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Wisconsin Highpower Championship

By: Kaleb Hall, Coach of Wisconsin State Junior Service Rifle Team



State Champions:

Top: Richard Boyarski, Adam Stauffer, Brian Rautanen, James Lee, Kevin Behnke

Bottom: Bryan Melville, Thomas McGowan, Anna Behnke

La Crosse Rifle Club hosted the Wisconsin State Highpower Championship on the weekend of June 5th. This was a three-day event starting on Friday.

Friday was the team match with the Wisconsin Jr. Service Rifle Team consisting of three juniors and team coach Spencer M taking first place. Saturday was the 80 shot Across the Course State Championship. It was a hot one reaching up to 99 degrees. There were 5 juniors competing. Starting at 200 yards, Thomas McGowan fired a nice 197-6x, just 1 point behind former junior Bryan Melville's match winning 198-5x. "Sweet Baby" James Lee also shot well with a 195-6x. Another highlight was second year junior Anna Behnke with a 191-7x.

After standing we shot rapid fire sitting. All our juniors did well with Thomas "Shooter" M leading the way with his 200-15x. Just behind him with a 199-14x was Anna B. David H. had a 198-1x and Andrew Behnke had a 196-9x. James saved a round and shot an impressive 190-16x.

Next up was rapid fire 300. This time James led the way with a perfect 200-12x followed closely by Anna B with a 199-6x. The other three juniors each fired 198's.

The final stage was slow prone at 600 yards. The wind was tricky with not many good scores fired by the field. Thomas M finished his day strong with a 196-7x followed by James's 194-7x. Andrew B also had a good day with a 190-3x.

Thomas would end the day with a 791-36x to win the State Championship! Along the way, he would also take-home trophies for high service rifle, high junior, and high slow fire aggregate. Congrats Thomas!

James L. would come in third overall with a 779-41x. Just 3 points behind 2nd place with his saved round. Anna B also took home a trophy for high woman and a medal for high expert with her 769-31x. (She also beat 4 of our team coaches, not sure who should be coaching who these days!)

Today was an EIC leg match. 50 shots with no sighters.

Thomas continued his year of excellent offhand by firing a 100-7x on his feet. James and Anna both shot very nice 96's and David fired a 92. Sitting went well for Thomas, James and David with Thomas shooting another 100-3x, James had a 99-4 and David fired a 99-0x. Andrew and Anna both saved a round. Their dad also saved some rounds so maybe it's genetic.

At the 300 yard stage Thomas had another clean with a 100-5x. James fired another 99-4x and Anna had a 97-5x. 600 yards proved to be tricky again today. James held hard and finished with 194-7x. This meant he would finish with a 488-18x and a match win! James received 8 leg points for being the top non distinguished shooter and gave him enough points to earn his distinguished rifleman badge. Congrats Sweet Baby James! Your hard work and practice have paid off!

It was a fun weekend with some excellent scores shot. Thanks to LaCrosse Rifle Club for putting on another wonderful match!



State Champions:

Thomas McGowan-Overall, Service Rifle, and Junior State Champion: 791-36x, Slow Fire Aggregate: 393-13x
Adam Stauffer-1st High Master: 782-28x
James Lee-1st Master: 779-41x
Richard Boyarski-1st Senior: 770-12x
Anna Behnke-1st Woman and 1st Expert: 769-31x
Kevin Behnke-1st Sharpshooter: 713-7x
Bryan Melville-High Offhand: 198-5x

Our Second Amendment Fight

It has been six months since our new president and congress has been in office. The far left promised a bunch of gun control action. So far, they have not been able to do anything. The first attempt was HR 8 and HR 1446 the House of Representatives passed it with no problems but it did not get brought to the senate floor. Then we had Dianne Feinstein with a full-on assault weapons ban that got stuffed. The next thing they started doing is some back handed PLCAA that would make manufactures liable for people that use their product. It was introduced in the House and the Senate but died on the Senate floor.

With the Filibuster it takes 60 out of 100 votes in the Senate to close the debate then it can be brought to a simple majority vote. The Left has been trying to get rid of this but do not have the votes. With this in place and all your work contacting your Representatives and Senators we have been able to stop any new gun control. There was talk of packing the Supreme Court with more Left leaning Judges, but the House speaker said they will not at this time.

In April Biden came out with six Executive Actions. Like in previous articles Executive Actions have no legal weight. Remember Executive Actions are different than Executive Orders. (Executive Actions are more of a recommendation) This is a sign of weakness from the left. They are unable to pass what they want in the House and Senate, so they are making it look like they are doing something. With this we started to get some changes in the definitions of things at the ATF. The ATF just came out with some changes on pistol braces. The ATF states "The Department proposes factors ATF considers when evaluating firearms equipped with a purported "stabilizing brace" to determine whether these weapons would be considered a "rifle" or "short-barreled rifle" under the Gun Control Act of 1968 ("GCA") or a "rifle" or "firearm" subject to regulation under the National Firearms Act ("NFA")." With this we need to contact the ATF and tell them you do not agree with this rule change. You can contact the ATF at: <https://www.atf.gov/contact>

We have had the nomination hearings of David Chipman for the director of the ATF. This is a very far left move with David being the senior policy adviser to the Gifford Group. The Gifford Group is a far-left Gun Control Group. This also needs your action to contact your Senator and tell them you do not want David Chipman to be the director of the ATF. You can contact Tammy Baldwin at: <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/> and Ron Johnson at: <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/>

The Supreme Court is taking up a New York Case that the left is terrified of. (Supreme Court agreed to review a case testing how far states may go in regulating whether an individual may carry a gun outside the home.) States across the nation are passing pro-gun legislation. Overall, the ball is moving in a positive direction for Second amendment. We need to keep up our fight by contacting our Representatives and Senators. Let them know you stand for the Second Amendment do not want to see them pass anything that would restrict it. This is important to contact them. If we can make it to the mid-term elections, we should be good if we can get pro-gun people elected.

Assembly passes 'Second Amendment sanctuary' bill that would bar enforcement of federal gun restrictions

Molly Beck Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON - Wisconsin gun owners would not be subject to federal firearm laws under legislation passed by Republicans and one Democrat in the state Assembly on Wednesday.

The bill, which also requires Wisconsin gun manufacturers to include a "Made in Wisconsin" stamp on their firearms, is part of a national effort by Republican lawmakers to push back against new gun restrictions that could be imposed by a Democratic-controlled Congress and President Joe Biden. But the idea has been deemed unconstitutional in the past in other states because state law cannot override conflicting federal law under the U.S. Constitution.

Rep. Tip McGuire, D-Kenosha, said the legislation is inferior to the Second Amendment and "in fact undermines the Constitution that we all swore an oath to uphold."

According to a nonpartisan analysis by the Legislature's legal staff provided to McGuire, the legislation if enacted would bar law enforcement from confiscating firearms from people who have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence because there is no state law allowing it.

Proponents call the proposal a "Second Amendment sanctuary."

"Passing this bill is going to be protecting the Second Amendment rights of the people who live in these state's borders," Rep. Tyler August, R-Lake Geneva, said.

Rep. Dave Murphy, R-Greenville, said the Biden administration is "scaring us and making us feel like our Second Amendment rights are not going to be upheld."

The bill also would bar the enforcement of laws that restrict gun or ammunition sales and bar law enforcement from confiscating guns or ammunition.

It prohibits the enforcement of federal regulations that would ban semi-automatic firearms or assault weapons and regulate the capacity of magazines or require registration of firearms.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In an effort to keep our members informed, we are working on keeping our calendar up to date. If member clubs have shooting events to add to the calendar, please email wi.force1@gmail.com with the event and a match program, website, or contact person/email address if applicable.

Remember- we are 100% volunteer, so it may take a few days to get your event on the calendar, but we will add updates as soon as possible!

Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Senior Service Rifle Team



With the over whelming number of competitors in 2019 wanting to compete in the adult team match, in 2021 Wisconsin is planning on having adult team again. Tom Jones has come up with the following criteria to be on the team: You must show interest in being on the team by sending in three match scores from 2021, starting in April 2021. One of the three must be an EIC match. You also must state whether you would like to be in competition or out of competition. Another requirement is to have to shoot at one of the state OTC matches along with fundraising. This would be accomplished by competitors interested in being on the team sending in match scores. You can send scores into

wiscoreroster@gmail.com.

State Postal League

A High-Power Postal League for the entire state is being organized. If you are interested, you can contact Tom Jones or Spencer McGowan for details. The email to send scores to is: wipostalleague@gmail.com

Wisconsin Junior Rifle Team Raffle

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For more information contact Spencer McGowan at: stmguns@gmail.com

You do not need to be present to win

This fundraiser is sponsored by Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Inc.



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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 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 WTO. **Please join us today!**

- Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Wisconsin Firearm Owners** gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.

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Cranston police seized a man's guns in 2015. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on it in 2021

Katie Mulvaney The Providence Journal



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Edward Caniglia and his wife had a nasty fight on Aug. 20, 2015, so bitter that his wife decided to spend the night at a hotel.

When Caniglia didn't answer the phone the next day, his wife, Kim, called the Cranston police, worrying that he might be suicidal. He had retrieved an unloaded gun during their argument the day before and said, "Why don't you just shoot me and get me out of my misery."

Officers questioned Caniglia and sent him to Kent Hospital for an evaluation, a step Caniglia said he agreed to only after

police assured him they wouldn't take his guns. Officers nonetheless seized his two guns and ammunition. Caniglia was released from the hospital the same day. Caniglia, backed by the Rhode Island affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, sued the police after they refused to return his guns without a court order. The guns were returned 3½ months later, only after he filed suit.

"I immediately felt like it was a miscarriage of justice. ... If they can come and do this with these firearms, when can they take away my car because I ran a stop sign? It seemed arbitrary," Caniglia, 70, said.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that Cranston had violated Caniglia's Fourth Amendment rights by entering his home and seizing the guns and having him taken to the hospital without a warrant.

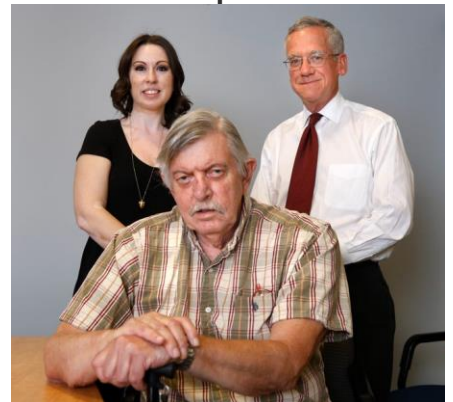
"I feel terrific. I was right," Caniglia said.

"None of this has been anti-police but anti- their reactions that day. It was a little bit out of hand," Caniglia said. He isn't seeking damages, he says, but only to be compensated for his legal expenses. Thomas W. Lyons III and Rhiannon Selina Huffman represented him in U.S. District Court and the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Shay Dvoretzky argued the case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"They worked so hard for me," Caniglia said, in an interview conducted in Lyons' office. "They're my heroes."

More: Cranston police seized a man's guns in 2015. What the U.S. Supreme Court heard about it in 2021:

The case — which touched on the sanctity of one's home, gun rights and police officers' duty to make snap decisions in myriad situations — stemmed from an argument between the Caniglias that snowballed to the point that he retrieved an unloaded gun, Caniglia concedes.



Officers at the scene questioned Caniglia. He says he told them he would never commit suicide and stepped away during the conversation to take his high-blood pressure medication. Still, the officers had him taken to the hospital, where doctors sent him home with his wife after a few hours. "They really didn't know why I was there," he said of the staff. The couple remain married, though he reports not talking to his wife for a few weeks after the incident.

"Why they had come into my house and taken everything didn't make any sense," said Caniglia, who doesn't consider himself a gun-rights advocate or a backer of the NRA.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge John J. McConnell Jr. in 2019 ruled in favor of the Cranston police, concluding that officers were acting in keeping with their duty to protect the public under the so-called community caretaking exception when they sent Caniglia to get evaluated and seized his guns without a warrant. The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision a year later.

"Police officers must sometimes make on-the-spot judgments in harrowing and swiftly evolving circumstances. Such considerations argue persuasively in favor of affording the police some reasonable leeway in the performance of their community caretaking responsibilities," Senior Circuit Judge Bruce Selya wrote for the appeals court.

Caniglia sought a Supreme Court review, challenging the ruling as an unconstitutional expansion of the community-caretaking exception.

The Supreme Court heard virtual arguments in March that contemplated just when police may enter a home without a warrant.

The Supreme Court in 1973 held that police officers did not violate the Fourth Amendment when they searched the trunk of a car without a warrant. Courts nationwide have since been split on whether those protections should be extended into homes, with some expanding the community caretaking exception into homes.

In a ruling written by Justice Clarence Thomas, the high court found that searches of homes and vehicles were constitutionally distinguishable.



"The very core of the Fourth Amendment's guarantee is the right of a person to retreat into his or her home and 'there be free from unreasonable governmental intrusion,'" the court wrote. "A recognition of the existence of 'community caretaking' tasks, like rendering aid to motorists in disabled vehicles, is not an open-ended license to perform them anywhere."

In a concurring ruling, Justice Brett Kavanaugh cautioned that courts, police officers and police departments must take care in situations in which a person could be at risk to be sure a warrantless entry is "reasonable under the circumstances."

Cases involving armed, suicidal people; an elderly person who fails to attend church and can't be reached; and young, unattended children "illustrate the kinds of warrantless entries that are perfectly constitutional under the exigent circumstances doctrine, in my view," Kavanaugh wrote.

"The takeaway is that the home is entitled to greater constitutional protections than an automobile unless there are existing exceptions, such as an emergency circumstance or consent," Lyons said.

Otherwise officers need to secure a warrant.

The Rhode Island affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union hailed the ruling as an important victory for privacy rights.

"The Fourth Amendment has always served as an important barrier to police intrusion into the home, and we are very pleased that the Court reaffirmed this fundamental principle," ACLU of Rhode Island Executive Director Steven Brown said in a statement.

The ruling returns the case to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which could in turn send it back to the U.S. District Court to address any issues the Supreme Court opinion did not resolve.

Marc DeSisto, who represented Cranston, could not be reached for comment Monday. The communications coordinator for the city also didn't return a phone call late Monday.

Rhode Island enacted a red-flag law in 2018, after Caniglia brought his case. That law allows for police to remove firearms, by court order, from people who pose a significant danger to themselves or others.

Federal Judge Strikes Down California's 'Unconstitutional' Assault Weapons Ban, Torches Media

By Ryan Saavedra
Jun 4, 2021 DailyWire.com



A federal judge in the Southern District of California ruled late on Friday that California's controversial "assault weapons" ban is unconstitutional.

"This case is not about extraordinary weapons lying at the outer limits of Second Amendment protection," Judge Roger T. Benitez wrote. "The banned 'assault weapons' are not bazookas, howitzers, or machineguns. Those arms are dangerous and solely useful for military purposes. Instead, the firearms deemed 'assault weapons' are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles. This is an average case about average guns used in average ways for average purposes."

"One is to be forgiven if one is persuaded by news media and others that the nation is awash with murderous AR-15 assault rifles. The facts, however, do not support this hyperbole, and facts matter," Benitez continued. "Federal Bureau of Investigation murder statistics do not track assault rifles, but they do show that killing by knife attack is far more common than murder by any kind of rifle. In California, murder by knife occurs seven times more often than murder by rifle. For example, according to F.B.I. statistics for 2019, California saw 252 people murdered with a knife, while 34 people were killed with some type of rifle – not necessarily an AR-15. A Californian is three times more likely to be murdered by an attacker's bare hands, fists, or feet, than by his rifle. In 2018, the statistics were even more lopsided as California saw only 24 murders by some type of rifle. The same pattern can be observed across the nation."

The ruling was the result of a 2019 lawsuit filed by the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) to challenge California's Assault Weapons Control Act (AWCA), which banned popular semiautomatic firearms.

As noted by FPC, the order included an injunction against "Defendant Attorney General Rob Bonta, and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with him, and those duly sworn state peace officers and federal law enforcement officers who gain knowledge of this injunction order or know of the existence of this injunction order," preventing them "from implementing or enforcing" the following:

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- California Penal Code §§ 30515(a)(1) through (8) (defining an "assault weapon" by prohibited features);
- § 30800 (deeming those "assault weapons" a public nuisance);
- § 30915 (regulating those "assault weapons" obtained by bequest or inheritance);
- § 30925 (restricting importation of those "assault weapons" by new residents);
- § 30945 (restricting use of those registered "assault weapons") ;
- §30950 (prohibiting possession of those "assault weapons" by minors); and,
- the penalty provisions §§ 30600, 30605 and 30800 as applied to "assault weapons" defined in Code §§ 30515(a)(1) through (8).

"In his order today, Judge Benitez held what millions of Americans already know to be true: Bans on so-called 'assault weapons' are unconstitutional and cannot stand," FPC President Brandon Combs said. "This historic victory for individual liberty is just the beginning, and FPC will continue to aggressively challenge these laws throughout the United States. We look forward to continuing this challenge at the Ninth Circuit and, should it be necessary, the Supreme Court."

Benitez slammed the state of California, which is run by Democrats, for infringing of American's constitutionally protected rights.

"You might not know it, but this case is about what should be a muscular constitutional right and whether a state can force a gun policy choice that impinges on that right with a 30-year-old failed experiment," Benitez wrote. "It should be an easy question and answer. Government is not free to impose its own new policy choices on American citizens where Constitutional rights are concerned."

"California may certainly conceive of a policy that a modern rifle is dangerous in the hands of a criminal, and that therefore it is good public policy to keep modern rifles out of the hands of every citizen," Benitez continued.

"The Second Amendment stands as a shield from government imposition of that policy. There is only one policy enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Guns and ammunition in the hands of criminals, tyrants and terrorists are dangerous; guns in the hands of lawabiding responsible citizens are better. To give full life to the core right of self-defense, every law-abiding responsible individual citizen has a constitutionally protected right to keep and bear firearms commonly owned and kept for lawful purposes."