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WISCONSIN FIREARM OWNERS

Club of the year: Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club

Upcoming Events

Lodi

WISCONSIN STATE INDOOR

SMALLBORE RIFLE

CHAMPIONSHIP

March 24 & 25 2019

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WISCONSIN JUNIOR STATE

INDOOR SMALLBORE RIFLE

CHAMPIONSHIP

April 12th, 13th and 14th 2019

Lodi

Fullbore LR Individual Fund Raiser

April 13, 2019

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Palma® Individual Fund Raiser

April 14, 2019

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CMP Junior Club Fund Raiser

April 20, 2019

Racine

CMP Garand(am), Vintage

Sniper(pm)

April 27, 2019

Bloomer Rod & Gun

Air Pistol Match

April 27th, 2019

Eau Claire

Mid-Range 4-gun 600 yd

April 27, 2019

Racine

NRA F Class Mid-Range

April 28, 2019

Eau Claire

80 shot NMC

April 28, 2019

See Calendar on web page for other events:

<https://www.wisconsinforce.org/>



Menomonee Falls
Rod & Gun Club
Established 1953

Wisconsin Firearm Owners has chosen Menomonee Falls R&G Club as the club of the year. Menomonee Falls R&G is a Patriot club member of the Wisconsin Firearm Owners and is also a strong supporter of the NRA and CMP. MFR&G holds several CMP rimfire matches, NRA pistol matches and also offers Junior CMP

Marksmanship training.

The MFR&G Club is a non-profit, privately-operated sportsmen's club. They offer a wide variety of year-round activities and shooting courses located on 63 acres West of Menomonee Falls. MRR&G has a lot to offer, including Hunter sight-in clinic (open to the public), Hunter Safety (open to the public), Pistol Marksmanship School, Bullseye Pistol league, Hunter Bench rest, Ultimate Bench rest, Trap shooting, and Junior CMP. Menomonee Falls is a well rounded club that includes something for most competitive shooters. That is why Wisconsin Firearm Owners is proud to present MFR&G as our Club of the Year.



For more information on MFR&G go to: <http://mfrgc.com/>

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Member of the year: **Randy Holterman**

This year's Wisconsin Firearm Owners member of the year is Randy Holterman. Randy is a member of Daniel Boone Conservation League. He has been a strong promoter of High-Power at his club along with many other things. He has been, and continues to be, a staunch supporter of the 2nd amendment and of shooting sports.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is Proud to present Randy Holterman as this year's member of the year.

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BEN KASPER JUNIOR AWARD Goes to:



The 2019 the Ben Kasper Award- Wisconsin FORCE Junior Service Rifle Team's award for most improved junior shooter has been awarded to Thomas McGowan. The award is named after Ben Kasper. Ben was a distinguished high master junior shooter for the Wisconsin Service Rifle Team. He earned his distinguished badge at the age of 17. He was also a firing member of the 2004 National Junior Champion Two Man (Whistler Boy) team and the champion National Infantry Trophy (Rattle Battle) team. In 2006, Ben passed away at the age of 21 after a long struggle with cancer. This award honors Ben's relentless pursuit of excellence and the ideals of hard work and improvement that he exemplified in all areas of his life- especially the shooting sports.

The Ben Kasper award is determined by a junior shooter's improvement in their Camp Perry aggregate (the combined total of their scores in the President's 100, the National Trophy Individual, the National Trophy Team (six man team) and the National Junior Trophy (two man team match)) between one summer and the next.

The 2017 National matches were Thomas's first time firing across the course. In 2018, Thomas and his firing partner Brad Schoenemann took third place in the National Two Man Team Match, and Thomas also won a place on the Deneke Trophy Team, honoring the six top firing juniors in the nation. Thomas also earned his high master classification card in 2018. The Wisconsin junior team is grateful to have Thomas as a member, and is proud to award him the Ben Kasper Award.



News from the Board

The 2019 elections are tallied and the results are as follows:

Sara Holub with 25 Votes

James Melville with 25 Votes

Dale Anhalt with 25 Votes

Rob Kovach with 26 Votes



We would like to welcome Rob Kovach as our newest board member. Rob will be a big help to our association. Rob is an employee of the Wisconsin State legislature.

Jim Schonke will be leaving the board. We would like to thank him for all the time he has spent with the board.



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Adult Service Rifle Team Applicants

In 2018, Wisconsin Firearms Owners had its first Adult Service Rifle Team since 2006. This was revived by Tom Jones of Harford WI.

Tom assembled a Six-person team of people he knows. The team shot at the National Service Rifle Match at Camp Perry Ohio.

The 2018 Match was shot "out of competition" with the following members shooting: Sgt Freddie Church USMC-Shooting and Captain, Tom Jones-Shooting and Coach, Brady Westling, Bryan Melville, Todd House and Randall Holterman. With no funding and a quickly thrown together team, they fared well with a score of 2737 – 62.

In 2019, Tom Jones is again taking on the task of putting together another Adult Service Rifle Team to shoot at the National Matches in Camp Perry Ohio. This year they will be doing fund raising for the match fees and other expenses. They hope to get some more competitors interested in competing with the team, helping with fund raising, coaching, serving as captain, and pull pits.

If you are interested contact Tom Jones at:

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From Smallbore to High Power

by Chip Lohman - Thursday, February 11, 2016



Smallbore History

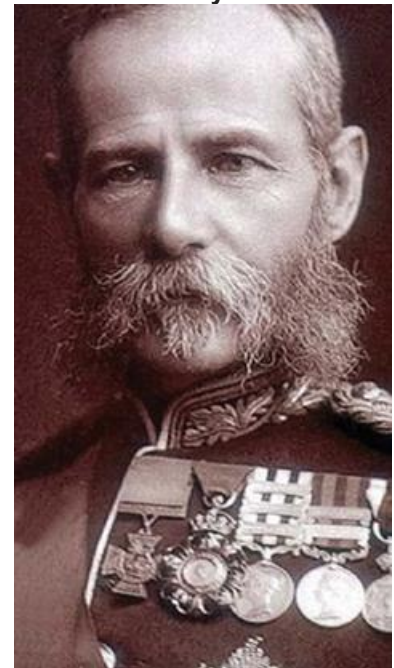
European sport shooting dates back to the late Middle Ages where town militias defended themselves against marauders. These paramilitary “clubs” competed as a form of training, which ultimately led to the creation of formal shooting organizations beginning in 1860. Lord Frederick Sleigh Roberts is credited for contributing to the formation of the National Smallbore Rifle Association in the United Kingdom. A staunch advocate of military marksmanship training at the dawn of the 20th Century, the British soldier sought to economize training and overcome range access challenges

through the use of “miniature rifles,” or smallbore rifles as we call them today.

High Power History

Other than periodic frontier shooting contests and recreational “turkey shoots,” formal shooting competition in the U.S. also has its roots in military training. During the 19th century, the military began recognizing marksmanship skill with shooting badges earned during annual requalification. For civilians, marksmanship skills were promoted by the National Rifle Association and, later, by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).

So, despite different geographical origins, both smallbore and high power shooting disciplines have ancestral ties to the military. More recently, professional military shooting teams have formed to compete internationally and to serve as a laboratory for improved shooting equipment and technique. Members of these highly accomplished military shooting teams typically focus their training on one discipline in order to achieve high mastery. They “live, eat, breathe and sleep” their sport. It is somewhat unusual, then, to meet a competitor who crosses over to a new discipline and begins their “ascent on Mt. Everest” all over again. I met such a person during weekend shoots at a local rod and gun club. Like most shooters I know, this person’s modest focus was on achieving personal goals and helping others to do the same.



Lord Frederick Sleigh Roberts is credited for helping to create the National Smallbore Rifle Association in the United Kingdom.



Military marksmanship badges were introduced in the mid-1800s, helping to pave the way towards modern-day high power rifle matches.

My new friend’s demeanor was so unassuming, in fact, that I felt naïve when I later learned of her accomplishments. You may recognize this partial list of her fellow U.S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team alumni: Dave Cramer, Bob Mitchell, Wanda Jewell, as well as Gary Anderson, Mike Anti, Lanny Bassham, Mike Thiemer, Margaret Murdock, Karen Monez ... and the list goes on.

An accomplished smallbore shooter, Colonel Denise Loring had joined the local club’s spring high power league for what I assumed was a nostalgic desire to keep shooting. As pieces

of her past accomplishments began to surface (rarely from her) I was curious what a national smallbore champion was doing on a high power range. Fearing that I may uncover some secret, or

break with tradition among the shooting community, I was reluctant to prod, but—obviously, did. I learned that, as the Deputy Director of Resources and Evaluation in the office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, she had never strayed far from her shooting roots and had, in fact, been courted by the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Service Rifle team to join them for the 2013 shooting season. The weekend club shoots were no walk down memory lane. She was in training.

Fast forward to the end of the 2013 season to learn that Loring had earned a master rating in high power. Questions began piling up in my head: Are the disciplines so similar? Is she unique? Wasn't the high power recoil distracting? How can one successfully move from aperture to iron sights in one season? Smallbore shooters don't use "come-ups" for sight settings and don't reload .22LR rounds. After some gentle pestering, (she may disagree with "gentle"), Colonel Loring agreed to share notes and observations from her shooting diary in an attempt to identify key learning experiences that might benefit others new to high power rifle.

From Loring:

"First of all, I don't want to seem elitist or aloof talking about other shooters' progress coming up through the classifications. I don't want anyone to feel badly that they are not progressing at the same rate as I did. It really is not about where you are classified. It is more important that people come back year in and year out to enjoy this great pastime."

"I realized at Camp Perry how challenging it can be to progress up the high power classifications. I was fortunate to tap into many coaches on several levels; the club level, the military level with veteran shooters on the USAR Service Rifle Team, and 'old school' high power shooters who used to compete 'back in the day', and still have advice that is relevant. Everyone was integral in contributing to the final outcome by nurturing my love and appreciation for rifle shooting."

When were you active with the USAR International Smallbore Rifle Team?

I was recruited in 1985 from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU), Fort Benning, GA. I served two tours of duty with the AMU and then transitioned from active duty to the reserves. I joined the USAR International Rifle team in 1994.

Did you ever think you'd get back to smallbore as a competitor?

I did. In the summer of 2012 I dug out all of my smallbore equipment, took an inventory and reached out to a local shooter at the [Fairfax Rod and Gun Club](#). I started training again in just prone. My shooting jacket still fit, but the pants just wouldn't work [laughs]. I was coaxed into shooting a Conventional Prone match that was hosted at the club; iron sights on Saturday and scope on Sunday. I started training every weekend. You would have thought I was prepping for the Olympic Games. I worked with two shooters at the club who brought back memories of how to shoot again, along with referring back to my shooting diary to see how I had last set up the equipment in 1998. I appreciated the coaching to prep for the match and shot my first 1600 on scope day.

What was your reaction when you were invited to return to competition, but on the Service Rifle team?

We have a high power contingent at the Fairfax Rod and Gun Club and I was invited to shoot with them. The match director knew I was a rifle shooter and thought I would like a change. I own an AR-15 that I purchased in the 1990s, thinking I would try high power someday, so it sounded like fun. At least I would get it sighted in. After I shot at a couple of club "fun matches" I reconnected with the USAR team and asked the Service Rifle officer-in-charge what kind of scores I needed to get on the team. After submitting my club scores, he called and said I had made the cutoff for the development team. I was excited at the prospect to compete for the USAR team again.



Achieving master in her first year of high power competition, smallbore champion Denise Loring displays her winning form during 200-yard rapid fire at Camp Perry.



Loring quickly mastered the idiosyncrasies of the high power firing line that were not required in smallbore matches.

What about high power rifle did you find different than smallbore and how did you master them?

Sighters. I was very nervous about only having two sighters for NRA high power matches. Then, I heard about the CMP style of high power where there are no sighters and could not believe you could shoot a match without them. We have unlimited sighters in smallbore and I took full advantage of that aspect. In NRA conventional smallbore you can even return to the sighter bull once you have begun shooting for record. **Zeros.** When I shot smallbore, I did not know how many clicks I was up/down for elevation or windage. I just got into position, got sighted in and then went for record. I was quickly educated during high power practice about having a “zero” on the rifle. When shooting at the local club, I only needed a 200-yard zero. Then I learned I needed to get solid zeros for the 300- and 600-yard lines, so I headed to a range in Pennsylvania for a day of training. There I learned even more about recording zeros in the data book, how zeros will change with temperatures and how the zero on one range does not mean it will be the same on another range. I mastered zeros by writing them down, keeping track of how many clicks I was putting on the sights, and practiced on as many different ranges as I could. My data book was especially important for CMP Excellence in Competition (EIC) matches where sighters aren’t permitted. I made sure I shot an across-the course match at the same range so I would have solid zeros. With the extra preparation, I was confident the day I shot and came away with six more points towards “distinguished.”

Rapid Fire. The rapid fire (RF) was a new experience too. We don’t shoot RF in smallbore so this sounded like fun. I was given a shot timer so I could train for the 60-second RF sitting and the 70-second RF prone. It took some time for me to get the cadence down. Friends at the local club would come out and train with me so we could time each other and mark each other’s shots. I’m not sure I have mastered RF yet, but I have shot strings of 100, and even shot a 200 sitting last year. I didn’t know the tradition of having your target saved when you shoot your first clean target, so I didn’t call for that target. I’m still learning.

Pits. Which brings me to learning the pit service. We do not have pit service in smallbore. We have target systems that are mostly electronic for International-style shooting, so you simply learn how to work the target control box on your firing point. For conventional smallbore, we hang the paper targets on the frame and change them out for each stage of fire. High power meant learning a whole new lingo for scoring, procedures for inadequate shots, or excess shots in RF strings. I find the pit time to be fun and very social. You meet some interesting people from all across the country during pit duty at Camp Perry.

How does the wind differ between smallbore and high power?

International smallbore is shot from 50 meters with cover on three sides, so the wind does not blow directly on the shooter. Smallbore shooters watch the flags and the mirage, wait for a desired wind condition and shoot until the condition changes. Having the wind blowing directly on me at Camp Perry during high power last summer was a challenge. Now I am looking for nearby windy ranges to train on. Moving the sights to compensate for wind out at 600 yards is new to me too. I had to learn how to determine direction, use new tools to read wind speed and put a wind call together. There’s no other way to learn it other than lots of practice.

What are your favorite high power positions?

I work on standing and sitting positions the most. I figure since standing is the toughest, I need to put about 50 percent of my training time on that position. I put 40 percent into RF for timing and position practice, and then that last 10 percent on slow fire prone. Of course, maybe my slow fire prone scores would come up if I worked on them a little more [smiles].

What are the similarities between smallbore and high power?

In both disciplines we keep a lot of notes. I always used a shooting diary in smallbore for equipment, analyzing score trends and changes to positions. For high power, I keep notes in the data book, with sight zeros being a huge part of that data, along with wind/light information.



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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. WFO 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.

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