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Wisconsin Firearm Owners Inc. Chaptered by the National Rifle Association of America

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Upcoming Events

Racine M1 & Vintage Sniper July 20th, 2019

Lodi 3-1000 Yard Matches July 20th & 21st, 2019

Racine NRA Sporter Match August 3rd, 2019

<u>Racine</u> <u>Mid-Range R-Class Match</u> August 11th, 2019

> Nicolet 80 shot Reduced August 17th, 2019

WI Rapids Vintage Snipper August 17th, 2019

LaCrosse State Mid-Range 4 gun 600 August 24th & 25th 2019

Negaunee Coyote 300yard Match August 24th 2019

Eau Claire Mid-Range 4 gun 600 Match August 31st, 2019

Eau Claire 80 Shot NMC September 1st, 2019

Eau Claire M1 & M1A Match September 2nd, 2019

<u>Nicolet</u> 80 Shot Reduced September 7th, 2019

See Calendar on web page for other events: https://www.wisconsinforce.org/

Legislative Update

July 2019



Wisconsin Firearm Owners is happy to inform the readers of the TRIGGER that besides our long-time government affairs specialist, Bob Welch, we have member of the Board of Directors, Rob Kovach, and WFO member Victoria LaBrosse watching over 2nd Amendment issues at the State Capitol every day. Rob and Victoria are both legislative staffers and assisted in the following report: With the Republican majorities in the Assembly and Senate, and with Democrats Josh Kaul as Attorney General, and Tony Evers as Governor, there aren't many opportunities for advancing 2nd Amendment issues, nor are there many opportunities for erosions of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

There is one bill that always works its way through the budget process each session is the state's biennial budget. The Joint Committee on Finance is the committee that works through the budget and that committee has a Republican majority in its makeup. The budget process is complete and the budget was signed into law earlier this month without any provisions of concern for 2nd Amendment or Sportsman's rights. Red Flag Laws: There was a push by anti-gun activists in the early months of this year to implement "red flag laws" that would require

persons who are <u>suspected</u> of being <u>likely</u> to commit violent crime to surrender their firearms. Many Republicans in the legislature made public statements of opposition to this concept as it flies in the face of presumption of innocence, due process, and violates the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments of the Constitution, so it looks like any attempts to create any red flag laws in Wisconsin will be unsuccessful.

Hunting Contests: <u>animal rights activists engaged in a public relations campaign to stop "hunting</u> <u>contests</u>" and were encouraging Madison and Milwaukee Democrats to introduce <u>Senate Bill 30</u> which would make such events punishable by up to a \$2000 fine. This would make "big buck" and other contests illegal and would further reduce opportunities for local shops to attract hunters to visit their businesses for a legal hunting activity. Republicans in the legislature aren't showing any signs of support for this measure so appears it will not proceed.

UWS Rifle Range Hits the Mark for Safety

May 14, 2019 By Andrew Kirov

SUPERIOR, Wis. – Since the 1970s students have been shooting at the UWS rifle range, winning five national championships in a safe, supervised environment.

"You have to stretch your body, make sure that your mind is completely clear because if you're mind's not clear, then you're going to have an off day," said UWS student Tiffany Kirk.

Students dedicate time every week working on how precise their shot can be.

"When I started off it was really hard to even get it in the circle and now I'm hitting nines and tens and a few eights," said Kirk.

From standing, sitting and even laying down, they shoot 22-caliber rifles at black circles fifty feet away. The only way to score a ten is to hit the very center of the target.

"The shooters get trained after they've done it enough to actually calm their breathing and calm their heart rate to the point where they're pulling the trigger between heartbeats," said Todd Blomfelt, the range's supervisor.

He's been the supervisor for three years, but Blomfelt has been shooting there since he was a student himself.

"It's kind of the opposite of every other sport that you really have to get hyped up for," said Blomfelt. "This is the one sport that I can think of where you really have to get hyped down for."

He says safety is imperative when you have a rifle range on a modern university campus.

"As the university does have a no guns or weapons allowed policy, I apply to the chancellor once a month for exemption to that policy for this sport," said Blomfelt.

The range is not open to the public and rifles are only brought in cased and unloaded for tournaments. "There are not a lot of college campuses that have this and I think that the process that we have and the work of the coordinator makes it as safe as it possibly can be," said Gary Gulbrandson, the UWS Director of Public Safety.

Blomfelt says he's not aware of an injury ever happening here and says it's the perfect place for students to learn that rifles can be safe.

"Having this exposure here in a very safe environment is I think is vital to the continuation of the sport and to show firearms in a positive light," said Blomfelt.





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, self-defense rights and your Freedom in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is 100% volunteer organization.

WFO Website

Our new website is up and running. When you go to our website, you will see a new look. When you log in, it will be a little different, but it seems to be working very well so far.

The board decided to get our own website a couple years ago because our former platform was costing us over \$150 per month. It also was very cumbersome because it was set up to do too much that we didn't need and did not do what we needed it to do very well. Membership processing was cumbersome, and a lot of things fell through the cracks.

Our new platform was custom made for our organization. It does what we need it to do, and is more efficient. We paid a one-time fee, and there are no monthly fees. If we want to make any changes to the system, we can call the designers and talk to the people that built it. They can make any needed changes immediately over the phone. We have more control over the website, and our administrators can easily edit the web pages and customize things the way we want.

Being a 100% volunteer organization, it is important that we have an efficient platform. If you have any questions or suggestions for making our website better, shoot us an email. Any feedback is greatly appreciated.





The 1907 NRA National Matches

"Considering the fact that last year farms and orchards covered the range, wonders have been accomplished in the time available. Before another target season opens many improvements will be made, including additional targets, concrete walks and regimental clubhouses."

—Arms and the Man, August, 1907

Shortly before the <u>National Matches</u> (or National Shoot as stated for the first time in the match program) commenced on Ohio's new state rifle grounds, the facility was dedicated and named Camp Perry in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, hero from the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. (Official recognition by the state legislature occurred the following year.) And on August 19, a new era in National Match history began with the firing of NRA and Ohio State Rifle Association Matches. Specifically, the first shot of the event was fired from a <u>Krag</u> by Corp. L.B. Jarrett of Indiana at 9:10 a.m. in the Championship Company Team Match. The Leech Cup Match was the first individual contest fired, attracted 327 entries, and was won by the prior year's <u>Wimbledon Cup</u> winner, Capt. J.C. Semon of Ohio. While conditions on the first day were considered excellent, they deteriorated rapidly as the second day offered up wind, rain, and a 15-degree temperature drop over a period of a few hours, thereby establishing immediately the reputation of Camp Perry as unpredictable and environmentally challenging. Fortunately, Ammon Critchfield had the foresight of having wood planks positioned throughout the grass-deprived camp to help competitors deal with the muddy swamp-like conditions caused by the rains off Lake Erie.



All American ammunition companies were interested in sales to competitive riflemen, but of the four largest, the United States Cartridge Company, in Lowell, MA, seems to have worked the hardest to attract attention. This advertisement was from Arms and the Man in 1907

The appearance of Camp Perry during its National Match debut was crude but functional. Given the short amount of time that Critchfield had to deliver on his promise to have Camp Perry ready for the 1907 matches, those in attendance seemed more than willing to traverse rutted roads and firing lines. they had good reason to overlook some of the undeveloped areas, for it was obviously a work in progress, and one worth waiting for. Reachable by an extension of rail from LaCarne on the Sandusky division of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, Camp Perry had its own station at the entrance to the grounds and competitors who traveled by train were able to secure a special price of two cents per mile, although the offer

appeared to have been made somewhat begrudgingly since the match program stated there was "agitation between railroads and state law requiring a reduced rate." If funding was still an issue, travelers had the option of disembarking at Port Clinton and proceeding the final five miles via horse drawn wagon. Whatever the method of transport, what greeted competitors upon arrival at Camp Perry was a newly built clubhouse that the *Sandusky Register* reported in August as being "furnished throughout with all modern conveniences, electric lights and water ..." In addition, hundreds of canvas tents provided for all the shooters' needs, including latrines and showers. And in a contrast of structural styles, an existing farmhouse with wraparound porch served as the first administration building.

On the 400-acre facility, rifle ranges accommodated 160 targets for shooting out to 1000 yards and skirmish events while revolver targets numbered five each at distances of 15, 25, 50 and 75 yards. The central geographic location, uniform flatness of the landscape, ideal north-facing range layouts, and well-constructed butts reinforced with concrete all added to the appeal of Camp Perry as the National Match site.

While representatives from firearms and sporting goods companies attended matches at <u>Creedmoor</u> and <u>Sea Girt</u>, it was Camp Perry's debut as National Match host where the "Commercial Row" tradition was launched due largely in part to the tented village atmosphere that drew unprecedented interest and turnout.

1907 National Matches Camp Perry, Ohio NRA Staff When Camp Perry opened, the Krag Jorgensen rifle was still king of the range. It was not until 1908 that enough of the Model 1903 rifles were available that they could be set aside for use in the National Matches. Of interest in this photo from Perry in 1907 is the use by the shooter in the foreground of a Pope sight micrometer, attached to the rear sight elevation leaf.



Harry Pope's micrometers, unlike most of the several varieties that were made and sold, were intended to be left in place while the rifle was being fired.



Traveling to the 1907 National Matches

NRA Staff

"Camp Perry ... is a place of magnificent distances. One of the things needed there is a light trolley which will take contestants and spectators from point to point around the range. Tom Keller of Peters Cartridge Co., known to about every man in the shooting fraternity, a man full of invention, quickly perceived upon his arrival at the celebrated range the neessity for a better means of locomotion than was afforded by

his sturdy, but rather short legs; so, he ... acquired by lease, theft or purchase a white quadruped, adorned by the appropriate amount of ears, hair and tail, to which was attached a light one-seated buckboard. In this rig Tom was able to get around to see the multitudinous individuals of his acquaintance. Wherever he went his good nature prompted him to invite someone to ride with him. His horse was not properly introduced to Tom, and for a name each new beholder chose the one which suited him best. Mrs. Drain called the animal Fido. Why, no one knows, but perhaps because it was such a doggoned poor horse ... Tom himself gave to his treasure the euphonious cognomen of Sweet Marie. General Riggs thought the best name was Beau Brummel. The last day of the meeting inquiry of the alleged owner brought out the information that the real name of the horse was Alice." —Arms and the Man, 1907



Conservation Club of

Kenosha County



Bristol Shooting Ranges

2019 Rifle Match Schedule

NRA High Power Rifle Matches

200 yards, 52 Rounds, any Rifle, any sights, 4 stages/3 positions NRA approved and NRA rules apply! Scores are sent to the NRA Scores will be grouped by Rifle style (service/match) & sight type (iron or glass) Fee: Adults \$15.00, Juniors: \$7.50 Sunday 04/28, Sunday 05/19, Sunday 06/02, Saturday 6/29, Sunday 07/14, Sunday 08/11, Sunday 08/25, Sunday 09/14, Sunday 09/22

Carbine/SKS/AK/et al

Fun Match. Not NRA or CMP sanctioned but NRA rules apply. 100 yards, 52 Rounds, 4 stages/3 positions Scores will be grouped by sight type (iron or glass) Fee: Adults \$10.00, Juniors: \$5.00 Saturday 05/25, Saturday 06/22

Mini-Palma Matches (.22 Rimfire Only)

Fun Match. Not NRA or CMP sanctioned but NRA rules apply. 100 yards, prone, slow fire; 45 rounds for record Scores will be grouped by sight type (iron or glass) Fee: Adults \$10.00, Juniors: \$5.00 Sunday 08/04, Sunday 09/01

Vintage Rifle Sniper Match

Any Military sniper Rifle up to the Korean War Fun Match. Not NRA or CMP sanctioned but NRA rules apply, 200 yards, slow fire, 40 rounds for record, 2 sighter shots each stage, 3 stages, 200 yds, 300 yds & 600 yds (reduced targets) Fees: Adults \$10.00, Juniors \$5.00 Sunday 07/07

Garand Rifle Match

Fun Match. 200 yards, 52 rounds, 4 Stages/3 positions. Not NRA or CMP sanctioned but NRA rules apply. Fee: Adults \$10.00, Juniors: \$5.00 Sunday 05/05, Saturday 09/28

See this website for other kinds of matches & activities Note: High Power Rifle practice on Tuesday afternoons, March thru November Note: A non-CCKC member who continues to shoot after the Match Must pay non-member daily fee

Match Director Joe Kowalczyk 847-803-2342 Squadding cutoff @ 8:00 AM

The History of The Famous Camp Atterbury Rock

by John Parker - Thursday, June 13, 2019



The "Atterbury Rock" has been a symbol of Camp Atterbury (located near Edinburgh, IN) for well over 70 years. Over the years, this carved rock has become a monument to the troops that have been to the National Guard base and the greatness it represents. The rock was carved over three months during the summer by Libero Puccini (1924-2008), who was an Italian POW. He was in the hospital when his fellow POWs built the famous Camp Atterbury Chapel in the Meadow. (See Puccini pictured at the top of this article, along with the rock he carved that still stands today.)

About carving the eponymous rock at the base entrance, Puccini says, "We could have done it in three days, but we did it over three months. We wanted to stay here. People were bringing us drinks."

The origins of the carving had never been ascertained until Puccini came along. The annual pilgrimage to Indiana from Alabama for the reunion ranked among the highlights of his life. Puccini returned to Camp Atterbury for re-dedication ceremonies each year with his son until his passing in 2008. He made many friends at Camp Atterbury and was accepted by U.S. veterans as an equal, not the enemy.

The National Rifle Association of America plans to reunite the NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury in 2020 (Pistol, Smallbore and High Power Rifle), along with a new National Marksmanship Competition Center to be housed on site at this Indiana National Guard base in the <u>near future</u>.



The famed Atterbury Rock as it appears today, not much different than 75 years ago.

Wisconsinforce.org Wisconsin Firearm Owners "Your NRA Voice"

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!**



"SUMMER at SUSSEX 2019"

NRA Approved 1800 Pistol Tournament

Two Relays: 9:00 AM & 1:30

Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club W 249 N 8500 Hillside Road Sussex, WI 53089

9:00 AM & 1:30 PM Relays

FIRST Call for our August 1800 Match! This will be an Approved 1800 with a morning and afternoon relay.

YES... LUNCH INCLUDED!!!

We feature 19 Covered Firing Positions, 50 Yard Slowfire, and 25 Yard Timed and Rapid Fire with Turning Targets. Two Gun Competitors have preference however we will accept .22 Only Entries. Email reservations preferred.

Registration Fee:

\$40 - 22 and Centerfire \$30 - 22 Only

SUN. AUGUST 4, 2019



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EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION!

WISCONSIN OUTDOOR OPEN PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by the Beloit Rifle Club, Inc.

- DATES: August 24th 25th, 2019
- EMERGENCIES: Phone Number is 608.751.0413 GPS CO-ORD N 42°34.119' ; W 089°01.295
- LOCATION: 899 Philhower Road North of Beloit Between Hwy #51 and County Highway "G".
- FACILITIES: Forty covered firing points with turning targets at 25 yards. Food & beverages available at the range club house. Very limited camping facilities available on club grounds. You must make prior arrangements if you plan to camp.
- ELIGIBILITY: Open to all shooters. To be the Wisconsin State Champion, or recipient of any State Champion class award, you must be a Wisconsin resident and a member of WI-FORCE. There will be no exceptions.
- ENTRIES: Entries will be limited to 80 competitors, 40 per day. Entries will be CONFIRMED, ONLY, upon receipt of entry fees and the completed registration from. Please complete all blanks.
- MATCH ENTRY FEES: Registration fee is \$13.00 (\$5.50 to NRA, \$4.00 to Wisconsin FORCE Pistol Association and \$ 3.50 BRC) Individual matches are \$3.00 each. One gun fee = \$30.00, Two gun fee = \$40.00 - Based on available space. Across-the-board shooters take precedence. ACROSS-THE-BOARD ENTRY (including registration) is \$50.00, if paid with entry registration form - ** \$55.00 ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH ** Entry Fee will be returned if cancellation received 1 week before match date. Less than 1 week, \$10.00 deducted. If no cancellation, there will be no refund.
- RELAYS: Relay #1 Saturday 9AM. Relay #2 Sunday 9AM. There will be approximately 1/4 hour break between 22 & CF and approximately 1 hour lunch break between CF and 45.
- RULES: Current NRA pistol rules will apply.
- SCORING: Competitors will score and change targets. Scoring plugs will be restricted to range personal only. A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for each challenged target. Fee will be returned if challenge is sustained.
- CLASSIFICATION: NRA classification system will be used. Any class with less than five entries will compete in the next higher class. If there are less than five entries in the master class, they will compete for match winner only.

EXCELLENCE IN COMPETITION MATCH (SERVICE PISTOL), REVOLVER DISTINGUISHED & 22 DISTINGUISHED

NOTE: The EIC Match will be governed by the current edition of CMP/NRA Rules. Rule 2.5 EIC permits Pistol EIC Matches to be conducted on both days of the State Championship. EIC Matchs will be fired each day at the conclusion of the 2700. The Distinguished Revolver Match will be fired at the conclusion of the EIC Pistol Match. All guns will be weighed and the your ammunition checked during the noon break and be subject to spot checks on the line. There will be extra fees for these matches. We will also have a Distinguished 22 Match. This will be fired along with the other Distinguished Matches.

> CMP Service Gun Match - \$20.00, CMP 22 - \$20.00, and NRA Revolver - \$10.00. FEES PAID WHEN GUNS ARE CHECKED - DURING THE LUNCH BREAK.