

SOUTHPORT MASTERS



Indoor Pistol and Rimfire Rifle Range

NRA GOLD MEDAL CLUB

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.

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www.southportgunclub.org

BULLETIN



Winter 2018



A message from the President

Scott Lauder

Hi Southport Members,

The Fall Pistol Leagues have just completed; The Winter Two Gun Pistol League sign-up sheets are at the range; the Rifle Team has a full schedule; the NRA Indoor Sectionals are scheduled for the end of January and we are once again pleased to have the Union Grove "Broncos Pistol Team" here at Southport for their fourth year. Once again your members have laid the foundation for a great start to the shooting season.

Please welcome new members, Gary Weber and Brandon Roberts to Southport. Gary has been active in the pistol leagues for several years and has been helpful on several projects around the range. Brandon has been shooting with the rifle team and is an electrician whose talents will be useful in the near future.

We are celebrating our third year as an NRA Gold Medal Club. This designation allows us priority status when applying for range improvement grants. It has been suggested that we replace the current flat roof with a sloped metal roof. This design will help eliminate leaks around the roof drains and exterior walls. This might be a good use for a grant application. If you have other ideas please forward them to me. The Grant Application deadline is at the end of summer.

Our rental property is currently vacant and has been since early summer. If you know anyone looking for a place to live, please contact Tony DeFrate at tdelfrate@gmail.com. We recently replace the furnace and added central air condition-ing. We have also made improvements to the interior and exterior. The rent is reasonable at \$900 per month.

Just a reminder: Membership Director, Steve Close, will be contacting each of us to verify that our individual NRA memberships are current. At the August 2017 meeting we have exempted NRA Life Members from annual verification, once the membership has been validated. Those of you who verified your Life Membership will not be required to verify this year. As a reminder we require this information to ensure that our insurance and NRA status remains valid. Please provide Steve with the requested information by January 30, 2018. Non-compliance will result in a suspension of your range privileges (i.e., your key will be deactivated) until NRA membership is verified. If you need to renew your membership, please use our website and click on the NRA Eagle to be connected to our recruiting page.

We wish you a very Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing you on the range...

-Scott

Welcome new members:

Gary Weber
Brandon Roberts

Bill Means to "retire"

...as Pistol League Chairman. Having run the leagues for the last 13 years, Bill has offered to pass the job responsibilities on to another Southport member. The job earns a whole year of dues credits! You are encouraged to step up and take a turn. Call Bill at (262) 697-1672

Winter Centerfire Pistol League

30 rounds Rimfire, 30 rounds CF
(May shoot Rimfire only)

Registration/Practice Week
Jan. 15-21, 2018

League begins Week of
January 22-29, 2018

Sign up sheets
posted at the club
or contact:
Bill Means
(262) 697-1672
or Email:
leaguedirector@southportmasters.org



—12 weeks—

Individual fee:

Members & Family \$40.00

Non-member \$105.00

Fees include range time, targets, trophies and banquet.

Southport Gun Club, Inc. is a private not-for-profit membership organization, established in 1954 to promote the shooting sports. The Club features a regulation 50-foot, 10-lane, indoor range with turning targets, suitable for Precision Pistol and Small Bore Rifle shooting. Firearm safety training and competitive leagues and competitions are sponsored by the club. All members must also be NRA members.

Alaina Schmidt Takes a Little Bit of Southport With Her



I moved to the Kenosha area in September 2015 for a job with the USDA Wildlife Services. My job requires me to implement lethal removal/harassment of wildlife. However before accepting my position I had little to no experience with fire-arms. In order to gain more experience with fire-arms I sought out Southport Masters small-bore rifle league. I talked with Jon Speck and he told me to stop by for the Saturday junior practice.

After learning a little of the basics it was down on a mat laying prone. At first I didn't understand site picture and missed the target all together. After I digested the iron sights and sight picture I started to shoot in the black but far from the center or tight groups. I was determined to get better so I came to all the junior Saturday and Thursday practices.

Over seven months with guidance from David Christenson and the Southport rifle team I started to achieve the necessary scores to become a pro-marksman, marksman, sharpshooter, expert and distinguished expert and marksman 1st class. I then began shooting big-bore 600 yards in May. I have achieved in both small and big bore an NRA rating of Expert. In the fall of 2016 I began shooting for the rifle team for league.

The experience at Southport Masters has helped tremendously with my confidence and ability to handle firearms. The discipline has helped increase my concentration and focus not only in my shooting but overall tasks in everyday life. I want to thank the Southport Masters rifle Team for all their help and providing a positive environment to learn in. A special thanks to David for seeing potential in me and coaching me. I wouldn't have climbed the ranks without his guidance.



Alaina

The Hunter Education Team

(l-r): Beau Bosovich, Jerry Buhnerkempe, Kurt Christiansen, Tom Brodsko and Wally Landree. Kurt and Wally have recently joined the team and became certified Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Instructors in 2017. All instructors served as an apprentice under a sponsoring instructor with an instructor group, must assist teaching a minimum of two complete courses, be recommended by a certified instructor for full certification, and complete the instructor certification process. Then each instructor completes and submits the Apprentice Instructor Exam along with the Instructor Training Record and Application, and successfully takes a WNDR Certification Test. In 2017, the team worked with 38 students who passed their Hunter Education Training Exams (written and practical), and received their Hunter Safety Certifications.



Southport Masters Makes a good showing at the RACINE/KENOSHA Friends of NRA Banquet—2017



Friends of NRA
Next banquet October, 2018

If you carry concealed, you may want to check out the new NRA-sponsored insurance program. Get your FREE "AFTERMATH" guide and learn what to do after you pull the trigger.

1-866-NRA-5050



Oktoberfest 2017 Pistol Match Results

NAME	CLASS	22	X's	CF	X's	TOTAL	X's
LICHT JEFF	MS	825	17	806	13	1631	30
GUTKNECHT D	MS	830	17	842	26	1672	43
MILEN MIKE	MS	852	16	813	15	1665	31
DOBS K	UN	652	5				
	UN	458	M				
BECKER T	EX	732	4	619	1	1351	5
CLOSE S.	EX	798	14	827	26	1625	40
KOVACK R	SS	822	14	810	13	1632	27
McGUIRE J	SS	713	6	710	3	1423	9
NOVAK D	SS	783	12	773	15	1556	27
NOVAK T	SS	824	18				
SPECL J	SS	706	10	689	10	1395	20
SWING S	SS	745	6	725	7	1470	13
JUSHCHYSHYN A	MK	773	17	748	6	1521	23
FELBER P	MK	668	5	667	2	1335	7
TANG F	MK	601	6	609	2	1210	8
MELUS B.	MK	820	6	755	5	1575	11
LANCASTER A	JR SS	747	4				
		748	8				
LANCASTER I	JR SS	850	20				
		830	16				
TSARIK M	JR	765	3				
		760	13				



Dora Potekin, Pistol Match Director, and the Friday evening relay Range Officers, Brian and Ed.

Chris Johnson's 20-Year Membership Recognized

Chris's shooting history and club membership were reviewed at the December regular meeting. Joining in 1997, Chris improved his shooting skills to Master Class within a year. Having further improved to High Master he has placed in many National and State competitions over the years.

He served the club as Secretary for 10 years between 2001 and 2011. He managed the famous "Two Gun—Two Club" pistol competitions during this time to bring together Illinois Leadslingers and Southport Masters clubs in Kenosha.

Chris was more than willing to offer Bullseye clinics for new and experienced shooters to share his knowledge and skills. At the December regular meeting he was presented a plaque by Scott Lauder for his service to the club.

He has built a log cabin home in upper Minnesota but promises to visit Southport Masters from time to time.

Thanks for sharing your expertise and best of luck in the North woods Chris! Hope to see you again soon.



Security Cameras To Be Installed

At the February 2017 regular meeting, in the interest of insuring range policy compliance and security, it was suggested that video cameras be installed inside the range. A number of systems were studied over the next few months and the membership approved the installation at the September regular meeting. Cameras are to be installed over the holiday season and should be up and running before the Winter programs begin. All video is to be maintained confidential and will only be viewed with due cause by the club officers.

Andy Romanowski – The Request for NRA Distinguished Expert

by Rifle Coach, David Christenson

The Southport Rifle Team proudly announces our newest smallbore NRA Distinguished Expert - Andy Romanowski. This young man began his shooting career with us in October 2015. He has fired hundreds of rounds down range but none as important as the scored bull's-eyes required to attain this level of marksmanship skills. Concentration, dedication and self-motivation are the core elements needed to become a successful marksman. This classification required mastery in all four positions: prone, sitting, kneeling and standing.

Andy is planning to compete in smallbore and air rifle with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Titan rifle team and we are sure he will help lead his team to victory. Good sportsmanship and rifle technique is rooted deep within the foundation of this shooter. Since joining our team, Andy has accomplished his NRA Expert classification and has participated in many of our leagues and postal matches. He has been a strong part of our team and we are expecting many championship wins in his future. When asked why he liked to shoot smallbore, Andy replied because the sport is difficult and he loves the challenge.

Andy resides with his parents and brother, in Kenosha. He is a Cadet Major at Indian Trail academy and unlike most young people, has additional interests in JROTC and a United States military career. Andy has recently been accepted at UWO where he will pursue a degree in history.



SOUTHPORT MASTERS "A Good Place to Shoot"

For more information visit 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 is 50FootRange**

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

Personalized: Your name can be embroidered on the front.

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

2nd NOTICE 2018 TO ALL SOUTHPORT MEMBERS: 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 an NRA Gold Medal Club, we must also insure that club members remain NRA members; therefore, except for NRA Life Members, we must all validate NRA membership in January of each year.

Methods of Compliance:

Submit or photo copy the mailing label from your current NRA Magazine. Mail it to Stephen Close, 639 Ivy Court, Kenilworth, IL 60043, or e-mail to stephen.close@sbcglobal.net or bring it to the January club meeting.

The electronic access key for any member who does not comply by the end of February will be disabled. Subsequently, 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.

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. 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. **TO AVOID INJURY FROM BULLET SPLATTER, ALL SHOOTING MUST BE DONE FROM BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE!**

If a mid-range target holder is used, it must be positioned so that the target is located directly between the individual shooters 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 (or lower) than the target holders either side of the adjacent lanes.



HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Beau Bosovich,
certified Wisconsin DNR
Hunter Education

Instructor/trainer. For information on
class schedules e-mail:
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 actions 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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Jim Conti, Maintenance Chairman

Please report any
maintenance issues to
Jim and respond posi-
tively 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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Rifle Captain Jon Speck	(651) 336-4633
Comm. Tom Becker	(262) 694-1681



2018 Winter CALENDAR



- ♦ Southport Rifle Team, practice—Thursdays 6:00PM—10:00PM and Sundays. 7:00AM-12:30PM. Smallboare Rifle Juniors program Saturdays 8:30AM—12:00PM all year.
- ♦ Union Grove Juniors Pistol Shooting Team uses the range on Fridays 4:30PM—6:30PM, November thru April

January 9	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
January 14	Rifle Team Begins Mid-State Postal Match (Sundays)
January 14	Fall Pistol League Banquet—BIRCHWOOD 6:30 PM
January 15-20	Winter Pistol League Sign-up and Practice Week
January 22	Winter Pistol League Begins (12 weeks)
Jan. 26-28	NRA Indoor Pistol Sectional – 22 cal. Rimfire
February 13	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
March 13	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
March 17-19	Wis. Small Bore Championship—Richland Center
April 10	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
April 13-15	Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championship
May 89	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
May 20	Winter Pistol League Banquet (tentative)
June 12	Election Meeting 7:00 PM Club Officers Election
July 10	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
August 7	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

See Southport website southportgunclub.org "EVENTS CALENDAR" page for updates.



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Serving the local community:

Firearms & Home Safety Instruction
 Wisconsin DNR Hunter Education
 NRA Sanctioned Indoor Pistol
 and Rimfire Rifle Competitions
 Indoor Pistol and Rifle Leagues
 Small Bore Rifle Juniors' Program
 4-H Shooting Sports Program
 Union Grove Pistol Team through
 Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation
 Boy Scout Merit Badge
 Cub Scout BB-Gun Challenge

Wisconsin Firearms Owners Ranges, Clubs and Educators, Inc.

...is our State link to the NRA. It is 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.

NRA 22 Caliber Indoor Pistol SECTIONAL

Conventional Pistol Rules Apply,
 90 rounds individual, team scores based on gallery course

Jan. 26-27-28, 2018

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

Entry Fee: **\$40.00**

Checks Payable to Southport Masters

Awards: Top 3 in each Classification—Total Aggregate

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: Dora Potekin (847) 266-0064

HOUSE FOR RENT

The club's next-door rental property is available.



7327-75th Street
 Kenosha, WI

Anyone interested in a two-bedroom, central air, full basement house with a 1-car garage at \$900/month should contact-Tony DeFrate, (262) 620-8585

Attention MEMBERS

An updated "Members Manual" has been posted on the club's website, MEMBERS ONLY page. Password is "50FootRange." Changes include details on the annual NRA membership validation rules.

Remember, you can update your NRA membership on the Southport Masters website by simply clicking on the NRA Eagle and following instructions. The NRA dues are discounted and the club gets a small kickback as well. Thanks!