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Our next Board of Director meeting will be October 13 at 7:00 pm. All Board of Director's meetings are held in our clubhouse and members are always welcome.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, it is time to turn in your letter of intent to run for the board. All letters of intent must be turned in to either the office or Secretary Matt Wieczorek before the October board meeting or before the adjournment of the October board. Seats up for election in January are 1st Vice President (3-year term), 2nd Vice President (2-year term), 1 2-year board seat, 1 1-year board seat, and 5 3-year board seats. If you would like to know the qualifications to hold a board seat, please reach out to the office or read our policies listed on the website.



Dean Symon, Brandon Lynn, Lawrence Eichbrecht, Rudy Hayes, Edward Weber, Guy Kropp, Anmed Mawri, Andrew Suhy, Karl Schuknecht, Andrew Severini, Dominic Barone, Parker McMillion, Mikayla McMillion, Jacob Tousignant, Jason Tamaroff, Mark Locricchio, Pawel Dada, Robert Braner, Greg Reynolds, Justin

Lokotar, Anthony Vecellio, Gavin Bowen, Cody Dulecki, John Lulaj, Mikayla Anderson, Taylor Mealey, Paul Tomlinson, Robert Carden, Matthew Wilcox, Devon Landry, Jacob Hurley, Maximillian Raab, James Zitkus, Joel Thomason, Shawn Eby, Andrew Lupo, Brendan Pfeiffer, Kelly Dupuis, Tracey Sweet, Mark Kline, Henry Kline, Luke Morris, Nathan Little, Mason Wesley, Shane Werth, Oliver McBride, Nicholas McBride, William Rich, Derek Yates, Dale Holcomb, Allen Bowen, Charles Flask, Tammy Szlenkier, Jason Szlenkier, Joseph Petrach, Gregg Sayranian, David Hall, Michael Djelaj, Nikola Dukic, Timothy Bunch, Paul Glaza, Jeff Morrison, Scott Warn, Jacob Patterson, Andrew Gelmacher, Rob Bodnar, Jassin Hakim, Kariem Ford, Alexander Shively, Matthew Babcock, Kumari Matthews, Jonathan Loacker, and Leslie Nelson

Junior Smallbore

It's time to start thinking about Junior Smallbore! If you have a child or young adult aged 8-21 who is interested in learning the sport of 3 position smallbore, or just learning more about precision marksmanship, the BWSA junior program is for you. We have an excellent coaching staff and the club provides all equipment. Thanks to a generous grant from the friends of the NRA, we are also able to provide

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ammunition and keep the per class cost at \$5.

The kids will learn to shoot using single shot .22lr rifles with match sights. They will start with the supported prone position and work up to unsupported prone, standing, and kneeling positions. The coaching team will be there every step of the way ensuring that they learn firearm safety and marksmanship skills.

If you are interested, come on out and give it a try. Our classes this year are November 9th and 23rd, December 7th and 21st, January 4th and 11th, February 8th and 22nd, and March 8th and 22nd. All classes are held on the indoor range in the basement of the club house.

Coach Matt

Snow Country Indoor Smallbore League

Once again we will be participating in the Michigan Snow Country Indoor Smallbore League. The match format is 60 shots plus sighters fired in 3 relays of 20 shots each (aka a 3x20). Competitors may compete in conventional prone (using a sling) or F-class (using a bipod or rest and a rear bag). Competitors may choose to use iron sights or scopes, there is no distinction made in the categories so

I recommend a scope. We will be using the USA-50 target and scoring will be via the Orion computer scoring system. Each competitor's average will be calculated and the top 6 in each category are invited to the end of the season shoot off. On October 25th we will host an open practice session, so come on out and see if this is something you like. After that our match schedule is as follows:

Practice - 25 October
Match 1 - 8 November
Match 2 - 22 November
Match 3 - 6 December
Match 4 - 17 January
Match 5 - 21 February
Match 6 - 14 March

Hope to see you on the line!

High Power League

100yd Hi-Power August 2025

	Match 1			Match 2			Match 3			Match 4			Match 5			Match 6			Score	Rank
Name	ST	SR	PR	ST	SR	PR	ST	SR	PR	ST	SR	PR	ST	SR	PR	ST	SR	PR	Score	Rank
Trevor Gensch		13	391																13	392
Rich VanSledright		0	328																	
Robert Robertson			178																	
Tom Lutzsky		0	253																	
Chris Kirtas		4	379																	
Fred Schwarz		0	325																	
Fred Jaskul		7	376																	
Don Casanova			308																	
Tim Rinker		2	347																	
John Brunsdatter		2	334																	
Geoffrey Brunsdatter			281																	
David Blum		0	309																	
Larry Chakraborty		3	323																	
David Jell		6	372																	

October 18-19

*Times to be ready to fire-1st relay @ 10 am, 2nd relay @ 12 noon.
40 rounds plus 5 sighters (optional)
5 minutes time will be there before

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the match starts.

The course of fire is:

10 rounds standing in 10 minutes

10 rounds sitting in 60 seconds

10 rounds prone in 70 seconds

10 rounds slow prone in 10 minutes

Unlimited excuse time.

Maximum 4.5x scopes are allowed

Hope to see new faces and old ones too!

Questions? Text or leave a message

Rick Oakes 586-201-9523

3 Gun

2025 Saturday 3Gun/PCC Match

Dates:

10/11/2025 (Shotgun only)

Register on practiscore.com for our matches scheduled on Saturday.

- Check-in/pay at Bay-5 commences at 8:00 AM.
- A mandatory safety briefing for the match will take place at 9:00 AM.
- The first shots will be fired at 9:30 AM.

If you are uncertain about participating in a match, we encourage you to join our weekly three-gun practice to familiarize yourself with the requirements.

Join us for our **weekly 3-Gun practice sessions**, where enthusiasts of all skill levels can improve their shooting skills in a supportive and fun environment! These sessions take place every

Thursday at 5:00 PM at Bay-5 pole barn.

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or new to the world of 3-Gun, this is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your accuracy, speed, and firearm handling under the guidance of experienced shooters. Each practice includes dynamic stages designed to challenge participants in pistol, rifle, and shotgun disciplines. Shooters typically get to run the stage two to three times per session.

Round counts (approximate):

- Pistol: 25 rounds per stage
- Rifle: 20 rounds or less per stage
- Shotgun: 15 rounds or less per stage
- PCC: 50 rounds or less per stage
- Line drills: 200+ rounds per night

Required equipment:

- OWB duty-style holster with good retention, manufactured to fit your pistol
- Minimum of three pistol magazines and two rifle magazines

Helpful equipment:

- Sling for your long guns (depending on stage layout)

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- Lights for your guns (October through March)
- .22LR conversion kits for rifle/pistol (allowed)

If you're missing any equipment or have questions about what's needed, don't hesitate to reach out – we're here to help!

Cost:

- \$5 for members
- \$15 for non-members

Pre-registration each week is appreciated and helps with planning the event. To register, contact Jeff Jaje on the Monday prior to the scheduled practice (586) 612-0857 (call or text) to secure one of the open spots.

For more information, you may also reach out to the 3-Gun division lead, Joel, at (586) 904-2425.

Come join the camaraderie, sharpen your skills, and have a blast (literally)! We look forward to seeing you on the range.

Precision Rifle

Our next event is October 25th. 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!**

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.

Items Needed:

- Rifle(s)
- Ammo
- Shooting Bags
- Shooting Mat

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- Bug spray
- Sunblock
- Rain Gear

Mark your calendars for this years
Precision Rifle Events:

January 17, 2026
February 28, 2026
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

High Power Division

Upcoming High Power Rifle Events

Year in Review

The third and final High-Power match was held on the first Saturday of September. We had a decent turn out considering competing matches were being held at Cadillac Sportsman's Club and Alliance Rifle Club in Malvern Ohio. I want to thank those that shot the EIC here on Saturday and then travelled to the other matches to compete on Sunday.

The year went well. We used the e-targets for all of our matches, including the Vintage Rifle match. This really sped up running the

match, all matches completed firing by 2:30 in the afternoon. Clean up took another hour so we were typically able to release the range around 3:30. This is a big change from the times when we pulling targets in the pits, changing target faces and running pit changes between relays. The e-targets also enable shorter matches by using the whole line and running two relays. Right now, depending on the match format, we can host a maximum of 28 competitors in two relays. Depending on the match format, going to three relays adds an hour to running the match. In the off season I will be doing diagnostics on the e-target system looking for opportunities to improve the system. I will also be looking into more efficient wayst to process the match data and automate the results so that I can publish them more quickly.

09/06/2025 CMP EIC Match - Overall Match Results

Perry Baxter took the six point leg with a score of 471-9X, and again in this match David Kline with a score of 471-8X took First Leather. The overall match winner was Chris Korta with an impressive score of 478-12X

Overall Winners (50 Shots for Record)

Kortas, Christopher*
478-12X Silver

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Baxter, Perry
471-9X 6 Point Leg-Bronze
Kline, David
471-8X First Leather-Bronze
Coppus, Ryan
467-11X
Knapp, Timothy
464-6X

Grashel, Cliff*
463-10X
Scribner, Shawn
457-7X
Toepfer, Glen
452-5X
Brown, Joseph
386-4X
Gonzalez, Mathew
162-0X

*Denotes distinguished shooter

Position High Scores (10 shots for record in Offhand, Rapid Sitting, Rapid Prone and 20 shots Slow Prone)

Offhand (200 yd) – Grashel, Cliff*
95-3X
Rapid Sitting (200 yd) – Kline, David
99-2X
Rapid Prone (300 yd) – Baxter, Perry
99-2X
Slow Prone (600 yd) – Kortas, Christopher*
193-7X

Hope to see you at next year's matches!
Trevor Gersch
High Power Division Director

Shotgun

We are in the middle of our Fall Trap League, and we have 36 shooters this year. It has been growing a little each year. We have more kids participating this year than in the past, which is great. We look forward to seeing you out there shooting with us no matter your skill level. We have one ATA shoot left and it is on 5 October. We have some leather pouches and shotgun ammo we will be giving away as prizes for this shoot. Sign in starts at 9am and we start shooting at 10am. In the next month or so, you will be seeing information from Larry Sokolowski on our winter skeet league. I encourage all to come out and start practicing if you plan on taking part. It's always a fun time. Shotgun is open Thursday from 2pm till 9pm and Sunday 10am till 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ed Allbaugh

1st Vice President

A little history about our association. In 1937 we were formed for five primary purposes that still exist today. To create interest in out-of-doors sports, particularly skeet and trap shooting, rifle and revolver target practice, archery, and related activities. To lend cooperation and support Michigan

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and United States Conservation Departments and officers. To promulgate a program to increase cover and feed for protected wildlife during the winter months. To encourage proper hunting and fishing in moderation. To cooperate with farmers and rural property owners in the protection of their property against game violators and trespassers and to assist them in the preservation and propagation of all protected wildlife.

On our property you may run into deer, red foxes, turkeys, hawks of multiple species, eagles, and one of my favorite birds, the Great Horned Owl. Yes, one has been seen on the grounds and might have startled me and the person that mows our bays. I hear some say we are just a range. Yes, we are a place for people to shoot, but for many it's much more. I had a member call me recently and just wanted to say thank you to the Board of Directors as he believes our club is the best around. As he and others have said to me, it is their happy place. We have some that just come to walk the grounds with their dogs, some grill and have lunch with their friends after shooting, and some come just to socialize. This is why we stress safety on the shooting bays as we want this club to be around for our descendants to enjoy for many decades to come.

Remember to keep firearms pointed in a safe direction, unloaded and finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Absolutely no alcohol or mind-altering drugs before or during shooting. This includes no marijuana or THC products. These products are not allowed on the grounds period as they are not legal to use federally where firearms are concerned. Alcohol use before and during shooting and marijuana and its derivatives are a quick way to have your membership removed. Keep in mind; you only get to use one range at a time. You do not get to us 2 or 3 ranges at the same time. Please be considerate of others. If you have questions, please reach out to us. As always, be safe and enjoy our club.

The contractor has been taking measurements and starting to develop the plans for the first phase of updating the clubhouse. We are looking at having this phase complete in the May to July 2026 time frame. It will take a few years to complete everything and by doing it in phases, we will not need a loan. We will save enough for each phase and then have that phase completed. There will be more to follow as we move forward.

1st VP
Ed Allbaugh