

SOUTHPORT MASTERS

SOUTHPORT GUN CLUB, INC.

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Winter 2017



A message from the President

- Scott Lauder -

Welcome new members:

Larry Funderburk
Theonita (Thea) Cox
Scott Heeter
David Kaley

Hi Southport Members,

The Fall Pistol Leagues have just completed; The Winter Two Gun Pistol League will begin soon; the Rifle Team has a full schedule and we are once again pleased to have the Union Grove "Broncos Pistol Team" here at Southport for their third year. Overall it's a great start to the shooting season.

As many of you may know, **Nick Kaseomeotes** has moved a little further north and has resigned his post as Match Director. Over the past several years, Nick has done an outstanding job organizing our annual matches. Nick will be missed. **Dora Potekin**, the 2017 Wisconsin "Out-of-State" Wisconsin Women's Outdoor Pistol Champion, has stepped up to fill the position vacated by Nick. Dora is planning on holding monthly or bi-monthly "Practice Competitions" at Southport. The first was successfully held on a very snowy Sunday, December 11th. She is also organizing the NRA Indoor Sectional to be held on January 27, 28 & 29, 2017 as well as our annual Oktoberfest in the fall. Please join us in welcoming her to the position of Southport Masters Match Director. Dora can be reached at Matchdirector@southportmasters.org to join any of these events. Speaking of matches— Rifle Team Captain, **Jon Speck**, has arranged for the 2017 Wisconsin State Metric Smallbore Rifle Championship indoor match to be held on March 17, 18 & 19, 2017 at Southport. Please contact him if you are interested in participating or just interested in watching one of the relays. Jon can be reached at rifleteam@southportmasters.org.

It's been ten years since we first developed our website. Over the years it has evolved and become a place for information about Southport Masters and our activities. There are "public" and "private" areas of the website. The public areas provide general information about the club, our goals and our activities. The private areas are intended for "Southport Members Only" and include our meeting minutes, by-laws, procedures and items for our members. The Members Only areas are accessible via a password. **Effective January 1, 2017 the password to this area will change to: 50FootRange**

Just a reminder: Membership Director, **Steve Close**, will be contacting each of us to verify that our individual NRA memberships are current. We require this information to ensure that our insurance and NRA status remains valid. Please provide Steve with the requested information by January 31, 2017. 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.

Over the years, Southport Masters has offered a special discount to our members who reach the age of 75. The discount is 75% off the regular dues (i.e., \$60 per year vs. \$240). The Executive Committee has been asked to re-evaluate the dues structure. Suggested ages for a discount have been 65, 68 and 70. It has also been suggested to replace the age discount with one for longevity with possible length of membership points being at 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of continuous club membership. The Executive Committee is examining the impact of changing the dues structure and will present our findings and recommendations to the membership at the January 2017 meeting. If you have any suggestions or comments you would like us to consider, please contact me at president@southportmasters.org.

We wish you a very Happy New Year!

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

-Scott

Southport Gun Club, Inc. is a private not-for-profit membership organization, established in 1954 to promote the indoor shooting sports. The Club features a regulation, 10 lane, 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 also be NRA members.

Dora Potekin, Appointed Southport Match Director



Dora Potekin accepted the responsibilities of Pistol Match Director at the September regular meeting. Dora is an accomplished Bullseye competitor, known well by her peers, as one who takes the sport very seriously. She will be tutored by **Nick Kasemeotes**, retiring Match Director, who has done an outstanding job in running pistol competitions for the club for the last four years. All members are encouraged to show their appreciation for the Director's efforts by participating in these annual events and helping out to set up and run the range.



“K-Zone” Shooting Rest

A new Rifle/Pistol rest is available for member use. It is located in the center cabinet on the shooting line. This is a great fixture for sight adjustments and ammo testing. Thanks to member Gary Weber for doing the leg work on this purchase.



WISCONSIN INDOOR SMALLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 17-19, 2017

**Tentative: 3 Position,
any rifle, any sights**

Fees: Across the Board
\$35.00, Juniors \$25.00
(Fees include NRA registration
fee of \$5.50
and WI-FORCE registration
fee of \$4.00)

Contact: Jon Speck
rifleteam@southportmasters.org

2nd NOTICE to ALL 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 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 via snail mail or in an e-mail. The club members present at the August, 2016 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.

Methods of Compliance:

Photo copy your NRA Membership Card or mailing label from a current NRA Magazine and either mail to Stephen Close, 639 Ivy Court, Kenilworth, IL 60043, or e-mail to stephen.close@sbcglobal.net or bring to the January club meeting.

Union Grove Broncos

The Union Grove Broncos Shooting Club continues to use the Southport Masters indoor range for pistol practice throughout the winter season. Practice is generally on Friday's between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. For more information on the UG program visit:

<http://www.ugbrontosshooting.club/>

Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to instill in young people respect for good sportsmanship, competitiveness, cooperation, teamwork, and high moral character through shooting sports competition.

The UG Broncos Shooting Club hosts and promotes shooting sports for 5th through 12th graders in the Union Grove, Wisconsin area. The Club participates in a variety of shooting disciplines including: Trap, Sporting Clays, Skeet, 5 Stand, Trap Doubles and Pistol.

The club's mission is to instill a respect for good sportsmanship, competitiveness, cooperation, and teamwork through shooting sports competition. We strive to create a safe and fun environment to promote shooting sports. The safe handling of firearms is always first and foremost.

NEW “MEMBERS ONLY” PASSWORD

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 or renew on our website. Go to www.southportgunclub.org home page and 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: secretary@southportgunclub.org

You'll also find upcoming meeting agendas, recent meeting minutes, past club newsletters, and inside details about the club. **The new password is 50FoorRange.**



Cub Scout Pack 353, Trevor, WI —"BB Gun Challenge"— April, 2016



Southport Attends "Friends of NRA" Banquet
Sturtevant, WI October, 2016



Dora Potekin (in pink) posing with the 1st and 2nd relay participants in the new 1800 Practice League, Dec. 11, 2016. She reports: "Our 1st Sunday 1800 Practice was a success. A lot of camaraderie and pleasant conversation. Everyone is looking forward for the next 1800 practice."



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2017 Mid State Postal Rifle League

Ten 40-shot matches on the A17 target.
Each match consists of
10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting, 10
shots kneeling, and 10 shots standing.

Sunday Mornings

Tentatively \$15 per individual shooter,
and \$15 per team

Matches may be fired at any time.

Refer to the match flier on the
Southport website.

Contact: Jon Speck
rifleteam@southportmasters.org

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WISCONSIN INDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

April 7-9, 2017
BELOIT RIFLE CLUB,
BELOIT, WI
— 3-gun 1800 —

Fees: .22 only \$30.00 Across the
board \$45.00
RELAYS: Friday 6:00 PM,
Saturday and Sunday 9:00AM and
1:00 PM.

Refer to the match flier on the
Southport website.

Contact:
Jon W. Nortemann
(608) 751-0413
jnortemann@charter.net

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Kudos to Jim Conti and the Maintenance/Activity Crews

Since accepting the Maintenance Chairmanship, Jim Conti has taken the bull by the horns and trudged through the majority of the project list that has been carried for years on the club's agenda. Many thanks to Jim for his enthusiasm and fortitude in coordinating the membership and managing the list. The red portion of the range floor has been re-painted. The bullet holes in the walls were patched. Special thanks to Mark Scholzen who completed the bullet trap ceiling by covering the rear portion of the first baffle. He also installed storage shelving in the men's room for paper products storage, painted the patches on the walls and replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the range. Mark and Tony DelFrate re-faced the plywood panels on the trap prior to the Oktoberfest/Rifle Shoot. We must also recognize the efforts of the rifle team members who power washed the range walls this

fall. New members, Mike and Kurt Christensen effected repairs on the ventilation system fans and serviced the indoor furnaces. Ken Normandy rebuilt the compressor and replaced the faulty pressure regulator. He also replaced the high pressure lamps at mid-range. In addition to handling the lawn and landscaping maintenance of the range all summer, Jim Conti straightened out the back room to make it more serviceable and hauled away the old sign that was on the front of the building. 1,000 thanks to our 4-man "weekly maintenance crew" who keep the entire building clean during the indoor shooting season.

At this opportunity, it is important to mention the efforts of those members who work the Pistol and Rifle competitions, leagues and Junior's Programs and who regularly participate in club meetings throughout the year. Apologies if certain projects and members were not mentioned by name, but your efforts are certainly appreciated as well



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 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

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 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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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 to be introduced to the shooting line must be brought in unloaded and in a case. Muzzles must remain pointed down-range at all times.
- Use of ECU's (empty chamber indicators) is required.
- All shooting on this range must be done from behind the yellow line.
Note: an adjustable-height target holder may be placed between the yellow line and the bullet trap. 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. 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 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 (or lower) than 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.

President Scott Lauder	(847) 226-4519
V.P. Ken Normandy	(847) 945-6669
Treasurer Bill Means	(262) 697-1672
Secretary Jon Speck	(651) 336-4633
Membership Steve Close	(847) 256-5134
Maintenance Jim Conti	(262) 770-5415
Property Tony DelFrato	(262) 620-8585
M/D Dora Potekin	(847) 266-0064
Rifle Captain Jon Speck	(651) 336-4633
Comm. Tom Becker	(262) 694-1681



2017 Winter CALENDAR

- Southport Rifle Team practice—Thursdays 6:30PM—10:00PM and Sundays 8:00AM—1:00PM
- Union Grove Shooting Team uses the range on Fridays 4:30PM—6:30PM, November-April

January 10	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
January 14	Rifle Team Begins Mid-State Postal Match (Sundays)
January 15	Fall Pistol League Banquet—BIRCHWOOD 6:30 PM
January 16-21	Winter Pistol League Sign-up and Practice Week
January 23	Winter Pistol League Begins (12 weeks)
Jan. 27-29	NRA Indoor Pistol Sectional – 22 cal. Rimfire
February 14	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
March 14	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
March 17-19	Wis.Small Bore Championship (tentative)
April 7-9	Wis.Indoor Pistol Championship - BELOIT
April 11	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
May 9	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
May 21	Winter Pistol League Banquet (tentative)
June 13	Election Meeting 7:00 PM Club Officers Election
July 11	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
August 8	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
August 26-27	Wis. Outdoor Pistol Championships - BELOIT
September 12	Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

See Southport website for maintenance and training schedules

Wisconsin-FORCE “Wisconsin Firearms Owners, Ranges, Clubs and Educators” 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.



Hunter Education Team:

Beau Bosovich,
Gerald Buhnerkempe,
Tom Brodsko and DNR
Conservation
Warden John Sinclair.
The Team is currently
planning classes for the
Fall of 2017.

NRA 22 Caliber Indoor Pistol SECTIONAL

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

Jan. 27-28-29, 2017

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

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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

Winter Centerfire Pistol League

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

Registration/Practice Week

Jan. 16-21, 2017

League begins Week of
January 23-29, 2017

Sign up sheets posted at the club
or contact:

Bill Means (262) 697-1672

or

Email: leaguedirector@southportmasters.org

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.