

The Blue Water News

March 2026

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



Steve Darhower, Nathaniel LaMothe, Joseph Mellen, Mark Kodlowski, Todd Armstrong, Mark Coppola, Sean McCracken, Rebecca Hillman, Jeffrey Loftis, Ryan Prentiss, Andrew Cox, Kurt Liederman, Daniel Kriesch, Liam Kouke, Kevin Tran, Steve Russell, Nicholas Lemanski, Jeffrey Hadwin, Michael Mazzola, Lawrence Dupuis, Mitchell Shaw, Zach Kue, Ahmad Ghacham, Jeff Horn, Brandon Barber, Shannon Adams, Connor Smith, Christopher Pulawski, Doug Kazyaka, Jeffrey Hart, David Hart, Skylar Sexton, Daniel Waderlow, Kevin Crosby, Nicholas Kraus, Paul Siemen, Matthew Herndon, Zach Johnson, David Moore, Josep Montgomery, Lyndsey Julian, Fred Julian, Muirel Julian, Maximillian Bothe, Andrew Jordan, Paul Britz, Anton Tincoff, Mark Dybis, Mark Dybis, Gregory Loewenthal, Joshua Weis, Steven Jones, Tabitha Jones, Keegan Jones, Ariana Jones, John Andrix, Richard Zdybel, Jeremy

DeLisle, Ryan Manzo, Simon Shaheen, Joel Harris, Garland Bryant, Jacob Buckley, Michael Brenner, Troy Bowman, Dario Farrugia, Albert Rasch, James Buckman, Luke Crosby, James Poppe, Michael Belcher, Jacob Pickard, and Daniel Vandermate

Snow Country Smallbore:

The 2025/2026 Snow Country season is winding down. We have one match remaining on March 14th. We have had solid participation this season and I look forward to increasing next fall.

Junior Smallbore:

Our junior smallbore program is wrapping up with our final classes for the winter on the 8th and 22nd of March. The program is open to juniors 8-21 years of age. The cost for each class is \$5.00, the club supplies rifles, ammunition, and safety equipment. Hope to see your kids at our next class!

Matt

3 Gun and Thursday 3 Gun

Our April 11 match is open on Practiscore. This match can be shot as a 3 gun match (pistol, rifle, shotgun) or with a PCC. These regular matches are a great way to checkout some combat action competition. We always take the time to make sure new shooters are safe match and have a good time.

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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 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 March 21st. 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

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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!**

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:

April 18, 2026

May 23, 2026

September 26, 2026

October 24, 2026

See you on the firing line,

Rod Damm

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Shotgun

We've finally got some winter weather for the Skeet League. The

last couple of years have been pretty mild, so it's good to have some weather we all can complain about when we come off the fields.

The 3rd 100 bird segment ended on March 1st. The 4th 100 bird segment deadline is March 22nd. As a reminder, you can only question your scores from the current and previous 100 bird segments. The first 100 bird totals cannot be changed. Always contact me if you have a question as soon as you can. It's much easier to make corrections before too many scores get posted on the Big Board.

We've finalized the date and caterer for this year's banquet.

Banquet Day will be Saturday May 9th Starting at 2:00 PM. We'll have the usual array of shooting games and prizes along with trophy presentations and the all-important Division Winners Shoot off for the Overall League Championship and trophy. Big River Barbeque will be our caterer again this year. I've heard nothing but praise from you for their meal last year, so, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I switched a couple of items on the menu to change things up a little, don't worry, there'll still be BBQ Brisket & Street Corn.

As much as I get a kick out of posting red numbers for shooters who manage to shoot 25 straight, I get just as big of a kick out of

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posting improving numbers for our new shooters who just joined the league. There were a few single digit scores in the first 100 bird segment, but as I always tell them, we all started out there. Hang in there and things will improve. And they have. Michelle Keerl and Emily Surfus have started posting double digit scores and Ashley Johnson is knocking on the 20's already. Way to go ladies. And one of our junior shooters, Tanner Schmaus, who started out in the mid-teens, shot his first straight last Sunday and got his hat ceremonially shot up by just about everyone in attendance. The league is set up so that top shooters and beginners both have a chance. And more importantly, it's set up so everyone has fun.

Larry Sokolowski
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BWSA Swap Meet

Saturday, March 14, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm BWSA will be holding a swap meet in our clubhouse. Door entry is \$2.00 for BWSA members and \$4.00 for nonmembers. This swap meet is for outdoor sporting goods, hunting, fishing, and shooting sports. Come out and buy, trade, or make a deal. Members can reserve up to 2 tables to sell their wares now by stopping in during office or

shotgun hours. Nonmembers can reserve a table starting March 4th by stopping in during office or shotgun hours. A reminder Michigan firearm laws will be followed, and Blue Water Sportsman's Association takes no responsibility for transactions or items being sold.

High Power Rifle

<i>Match</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Fee</i>
XTC #1		03/28/2026	
SAT	600		\$30
3 X 600 #1		04/25/2026	
SAT	600		\$20
VINTAGE #1		05/17/2026	
SUN	200		\$20
3 X 600 #2		05/30/2026	
SAT	600		\$20
VINTAGE #2		06/14/2026	
SUN	200		\$20
EIC #1		06/20/2026	
SAT	600		\$40
XTC #2		07/18/2026	
SAT	600		\$30
EIC #2		08/22/2026	
SAT	600		\$40

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Across the Course Match – March 28th

Sign up at the clubhouse 8:00 am, Start time 9:30 am, Fee is \$30

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

The “why” of competitive high-power riflery

The purpose of High-Power competition is to promote skill, sportsmanship and competition in riflery. The goal of the sport is to achieve the Distinguished Marksman’s Badge an award given to the competitor after they have accumulated 30 points through competing in Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) Matches. Points are awarded in 6 Bronze, 8 Silver and 10 Gold awards and the number of “legs” that can be awarded at a particular match depends on the number of non-distinguished participants. At Blue Water the most legs we have been able to award is 2 bronze and 1 silver. The big event in the sport are the National Matches held every year at Camp Perry. All of the matches we host at Blue Water are in preparation for the National Matches.

Link to the description of the CMP Distinguished Programs

<https://thecmp.org/competitions/distinguishebadges/>

Here is a link to the history of the National Matches

https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/In_Distinguished_Company_Culver_2000.pdf

