space to add an additional 150-yard range, and 3 additional 50-yard ranges. During construction (April through September) all current ranges will be shut down, and several temporary ranges built for continued operation, but will be limited to 70 yards. Upon completion of construction, all ranges, including the 500 and 600-yard ranges will resume operation.

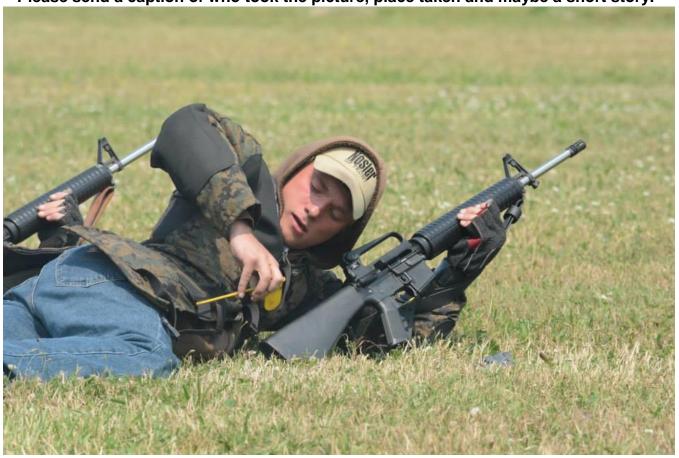
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#### **Photo Contest**

New segment being added. Send in your best pictures to me at: james@wisconsinforce.org If they are good enough, I will showcase them in the Trigger, Facebook and the website. Please send a caption of who took the picture, place taken and maybe a short story.



Bryan Melville at Camp Perry 2015 in the Rattle Battle Send me your Photo and if they are good enough I will put them in the Trigger. I look forward to seeing what you have.

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#### **News from the Board**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2018** 

Stickers are made and are getting sent out. T-Shirts will be available soon. New Web site is still in the works. 2018 budget is set and is looking good. The annual meeting is set (see attached flier).

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This is cheap insurance to assure your gun, range, hunting, selfdefense rights and your Freedom in Wisconsin.

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## Legislative committee update 01/10/2018

The Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage convened yesterday at 10:00 am in room 412 of the state capital to hear testimony on the Range Protection Bill AB 820.

First to speak in favor of this bill was the representative author Rob Stafsholt who was then joined by the senate author Tom Tiffany. Also speaking in support, were Dale Anhalt from Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Don Kemps representing Winnebago East Shore Sportsmen's Club and Dave Holub from Wisconsin Firearm Owners and Brown County Sportsman's Club. A gentleman from the NRA and our friend and lobbyist Bob Welch also spoke in support of the bill.

I would say though; the most effective speaker was Mike Sitarz from the Hartland range where they know all too well the horrors of not having the range protection bill passed into law. During the hour of testimony no one was present to speak in opposition to the bill AB 820. Thank you all for coming out to support range protection in Wisconsin.

By: Dale Anhalt

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Legislative Committee Chairman

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- Wisconsin Firearm Owners gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.
- We are the only NRA State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- WFO and the NRA led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- WFO provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- As your NRA and CMP State Association, WFO sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
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#### **Mission**

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin. Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Wisconsin FORCE has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

#### **Club and Range Support**

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by Wisconsin FORCE.

Please join us today!

## WISCONSIN FRIENDS OF NRA CONFERENCE



Join us and fellow PATRIOTS for the

12th Annual Wisconsin

# FUNDING THE FUTURE CONFERENCE January 27, 2018

Mountain Bay Banquet & Conference Center (Dale's Weston Lanes)

5902 Schofield Avenue, Weston, WI 54476

For discount on lodging, use Group Code: NRA Phone 715-355-9955

Space is limited, registration REQUIRED Fill out Page 2 and mail or fax







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## RANGES • CLUBS • EDUCATORS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, GUN SHOW, AND

#### **BANQUET**

**MARCH 10, 2018** 

#### DOXBEE'S BANQUET AND BUFFET

N6744 COUNTY HIGHWAY C SEYMOUR, WI 54165

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Gun Show: 8:00am-3:00pm (see website for Gun Show Flyer)

Social Hour: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet and Fun Raffles: 6:00pm

Gun Show Admission: \$5 or FREE for Wisconsin Firearms Owners Members

Awards Banquet: \$30 per person: Includes entry chance for DPMS M4 Carbine

All banquet/raffle proceeds to benefit our lobbying efforts in Madison!

To Register, mail the form below to: Wisconsin Firearms Owners Annual Meeting
PO Box 130
Seymour, WI 54165

All entries must be received by Wednesday, March 7, 2018

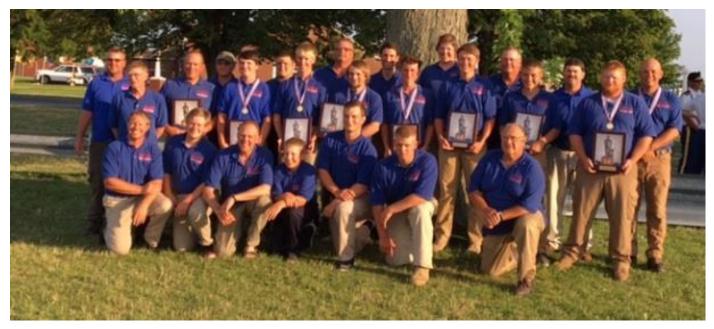
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Meal and Raffle Tickets will be available for pick up at the door.

Call Dave Holub (920-851-8625) with questions.

#### 2018 Junior Service Rifle Team Raffle



**Help Our Juniors Repeat as National Champions!** 

This year's raffle has two prizes:

CMP M1 Garand and CMP Kimber Government Model 82 22LR

First name drawn gets choice of prizes. Second name drawn gets remaining prize.

- The M1 is through the CMP. The winner must comply with existing CMP rules that apply to the sale of M1 rifles, which includes compliance with all State and Federal laws. The winner and the CMP will be notified, and the winner will be sent an application packet to be completed and returned to the CMP. This process ensures that the CMP M1 sales program is not compromised.
  - The Kimber Government Model 82 22LR was donated by WFO member James Schrader.

#### \$20 per Ticket—Limited to 300 Tickets

Drawing is Sunday, April 15, 2018--2:00 pm
Central Wisconsin Gun Collectors Gun Show
Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds
495 Martin Ave.

Fond du Lac WI 54935

All Federal and State Laws Apply—Need Not be Present to Win For tickets contact Dave Holub <a href="https://holubdave@yahoo.com">holubdave@yahoo.com</a>
(920)851-8625

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## **Gun Show**

Saturday, March 10, 2018 8:00am - 3:00pm

Doxbee's Banquet & Buffet

N6744 County Highway C Seymour, WI 54165

Show Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5 Food & Beverages on premises

- All firearms, except those concealed by permit holders, must be brought onto the property unloaded and will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Magazines must be removed (if removable) and unloaded.
- Firearms will be kept unloaded and strapped in a manner to prevent loading or firing.
- Concealed Carry Welcome No Open Carry All personal defense firearms must remain holstered with the safety on (if applicable to your model of handgun), single action revolvers must have the hammers resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type integral safety mechanism, and may only be handled in lawful self-defense.
- No gunsmith or reloading work is allowed.
- All ammunition will remain in sealed containers.
- Black powder or Pyrodex is prohibited at our shows.
- The responsibility for all sales/purchases rest with the parties to these transactions. It is suggested to check a photo identification and Concealed Carry Permit (if available) to ensure buyer is legal and a Wisconsin resident. Snapping a photo also protects the buyer and seller.
- No Gun Deals are allowed at the food tables, in the entrance, or outside the building.
- No Alcohol is allowed outside the bar area.
- No pets are allowed. Service animals only.
- No smoking inside the building.
- No vendor signs are allowed above tables or on walls.
- No fund activities are allowed unless approved prior to the show.
- Wisconsin FORCE is not responsible for Fire or Theft
- All Federal and State Laws Apply.
- Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs, & Educators, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entrance or remove anyone with no refund.

For information call Chuck Stellmacher at: (920)833-6668 Mail vendor forms to:

WFO GunShow PO Box 130, Seymour, WI 54165

#### Wisconsin Firearms Owners Gun Show **Vendor Registration**

Vendor must be set up when the show opens and stay completely set up until close. Vendors will receive two badges for the first table and one badge for each additional table. Subject to change without notice, vendor is responsible for any changes in policy.

Complete Name of Company/app Physical Address of Applicant:				
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- All firearms, except those concealed by permit holders, must be brought onto the property unloaded. General public firearms will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Magazines must be removed (if removable) and unloaded. Table holders will purchase and install straps at set up (10/\$1). Firearms will be kept unloaded and strapped in a manner to prevent loading or firing.
- Concealed carry welcome—No open carry
- All personal defense firearms must remain holstered with the safety on (if applicable to your model of handgun), single action revolvers must have the hammers resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type integral safety mechanism, and may only be handled in lawful self defense.
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- Volunteer guards will be provided during show hours. Vendors are responsible for fire or theft.
- Exhibitor badges must be worn at all times.
- No gun deals are allowed outside the exhibit area, or outside the building.
- 80% of all items on an exhibitor's table must be gun, military, or hunting related. No flea market items. If displaying knives, please contact us for specific information.
- All exhibitors must be out no later than one hour after the end of the show.
- No alcohol is allowed in the exhibit area.
- No pets allowed. Service animals only.
- No smoking in the building.
- No vendor signs allowed above tables or on the walls.
- Vendors must be set up by 8:00 am and have complete tables until the end of the show. Failure may lead to loss of table for current and future gun shows. No refunds for tables cancelled or lost after the start of the show. Refunds may be requested prior to the show refunded on a case by case basis.
- Fund raising tables must be approved and will be limited to: WFO, Friends of NRA, Junior shooting programs. Others may apply, but will be very limited. No sales or transactions may be made other than specifically for organization being promoted.
- Table holder has first right to reserve same location for the next show until 2:00 pm of current show. Reservation will include newly completed reservation form and payment in full.
- Exhibitor or lessee is responsible for all items and transactions.
- WFO is not responsible for fire or theft.
- All Federal and State laws apply.

I have read understand, and will comply with all conditions and requirements. I understand that conditions and requirements may change without notice, and that it is my responsibility to look for and comply with changes. I further understand and will not hold responsible Wisconsin Firearms Owners Range, Clubs, and Educators, Inc., its officers, Board of Directors and their families, association members, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters for loss, of any item through fire of theft, or any sales of merchandise at our shows. The

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## U.S. Biathlon Names 11 to 2017/18 National Team, More on Development Squads



Susan Dunklee and Lowell Bailey celebrate after finishing second in the World Cup single mixed relay in Kontiolahti, Finland. Austria won the competition. (Photo: IBU/Twitter)

The U.S. Biathlon Association (USBA) has named five women and six men to its senior national team for the 2017/2018 season, and 14 more athletes to its several development teams.

The nominations are headlined by Lowell Bailey and Susan Dunklee, both of whom won individual medals at 2017 World Championships in Hochfilzen, Austria. They are joined on the "A" team by their World Championships teammates Clare Egan, Joanne Reid, Maddie Phaneuf, Tim Burke, Leif Nordgren, and Sean Doherty.

"This year it really culminated in a perfect way," USBA Chief of Sport Bernd Eisenbichler said. "The best thing about it — besides being so successful and having a dream season — is that the upcoming and younger athletes, like Leif, Sean, Maddie, Joanne, and Clare, they see now that it's not only the athletes from Norway and Germany succeeding. At some races we took medals and then we also proved it on the Olympic course. It's giving a lot of confidence to the whole program."



Leif Nordgren skiing the second leg of the men's 4 x 7.5 k relay at the IBU World Cup in Antholz, Italy, where the U.S. finished sixth. (Photo: USBA/NordicFocus)

The men's relay team notched sixth- and seventhplace relay efforts this season, and Nordgren
picked up four top-30 finishes despite missing
almost half the season with an injury. Doherty
also missed almost half the season due to illness,
but came back to earn a top-20 in the Kontiolahti
pursuit at the end of the season. Veteran Burke
collected four top-30's over the course of the
year.

On the women's side, Egan and Reid picked up two and one top-30 finishes apiece, and Phaneuf had a 10th-place pursuit result on the IBU Cup.

Also snagging an "A" team nomination is Paul Schommer, who came from the senior development team to land consistent World Cup starts from the middle of the season onwards. Schommer had a top individual finish of 33rd in the individual in Antholz, Italy, and contributed to an eighth-place mixed relay effort in Kontiolahti, Finland.

"Paul had a great season for his second year in biathlon, and made really big improvements," Eisenbichler said.

"He showed that he can be a really good alternative, or even more than that, for the men's relay and other relays too. He showed that in Korea and especially in Kontiolahti in the mixed relay there. He had a top-35 result at his first World Cup, so we felt that he is really very close to the big guys and separated himself from the athletes who were performing with him at the beginning of the season in the IBU Cups."



Clare Egan racing to 20th place in the women's 7.5 k sprint at the 2017 IBU World Championships in Hochfilzen, Austria (Photo: USBA/NordicFocus)

Landing on the "B" team are Emily Dreissigacker (Craftsbury Green Racing Project) and Russell Currier (Outdoor Sports Institute). Currier started the year on the World Cup, finishing 34th in the pursuit in Oberhof, Germany, before moving to the IBU Cup. Dreissigacker racked up five top-30 finishes on the IBU Cup circuit this season.

"They will get a lot of camp time in Lake Placid,"
Eisenbichler said of the "B" team. "They will also
get direct coaching from the National Team
coaches. In Emily's regard it's from Jean Paquet,
and in Russell's regard from Jonas Johansson. So
they have not only access to the training plan from
the 'A' Team, but also their individualized plan from
the national team coaches. They will spend about
seven to eight weeks in Lake Placid from May to
August."

Chloe Levins, who finished fourth in the youth women's pursuit at World Youth and Junior Championships this season, and IBU Cup racer Jake Brown comprise next season's "X" Team, which is seen as consisting of athletes who are expected to make the jump to the "A" team within two years.

"The 'B' team should be very close to the World Cup, and we expect 'B' Team members to be able to really chase the World Cup team for the next season and to have a really good shot for the Olympic Games," Eisenbichler explained. "That's the difference between the 'B' Team and the 'X' Team. The 'X' Team is still a development team, for athletes who just started biathlon or young athletes, as we have this year."



Chloe Levins (11) with her US Biathlon support team (from left to right: Erik Lewish, Travis Voyer, Mathias Zacherl, Robert Gorgos, and Algis Shalna) after her fourth-place finish in the youth women's 7.5 k pursuit, her career best in her third IBU Youth World Championships, on Sunday in Osrblie, Slovakia. (Photo: USBA)

USBA has also named a five-member Senior Development Team, consisting of Hallie Grossman and Alex Howe (Craftsbury Green Racing Project), Siena Ellingson (Mount Itasca), Travis Cooper (National Guard Biathlon), and Max Durtschi.

And the Junior Development Team consists of athletes with some of the top U.S. results at World Youth and Junior Championships: Vasek Cervenka (Mount Itasca, 16th in youth individual), Cody Johnson (Outdoor Sports Institute, 46th in junior sprint), Jake Pearson (Casper Mountain Biathlon Club, 49th in youth individual), Amanda Kautzer (Michigan Tech/Loppet Nordic Racing, 42nd in youth pursuit), Grace Gilliland (Alaska Biathlon, 46th in youth individual), and Helen Wilson (Alaska Biathlon, 62nd in youth individual). Lexie Madigan of the Auburn Ski Club was also named; she qualified for the World Youth Championships team but was younger than the minimum age set by the International Biathlon Union to compete.