

The Blue Water News

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Our next Board of Director meeting will be February 9 at 7:00 pm. All Board of Director meetings are held in our clubhouse and members are always welcome.

Annual Meeting

It was great seeing so many members brave the cold and join us at the annual meeting. The turnout was bigger than I personally expected. Lots of laughs and stories were shared. Member Bob Scheonrock was given a life membership by the Board of Directors for his years of service to the club. The election results are as follows:

1st Vice President 3-year term Ed Allbaugh (64 votes)

2nd Vice President 2-year term Mark Achatz (62 votes)

Board of Directors 3-year term Sam LaVere (40 votes), Don Morgan (61 votes), Sean O'Kane (45 votes), Rusty Richmond (47 votes), Larry Sokolowski (62 votes)

Board of Director 2-year term Patrick Wilcox (38 votes)



Thursday 3 Gun and 3 Gun

Our first match of 2026 is February 7, and is designated as PCC only. This match will have some football inspired stages, since the Super Bowl is the next day. You can [register on Practiscore](#) use the link or search for "BWSA February 7th 2026 Polar PCC Match"

This match is a great way to checkout some combat action competition. All you need is a PCC, a couple magazines, about 250 rounds of ammunition to be safe, and eye & ear protection. If you are new to the sport, we'll squad you with Range Officers that will take their time and make sure you have a safe and enjoyable event.

Join us for our weekly 3-Gun practices held year-round on Thursdays at 5:00pm at Bay 5, the pole barn. There you will be able to practice in a supportive and fun

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environment. Each week we set up a different stage, often based on what the members want to practice. All skill levels are welcome.

If you don't have all of the equipment needed, we can work around you while you acquire it, but 3 Gun practice is a great place to see what gear people are running, and how well it works for them, before spending your own money on equipment. Our shooters are happy to explain what they use and why they chose it.

You will need an OWB holster with good retention, which is designed for your pistol, and at least three pistol and two rifle magazines. You will need enough ammunition for the night, which means about 25 pistol per stage, 20 rifle per stage and 15 shotgun target loads. It's always a good idea to have a half dozen slugs in case we add a slug target for the evening. No steel core or green tip ammunition is allowed, as it's too rough on the steel targets.

Optional equipment includes weapon mounted lights when shooting during the dark season (October through March). .22 LR conversion kits are allowed and can allow for more economical practice.

Cost is \$5.00 for BWSA members and \$15 for non-members.

Pre-registration each week is appreciated, as we limit the number so everyone gets a chance to shoot enough practice runs. Contact Jeff Jaje on the Monday prior to practice

at (586) 612-0857 to secure an open spot.

For more information on the 3-Gun division and matches, you may reach out to Joel Drummond at (586) 904-2425.

Come join the fun, camaraderie and sharpen your skills at the same time. We look forward to seeing you on the range.

Precision Rifle

Our next event is February 28th. Registration is 8:30-9:15am Safety Brief is at 9:15am. Shooting starts at 9:30am. Cost is: Members \$10 / Non-members \$20 (Cash only, please only \$20/\$10/\$5 bills). **If you show up late you will not be allowed to shoot!** Register on the 600yd line (east of the clubhouse). You will have to carry all your equipment to the 600yd line.

You may bring more than one rifle to shoot. All rifles must have a scope or magnified optics. No green tip, or armor piercing allowed, as it will damage the steel targets.

Targets are all steel from 99yds out to 615yds. If you have never shot the event you must shoot a qualifier first. The qualifier is 3rds within 1.5 moa at 99yds, with any rifle you are using. **This event is not the time to zero your rifle!**

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There will be two positions setup for Precision .22 (.22lr).

Again, there are no times, score or round count. If you have any questions feel free to call or text, I will get back with you.

This event is growing, which is awesome! With that being said, I am going to start placing people into 6 groups. We will have a mandatory rotation every hour. So it will be up to your group to call hits and misses and give everyone in your group a chance to engage each target.

Dress for the weather, there is no shelter on the line

Mark your calendars for this years Precision Rifle Events:

March 21, 2026
April 18, 2026
May 23, 2026
September 26, 2026
October 24, 2026

See you on the firing line,
Rod Damm
586-321-2211

Muzzleloader

Shooters in our Winter League are having a good time and enjoying a good hot lunch. Lots of good scores are being shot. Shoot dates are Feb.1st and 15th. Also, on Feb. 21st, we are having our Trade Gun Round Robin. We wear period dress

of the 1750s time and use flintlock Trade Guns. These are smoothbore flintlocks with no back sight. We shoot patch and ball at 12 metal targets and 4 clay birds with bird shot. We also then throw knife and hawk and start a fire using flint and steel. It's a challenge but a lot of fun. Come down and see for yourself.

Ron

High Power Rifle

2026 High Power Schedule

3/28 - 88 round Across the Course Match
4/25 - 3x600 Prone Match
5/17 - 200 yard Vintage Rifle/Modern Military Match
5/30 - 3x600 Prone Match
6/14 - 200 yard Vintage Rifle/Modern Military Match
6/20 - CMP EIC Match
7/18 - 88 round Across the Course Match
8/15 - CMP EIC Match

There will be no pit duty as all matches will be using the Shot Marker electronic scoring system.

3x600 Prone Matches new this year to give competitors the opportunity to focus on the skills needed to shoot the mid range 600 yard target. The matches will be open to service match rifle and match rifle/space gun type rifles. We welcome traditional sling,

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CMP F-Class and CMP AR-Tactical shooters.

Link to the 26th Edition of the CMP Highpower Rifle Rules for more details:

<https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-Highpower-Rifle-1.pdf>

Vintage Rifle/Modern Military matches are for "as issued" military arms or their civilian clones. For results purposes rifles with match modifications will be classified as "out of competition". Rifles that cannot load 5 and 5 or 8 and 2 into an internal magazine or by detachable magazine will not be acceptable for the match.

For more details please refer to the CMP Games Rules 13th Edition found here:

<https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-CMP-Games-Rules.pdf>

Match Courses of Fire

CMP EIC Match

CMP sanctioned match 50 shots for record, no sighters
10 shots in 10 minutes - standing at 200 yards
10 shots in 60 seconds - rapid sitting at 200 yards
10 shots in 70 seconds - rapid prone 300 yards

20 shots in 20 minutes - slow prone 600 yards

Across the Course Match

CMP sanctioned match 80 shots for record with two sighters at each stage
20 shots in 20 minutes - standing at 200 yards
20 shots in two 60 second strings - rapid sitting at 200 yards
20 shots in two 70 second strings - rapid prone 300 yards
20 shots in 20 minutes - slow prone 600 yards

3x600 Prone Match

CMP sanctioned match 60 shots for record with five sighters at each stage
Three stages of 20 shots in 20 minutes for each relay - slow prone 600 yards

Vintage Rifle/Modern Military Match

CMP sanctioned match 50 shots for record, with sighters
5 sighter shots in 5 minutes - slow prone 200 yards
20 shots in 20 minutes - slow prone 200 yards
10 shots in 70 seconds - rapid prone 200 yards
10 shots in 60 seconds - rapid sitting at 200 yards
10 shots in 10 minutes - standing at 200 yards

Hope to see you at the matches this year!

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Trevor Gersch
High Power Service Rifle Director

Shotgun

Shotgun is open every Thursday 2pm to 9pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. We will have skeet and trap available during these times. Come out and give it a try.

Ed Allbaugh

Winter Skeet League

The 2026 Winter Skeet League is off to a flying start. This year, we have 34 teams divided up into 5 divisions shooting for the Overall Championship at the banquet in May. Here's some stats from this year's league. There are 102 total shooters vying for bragging rights in the league. There was enough interest in shooting sub-gauges this year, so, we'll have a 20 ga. Division and a 28 Ga. division. If you started the league shooting a sub-gauge, you must complete the league shooting that sub-gauge. These 2 divisions will run concurrently with the regular league.

There are 9 young men competing in the Junior Division. And the one I'm most excited about, the return of the Ladies Division. Thank You ladies. It's going to be great having you around for the winter months, brightening up the clubhouse (I get tired of looking

at guys all winter).

There's probably 15 or so shooters who are new to the league this year. For league veterans, show them some of our Bluewater hospitality. For the newbies, don't be afraid to jump on a board with anyone. As long as you handle a gun safely, you'll be welcomed to join them. And for anyone with questions about the league, track me down and ask. I'm at the club most shooting days. Some of you shooters haven't been around for a while so look me up just to say hi. I like putting a face to a name. With over 100 shooters, it takes me a while to remember everybody again.

As I mentioned before, we have a compressed time frame for the league this year due to construction. No deadline extensions.

Take advantage of the 100-bird shoot ahead in case we lose a shooting day throughout the winter. Divisions and standings for the 1 st 100 bird segment have been posted. They are posted around the clubhouse and on the

Shotgun Page of the BWSA website. In the unlikely event of an error on Big Board, let me know as soon as you can. It's a lot easier to fix it sooner rather than later. Follow Blue Water Sportsman Assn. on Facebook to get the latest updates on what's going on around the club.

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Larry Sokolowski
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.22 Skirmish

We had our January 22 Skirmish on the 3rd. We had 34 shooters for the event. Our February 22nd Skirmish is going to be on February 7th at 10:00am in the basement range. We will have 2 shoots after this one, they will be on March 7th and April 4th. Come by and check out what we are doing or give me a call and I can explain what we do.

Mike Zandarski
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Friday Fun Night

“Friday Night Fun night has returned! Ladies, kids, and new shooters (to the sport) start at 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Open shooting begins at 7:00pm - 9:00pm. As in past years we shoot revolvers and semi-auto handguns. Most handguns are allowed if they will not damage the backstops. Each week we will shoot more challenge targets, shooting games, and defensive shooting scenarios! Bring your favorite handgun and have some fun. Targets are provided. Send your questions to john.staiger@golsr.com.

1st Vice President

On 22 January we had contractors in our building to give bids for the 1st phase of updating our building. By 2 February all bids will be turned in and by mid-February, we will be able to select those that will do the work. We are getting close to getting our project started and our clubhouse updated.

As the Michigan winter weather has really shown up in the last half of January, some might be having some issues with their firearms jamming. I have been shooting with a few people that all the sudden have had issues. Some oils/grease become gummy in extreme cold and will stop firearms from running properly. If you find yourself in this situation, cleaning and using the right and proper amounts of oil can help. Too much oil in cold weather can be a receipt for a stoppage. For those that reload, powders can burn differently in cold weather. You may all the sudden find a lot of unburned powder in your barrel. At that point a different load might be in order. Just a few things to keep in mind. As always, be safe and enjoy our club.

Ed Allbaugh
