

SOUTHPORT MASTERS

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.

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Fall 2016



Scott Lauder

A message from the President

- Scott Lauder -

Welcome new members:
Kurt Christiansen,
Dave Gandee, Walton Landree,

Welcome back:
Michael Christiansen,
Elizabeth Russell

Hi Southport Members,

Thank you for your confidence in me as your new club president. I know I have big shoes to fill after Tom Becker's ten years of leadership. I'm pleased to work with the other fine people elected on June 14th: Ken Normandy, Vice President, Bill Means, Treasurer, and Jon Speck, Secretary. We also have an excellent cohort of directors and chairpersons who help do the vital work behind the scenes. These are: Steve Close and Dora Potekin, Membership Co-Chair; Nick Kasemeotes, Match Director; Tom Becker, Communications Chair; Jim Conti, Maintenance Chair; Tony DelFrate, Rental Property Chair; and Beau Bosovich, Hunter Education Director. Bill Means has agreed to continue serve as Pistol League Director in addition to his duties as Treasurer and Jon Speck will continue as Rifle Team Captain as well as Secretary. These men and women are the key to making the club run smoothly.

Jim Conti may be contacting many of us soon to help with the ongoing maintenance of the range, clubhouse and outside grounds. Please lend a hand when he calls to help keep the range in top shape for all of our use. Dues credits will apply.

In order to keep our liability insurance up-to-date and as low as possible, we must all maintain and verify our NRA membership. To that end, Steve Close and Dora Potekin will be contacting each of us for proof of membership. Our goal is to have this completed by January 2017. When asked, please provide the requested information. Thank you.

Nick and Jon are again coordinating our Annual Oktoberfest Match and Sporter Rifle Match. These will occur the weekend of October 7, 8, and 9th. These are fun events sponsored by Southport Masters. Sign-up and come enjoy some fine shooting with other club members and the general shooting community.

The Fall .22 Caliber Pistol League will be starting in mid-September. Watch for the flyer and sign-up sheets in the clubhouse. Last year's shooters will have priority to times and dates, but Bill informs me that there are open slots and we can expand the number of relays to accommodate all members who want to participate in the league. The leagues are also a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to Bullseye shooting and Southport Masters. Leagues are open to the non-members as well as members.

The Rifle Team will continue to shoot on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Jon welcomes any and all members interested in small bore rifle to come to one of the days to shoot with and possibly join the team.

Information about these and all of the Southport activities is available on our website and the Members Only Page. The password is: 22caliber Check out the website calendar for an up-to-date look at Southport activities and range closings.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and safe indoor shooting season. I look forward to seeing you on the range...

-Scott

Southport Gun Club, Inc. is a not-for-profit membership organization, established in 1954 to promote the shooting sports. The Club features a regulation, 10 station, indoor range with turning targets, suitable for Conventional Pistol and Small Bore Rifle shooting. Both pistol and rimfire rifle leagues, and competitions, are sponsored by the club. All members must be NRA members.

Air Pistol League

Bill Means has agreed to facilitate a .177 cal. air pistol league running 24 weeks during the Fall/Winter indoor season. Members may sign up at the club. In addition to being a great way to improve your own scores, this is a great opportunity to get younger shooters started in pistol competitive pistol sports.

The course of fire will be 10 shots at a single NRA B-40, "10 Meter Air Pistol Target" every 2 weeks. Iron sights only! Targets are to be turned in on the 1st and 15th of each month beginning September 15th self-scored with name.

This league may be shot at the club or at home. At the range, targets are posted at 10 meters distance. Target holders are hung from the ceiling and the bullet trap plywood panels are opened to prevent pellets from bouncing back. At home, a simple 22 caliber steel trap or a cardboard box filled with newspapers are appropriate. Most basements will provide a 10 meter (33 foot) distance to comply.

The fee will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of targets and awards.

A Daisy Model 777 single shot pump air pistol was standard competitive equipment in years past. Avanti is still offering the Model 714 and 747. The Gamo Compact Target looks promising and if you're on a budget, the Beeman Model P17 should get you started. Similar air pistols can be found on the internet both used and new. Check out: www.airgundepot.com/competition-air-pistols.html

Please give Bill a call if you have any questions or suggestions. (262) 697-1672.



NRA Membership is Required to Maintain Southport Membership

According to the club's bylaws, all members must also be NRA members. All new members must provide their NRA number prior to acceptance into the club. To maintain our status as a Gold Medal Club, we must also insure that all members remain NRA members. At our May regular meeting, Steve Close, Membership Chairman, was asked to develop a plan for checking NRA membership status. We also elected not to submit a club roster to the NRA for checking in favor of simply asking for membership validation from each individual. To implement this validation, at the beginning of each year Steve will simply ask for the mailing label (or a photo copy) from one of our NRA publications, (American Hunter, 1st Freedom or American Rifleman) or valid membership card, be sent to him in snail mail or in an e-mail. The club members present at the August regular meeting voted to have Steve shut down the electronic access key for any member who does not comply by the end of February. After validation, keys will be turned back on at the next regular meeting. Dues will not be recoverable for the time an individual key is shut down.

Southport at Camp Perry



Dora Potekin

3rd place in the Women's category Bullseye competition at Camp Perry shooting 2438-39X.

Aaron Stempeck

(below left) earned Top Navy for National Trophy Individual. He shot 485-12X, 1st Place, winning the Wyatt Trophy in CMP High Power Rifle.



Mid-State Rifle League

Dave Christenson was recognized as Individual Champion In the Mid-state Rifle League with a 395.4 average. He lead the Southport Team that swept the league with a record of 89 wins and 1 loss. (The 1 loss was by only 1 point!)



Past President Recognized for His Service to the Club.

At the August 2016 regular meeting, club President **Scott Lauder** presented a plaque to **Tom Becker**, in appreciation of his past 10 year's service as club President. The club officers have also established an annual award in Tom's name to recognize members who contribute exemplary time and effort to club operations. One member of the club will be recognized annually and his/her name will be added to the plaque shown below.

The club is a treasure to the local shooting community. We must all do our part to keep it.



Range Courtesy

It seems that certain members are blatantly leaving the doors propped open between the office and range when they leave. As mentioned numerous times in the past, the air handling systems are designed to minimize lead exposure and heating/ventilation cost. These systems require that the doors remain closed. That's why we added spring closers to the door hinges. **PLEASE don't prop the doors open!!!**

Someone also left the water running in the sink in the men's room. Hey, members, please try to be alert when you leave. A list is posted at the front door to help remind us to shut things down and to leave the range in proper shape for the next user.

SOUTHPORT MASTERS "A Good Place to Shoot"

For more information on club operations, events and membership visit our website:

www.southportgunclub.org



Official Club Jackets

Club Jackets are available from The "Lettering Machine" in Kenosha. You can also have the club logo embroidered onto the front or back of any shirt, vest or jacket you own for about \$35.00.

A printable order form is available on the club's website, Members Only page, password "22caliber"

Sizes: (Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)

Personalized: Your name can be printed on the front.

Price: Small to XL - \$70.00 2X - 5X \$75.00

HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Beau Bosovich, certified Wisconsin DNR Hunter Education Instructor/trainer. For information on class schedules e-mail:

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FIREARMS SAFETY IS OUR FORMOST POLICY AT SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.

- Legally carried personal protection weapons must remain holstered or concealed at all times.
- Uncased firearms must be unloaded with magazines removed, and slides locked back or cylinders open.
- On the range, there will be no handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- All shooters and spectators must wear eye and ear protection on the range.

CCW Training Policy Reminders

A number of members are providing firearms safety classes for concealed carry weapons training. Please remember:

- CCW programs may not interfere with member access to the range.
Note: NRA courses do have priority over member access.
- All participants must sign the Release and Indemnification form.
- A \$10.00 fee is required from participants using the range for live fire exercises.
- Guns introduced to the shooting line must be unloaded and in a case. Muzzles must remain pointed down-range at all times.
- Use of ECU's (empty chamber indicators) is required.
- No shooting from in front of the yellow line.
Note: an adjustable-height target holder may be placed at mid-range. To minimize damage to the plywood back splash panels, please use lanes #1 and #10 for CCW exercises.
- No "quick draw," "shooting from the hip" or "spray and pray."
- No human images or human-like silhouette targets may be posted.
- More than 5 shooters requires additional range safety officers.
- All other range restrictions and maintenance activities apply.

Mid-range target placement for safety

Because the ballistic steel in the bullet trap is comprised of 10 separate plates, there are gaps between them. The top of these plates are located about 10 inches below the top of the trap, thus creating another sharp edge. Therefore, to protect the trap and minimize bullet splatter, it is imperative that all shots are carefully aimed at a target that is placed on the target holders.

If a mid-range target holder is used, it must be positioned so that the target is located directly between the individual shooter's eye and the center of a ballistic steel plate. As shown in the photo at the right, the target must be posted exactly centered under one of the lane numbers that are just above the trap. It must also be located at the same visual height as the target holders either side of the adjacent lanes.



Jim Conti has accepted the appointment of **Maintenance Chairman** for the club. Please report any maintenance needs to Jim and be sure to respond positively when he calls for help with projects. **(262) 770-5415**



Southport Gun Club, Inc. is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, Wisconsin FORCE (Firearms Owners, Ranges, Clubs, and Educators) and the S.E. Wisconsin Rifle Association.

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