# SOUTHPORT ASTERS

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BULLET'N

WINTER 2014

Welcome new members: Gerald Hannum



A message from the President

- Tom Becker -

Jim Conte

Dear Southport Members.

We are pleased that Illinois has finally joined the ranks of all the other States and will soon initiate a CCW licensing option for its citizens and those of the other states. A number of our members are interested in providing Illinois CCW training sessions at the club. This brings up some concerns that are discussed on the next page. Be sure to attend the January 14th regular meeting at 7:00 PM to express your thoughts on future range usage.

The NRA Indoor Pistol Sectional is scheduled for January 24-26, 2014. This is a 90 round, 22 cal. rimfire, competition. We are also sponsoring the Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championships this April, 11-13, 2013. Match flyers are posted on our website. Contact Nick Kasemeotes, Match Director, see below:

Our rifle team will be sponsoring the State Small Bore Championships on March 21-23, 2014. The rifle team is looking for new members (see p.4). Contact Dave Christenson, (262) 902-3718, for more information.

As shown on the next page, the Winter Pistol League gets going this month. I encourage the entire membership to participate. The Fall Pistol League banquet is scheduled for January 19th - see the invitation on page 2.

Scott Lauder, club Secretary and newly appointed Webmaster, has offered to manage a "Classified Ads" section in the Members Only page on our website. If you have personal items or services to sell or are interested in buying, that are related to our hobby, simply submit your ad material to secretary@southportgunclub.org and Scott will post it for you. Pictures may be included and be sure to provide your contact information. You may want to make it a habit to check the Members Only page (password 22caliber) regularly. You'll also find monthly meeting minutes, past newsletters and other membership information. The Events Calendar page is handy for checking range usage.

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Best of the new year (our 60th Anniversary) to you all...

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# NRA 22 Cal. Indoor Pistol **SECTIONAL**

Conventional Pistol Rules Apply, 90 rounds individual plus 30 rounds team

**January 24-26, 2014** 

Friday 7:00 PM (Southport Members Priority) Saturday & Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00 PM

> Entry Fee: \$35.00 Checks Payable to Southport Masters Awards: NRA Points

Email: matchdirector@southportgunclub.org Please include your Name, classification, phone number, and relay desired. (See form at www.southportgunclub.org). Your reservation will be confirmed via email.

Or Phone: Nick Kasemeotes (443) 421-5446

# WISCONSIN INDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

**April 11-13, 2014** 

2-gun 1800

Fees: .22 only \$25.00 Across the board \$35.00 RELAYS: Friday 6:30 PM. Saturday and Sunday 8:30AM and 12:30 PM.

> All shooters must be NRA and Wisconsin-FORCE Members

Email: matchdirector@southportgunclub.org Please include your Name, classification, phone number, and relay desired. (See form at www.southportgunclub.org). Your reservation will be confirmed via email. Or Phone: Nick Kasemeotes (443) 421-5446







# **Nick Kasemeotes Accepts Appointment** as **Pistol Match Director**

It's been kind of a rocky road with match directors this last year. Ron Settle, who has served as Match Director very well through the last few seasons, had to give up the position due to changes in his occupational responsibilities. We were unable to find a new Match Director since the close of the last season.

Fortunately, Paul Baumann stepped back into the position and managed the Octoberfest 1800 with help from Erik Lundquist. However, the Indoor Pistol Sectional and Wisconsin State Indoor Pistol Championships were both in jeopardy of even being offered this season. We are very fortunate that Nick responded to our call for help and volunteered to pick up the job. He, Paul and Ron have met numerous times to download the details of coordinating these events. We promised Nick that the membership was both able and willing to help him out. Therefore, when he calls for range officer, score keeper or set-up assistance, be sure to respond positively. And, one month's dues credit is earned for every four hours if time given to the club.

To show our appreciation, let's all participate in these events as well. Event flyers can be found on the club's website: **www.southportgunclub.org** 

The **NRA** publishes a **FREE** monthly digital magazine "**Shooting Sports USA**." It links all upcoming registered and sanctioned competitions across the country. It also features very interesting articles on firearms, ammo, equipment and competitive activities. If you're not already getting it, check out: **www.nrapublications.org/ssusa/** 

## **BB-Gun Challenge**



Seventeen Cub Scouts from Pack 353 participated in the BB-Gun Challenge this last November 6th. Many thanks to Gerry Buhnerkempe who assisted with range officer duties.



## Southport Range and CCW Training Programs by Tom Becker

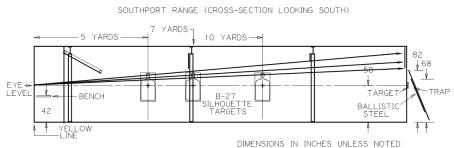
It has been our policy to promote training for CCW permits. However, to minimize the imposition on member access, we established a number of restrictions to limit this type of range usage. We are now faced with further demand on the range for upcoming Illinois CCW training requirements. Where Wisconsin permits requires a minimal amount of class time and no live-fire exercises at all, the Illinois training program includes 16 hours of instruction including 30 rounds of close range, (5, 7 and 10 yards) live-fire exercises and the use of a B-27 human silhouette target.

We have already found that CCW type weapons (short barrel semi-auto and pocket sized revolvers), especially in the hands of inexperienced shooters, will result in misses that can extend a couple of feet off target at 50 feet—our backstop is clear evidence of this. Although caliber restrictions are already in place, 9mm, 40cal and similar ammunition must strike the ballistic steel plates attached to the old 1/4 in. boiler plate trap. Unfortunately, the steel plates are not contiguous. There are gaps between them and large areas above and below them, the edges of which will fragment and ricochet the bullets in all directions. For this reason no one may shoot from in front of the yellow line and we employ the plywood back splash panels just in front of the trap to minimize the hazard.

To shorten the range, we suggest using a target stand in front of the yellow line that can be adjusted for height. Height adjustment insures that a short shooter is not aiming upwards resulting in his/her shots ending up over the top of the trap.

The use of human silhouette targets has always been forbidden at Southport Masters to insure that the public does not get the impression that we are training people to shoot other people. It is a matter of political correctness. Unfortunately, the B-27 target that is mandated for the Illinois CCW training requirements is not only a human silhouette it is also 24 inches wide and 46 inches tall. As shown in the sketch below, shots anywhere above center will certainly miss the trap all together. (continued on page 3)





## Fall Pistol League Banquet—Jan 19th

Sunday, at Birchwood Grill (Hwy 50 and 194), at 6:30PM. The entire club membership is invited to attend, whether or not you shot the Fall league. Dinner is \$15.00 (includes tip) per plate for the Birchwood standard buffet. No reservations necessary.

# Winter Centerfire Pistol League

30 rounds RF, 30 rounds CF

Registration/Practice Week January 19-25, 2014 League begins Week of January 26, 2014

Sign up sheets posted at the club or contact: **Bill Means wmjmeans@gmail.com** 

Bring a new shooter!

—12 weeks—

Individual fee: Members & Family \$35.00 Non-member \$100.00

Fees include range time, targets, trophies and banquet.

All league shooters must be NRA members.



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## 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. Submit your jacket order to Nick for quick processing using the form below:

Address	
City	State Zip
Phone	Email
Size	(Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X)
Name as you w	yould like it sewn on the front.
Total Cost:	Small to XL - $$62.50 + (tax $3.44) = $65.94$
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Please fill out this form and include your check made out to: "The Lettering Machine"

Mail to: Nick Kasemeotes 7813 55<sup>th</sup> Ave Kenosha, WI 53142

## **CCW Training Programs**

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At the December club meeting one of our members, who would like to do at least the live-fire portion of the Illinois CCW course on our range, presented the idea of shooting the backside of the silhouette target with a normal indoor bullseye sized target facing the shooter. This would provide a smaller aiming point and, if installed low on an adjustable target stand, could improve the likelihood of hitting the ballistic steel within the trap. Note: the Illinois rules require that individual B-27 targets be retained by the instructor for 5 years. Thus the human silhouette would not be visible during use, complying with the club's existing policy, and the targets would surely be removed from the club, after the shooting exercises, by the instructor.

To research the potential liability of bringing non-members into the club for live-fire CCW training, Club treasurer, Bill Means has contacted our NRA insurance carrier. The insurance carrier advised that anyone who is using the range for monetary gain must be a certified instructor and must carry a minimum of \$1 million in liability coverage and that the policy must specifically list Southport Gun Club, Inc. as an additional insured. Such coverage costs about \$315/year.

Bill also asked about Boy Scout rifle shooting merit badge instruction and the Wisconsin Hunter Ed programs that we run regularly throughout the year. We learned that these programs are already covered under our present liability insurance. (These organizations retain their own insurance and also require certified instructors of their own qualifications). We were advised that members doing instruction courses on a "not-for-profit" basis are also covered under the existing plan.

Bill has also been monitoring our utility and backstop repair costs and will try to formulate a cost/day for range usage. Note: last months power usage was \$650.00! The data may suggest that we adjust our present \$10.00 per person fee for live-fire exercises somewhat.

At the December regular club meeting the discussion on Illinois CCW training was tabled and referred to a three-man committee, including Erik Lundquist, Nick Kasemeotes and Dave Christenson. Erik volunteered to chair the committee. They are to consider the issue of silhouette targets and close range shooting by novice CCW trainees. This committee will study the present policies, range logistics, restrictions and liabilities, and will consider safety options available in a recommendation at the January regular club meeting. Members with questions, and/or those interested in contributing ideas or simply expressing concerns should attend the meeting to offer input on the subject.

The club belongs to the members at large. Membership includes 24/7 access to the range unless there are regularly scheduled leagues, competitions or training sessions on the schedule. We may simply want to limit the number of hours given up to CCW training. Let's hear what you think—attend the meeting.

## Southport Rifle Team News by David Christenson

## **Small-bore Rifle Leagues and Matches**

The Southport team won the 2012 and 2013 Mid-State Postal league and needs newcomers to help win the 2014 season. The league begins January 5, 2014. If you are interested in trying out small-bore rifle, the Southport Rifle Team is always looking for and willing to assist new shooters.

#### Rifle Choices

Any 22 cal. rimfire rifle can be used. Most small-bore rifle matches are Open Class which allows the use of both iron sights or scoped rifles. Competitors use bolt action rifle or match style rifles, such as the Winchester model 75, 52, Remington 37, 40X, 513 or 540. More experienced or expert shooters are now using Anschutz 64, 54 and Walther rifles.

Small-bore rifle shooting is all about precision and the old and new bolt actions' get the job done very well. The matches are shot in prone, kneeling, sitting and standing positions. Bolt action rifles are preferred for their smooth, easy loading, and inherent accuracy in all four positions. This is very apparent during competitions and shows up in higher individual and team scores.

## Courses of fire, Rifle Positions and Time allowed

The course of fire for NRA Conventional Position is known as "4P." It is a single round loading, with unlimited sighting shots and requires 10 rounds per target for record scoring on the NRA A-17 target. 10 minutes is allowed per target in prone and sitting, kneeling and standing positions.

The course of fire for NRA Metric Position, also known as "3P," is also single round loading. However, sighting shots are limited in number, with 10 rounds for record on the USA-50 Target. 10 minutes is allowed per target for prone, 15 minutes per target for kneeling and 20 minutes per target for standing positions.

Other indoor and outdoor International courses of fire are shot in the Olympics USA shooting events and NRA Sectional Events.

## The Southport Team participates in Air rifle, Small-bore rifle and High-power rifle events.

A number of the Southport members also participate in the Indoor Sectional matches held at UW Oshkosh. The shoot consists of ISU (International Shooting Union) and NRA rimfire, and air rifle rules. Each of these matches include 120 rounds for small-bore rifle and 60 rounds for air rifle. These event are really a challenge and a lot of fun to shoot. To round out the annual activities, Camp Perry also facilitates small-bore rifle competitions each summer. So if you're interested in 22 rifle shooting and would like to become part of the Southport Rifle Team, join us on any Thursday evening at the club beginning early in October. We also schedule practice sessions on Sunday's through April. Match bulletins and schedules are normally posted at the range.

## Southeastern Wisconsin Rifle Association Leagues

The Southeast Wisconsin Rifle Association consists of a number of teams from local clubs. SWRA sponsors indoor Rifle Leagues for Air Rifle, Rimfire and High-power matches. The Association also handles match results and shooter classification for both teams and individuals. Classification statistics, awards and an annual banquet are provided at the end of each season.

## **Training and Practice**

The Southport Team participates in SWRA events and other matches around the state each season. We begin practicing in October for the indoor small-bore season on Thursdays. Southport team typically shoots one or two practices before the season begins. We also reserve Sundays to allow flexibility in range access. You may wonder what make a good rifle shooter into a great one. The answer is practice, practice and more practice.

### **Competitions and Leagues**

On Thursday evenings we compete in league matches between the Southport team and other teams in the Southeastern Wisconsin Association. A number of our competitor teams use the Waukesha Gun Club facility located in Waukesha. This is a semi-formal, "fun" league and the doors open at 6:00 PM, with matches beginning at 7:00 PM.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Black Earth, WI
  - January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 Small-bore Conventional 4 P Contact: Mark Thorne 608-235-1271
- Oshkosh, WI
  - February 1st and 2nd 2014 Junior Air Rifle and Small-bore indoor Sectionals Contact: Mark Bernarde 920-424-3424
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 NRA 3 Position Open Sectional and Open International Sectional Air Rifle and Small-bore Contact: Mark Bernarde 920-424-3424
- Kenosha, WI
  - March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 Wisconsin Open 3 Position State Championship Contact; David Christenson 262-902- 3718 or 262-681-0674

#### **Interested in Rifle Shooting?**

New shooters are encouraged to come and participate or observe our practice sessions to learn more about rifle competition. The team includes a number of members that have State, National and International level experience. If you're interested in Air rifle, Small-bore Rifle or High-power Rifle competition or shooting in this year's Leagues contact William Frost, Team Captain, at 847-636-8040 or David Christenson, Team Coach, at 262-902-3718.

## SOUTHPORT MASTERS

## SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC. "A Good Place to Shoot"

#### **RANGE SAFETY POLICY**

Legally carried Personal Protection weapons must remain holstered or concealed at all times. All other firearms brought into the range must be unloaded and cased. All firearm handling and usage is restricted by posted rules as enforced by the Range Safety Officer.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC., AKA "SOUTHPORT MASTERS," is a not-for-profit organization. We are a private club that supports and promotes indoor rifle and handgun shooting sports.

The club conducts business meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, at 7401-75th St., Kenosha, WI.

For insurance reasons, all members must also be National Rifle Association members.

New member candidates are sponsored by an existing club member. Applicants are interviewed by the members present at their first monthly meeting. Candidates must attend a second meeting for initiation and training. All members are expected to participate in range operations and maintenance.

Everyone using the range (shooters and spectators) must know the safety rules and sign a Release and Indemnification Form.

#### **FEES**

An initiation fee of \$70.00 is required to activate new memberships. (Includes electronic entry key). Regular dues are \$20.00 per month. Senior dues, age 75 or older, are \$5.00 per month. The first three months must also be paid by new members. Dues are paid on a quarterly, semi annual or annual basis.

#### **GUESTS**

Members may chaperone guests to the range at their convenience at \$10.00 per visit. Guest shooters are allowed three shooting visits and should seek membership for continued range use. Members are responsible for the safety and conduct of their guests.

#### **FACILITIES**

SOUTHPORT offers an official 50 foot indoor range with pneumatically controlled turning targets. The range has 10 firing lanes with overhead and floor mounted lights for target illumination.

Only .22 cal. rimfire rifles and 22 cal. rimfire, 25, 32, 380, 38 spcl, 38 Super, 9mm, 40 S&W, 44 spcl. and 45 cal. handguns allowed on range. Centerfire loads are limited to 450 ft.-lb. muzzle energy.

A computer entry system logs in all range users.

Member access is preempted during scheduled leagues and competitions.

#### 10 mm, 357 SIG, ALL MAGNUM, CASULL, SHOTGUN SLUGS AND ALL SHOT LOADS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

#### HISTORY

SOUTHPORT was conceived, funded and constructed in 1954 by local shooters.

The vitality of the range is directly related to our diverse membership and their enthusiasm toward its success. We pride ourselves in being good neighbors and contribute to the community by running firearms safety and Wisconsin DNR hunter education training programs.

The range is designed for official Conventional Indoor Pistol "Bullseye" shooting, where competitors use one hand in the off-hand standing position. Matches includes three courses of fire, Slow, Timed and Rapid. Although traditionalists shoot strictly iron sights, telescopic sights are permitted in Bullseye. Many advanced shooters use electronic illusion (red dot) type sights.

In addition to membership fees, the club derives income by sponsoring NRA sanctioned competitions. Members provide manpower to manage .22 Cal. SECTIONALS and centerfire STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. Precision rimfire rifle and air gun leagues and

competitions are also set up from time to time. For airguns, the range facilitates hanging targets at the official 10 meter (33 ft.) distance.

## ALL NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB LEAGUES AND MATCHES

#### **PISTOL LEAGUES**

SOUTHPORT sponsors two pistol leagues each year. The FALL RIMFIRE LEAGUE runs from mid-September through mid-December. Participants shoot 90 rounds each week.

Revolvers or semi-autos are permitted. Most shooters choose semi-auto target models. Four matches are run each week consisting of

SLOW FIRE - two targets, 10 rounds each, shot in 10 minutes each.

GALLERY, also called National Match Course, (NMC) - three targets, one each SLOW, TIMED and RAPID, for a total of 30 rounds.

TIMED FIRE - two targets, each shot with two

strings of 5 rounds in 20 seconds. RAPID FIRE - two targets, each shot with two strings of 5 rounds in 10 seconds.

The WINTER CENTERFIRE LEAGUE begins in January and runs approximately 13 weeks. It consists of two galleries, (10 rounds each of SLOW, TIMED AND RAPID fire) - one rimfire gallery and one centerfire gallery.

Centerfire revolvers and pistols are limited to the ammo and loads listed under "FACILITIES" in the column to the left.

The range features automatically turned targets at the 50 foot mark. Firing cadence is called by a range officer (usually a participating club member) as prescribed in the NRA rules.

Participants score each other's target. Each target holds a possible 100 point score. Very few shooters ever get a perfect score. Handicaps are calculated for league scores.

Leagues are funded separately by and for the benefit of participants. League fees include targets, awards and banquet.

#### PISTOL MATCHES

The club generally sponsors two handgun competitions each year. Both are NRA sanctioned and NRA membership is required for all participants.

The January Sectional is a .22 cal. RIMFIRE event. 90 rounds are shot as described in FALL RIMFIRE LEAGUE.

Team matches are often included for additional awards. This adds another 30 round gallery making the entire event 120 rounds.

SOUTHPORT usually sponsors the Wisconsin State Indoor Pistol Championships. Also called "1800's," these shoots include 90 rounds of rimfire and 90 rounds of centerfire. Possible perfect score is 1800 points. Official individual NRA indoor

classifications apply for sanctioned competitions. League and match fees run from \$30.00 for members to \$100.00 for non-members.

#### RIMFIRE RIFLE LEAGUE

SOUTHPORT sponsors the S.E. WISCONSIN RIFLE ASSOCIATION team on Thursdays during the Fall and Winter season. Competitors shoot here and at the range in Waukesha.

The league fee is \$5.00 per weekly match. (Non-Southport Members pay \$7.00 when shooing in

The course of fire includes 10 rounds each in prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions. 10

minutes are allowed in prone and sitting, 15 minutes in kneeling and standing.

The team is looking for new shooters, especially young people, to join them. For more information contact "Boots" Obermeyer, (262) 843-3537 in Bristol or Bill Frost, (847) 482-0479 in Lake Bluff, IL.



## HUNTER **EDUCATION** AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Beau Bosovich, certified Wisconsin **DNR Hunter Education** Instructor/trainer. For information on class schedules contact:



bdbosovich@wi.rr.com

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

- **Legally carried Personal** Protection weapons must remain holstered or concealed at all
- 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.

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John Munoz has retained the appointment of Maintenance Chairman.

Please be sure to respond positively when John calls for help with projects.

(262) 634-0214

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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## 2014 Winter/Spring CALENDAR

January 14 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

January 15 Rifle Team Begins Mid-State Postal Match (Sundays) January 19 Fall Pistol League Banquet VFW, Kenosha 6:30 PM

January 20-26 Fall Pistol League Sign-up

NRA Indoor Pistol Sectional - 22 cal. Rimfire January 24-26

Fall Pistol League Begins (12 weeks) January 26

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM February 11 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM March 11

March 21-23 **Wisconsin Small Bore Championship** Quarterly Maintenance Party (Tentative) April 5

April 8 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

April 11-13 Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championship—1800

May 13 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

June 10 **Election Meeting 7:00 PM Club Officers Election** 

# **Wisconsin-FORCE** "Wisconsin Firearms Owners,

Ranges, Clubs and Educators" is our State link to the NRA. They are also our political link to the State Legislature. Consider joining Wisconsin-FORCE to support our gun rights and sporting activities. Visit www.wiscosinforce.org for details.



## SOUTHPORT MASTERS

Southport Gun Club, Inc.

## Serving the local community:

Firearms & Home Safety Instruction Wisconsin Hunter Education NRA Sanctioned Indoor Pistol and Rimfire Rifle Competitions Indoor Pistol and Rifle Leagues 4-H Shooting Sports Program Boy Scout Merit Badge Cub Scout BB-Gun Challenge

# Southport Masters Participates in Friends of NRA Banquet, Kenosha

Southport was again well represented at the Kenosha/Racine Friends of NRA Banquet last October. Club members Paul Baumann and Erik Lundquist assisted with coordination and implementation of the event. A number of winning raffle tickets were found at our two tables including a couple of 22 cal. handguns. The next NRA banquet is being held during the NRA/ Wisconsin FORCE State Convention and Annual Meeting on February 7-9, 2014 in Weston, WI. Governor Scott Walker is an invited speaker. See www.wisconsinforce.org for registration.









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.