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ATF Withdraws Pistol Brace "Guidance"

On December 23rd, ATF [posted a document to its website](#) indicating that its recently published *Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with "Stabilizing Braces"* is withdrawn. The withdraw notice indicates that "[u]pon further consultation with the Department of Justice and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, ATF is withdrawing, pending further Department of Justice review, the notice and request for comments entitled 'Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with 'Stabilizing Braces',' that was published on December 18, 2020.'"

The withdraw notice came only hours after Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-08) and 89 other Congressional Representatives sent [a letter](#) to ATF asking the agency to "immediately take action to correct this injustice."

[As we reported](#), the "guidance" did nothing to fix ATF's history of confusing and conflicting determinations on pistol braces.

We would like to thank the NRA members, gun owners, and members of Congress who stood up for the Second Amendment rights of all Americans. And, special thanks to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Congressman Hudson for taking the lead in pushing ATF to rethink its arbitrary and unhelpful "guidance."

Congress is taking notice of the ATF "guidance" about AR pistols with braces. Thanks to Wisconsin CD-7 Rep. Tom Tiffany who spoke to me about this issue personally and directed his staff to assist. Also signed was CD-6 Rep. Glen Grothman.

You can let your Congressman know about your opposition to the ATF's proposed changes by clicking the link, and filling out the form here <https://act.nraila.org/actions/campaigns/10293>

Santa put coal in the ATF bureaucrats' stockings, and we can have stabilizing braces on our AR pistols this Christmas!

I also got a call from WI CD7 Congressman Tom Tiffany's office who delivered the news. Thanks for your work on this, Tom!

About the Wisconsin Biathlon Association



The Wisconsin Biathlon Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, promoting, and expanding the participation in biathlon, the Winter Olympic sport combining cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. Individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to participate become involved in this fun and challenging sport.

The Wisconsin Biathlon Association is a Member club of the [United States Biathlon Association \(USBA\)](#), the national governing body of the sport in the US. We also follow the established rules and guidelines set forth by the [International Biathlon Union \(IBU\)](#).

There are currently three regulation biathlon venues in the state of Wisconsin - at the McMiller Sports Center in Eagle (Southeastern Wisconsin) and at the [Blackhawk Ski Club](#) in Middleton (near Madison) and at the [Bay Nordic Ski Club](#) in Suamico (near Green Bay). Looking towards the future, we encourage other ski clubs to get involved by creating a biathlon venue in your area.

For information about the Wisconsin Biathlon Association, club functions, training programs or events, please contact Mike Larsen at info@WisconsinBiathlon.com

AMMO Inc. announces expansion in Manitowoc; more than 200 new jobs expected to be created

By [Jason Zimmerman](#)

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MANITOWOC, Wis. (WBAY) - Manitowoc's manufacturing sector is about to add a lot more jobs. Arizona-based AMMO Inc. has plans to expand after acquiring Jagemann Stamping Company's brass casing division for \$27 million this past November.

The Manitowoc City Council approved a term sheet for the project during a special meeting on Monday night.

The term sheet will allow AMMO Inc. to build a 170,000 square foot facility in the city's industrial park on a vacant piece of land just west of Interstate 43.

While the project does include \$1.4 million in TIF incentives, Manitowoc's mayor, Justin Nickels, says the trade-off is significant.

"They purchased some portion of Jagemann Stamping and their casings division, and we're looking at upwards of 200 jobs being created, 150. There's 50 right now, but 150 being created in the city of Manitowoc," said Nickels.

The cost of construction is expected to be between \$10 million and \$12 million.

"We've been working with this company for a while, and one of the advantages we have in the city of Manitowoc is being right off the interstate, which allows obviously for good business travel and getting product in and out, and also just the incentives we were able to work out with the company to be able to ensure they build in the city of Manitowoc and bring those good paying jobs here," said Nickels.

Inside the new building, the company will make bullets for both the general public as well as the military.

"They're very aggressive. They have a backlog of work that they need to get done. It's a company that is doing very well and has a lot of potential, so they want to build pretty darn soon," said Nickels.

Nickels tells Action 2 News the company is expecting to break ground sometime this spring.

KIM RHODE AIMING FOR SEVEN OUT OF SEVEN AT TOKYO 2020



In 2016, American shooter Kimberly Rhode achieved the unprecedented feat of winning a medal at six straight editions of the Summer Games, going all the way back to her double trap title at [Atlanta 1996](#), aged 17. Now 40 and the skeet world no. 1, she has no intention of stopping any time soon; she is targeting a seventh consecutive medal at [Tokyo 2020](#) and, looking beyond that, victory in front of a home crowd at [Los Angeles 2028](#).

"It's been amazing, having come to so many Pan-American Games. My first were in 1995 as an alternate in Argentina. And now this is the seventh one. It's been an incredible journey and I couldn't be happier, especially to be bringing home the gold for the USA. The next goal is obviously just to

keep adding to it. I can't wait for the Olympics in Tokyo. To be going for that record, seven for seven, definitely adds that element of pressure, but at the same time I'm just excited. Let's see what happens, and hopefully I'll do everyone proud," said Rhode on 3 August 2019 in Lima (Peru), where she had just claimed the Pan-American Games skeet title for the third consecutive time, having once again demonstrated greater accuracy than her rivals in an event in which shooters stand in a fixed position and take aim at clays launched by two traps in a specific order.

There are quotas for this event at the Tokyo Games, but this is no longer an issue for the 40-year-old Californian shooter. Rhode secured her place on Team USA by winning silver at the 2018 World Championships in September in Changwon (Republic of Korea), along with compatriot Caitlin Connor, who took gold.

In 2019, before the Pan-American Games, Rhode won no fewer than three events on the ISSF World Cup programme: in March in Acapulco (Mexico), in April in Al Ain (United Arab Emirates) and in May in Changwon. The latter was her 21st World Cup victory, in a competition in which she successfully hit 122 out of 125 targets in qualification, and 57 out of 60 in the final. In short, on the road to the Tokyo 2020 women's skeet competition, Kim Rhode is in a league of her own.

1996-2004: TWO OLYMPIC DOUBLE TRAP GOLDS AND A BRONZE

Rhode's record of achievements in women's shooting spans a quarter of a century and counting. The American, who initially specialised in the double trap before switching to the skeet from 2004, has maintained her levels of excellence throughout her career and has no end date in sight.

She was only 17 years (and 5 days) old when she was crowned Olympic champion for the first time, dominating the qualifying rounds and the final of the double trap with two Olympic records of 108 and 141 points, which she set at the Wolf Creek Shooting Complex on 21 July 1996 at the Atlanta Games – becoming the youngest female gold medallist in the history of her sport in the process.

After taking bronze at Sydney 2000, finishing behind Sweden's Pia Hansen (gold) and Italy's Deborah Gelisio (silver), Rhode became the last ever Olympic champion in the discipline, winning her second title on 18 August 2004 at the Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre, where she beat South Korea's Lee Bo-na by a solitary point. Women's double trap was subsequently dropped from the Olympic programme.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

WFO annual meeting will be virtual. No time or dates have been set.

To our knowledge most indoor shooting events will be cancelled this coming season. We know some of the Junior smallbore programs are requiring masks to participate.

There is efforts to put together a Junior State Smallbore Mail in Match for 2021!

Contact Randy Gregory for details: accuracyunlimited@gmail.com



- **Wisconsin Firearm Owners** gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.
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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. 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.

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 WFO. **Please join us today!**

Cabela's Sued Over Ammo Purchase

Posted at 2:00 pm on November 5, 2020 by [Tom Knighton](#)



Federal law states that people can't be sued for engaging in lawful trade of guns and ammo. Oh, if someone breaks the law or if the products are faulty, that's different, but just for engaging in lawful trade? Nope.

Of course, that doesn't stop lawsuits from happening. Usually, they're thrown out, but an anti-gun court decision against Remington didn't just hurt the company, it's likely to hurt the entire gun industry as now the vultures are out and about. Since a judge ruled that the lawsuit against Remington could continue, they're hoping other judges will follow suit.

To that end, it seems that outdoor retailer [Cabela's is under the gavel](#) for an ammunition sale in New York.

At the same time that gun sales have skyrocketed as more Americans reach for a firearm to protect themselves from threats real and perceived, warning shots abound that should have gun rights advocates on edge.

The [latest is the court ruling allowing a lawsuit against the Cabela's store](#) in Cheektowaga to proceed after it sold ammunition to then- 19-year-old Jake Klocek, who used it in a handgun to accidentally kill 19-year-old Anthony King, a friend he'd invited over while housesitting for an Elma couple.

The suit by the victim's family contends that Cabela's – a defendant along with Klocek and the Elma couple – “knew or should have known its failure to use reasonable care” in selling the ammunition to someone like Klocek would result in serious injury or death.

But that claim hinges on the fact that Klocek, under 21 at the time, could not legally buy handgun ammunition.

However, he could legally buy long gun ammunition. And as Cabela's attorneys point out, the ammunition in question – .45 ACP – can be used in both handguns and rifles. If the clerk asks and the buyer says it's for a rifle, how is the store supposed to know, short of having a polygraph machine at every register?

That last part is particularly important. After all, .45 ACP carbines actually are a thing. In fact, a number of people age 18-21 will purchase a carbine in their preferred handgun caliber, often using the same magazines as the handgun they intend on purchasing, and stock up on magazines and ammo prior to turning 21. And it's perfectly legal.

Unfortunately, what's happening here is that we have judges hearing cases on subjects they know absolutely nothing about. In fairness, there's no way to avoid that happening. The problem, though, is that now we end up with a lawsuit continuing based on a bad argument.

Federal law prohibits handgun ammo purchases, sure, but so long as the ammo can go in a long gun, it counts as long gun ammunition. Pistol-caliber carbines are common and actually popular options for home defense among many aged 18-21 in part because they're long guns but have ballistics similar to a handgun, which means less chance of over-penetration compared to a conventional rifle but are lighter recoiling than shotguns.

And that's where the problem with this lawsuit comes into play.

What really bothers me is that unless Cabela's attorneys are able to make their case at trial, we could see the end of pistol-caliber carbines for people in that particular age group. On the other hand, Second Amendment organizations are challenging some of the laws [restricting the right to keep and bear arms](#) for adults under the age of 21, so there's also a real chance that SCOTUS could end up ruling that adults of all ages are on an equal footing when it comes to the exercise of their Second Amendment rights.