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# **Upcoming Events**

UW-OSHKOSH Sectional Indoor Open NRA 3 & 4 Position and Precision Air Standing March 4,5,11&12, 2017

BOYS & GIRLS BRIGADE NEENAH Sectional Indoor Junior NRA 4 Position March 11 and 12, 2017

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB <u>State Championship</u> Indoor Open NRA Metric Position March 18 and 19, 2017

DEPERE SPORTSMENS CLUB State Championship Indoor Junior NRA 3&4 Position March 24, 25 and 26, 2017

BELOIT RIFLE CLUB <u>State Championship</u> Indoor Conventional Open Pistol April 7, 8 and 9, 2017

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB Full-Bore LR Individual Fund Raiser April 8, 2017

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB Palma Individual Fund Raiser April 9, 2017

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB CMP Junior Club Fund Raiser April 15, 2017

RACINE COUNTY LINE RIFLE CLUB CMP Garand Match April 22, 2017

EAU CLAIRE NATIONAL RIFLE CLUB Mid-Range 4 gun 600 April 29, 2017

EAU CLAIRE NATIONAL RIFLE CLUB 80 shot NMC April 30, 2017

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB Palma Individual, Iron Sight, and 1000yd Long Range <u>Regional</u> MAY 6, 2017

Visit our web page for more information and other events: https://www.wisconsinforce.org/

# Wisconsin Force's 2016 Club of the year, Eau Claire National Rifle Club



The Eau Claire National Rifle Club (ECNRC)was first formed in 1922, north of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and eventually moved in 1948 to its present location. It was originally formed to teach rifle

marksmanship and is still committed to that same principle today. Responsible/safe use of small arms is also a big part of the club as well as providing an environment for social interaction by those interested in all varieties of the shooting sports. The club is also committed to encouraging participation in the shooting sports by members and nonmembers alike.

ECNRC offers several types of shooting disciplines. They include High-power, Schuetzen shooting and Silhouette. As for High-Power we have 4 NRA approved Mid-Range matches and 4 Over the course matches. In 2016 we offered our first CMP EIC rifle match in many years and will be offering it again in 2017. Every year we have two M1 Garand matches along with two M1A matches. Schuetzen shooting offers 3 matches a year with one of them being <u>ISSA North Central Regional.</u>

The ECNRC offers Junior Air Rifle and Junior High-Power. That is open to youth between the ages of 10 and 20. The main focus is safety, precision rifle shooting and competing in Air Rifle and Service rifle competitions. Currently Eau Claire has one of the top Juniors in the state and in the nation in High-Power shooting. The ECNRC also has an open door to the states All Guard Team who train there regularly in the summer months. This has also helped produce one of the nation's best All Guard Shooters and Team. They have attributed their success to the use of our range.

Along with an open door to the All Guard Team, ECNRC also allows the local law enforcement sniper and special units use the range. In 2016 the range was used by regional law enforcement for a week and had participants come all around the country. ECNRC is dedicated to serving those who serve us and our community.

ECNRC also offers a "Hunters Sight-in" the two weekends before deer season. These weekends the range is opened to the public so hunters can make sure that the firearm they are planning to use for deer hunting operates safely and is properly sighted-in. Club members with expertise in long range shooting are available to assist those who are sighting in rifles and provide coaching on safety and technique.

As you can see by the list of activities at the ECNRC, that are open to members of the Eau Claire area community, the club is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of firearms by law abiding citizens as well as offering several types of shooting sports for participation by individuals in the community.

# Wisconsin Force's 2016 Member of the year Robert P. Wendt



This year's Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs and Education member of the year is Bob Wendt. He has been, and continues to be a staunch defender of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment and of shooting sports. He is active in Highpower Rifle Competition, muzzleloader events, and shotgun shooting. Bob is also actively involved in coaching, as well as volunteering for the Fox Valley Friends of the NRA.

As a member of Nicolet Rifle Club, a Wisconsin FORCE Patriot Club, Bob is a weekly volunteer coach for junior smallbore and highpower rifle practices. In 2012, Bob was a

charter coaching member of the rejuvenated Highpower Junior State Team. Bob has become such a role model to these young marksmen that the entire junior team refers to him as "Uncle Bob."

Bob's best quality is that he is always willing to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment in any way he can. Whether is it shooting in competitions, mentoring juniors, volunteering for Friends dinners, or supporting pro-gun candidates, Bob always works for our rights.

Wisconsin FORCE is Proud to present Bob Wendt with the 2016 member of the year.

# **2017 Wisconsin Force Junior Raffle- M1 Garand**

Contact Dave Holub at s dave@wisconsinforce.org to purchase tickets

All Proceeds support the Wisconsin FORCE Juniors. Drawing to be held Sunday April 9, 2017, 1 p.m. Central Wisconsin Gun Collectors Association Gun Show, Fond Du Luc Fairgrounds, 495 Martin Avenue, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935. \$20 per ticket and Only 300 Tickets will be sold! ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS APPLY to ALL C. RAFFLES – NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

# 2016 BEN KASPER MEMORIAL AWARD Goes to Bryan Melville



The Ben Kasper Memorial Award is Wisconsin FORCE Junior Service Rifle Team's award for most improved junior shooter. The award is named after Ben Kasper. Ben was a distinguished high master junior shooter for the Wisconsin Service Rifle Team. He earned his distinguished badge at the age of 17. He was also a firing member of the 2004 National Junior Champion Two Man (Whistler Boy) team and the champion National Infantry Trophy (Rattle Battle) team. In 2006, Ben passed away at the age of 21 after a long struggle with cancer. This award honors Ben's

Picture above is 2016 award winner Bryan Melville relentless pursuit of excellence and the ideals of hard work and improvement that he exemplified in all areas of his life- especially the shooting sports.

The Ben Kasper award is determined by a junior shooter's improvement in their Camp Perry aggregate (the combined total of their scores in the President's 100, the National Trophy Individual, the National Trophy Team (six man team) and the National Junior Trophy (two man team match)) between one summer and the next. The award winner, Bryan Melville, was firing Master scores in 2015, which makes his improvement of 87-16x in 2016 even more impressive.

This past year, Bryan and his teammate Riley Stewart won a Freedoms Fire medal in the National 2 man team match. He was also a member of Wisconsin FORCE Cheddar- the second place junior team. Bryan also earned his Excellence in Competition Badge from the CMP. Beyond his shooting, Bryan also exemplifies qualities of hard work, respect, coachability, and sportsmanship.

### Wisconsin Force News/Updates

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## Message From The President, Mike Stewart

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Ranges Clubs & Educators;

Thank you to all that took the time to come out to our Annual Convention on January 28th at Dale's Westin Lanes. At this year's convention, we used the Annual Membership Meeting to kick off our goals and plan for 2017. The following is a synopsis of that plan.

The first, and arguably the most important topic at the meetings, was to reaffirm our commitment to have progun representation in Madison for our members, ranges and clubs. Bob Welch has done a great job as our lobbyist and will continue to do so in the future. Bob has the experience, connections and expertise to be successful in getting pro-gun bills passed through the legislature and, just as importantly, to also help kill the bad bills.

The anti-gun lobby is relentless and cunning in their mission to whittle away the second amendment rights of Wisconsinites. Therefore, we must be equally relentless in repelling their attacks on a *daily* basis in Madison. We are also committed to communicate to our members timely updates on our legislative work and encourage membership engagement in the legislative process.

The next item that we presented to our members was our promise of running a balanced budget for the Association. In order to do this, we have dramatically cut spending as well as working hard to increase our fundraising efforts. Please pay attention to our newsletters, as we prepare to increase our number of state-sanctioned shooting championships. We also plan to have our own fundraising event this year in Green Bay. By increasing championships and hosting a large fundraiser, we will most assuredly increase our ability to attract new members.

In order to balance our budget, last June Wisconsin FORCE decided to move forward without an executive director. Because of this move we are now financially in the black but the workload for the board of directors has increased tremendously. As a board, we filled our open board seats by appointment and then divided up the workload as it's laid out in our bylaws, with seven standing committees.

The way our standing committees are organized, the workload of the board is now clearly defined and evenly distributed. In accordance with our bylaws each board member must serve as an officer of the board or on at least one standing committee. We laid out our standing committees so that we have two board members serving on each committee.

Additionally, individual board members may not serve on more than <u>two</u> standing committees and may only serve as the chairman of <u>one</u> standing committee. This is done to ensure the even distribution of our workload. We also opened a spot for a non-board member to serve on each committee, which helps prep new blood to serve on future boards and also provides an opportunity for our members to get involved. Anyone that serves on the Wisconsin FORCE board of directors *will* have a job assignment and they *will* be expected to do work. On a very positive note; many hands make light work, so if we all pitch in and do our jobs, no single board member shall be overloaded with job assignments. So far this plan is working and our board is extremely united in it's effort to grow the Association.

Our newly formed Standing Committees are organized as follows:

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#### 1. Member Services Committee

-Non-Board Member:

Contact: sara@wisconsinforce.org		5. Club and Range Support Committee		
-Chairman:	Sara Holub	Contact: jeffr@wisconsinforce.org		
-Second Board Member:	Dave Holub	-Chairman:	Jeff Rowsam	
-Non-Board Member:		-Second Board Member: -Non-Board Member:	Jim Schonke	
2. Communications Committee				
Contact: kaleb@wisconsinf	orce.org			
-Chairman:	Kaleb Hall	6. Coordination Committee		
-Second Board Member:	James Melville	Contact: jim@wisconsinforce.org		
-Non-Board Member:		-Chairman:	Jim Schonke	
		-Second Board Member:	Jeff Rowsam	
3. Competition Committee		-Non-Board Member:		
Contact: brady@wisconsinforce.org				
-Chairman:	Brady Westling	7. Legislative Affairs Committee		
-Second Board Member:		Contact: dale@wisconsinforce.org		
-Non-Board Member:	Jeffery Davies	-Chairman:	Dale Anhalt	
	-	-Second Board Member:	Mike Stewart	
4. Education and Training Committee		-Non-Board Member:	Greg Egan III	
Contact: james@wisconsinforce.org				
-Chairman:	James Melville			
-Second Board Member:	Dale Anhalt			

One Final item that we discussed at our Annual Meeting was our new website. We are contracting with a professional web developer to re-design our website so that it is informative, attractive and easy to navigate. We will also incorporate a simplified membership management system. If you have any website suggestions or ideas contact either myself or the Communications Committee.

As you can see, our board has been busy and is very committed to the mission of Wisconsin Firearm Owners Ranges Clubs and Educators. We hope to represent our membership in a way that encourages membership involvement and engagement. Thank you for being a Wisconsin FORCE member and please encourage your fellow Firearm Owners to join our organization.

Thank You,

**Michael Stewart** 

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Ranges, Clubs and Education	Membership Application NEW MEMBER RENEWAL Please fill out and return to: Wisconsin FORCE, PO Box 130, Seymour, WI 54165-0130 Make checks payable to: Wisconsin FORCE Club Patriot Member: 1 Year (\$250) Annual membership and donation!		
Member Dues: Adult 1 Year - \$20 Life - \$250 Membership ends with the passing of a member or dissolution of a corporation. Members are responsible to keep their personal information current. Junior Member / Under 18 Years FREE			
Make a donation:\$20\$50\$100\$200\$500\$1000\$5000Other \$If paying by credit card, name and address above MUST match exactly the billing info for credit cardVISAMasterDiscover Card Number			
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E-mail (required to receive newsletter and updates):			
Name:	Date of Birth/_/		
Address City, State, Zip Code			
Where did you hear about Wisconsin FORCE? Clubs that you are a member of. I certify that I am not now, and never have been, a			
member of any organization which has in any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by			
force or violence, and that I have never been convicted of a felony, crime of violence, or misdemeanor domestic violence, and I am			
not otherwise prohibited from owning firearms. If admitted to membership in the Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs &			
Educators Inc., I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship, and I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America			
and the Second Amendment thereto. Signature Date Date			
Donations to Wisconsin FORCE are not refundable or transferable and are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for tax			
purposes			

## **Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges Clubs and Education**

#### 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. Wisconsin FORCE 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 Wisconsin FORCE.

**Please join us today!** 

# Wisconsin Firearm Owners Ranges, Clubs and Education

# **Junior Supporters**



## Saturday, May 20, 2016 8:00am - 3:00pm

Vendors / Exhibitors Go to: <u>https://www.wisconsinforce.org/GunShow</u> For registration. Outagamie County Fairgrounds/Seymour Speedway, N627 Main St., Seymour, WI 54165 Show Hours: Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; Food & Beverages on premises

- All firearms, except those concealed by permit holders, must be brought onto the property unloaded and will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Magazines must be removed (if removable) and unloaded.
- Firearms will be kept unloaded and strapped in a manner to prevent loading or firing.
- Concealed Carry Welcome No Open Carry All personal defense firearms must remain holstered with the safety on (if applicable to your model of handgun), single action revolvers must have the hammers resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type integral safety mechanism, and may only be handled in lawful self-defense.
- No gunsmith or reloading work is allowed.
- All ammunition will remain in sealed containers.
- Black powder or Pyrodex is prohibited at our shows.
- The responsibility for all sales/purchases rest with the parties to these transactions. It is suggested to check a photo identification and Concealed Carry Permit (if available) to ensure buyer is legal and a Wisconsin resident. Snapping a photo also protects the buyer and seller.
- No Gun Deals are allowed at the food tables, in the entrance, or outside the building on fairground property.
- No Alcohol is allowed.
- No pets are allowed. Service animal's only.
- No smoking inside the building.
- No vendor signs are allowed above tables or on walls.
- No fund activities are allowed unless approved prior to the show.
- Wisconsin FORCE is not responsible for Fire or Theft
- All Federal and State Laws Apply.
- Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs, & Educators, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entrance or remove anyone with no refund.

