

September 2021

## Wisconsin Mid-Range Prone Championship



The first weekend in September was the Wisconsin mid-range prone championship at Eau Claire National Rifle Club. The championship consisted of 8 strings of slow prone fired at 600 yards over 2 days. With a total of 160 rounds fired for record. The highlight of the weekend was the battle between junior Thomas M and former junior and All-guard shooter Josh H. Saturday was a calm day and the boys held hard. Both firing a perfect 800 with 59 x's. We had to consult the rulebook to break the tie and Josh took the lead for day 1. Day 2 was also calm and started well for Josh with his 200-19x tying a National Record for a Service Member for that string.

Thomas M also fired a perfect score and the battle continued. Josh would drop 1 point in the next two strings and Thomas stayed "clean" (shooting only 10's and X's) both day with iron sights. Thomas finished the weekend with a perfect 1600-118x to win the state championship. Congrats Thomas! Bryan M on Saturday finished with a 799-48x with a service rifle. His overall score for both days won high service rifle with his 1590-85x. Mike S. started catching Bryan on Sunday, but Bryan got him by 1 point for the win. With High woman Kacie McGowan winning it. Kacie finished with a 1541-47. She just started shooting this spring and is doing exceptional.

The F-Class shooters shot very well too. We had only two F-TR shooters and a total of eight F-Open. The first day Don Schoff from Minnesota won the match with a 799-50x but the second day a Wisconsin Resident took the lead with a 799-58x and an overall score of 1597-121x. Impressive shooting by all! Thank you to all the participants that made this match a successful one!







# **2021 Wisconsin Outdoor Pistol Championships**



The 2021 Wisconsin Outdoor Pistol Championships were held at the fantastic facilities at the Beloit Rifle Club. Jon Nortemann again hosted the match and did a fantastic job.

Joe Fobes is the 2021 Wisconsin Outdoor Pistol Champion. This year unseated 3-peat winner Scott Soik as Joe Fobes came back to pistol shooting after taking a several year break from shooting. He even needed all new equipment to make this comeback. His performance was exceptional with a 2549-78x. His .22 score was an 870-29x which is nearly 97% of perfect. Photo to the left is Joe Fobes, 2021 Wisconsin Outdoor

Major Lee Plemons had an amusing early shot that nearly split his target completely in half! The conditions were extremely good over the weekend event and turnout is almost back to precovid levels. All competitors and attendees had a great time. Pistol Champion.



Wisconsin Outdoor Open State Pistol Championships 28-29 August 2021 "Results Bulletin" WI State Champion: Joe Fobes - 2549 - 78 Match Winner: Ralph Reid - 2558 - 80 High WI Master: Mike Reil - 2452 - 52 (High Master: Ralph Reid – 2558-80) High WI Expert: Scott Soik - 2509 - 65 High WI Sharpshooter: Joe Fobes - 2549 - 78 High WI Marksman: Robert Farrell - 2394 - 44





Competitors, here are the results from the match this past weekend. We had beautiful weather, on Sunday, and we are not talking about Saturday. Not a real good turnout with only 46 shooters participating. This was Beloit's 37 Wisconsin State Outdoor Championship. Congratulations to Joe Fobes for his first Championship, hopefully, many more to come. Next year's match will, tentatively, be set for August 27 & 28, 2022. I hope those of you who shot the match enjoyed it and your trip home was safe, comfortable, and uneventful. Thank you once again for attending our match. Be safe and be well, Jon



## Holding back the Anit- Gun People

Across the country the anti-gun people are pushing more gun control at the state and local level. The Biden administration had promised some type of gun control but have not been able to with the push back from all of us.

The Biden administration has been pushing this issue in every way possible. The newest is by signing the UN small arms treaty. This would make a worldwide gun registration. This is something we need to oppose. We need to contact our Senators and Representatives and let them know you are opposed to this. We need make sure they let the Biden administration know this too.

## Biden Withdraws Nomination of David Chipman to Lead ATF...

The White House withdrew the nomination of David Chipman to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Without all of us taking action this would not be possible! Even NPR recognized our work by saying: "The struggle to get a confirmed director on the books over the years has been due in large part to

opposition from gun rights groups...

Great work by all of us and let us keep it going.

The fight is not over unfortunately, the White House is trying to find another role in the administration for Chipman! They are looking for a role that would not require Senate confirmation.

We need to make sure our Senators and Representatives will keep Chipman from holding any public office by making Biden accountable!

Chipman should not hold any public office with his disgust for the Second Amendment but anti-gun activist are already lobbying the White House to "bypass Congress" to create a cabinet-level office on a so-called "gun violence position." This needs to be stopped! Please contact your Senator and

Representative to let them know you oppose David Chipman from holding any public office! We have had a victory with the withdrawal of the David Chipman but we need to keep going and not let

our guard down.

Make sure you are civil and polite when contacting your legislators. You can contact Tammy Baldwin at: <u>https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/</u> and Ron Johnson at: <u>https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/</u>

On the new bill H.R.4953 contact your House of Representatives to tell them you do not support this bill and urge them not to either. You can find all your state representative here: https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/Wl#representatives

### Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

Wisconsin Firearm Owners election will be coming up quickly and we are going to be looking for some good people that are interested in defended the Second Amendment to put on our board of directors. We will have four seats up for reelection. If you are interested, please contact James Melville via email: james@wisconsinforce.org





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!** 

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### Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached "Stabilizing Braces"

On June 7, 2021, the Attorney General signed ATF proposed rule 2021R-08, "Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached 'Stabilizing Braces,'" amending ATF's regulations to clarify when a rifle is "intended to be fired from the shoulder."

The proposed rule outlines the factors ATF would consider 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, or a "rifle" or "firearm" subject to regulation under the National Firearms Act.

### What is Proposed in this Rulemaking?

#### The proposed rule would:

- Amend the definition of "rifle" in <u>27 CFR 478.11</u> and <u>479.11</u>, respectively, by adding a sentence at the end of each definition to clarify that the term "rifle" includes any weapon with a rifled barrel and equipped with an attached "stabilizing brace" that has objective design features and characteristics that indicate that the firearm is designed to be fired from the shoulder.
- Set forth a worksheet "Factoring Criteria for Rifled Barrel Weapons with Accessories commonly referred to as 'Stabilizing Braces," ATF Worksheet 4999, to aid the firearms industry and public in understanding the criteria that ATF considers when evaluating firearm samples that are submitted with an attached "stabilizing brace" or similar component or accessory.

This proposed rule would not affect "stabilizing braces" that are objectively designed and intended as a "stabilizing brace" for use by individuals with disabilities, and not for shouldering the weapon as a rifle. Such stabilizing braces are designed to conform to the arm and not as a buttstock.

### **Comments on ATF's New "Frame or Receiver" Rule Now Open**



SUPPORT NRA-ILA On May 21, ATF published a new proposed rule in the Federal Register entitled *Definition of "Frame or Receiver" and Identification of Firearms*. That publication triggered the opening of the proposed rule to <u>public comments</u>. The comment period will remain open until August 19, 2021.

While the Justice Department has focused on the impact that this new rule would have on privately made firearms, and the proposed rule would destroy that unique aspect of American freedom, the proposal goes well beyond privately made firearms.

The proposed rule would create new definitions for the terms "firearm frame or receiver," "frame or receiver," "firearm," "gunsmith," "complete weapon," "complete muffler or silencer device," "privately made firearm," and "readily." The new definitions make it possible for firearms to have more than one "frame or receiver." A conclusion that is both at odds with the controlling federal statute and could disrupt the entire industry. In addition to these changes, ATF is seeking to create an entirely new process for licensed firearm dealers to apply serial numbers to unserialized firearms that come into their possession and to require the indefinite storage of firearm records by licensees. That requirement likewise has no basis in federal statutes. In effect, the rule would mean that many manufacturers would need to get pre-approval from ATF for new firearm designs.

Due to the discretionary scheme created by the rule, the ATF Director would be given an incredible amount of power over the firearm industry. This comes at a time when President Biden has nominated <u>anti-gun lobbyist and gun ban proponent David Chipman</u> to head the ATF. This draft rule is just one more reason why it's extremely important for all gun owners to <u>contact their Senators</u> and ask that they vote against Chipman's confirmation. NRA-ILA will provide more detailed explanations of the many problems with this proposed in the coming weeks as well as filing comments on this terrible rule on behalf of all NRA members. If you wish to comment in the meantime, please keep the following in mind.

These are ATF's instructions for submitting comments:

You may submit comments, identified by docket number ATF 2021R-05, by any of the following methods—

Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
 Mail: Andrew Lange, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Programs and Services, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 99 New York Ave. NE, Mail Stop 6N-518, Washington, DC 20226; ATTN: ATF 2021R-05.

#### • Fax: (202) 648-9741.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number (ATF 2021R-05) for this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPRM" or "proposed rule"). All properly completed comments received will be posted without change to the Federal eRulemaking portal, www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

ATF also provided the following contact information for any questions regarding the proposed rule: Andrew Lange, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Programs and Services, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice, 99 New York Ave. NE, Mail Stop 6N-518, Washington, DC 20226; telephone: (202) 648-7070 (this is not a toll-free number).

In addition to these technical requirements, it's important to keep the following in mind when submitting comments.

- Comments must be professional and respectful. While it is extremely frustrating, to say the least, that the Biden Administration is attempting to blame law-abiding gun owners for the actions of criminals, making comments that include profanity will make it easy for ATF to summarily reject those comments.
   Comments should focus on the arbitrary nature of the proposed rule. The fact that it is essentially impossible to determine when a piece of metal or plastic becomes a firearm under the proposed rule and leaves such an important determination to administrative fiat makes the proposed rule incompatible with American principles of due process of law.
- Comments should be individualized and focus on how the proposed rule would impact the commenter. ATF will treat all identical comments as a single comment, so it is important to avoid using a form comment.

Comments can be submitted directly through <u>regulation.gov.</u> Please check back to <u>www.nraila.org</u> soon for more information on this burdensome, arbitrary, and unconstitutional proposed rule.