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#### **Upcoming Events**

Minneapolis Rifle Club, MN **Olympic 50 meter "Free** Pistol" Matches October 20, November 17 and December 15, 2018 North Star Rifle Club, MN Long Range Tactical Match December 1, 2018 Racine.WI CMP Garand B December 8, 2018 **KNOB HILL SPORTSMAN CLUB WADENA, MN 56482** Bullseye: Wadena 1800 pistol match January 27, 28 2019 & March 3, 4 2019 See Calendar on web page for other events: https://www.wisconsinforce.org/ **October 15, 2018** 

# **CONSERVATION CLUB KENOSHA COUNTY**



Since 1928 the business and purpose of CCKC shall be the preservation of game, game fish, birds and all natural resources and the promotion and preservation of the shooting sports; to procure the enactment of conservation law ensuring a better protection and management of game, fish, birds and natural resources; to promote cooperation by education and publicity in the proper enforcement of game laws and to provide means and opportunity for closer unity and fellowship among sportsmen,

nature lovers and conservation-minded people. To promote and encourage the replenishing of our game coverts with game and the waters of our rivers

and lakes with fish; to assist in feeding and preservation of wild life in case of emergency and to carry on a campaign of education to acquaint the public with our state's conservation program and the desirability of protecting our wildlife.

The Bristol Shooting Ranges are a subsidiary of CCKC and are a collection of open-air ranges operated throughout the year. Shooting activities are coordinated by experienced Range Officers ensuring an enjoyable and safe time for everyone. Various leagues and activities shoot during the year including an indoor archery league during the winter, outdoor 3D archery, trap, skeet, bullseye, action pistol, cowboy, and high-power rifle matches during the summer. There are several picnic areas and playground equipment are available so that a visit to the Bristol Ranges can be a full-day family outing.

For more information on CCKC go to: http://bristolranges.com/Home.html







Story by James Melville



As most of you know I am a High-Power shooter and I like to practice a lot. My son Bryan and I would practice a quite a bit at our range Eau Claire National Rifle Club. Last year Bryan was going to school and would not have much time to practice with me and if you ever shot high power at a pit range it makes it a lot easier if you have someone pulling pits for you. So, I decided to look in to getting one of the electronic systems and went with the Bullseye because of the price. It was around \$500 for the long-range system (up to 1000 yards).

When I first got it, I found I could not see shots in the black. At first, I thought it was a waste of money. Then my son talked to another shooter that used one and told him to use shoot and see targets. So, I found some that would fit the 12-inch black of a 200-yard target and went to the range a tried it. This worked great. For 600 yard I found some that go out to the 9 ring. Unless you are in hard wind for me this works good too.

I also coach Junior High-Power at our club and this made it much easier. You get instant feedback, don't have worry about what the other kids are doing in the pits and speeds up practice with no pit changes. One big drawback to this is the kids don't get much experience in the pits. When it comes to matches they struggle in the pits.





Bullseye has a very good warranty! This spring my son bought a new palma rifle and new sights. He decided to go to the range and sight it in. To make a long story short he ends up shooting the Bullseye camera 3 times. So, I thought I had the 2-year replacement if it gets shot. Well the is what I had was the 2-year manufacturer's warranty. The person on the phone talked to his manager and said if I bought the replacement guarantee now and this is after 1 year they would replace it for me. The cost was \$29.95 for the replacement guarantee. That is what I did and two weeks later I had a new camera.

For the price and the customer service I think it is a great deal for someone shooting alone or coaching. The is it does not keep score, but that is not a big deal and for coaching kids are not getting pit experience like they should. I would definitely recommend it.

# WISCONSIN FIREARM OWNERS

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### Photo Contest

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



Picture taken by: Rob Kovach at Beloit Rifle Club State Pistol match 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 December 8, 2018

There will be four WFO board positions up for election in 2019. If you are interested send your bio into one of the board members by November 1st! We are also looking for nominees for the following: Club of the year and Member of the year.

Email all Bios and Nominations to james@wisconsinforce.org

Help us protect your second amendment rights in Wisconsin! Join Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges-Clubs-Educators today!

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

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is 100% volunteer organization.

## **Legislation Committee Update**

Hello from chairman Dale Anhalt

It has been a great summer with all the inactivity at our capital in Madison. I want to state that the fall election is around the corner and all of members of this important organization have to exert all of your influence to friends, family, coworkers for a turn out and vote.

Know the candidates that are running, talk with them, write, most important educate yourself. We need to take the lead.

Respectfully Dale Anhalt: www.wisconsinfamilycouncil.org www.wisconsinvote.org www.ontheissues.org



## You are cordially invited to join the Palma Alliance™!

Founded in 2017, we are a coalition of prone shooters who have banded together to make prone shooting great again. The Alliance is made up of brave men and women who have sworn a solemn blood oath to shoot only Palma Rifles with iron sights and 155-grain bullets (sub-82gr bullets for .223) for Long Range and Mid-Range Prone matches – the way God intended it.

As the 2019 World Long Range Championship approaches, we feel that this strategy will help prepare prone shooters for the unique challenges associated with shooting this platform in international competition.

Membership in this prestigious club is free, and all members will receive limited edition commemorative "PALMA ALLIANCE™" stickers to proudly display on their rifles. In addition to the free sticker, all member names will be forever etched in granite on the hallowed walls of Valhalla. The names of these heroes will ring out through all eternity.

### Do you have what it takes?

To join the Palma Alliance™: Send your email, name and address to Erik Rhode: <u>erhode\_1@charter.net</u>

Official "Palma Alliance<sup>™</sup>" polos and t-shirts are now available for purchase! Stay up-to-date and follow the official *Facebook Page* of the Palma Alliance<sup>™</sup>.

### 2018 Midwest Palma Palma Alliance



#### **WISCONSIN FIREARM OWNERS** RANGES • CLUBS • EDUCATORS 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. • Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin. JOIN US TODAY TO HELP PROTECT YOUR GUN RIGHTS. www.wisconsinforce.org Wisconsin Firearm Owners RANGES • CLUBS • EDUCATORS **MEMBER TYPE:** Individual: **Club or Business:** \_\_\_\_ Annual \$20 \_\_ Regular Annual \$30 Life \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Patriot Annual \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership FREE (under 18) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: Email: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone: Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Paypal (Online Only) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mail To: Wisconsin Firearm Owners **PO Box 130** Seymour, WI 54165 I certify that I am not now, and never have been, a member of any organization which has in any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence, and that I have never been convicted of a felony, crime of violence, or misdemeanor domestic violence, and I am not otherwise prohibited from owning firearms. If admitted to membership in Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs & Educators Inc. I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship, and I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Second Amendment thereto. \_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_ Donations to Wisconsin Signature FORCE are not refundable or transferable and are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes.





#### **Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)**

#### 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. WTO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to selfdefense, 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.

## 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 WTO. **Please join us today!**

# Cleaning brass- stainless steel media, dry media or ultrasonic cleaners?

#### February 13, 2017 Bill Marr Reloading 0



Loading your own ammunition is an important, if not necessary step in your path to becoming a master shooter.

Like many shooters, I started reloading handgun ammunition before rifle ammo. I mostly reloaded brass scavenged from the sand at the local range. I had a lot of time but a little bit of money. The weathered cases emerged from the loose sand in various states of cleanliness. As I would sort my newly acquired components, my hands would turn black. The dirty cases went into my small tumbler with some dry media and a couple of hours later looked good as new. It wasn't until I got into rifles that I started changing the way I cleaned brass.

This post will look at some of the different brass cleaning techniques.

WARNING: The reloading information is shown for informational purposes only. Consult appropriate load manuals prior to developing your own handloads. Rifleshooter.com and its authors, do not assume any responsibility, directly or indirectly for the safety of the readers attempting to follow any instructions or perform any of the tasks shown, or the use or misuse of any information contained herein, on this website.

Media tumbling. Perhaps the most common method for cleaning cases is using dry media in a vibratory tumbler. The <u>media is typically corn cob or</u> walnut shells and may or may not be treated with polish. When the process is done, the brass and media are typically separated in either a rotary tumbler or screen. Vibratory tumblers are fairly inexpensive and accessible on most budgets.

The <u>first dry media</u> I used was treated corn cob. The <u>corn cob</u> was coarse and the treatment made it a little sticky. I had enough of it get stuck inside of cases that I gave up on it pretty quickly and turned to <u>walnut</u>. The finer <u>walnut</u> media worked better for me. I would buy it dry and put a tiny bit of <u>polish</u> in it to get some great results.





Dry vibratory tumbling is great for large batches of pistol cases. The downsides became apparent when I moved into rifles. The <u>dry media</u> would often get stuck in flash holes if you decapped first and it didn't really lend itself to small batches of brass you'd commonly encounter when loading for a hunting rifle. Plus, after I had kids, I didn't like the idea of the contaminated dust circulating into my house from my basement reloading area. Stainless steel media wet tumbling. Wet tumbling with <u>stainless steel</u> <u>media</u> (small pins) has been around a while but really took off a couple of years ago. Using a rotary wet tumbler, the brass, stainless steel media and water are mixed for a couple of hours for fantastic results. Some will even add a small amount of <u>Lemishine</u> and/or soap to the mixture. The results are mind boggling fantastic if you like super clean stuff, painstakingly fold your sock drawer, worked as an engineer for a clock company, and park far away from everyone in a parking lot to avoid scratches on your Volvo station wagon.



The wet mixture is separated after the brass is cleaned. The best way I've found to do this is to simply pick up each piece of brass and dump the media out of it. Sometimes the pins get stuck in the case mouth (my pins are the absolutely wrong size for 6.5mm or the flash hole. The brass then needs to dry. I use a cheap food dehydrator. Some of my friends just place it on a towel in the sun.

Most shooters who use the <u>wet stainless media method</u> to clean brass decap prior to cleaning so their primer pockets look great. I've found this is also essential to allow the inside of the cases to dry in the dehydrator. Leaving the primer in place seems to give the water a place to hide with poor airflow and requires an inordinate amount of time to dry. For a video that shows the process, click here.

A wet tumbling set up will set you back a few hundred dollars, but if you like clean brass and a lengthy process, it is all you.

Ultrasonic cleaning. <u>Ultrasonic cleaners</u> use cavitation bubbles in a liquid induced by high pressure sound waves to clean brass. Typically ultrasonic cleaners are a little pricey and can pull double duty cleaning firearms. While the fouling and dirt is removed from a case that has been ultrasonically cleaned, the cases are not polished like the other two methods. I used to write load data with a black marker on my cases during load development, the ultrasonic process would not clean this off. I solved the problem by writing with a smaller marker directly on the bullets. Like the stainless steel wet media method, the cases need to be dried after cleaning. I use a food dehydrator for this as well. I think the <u>ultrasonic</u> method may be the best for small batches of brass. The unit I use has a fairly short cycle time and holds a reasonable number of cases.

Why not skip cleaning brass? When I started reloading, cleaning brass was a step. It didn't seem to be optional. Years later I'm talking to a bench rest shooter at the range who is loading in between strings and notice he isn't rodders of the sport and can get away with it, why can't cleaning his cases. It turns out a lot of bench rest guys don't clean their cases in between firings. Well if they are the hot



For the past few years, if my brass doesn't end up in the mud or loose sand, I'll skip the cleaning process. I'll just resize, prime, charge and seat the bullet. Guess what? Accuracy doesn't suffer. If you take a look around the site you'll notice a lot of the loaded cartridges shown are dirty (above).

What do you recommend? It really depends on your own individual needs.

A <u>vibratory case tumbler</u> and <u>dry media</u> is the least expensive and most common option and obviously works. If you don't mind handling the media and dust, go for it. I've always found it works exceptionally well for pistol brass.

<u>Wet tumbling with stainless steel media</u> provides fantastic results. The entire process requires more work than a vibratory tumbler or ultrasonic cleaner. The startup costs are relatively high, but the results are nothing short of astonishing. If you like shiny brass and spotless primer pockets, this may be for

you.

<u>Ultrasonic cleaners</u> are easier to use than wet stainless media; however, you still have to dry the cases (which aren't as clean). If I had to pick one, it would be my preferred cleaning method since I don't like the dust associated with a vibratory tumbler and dislike removing the stainless steel media from the cases. It is fairly straight forward but you still have to deal with water and drying cases.

Often I'll forgo the cleaning process entirely and it doesn't bother me one bit. For some reloaders this may be heresy, but I have noticed zero effect on precision. Take a look around the site, I've shot some outstanding groups with dirty brass.

Whichever method you choose, as long as it ends up working for you and meeting your needs, it is the right choice.



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## EVENT REGISTRATION FORM NRA WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, January 25, 26, & 27, 2019 Bob & Rocco Gun Show Hours: Friday: 3-9, Sat.: 9-5, Sunday: 9-3 Central Wisconsin Convention Center, 10101 Market Street, Rothschild, WI <u>http://cwconventionexpo.com/</u>

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