



FIRING LINE

YOUR LA CROSSE RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The five open positions for regular membership have been filled for 2020. Please welcome our new members to the club:

- Keith Kennedy
- Kevin Kennedy
- Scott Siefkes
- Mason Mueller
- Jeremy Burns

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- March 4, 7:00 p.m.
- April 1, 8:00 p.m.
- May 6, 8:00 p.m.

YOUR 2020 BOARD MEMBERS

Club elections were held at our December 4th meeting. The following are your 2020 Board of Directors:

- President: Dennis Fater
- Vice President: John McCann
- Treasurer: Jon Welda
- Secretary: Nathan Fater
- Executive Officer: Bill Quadzinski
- Director-at-Large: Dale Anhalt
- Director-at-Large: Mike Roach



Back row: Nathan Fater, John McCann, Dale Anhalt. Front row: Mike Roach, Dennis Fater, Bill Quadzinski, Jon Welda.

FIRING LINE – REVIVED!

Welcome to the revival of the Firing Line newsletter, last published in 2016! The purpose of reviving this newsletter is to keep our membership engaged and informed. If you would like anything featured in future issues, please email any feedback to secretary@lacrosserifleclub.com. Members without email will have a copy mailed to them.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Correspondence from your L.R.C. President, Dennis Fater.

At this time of year, we are in the process of welcoming new members to the La Crosse Rifle Club and for 2020 we will have five new members joining us. When you see them at a member's meeting or on the range, introduce yourself and welcome them. We are a small club in terms of member numbers per our charter and, typically, you get to know all the members that make up our club.

We are also a 100% NRA club, meaning all club members are also members of the National Rifle Association. As a club, the La Crosse Rifle Club is committed to support of our Second Amendment liberties and civil rights as well as the shooting sports. Bring a friend or relative to the range and introduce them to shooting. Bring them to one of our events

like the winter .22 pistol and rifle leagues, or the informal high-power rifle practices. It is important to recruit new people into the shooting sports, particularly women and juniors, so that we and future generations can continue to enjoy our Second Amendment freedoms.

Aim small, miss small.

Dennis Fater, President

STOP THE BLEED CLASS APRIL 1

The La Crosse Rifle Club is sponsoring a free class to teach how to stop bleeding after a traumatic event. This class is titled “Stop the Bleed” and is presented by Tammy Aspeslet who is the Trauma Program Manager at Gunderson Health Systems.

The class will start at 6:30 p.m. on April 1 and will run for an hour at the clubhouse. Advanced registration is required. For more information and signup, please visit the “Event Registration” page at www.lacrosserrifleclub.com.



HISTORY CORNER

Pictured to the left is a rifle match at the club in July of 1962. This is near the current firing line for our 600 yard rifle range, and is taken of the east portion of the range. As you can see, the hillsides are not full with nearly as many trees as we have today.

The club moved to our current location in 1957.

Do you have old photos from years past of the La Crosse Rifle Club? Please share them and have them featured in our club newsletter! They can be emailed to secretary@lacrosserrifleclub.com.

CLUB EVENTS

The 2020 schedule was set by the Board and the shooting sports’ directors in January and has been updated on our website’s calendar. To keep up to date on events, please check out our calendar on www.lacrosserrifleclub.com. Occasionally, additional events will be added to the calendar after this newsletter is published.

Winter League

.22 Rifle and Pistol leagues are still ongoing until April. Cost for each league is \$20, members can shoot the targets as they have time or show up each Thursday at 6 p.m. to shoot. Participants will shoot ten targets at 50’ for the leagues, however better targets can be submitted once ten is reached. Members shooting on their own must label the targets with name, type of firearm and position. Targets are available in the shooting building and completed targets can be turned in to the box in the clubhouse. Contact Dennis Fater for pistol league at professorgun1@gmail.com or Jon Welda for rifle league at weldaj@outlook.com.

High Power Rifle

2020 will feature four High Power Rifle matches: Mother’s Day on May 9 and 10, Across the Course on June 6 and 7, Father’s Day on June 20 and 21, and the Brat and Corn Feed on August 29 and 30. The preceding Friday afternoons will be used for practice.

Informal High Power Rifle practice will return for members and nonmembers this spring. Two six week leagues will take place: May 7 through June 11 each Thursday at 5 p.m. and June 18 through August 6 each Thursday at 5 p.m. Participants will be able to use the electronic targets the club will be using in matches this year. Cost is \$30 for members, \$60 for nonmember adults, and \$30 for nonmember juniors.

Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program will begin running for 2020 on April 18th through August 22nd each Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone age 12-18 is welcome to come out and give it a try. Shooting coaches are present that can work one-on-one with each participant. Preregistration is required before participating. Please contact Mike Stewart at navybluejacket@yahoo.com or (608) 864-0602 for more information.

Sporting Clays

Sporting Clays will begin for the year on April 21 and run each Tuesday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and each Thursday 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. until August 27. Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Bill Ellwein at ellwein.robort@gmail.com or (608) 317-3834.

Trap

Trap will run each Wednesday beginning May 6 through September 16 from 5 p.m. to dark. Cost to members will be \$4 and cost for nonmembers will be \$5.



FEATURED GUN – SMITH & WESSON HIGHWAY PATROLMAN

The Smith and Wesson Highway Patrolman became available for purchase in April 1954. This large framed double action revolver was chambered in .357 Magnum and was in production until 1986. In 1957, its model name was changed to the Model 28.

This handgun was a discount version of the popular Model 27 (Registered Magnum) with a duller finish and smooth top strap. This made it much more affordable than the 27. This made it appealing to law enforcement agencies as duty handguns. The Highway Patrolman came in 4” and 6” barrel options.

Sources: Supica and Nahas (2016). *Standard Catalog of Smith & Wesson*. 4th Edition.
Clapp, Wiley. "Model 28." *American Rifleman*, 15 Mar. 2012, www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2012/3/15/model-28/.

WISCONSIN FIREARM OWNERS



Wisconsin Firearm Owners is our Wisconsin state affiliated NRA organization. This organization assists with coordinating shooting competitions, lobbying in Madison for our 2nd Amendment rights, supports gun ranges throughout the state, and supports firearm education.

It is just as critical that gun owners are a part of this organization as it is the NRA. More information can be found at their website www.wisconsinfirearmowners.org.