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Wisconsin Service Rifle Championship



On the Fourth of July some service rifle competitors celebrated their freedom at the Eau Claire National Rifle Club for the state Service Rifle Championship. This was a four-day High Power weekend. Starting off Friday July 2nd with two matches of Elite 5 (a President 100 style match with a shoot off) and a two-person team match in the afternoon. Friday's Wisconsin Elite 5 match ended with Thomas McGowan a Junior taking first place, Brian Rautanen from the All Guard Team in second, Bryan Melville in third, Aaron Cobosco in fourth and James Lee another Junior in fifth. Great job everyone. The team match ended with Thomas McGowan and James Lee taking first place. Congrats Thomas and James!

Saturday's match winner was an out of state competitor, Liam McKenna with a 795-38x. Josh Hanrahan, an All-Guard member, ended up taking the Wisconsin State Trophy home with 794-31x.

On Sunday, July 4th was the Leg match. There were 2 legs given out to the top two non-distinguished shooters. Our own Thomas Kirsten, a Wisconsin Junior, took the first leg with a 487-9x, and Jay Dyrzcz took the second with a 475-14. This was Thomas Kirsten's first leg. The highlight of the day was Thomas McGowan shooting a 499-21x! He only dropped a point at 300 yards and "cleaned" the rest. Very impressive shooting considering there are no sighters. Good job Thomas!

On Monday July 5th was an M1 in the morning and a Vintage Sniper in the afternoon. This was run by Jay Dyrzcz for the first time, and everything went well. Thomas McGowan ended up winning the M1 match.



Wisconsin State Long Range Championship

Winnequah Gun Club in Lodi, WI hosted the Wisconsin Long Range State Championship on June 26 and 27. Saturday started the two-day event with a Palma match which consists of 15 shots fired from the 800-, 900- and 1000-yard line for a total of 450 points.

Thomas McGowan ended Saturday's match with a 448-31X. Sunday's match consisted of two 20 shot matches fired from the 1000-yard line for a total of 400 points. He fired a 395-19X and ended the weekend with 843-50X which gained him the overall 2-day aggregate win and his second State Championship of the year. Thomas used his .223 Palma rifle with irons sights for both days of shooting. Congrats Thomas!



Holding back the Anti- Gun People

We are still holding back the Anti-Gun people at the federal level. A few states and local government have passed stricter gun laws.

In Colorado Democrats passed a half dozen bills they say will curb gun violence. The new laws will require people to safely store firearms and report a lost or stolen firearm. Another measure is meant to better enforce an existing law that removes guns from people charged with domestic violence.

San Jose CA. officials have passed the first law in the country that requires gun owners to carry liability insurance and pay a fee to cover taxpayers' costs associated with gun violence.

The ATF has also changed some rulings on pistol braces and other things.

This is a sign of disparity since they can not get gun control passed at the federal level.

If we all continue to contact our legislators and keep the pressure on them, we will win this fight.

At this point it is looking like they will not vote to put David Chipman for the director of the ATF.

Remember David is a very far left person from the Gifford Group (an anti-gun group). We still need your action to contact our states Senator on his nomination. Contact your Senator and tell them you do not want David Chipman to be the director of the ATF. Make sure you are civil and polite when contacting your legislators. You can contact Tammy Baldwin at: <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/> and

Ron Johnson at: <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/>

Evers vetoes 'Second Amendment sanctuary' bill and measure to delay redistricting local election maps

Hope Karnopp Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON - Gov. Tony Evers vetoed two bills Friday that would have allowed local governments to delay drawing new district lines and attempted to prevent federal gun laws from being enforced in Wisconsin.

Evers vetoed a bill that would have allowed city councils and county boards to delay drawing new district lines until after the spring 2022 election. Supporters of the measure pointed to delays in U.S.

Census Bureau data that local governments use to draw new districts.

Democrats feared that the bill could set a precedent that would allow delays in redistricting for the state Legislature and Congress — where the political stakes are higher.

In his veto message, Evers objected to the way Republicans sought to address the issue of delayed data. He said delays would result in "malapportioned maps" that would violate the one person, one vote principle.

Evers also vetoed a constitutionally questionable measure that would have exempted Wisconsin gun owners from federal firearms laws and required gun manufacturers in the state to include a "Made in Wisconsin" stamp.

Similar measures have been found unconstitutional in other states because state laws cannot override federal ones.

Evers, who has supported stricter gun laws, questioned the bill's legal standing and called for "constructive conversations" on gun safety.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

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:

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Biden's false claim that the 2nd Amendment bans cannon ownership

By Glenn Kessler The Fact Checker June 28, 2021

"And I might add: The Second Amendment, from the day it was passed, limited the type of people who could own a gun and what type of weapon you could own. You couldn't buy a cannon."

— President Biden, remarks on gun violence, June 23

The president offered this aside as he made a litany of his regular points about the need for background checks and what he says was the effectiveness of bans on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines that expired.

Parenthetical asides from a prepared text often trip up presidents, especially Biden. In this case, he repeated a claim — that Americans were prohibited from owning cannons — that has already been fact-checked as false when he made it during the presidential campaign.

The Facts

The cannon element is what mostly interests us here, but we should also address Biden's framing about the Second Amendment, which was part of the Bill of Rights adopted in 1791.

The meaning of the Second Amendment — "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed" — has long been debated. But experts said Biden especially mischaracterized it.

"Everything in that statement is wrong," said David Kopel, the research director and Second Amendment project director at the Independence Institute. After 1791, "there were no federal laws about the type of gun you could own, and no states limited the kind of gun you could own." Not until the early 1800s were there any efforts to pass restrictions on carrying concealed weapons, he said.

"I think what he's saying here is that the Second Amendment was never understood to guarantee everyone the right to own all types of weapons, which I believe is true," said Kermit Roosevelt, a constitutional law professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "As phrased, it sounds like the Second Amendment itself limited ownership, which is not true."

Kopel noted that some states placed gun-ownership restrictions on Native American tribes, including orders to disarm them, but the tribes under the Constitution at the time were treated as the equivalent of foreign nations.

Interestingly, during the campaign, Biden had asserted that the cannon restrictions happened during the Revolutionary War. "From the very beginning you weren't allowed to have certain weapons," Biden told *Wired* magazine in May 2020. "You weren't allowed to own a cannon during the Revolutionary War as an individual."

Historians at the time told PolitiFact there was no evidence this was the case. The Biden campaign could not point to any laws but seemed to suggest Biden's point was more metaphorical than grounded in reality.

Now Biden has moved the cannon metaphor to some 20 years after the Revolutionary War — and it's still wrong.

In fact, you do not have to look far in the Constitution to see that private individuals could own cannons. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 gives Congress the power to declare war. But there is another element of that clause that might seem strange to modern ears — Congress also had the power to "grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal."

What's that?

These were special waivers that allowed private individuals to act as pirates on behalf of the United States against countries engaged in war with it. The "letter of marque" allowed a warship to cross into another country's territory to take a ship, while a "letter of reprisal" gave authorization to bring the ship back to the home port of the capturer.

Individuals who were given these waivers and owned warships obviously also obtained cannons for use in battle.

The White House did not provide an explanation of Biden's comment.

The Pinocchio Test

Some readers might think this is a relatively inconsequential flub. But we disagree. Every U.S. president has a responsibility to get American history correct, especially when he's using a supposed history lesson in service of a political objective. The president's push for more gun restrictions is an important part of his political platform, so he undercuts his cause when he cites faux facts.

Moreover, Biden has already been fact-checked on this claim — and it's been deemed false. We have no idea where he conjured up this notion about a ban on cannon ownership in the early days of the Republic, but he needs to stop making this claim.



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