

# SOUTHPORT MASTERS

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.

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BULLETIN

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## A message from the President

- Tom Becker -

### Welcome new members:

**Jim Nagel   James Kopecky**  
**Mike Ditscheit   Brian Daugherty**  
**Erik Hill   Mike Haubrick**  
Welcome back: **Tony Keisman**

*Dear Southport Members,*

*The upcoming club meeting, June 9th at 7:00PM, is our annual Election Meeting. This is your opportunity to kick the bums out, nominate someone else or run for office yourself. A brief description of the officer responsibilities is provided below. Please, at least show up in June to vote!*

*Our Treasurer, Bill Means, joined the club in 1997. He brought with him NRA Trainer Coach credentials and has provided numerous training sessions to the membership over the years. In 1999 he was elected club Vice-President and served four terms. In 2003 he was elected as club Treasurer and has held that position to this day! Bill has also been chairing the Fall and Winter Bullseye Pistol leagues since 2004. He has developed scoring programs and established the league format so that everything runs like clockwork, including sign-up procedures, recognition awards and banquets. Now, Bill would like to pass along the Pistol League Chairmanship to another member. Please consider taking on this responsibility and remember; dues credits, up to 1-years dues, apply. Call me, (262) 694-1681.*

*With credit to our club Secretary, Scott Lauder, we have earned the status of Gold Medal Club. This is an NRA program that recognizes shooting clubs across the nation who support the principles and initiatives of the National Rifle Association. Scott was instrumental in setting up the NRA's Membership Recruiting Program on our website. He also sponsored the Union Grove Pistol Team to further our involvement with promoting youth activities at the club. The Gold Medal Club recognition is briefed on page 2.*

*Similarly, Bill Means, has successfully made application to the U.S. Civilian Marksmanship Program. The CMP also promotes firearms training and safety with an emphasis on youth. Competitions include air-pistol and rifle to high-power rifle disciplines. The CMP provides access to military surplus sales of firearms, ammunition and support materials. A brief description of the program is also on page 2. For more information go to [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org).*

*Although club usage is sparse during the summer, there are members doing practice sessions (see the Summer Calendar on page 5) each week. You are welcome to join in on these exercises.*

*Erik Lundquist, Maintenance Chairman, is coordinating major cleaning and painting projects for the summer. There is some indoor tuck-pointing that must be done prior to the painting as well—requests for quotation are out. A number of smaller projects are listed in the monthly meeting minutes should anyone be looking for dues credits. Check out the Members Only page on our website. And, be sure to say 'yes' when Erik calls for help. The range will be closed during certain of the summer maintenance activities, so keep an eye on the website calendar to avoid conflicts.*

**Hope you have a great summer!**

**Tom**



The **Civilian Marksmanship Program** is a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and airguns through gun safety training, marksmanship training and competitions. The CMP is a federally chartered 501(c) (3) corporation that places its highest priority on serving youth through gun safety and marksmanship activities that encourage personal growth and build life skills.

The federal law enacted in 1996 (*Title 36 U. S. Code, 40701-40733*) that created the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, Inc. (CPRPFS, *the formal legal name of the CMP*) mandates these key “functions for the corporation:

1. To instruct citizens of the United States in marksmanship;
2. To promote practice and safety in the use of firearms;
3. To conduct competitions in the use of firearms and to award trophies, prizes, badges, and other insignia to competitors.

The law specifically states: *In carrying out the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the corporation shall give priority to activities that benefit firearms safety, training, and competition for youth and that reach as many youth participants as possible.*

With appreciation to Bill Means, club Treasurer/ League Chairman. for gathering information and successful submission of application to the CMP.

## **SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.**

# **Gold Metal Club**



Each year the National Rifle Association recognizes outstanding clubs that have gone above and beyond by striving to meet NRA's goals. Meeting the Gold Medal standard is a great way to show your pride and support for the NRA and the Second Amendment.

Clubs must meet ALL of the following criteria to become an NRA Gold Medal Club:

- Be a 100% NRA Membership Club
- Have a Club Newsletter
- Belong to the NRA State Association in your state.
- Have administered or currently incorporate a NRA Youth Program into your club agenda.
- Be an active participant in the NRA Membership Recruiting Program

### **Benefits:**

- Priority status for NRA Range Grants.
- Free materials for select NRA Sprots programs offered on a quarterly basis.

Clubs are required to reapply each year in order to maintain Gold Medal status.

Many thanks to those members who support youth shooting activities, Boy Scouts, 4H, Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, etc., and especially to Scott Lauder, club Secretary/ Webmaster, for establishing the NRA Membership Recruiting Program on our website.

### **Southport Gun Club, Inc. - Officer responsibilities:**

**PRESIDENT** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors. He shall be a member exofficio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to his office. The President will not be required to pay dues while in office.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the president, in his absence, or at his request. The Vice-President will not be required to pay dues while in office.

**SECRETARY** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Club by the N.R.A. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee, and or the Board of Directors of all meetings concerning these groups, and shall notify all members of the Club of special meetings and annual meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings, of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and of the membership meetings. He shall have in his custody the books, and papers of the club, except the treasurers book accounts. He shall perform all other duties normally associated with his office. The Secretary will not be required to pay dues while in office.

**TREASURER** The Treasurer shall maintain the book of accounts for the Club. He shall be report the financial status of the Club at regularly scheduled meetings and advise of all receivables and payables, including operating costs, investments, taxes and corporate fees. He shall perform all other duties normally associated with his office. The Treasurer will not be required to pay dues while in office.

## Winter Pistol League Banquet—May 17th

Sunday, at Birchwood Grill (Hwy 50 and I94), 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.**

## NRA Basic Pistol Courses for Wisconsin CCW Permit

Club members, Todd Ogren and Joe Medina are providing regularly scheduled NRA Basic Pistol courses at the club. This course satisfies the requirements for concealed carry permit applications in Wisconsin. The fee is \$125.00 and includes NRA prescribed materials and Southport Masters range time for practical personal protection firearms instruction.

For more information and class schedules contact Todd or Joe at The Gun Shop, LLC, 262-925-1001

## Shooting Range Etiquette

1. Follow the Basic Rules of Gun Safety
  - **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**
  - **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
  - **Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**
2. Listen to the Range Safety Officer
3. Don't touch any firearms during a cease fire
4. Don't bother active target shooters
5. Don't shoot firearms or ammunition that go against the range rules
6. Don't coach or correct others unless requested
7. Don't hover over others
8. Never pick up someone's firearm without asking
9. Shoot one firearm at a time
10. Clean up after yourself

For more details, visit:

<http://concealednation.org/2013/11/gun-range-etiquette/>

## Website Features

Members are encouraged to frequent the club's website. We strive to keep the events calendar accurate and up to date. Certain maintenance, training or shooting events will preempt member access to the range.

Renew your own NRA membership or promote acquaintances to join. On the homepage, simply click on the "Join NRA" eagle and you'll be linked to our sign-up page.

Have something to sell, or interested in buying, refer to our Members Only page for the "Sell or Swap" service. To post items for sale, contact the club webmaster: [secretart@southportgunclub.org](mailto:secretart@southportgunclub.org) You'll also find recent meeting minutes, club newsletters, and inside details about the club. Password is "22caliber".



## 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:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)  
Name as you would like it sewn on the front. \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Small to XL - **\$70.00**  
(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ 2X - 5X **\$75.00**

Please fill out this form and include your check made out to: "The Lettering Machine"

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

**Note: a printable order form is available on the club's website: Members Only page, password "22caliber"**

## 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.



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## 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 leagues, competitions, maintenance and NRA training programs.

**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.

#### 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.

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

#### PISTOL MATCHES

The club generally sponsors two handgun competitions each year. Both are NRA sanctioned.

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 60 rounds of rimfire and 60 rounds of centerfire and 60 rounds 45 cal. 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 shooting in Kenosha). 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 always looking for new shooters, especially young people, to join them. For more information contact Jon Speck at [rifleteam@southportmasters.org](mailto:rifleteam@southportmasters.org).

## HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION

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

[huntereducation@southportmasters.org](mailto:huntereducation@southportmasters.org)



## 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.**

### Erik Lundquist,

**Maintenance Chairman** for the club. Please report any maintenance needs to Erik and be sure to respond positively when he calls for help with projects.  
**(262) 748-7310**

**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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- Arlington Heights Pistol Team—Bullseye pistol practice alternate Fridays 6:00PM-7:30PM
- Southport Rifle Team practice—Thursdays 6:30PM—10:00PM and Sundays 8:00AM—1:00PM
- Southport Bullseye pistol practice— Wednesday 6:00PM to 7:30PM and Sunday 1:00PM to 2:00PM

May 12	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Election Meeting 7:00 PM Club Officers Election</b>
June 13-14	Summer Warm-up 2700 Bullseye Tourny—BELOIT
July 14	Regular Meeting 7:00PM
August 11	Regular Meeting 7:00PM
August 29-30	Wis. Outdoor Pistol Championships—BELOIT
September 8	Regular Meeting 7:00PM



**61**  
**Years**  
**1954-2015**

**Southport Gun Club, Inc.**

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

# HUNTER EDUCATION

This coming fall, we will have two Hunter Education Classes starting on September 12th, continuing on the 13th, 19th, 20th and ending on the 26th. One class is set up for the morning sessions, and the second class is set up for the afternoon sessions.

Our Hunter Education classes strive to instill responsibility, improve skills and knowledge, and encourage the involvement of beginner and veteran hunters. Also, responsible, ethical behavior and personal involvement are essential in maintaining and continuing our Wisconsin hunting traditions.

## Your Hunter Education Team

## Beau Bosovich

Gerry Buhnerkempe

Tom Brodsko

**huntereducation@southportmasters.org**

# Beloit Spring Bullseye Pistol Matches

# June 13-14, 2015

**BELOIT RIFLE CLUB, BELOIT, WI**

**851 E. Philhower Rd., Beloit, WI 53511**

———— 3-gun 2700 ————

Fees: .22 only **\$15.00** Across the board **\$25.00**

RELAYS: Saturday and Sunday 9:00AM

**Refer to the match flier on the Southport website.**

## 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 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.



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.