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#### **Upcoming Events**

**Green Bay-Good Friday** Non-registered Trap Shoot April 19, 2019 Lodi **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Eau Claire Mid-Range 4-gun 600 yd April 27, 2019 Eau Claire 80 shot NMC April 28, 2019 Racine **NRA F Class Mid-Range** April 28, 2019 Lodi Palma® Individual Iron Sight, LR Regional May 4, 5, 2019 Wisconsin Rapids Mid-Range 4 gun 600 yd May 4, 2019 Wisconsin Rapids 80 shot NMC May 5, 2019 LaCrosse Mid-Range 4-gun 600 vd May 11, 12, 2019 Negaunee-F/G Class 600 Yard May 11, 2019 See Calendar on web page for other events: https://www.wisconsinforce.org/

# **MRC Sportsman's Club**



#### Target Practice at our Indoor and Outdoor Gun Ranges

MRC Sportsman's Club is a shooting organization located in Medford, WI. We are known for our Sporting Clays course located on 80 wooded acres. Our course features include automatic throwers, handicap accessibility, towers and the option to

use small-motorized vehicles on the gravel paths. The other club shooting sports include <u>Trap</u>, <u>Pistol</u> and our <u>Junior Marksman Program</u>. Throughout the year, MRC Sportsman's Club hosts a number of WSCA and NSCA registered competitive shoots in Medford, Wisconsin. Our featured shoot is **MEC's Great** 



Northern Side-by-Side Classic, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year.



Our family-friendly Clubhouse is stocked with ammo, accessories and rental options. Stop back after your last shot to see if the grill is up and running or to get a cold beverage. Visit for fun, competition or camaraderie – we have it all.

For more information on MRC Sportsman's Club go to: https://mrcsportsmansclub.com/

# Wisconsin State Indoor Smallbore Rifle Championship

Story by James Melville



This year's State indoor open Small-bore match was held at Winnequah Gun Club. It was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th. The match brought in 34 competitors over two days. Norman Arend along with all of his help did a great job running the match. There were 34 competitors and a total of six teams competing. The top over all individual winner is Mike Aeberhard with a score of 1127 and 32 x's. The top junior individual winner is Lara Spanic with a score of 1082 and 16 x's.

The top team with a total score of 4389 and 116 x's is team Darlington. The team included Mike Aeberhard, Tony Wiegel, Tom Steger and Dave Rolli. The top Junior team is Wi Center Shots with a score of 4198 and 66 x's. The team included Lara Spanic, Alex North, Jordan Heeter and Dakota Heeter. It was great shooting from everyone.



### Justice Brian Hagedorn Declares Victory On Wisconsin Supreme Court Election



Justice Brian Hagedorn released the following statement declaring victory in the Wisconsin Supreme Court election:

"The people of Wisconsin have spoken, and our margin of victory is insurmountable. I thank my wife, Christina, my children, and my family and friends for their unwavering support throughout all the ups and downs in this campaign. And I thank everyone who supported us along the way. This was a true grassroots campaign fueled from the bottom up. Whether you volunteered your time, donated your hard-earned money or cast you ballot, we could not have done this without you.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by the voters who have placed their trust in me to serve as Wisconsin's next Supreme Court justice. The voters chose to have a Court that keeps personal political beliefs out of the courtroom and applies the law as written.

"On the Court, I will uphold our Constitution, defend the rule of law, and protect the public, while never forgetting I am a servant of the law and the people.

"Thank you, Wisconsin!"

### **News from the Board**

Next Board of Directors Meeting December 7, 2019

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, selfdefense rights and your Freedom in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is 100% volunteer organization.



## **Adult Service Rifle Team Applicants**

In 2018, Wisconsin Firearms Owners had its first Adult Service Rifle Team since 2006. The team 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 Fredie 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 – 62x.

In 2019 Tom Jones is again taking on the task of putting together an 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, helping to coach, serve as captain, and helping with pit service.

The team is having a raffle for an M1 Garand rifle. The tickets are \$10 each, or three for \$20. There is only 300 tickets available.

For information on how you can be a part of the team or to purchase tickets mfor the M1, contact Tom Jones at:

Phone: 262-224-0383 or email: tommygunbmg@gmail.com

### What Is 300 Meter Rifle Shooting?



by Reya Kempley - Monday, August 14, 2017

While it remains an obscure discipline in America, 300 meter rifle is Europe's equivalent of our high power rifle. In decades past, when greats such as <u>Lones Wigger</u> and Margaret Murdoch ruled the podium, 300 meter rifle was the premier

rifle event in the Olympics. Men and women competed <u>together</u>. Smallbore shooting was considered a training event at that time. But as cities grew, firearms laws became more

restrictive, and the price of centerfire shooting increased, it was removed from the Olympics. Numerous national and international

competitions are still held every year, and it remains in the <u>ISSF</u> World Shooting Championships along with other non-Olympic events such as running target and women's smallbore prone. The World Championships are held every four years between the summer Olympic years. The next will be held in Korea in 2018.

Today, the men have three 300 meter events: 3x40 free rifle (40 shots per position: kneeling, standing, and prone), 3x20 standard rifle, and free rifle prone (60 shots). The women only have two events: 3x20 sport rifle and prone (also 60 shots). Rifles look similar to those used in Olympic smallbore competition because the equipment rules are essentially the same. You'll see hook-style butt plates with plentiful adjustments, aluminum stocks, and bloop tubes to extend the sight radius. The exception is the men's standard rifle event. This rifle looks similar to the women's standard rifle of days gone by (think Launi Meili's gold medal in 1992) except it must have a trigger weight of at least 1.5 kilograms or 3.3 pounds. Despite the limitations in adjustability and trigger weight, standard rifle shooters can post scores well over 580 out of a possible 600—comparable to free rifle scores. Steve Goff and Jason

Parker are two athletes of recent years who were among the world's best with this rifle.



Left: This welcoming 10-point range in the small town of Lienz, Austria is representative of European 300 meter ranges. You may gaze upon a lovely waterfall on the mountainside between shots. Photo courtesy Reya Kempley. Right: The author and Justin Tracy at the 2013 USA Shooting 300 meter Nationals, Fort Benning, GA. Photo courtesy Tony Chow

In the glory days of 300 meter shooting, the <u>.30-06 Springfield</u> was the standard caliber in America. Think of shooting 40 shots per position with that recoil! Thankfully, cartridge technology has progressed since then. The most popular caliber in the world today for this discipline is the 6 mm Benchrest (BR). This cartridge offers superb accuracy, low recoil, a long barrel life, and extreme ease of hand loading. Other calibers such as 6XC and 6.5x47 have some following as well. The vast majority of European competitors shoot factory-loaded ammunition by <u>Lapua</u> or <u>Norma</u>, which is capable of shooting under half-minute groups at 300 meters. However, in this country the cost can be prohibitive (dollars per round), which leads more of us to shoot our own DIY ammunition. We can squeeze a bit more accuracy out of the cartridge that way too. If you do <u>handload</u>, be prepared to ogle at the piles of once-shot Lapua brass the Europeans casually dump into the range brass bucket!

The maximum caliber allowed in ISSF 300 meter events is 8 mm—though I question the sanity of anyone who would choose to shoot such a caliber! All shots are scored as if the bullet diameter is 8 mm. The black starts at the 5-ring, which measures 60 cm, or about 23.5 inches. The 10-ring is a mere 10 cm, or around four inches. Compare this to the American high power 300 yard target, which has a 10-ring of just under six inches.

You may be thinking that building a rifle and buying equipment for such a specialized event with few competitions in America is a silly proposition. But the good news is you can shoot other American high power matches as well—NRA mid-range prone <u>matches</u>, for example, in the "Any Rifle" category. Under these rules, you can use your entire ISSF-legal kit, including the hook-style butt plate. A 6 mm BR on a windy day may be slightly disadvantaged against other common calibers for this distance, but you'll find the 10-ring seems huge after shooting on the challenging international target. It's almost double the size in terms of minute of angle.

Two 300 meter ranges with electronic targets exist in this country: one located in Minnesota and the other at Fort Benning, GA, for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. If you're lucky enough to live near one, a few clubs around the country actually shoot 300 meter matches, often reduced to 300 or 200 yards. I have shot a very well run 200-yard reduced match in Seitzland, PA, where high power shooters without ISSF-legal equipment were also welcomed to participate.



A down range view at Fort Benning, GA. The screens in the foreground are meant to reduce wind for the 50 meter smallbore range. Photo courtesy Reya Kempley

In Europe, 300 meter ranges abound. To those of us used to the rustic conditions of outdoor firing lines, pits, and manually-operated carriers with paper targets, European ranges feel much more civilized. The firing line itself is often enclosed within a building, with large doors that open downrange. Electronic targets are the norm. Because of the higher population density, ranges include walls and baffles to reduce sound and stop stray bullets from exiting the area. A bar serving alcohol may adjoin the range.

I encourage you to give this fun and historic discipline a try! Why not get a match started at your local club? There's no need to enforce the ISSF equipment rules at first—check out the target and course of fire initially to see how much fun it can be. You might find the American high power target a smidge easier afterward, too. The USA 300 Meter Nationals and World Championships Team Tryout will be held at Fort Benning, GA, this September. Go to this link on the USA Shooting website for the schedule and program, under Rifle/Pistol Fall Selection Match: www.usashooting.org/7-events/match-information.

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

