



FIRING LINE

YOUR LA CROSSE RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING AND ONGOING EVENTS

- November 21st – WI gun deer season opener
- December 2nd, 7 pm – Membership meeting, election
- January 6th, 7 pm – Membership meeting, dues payment due.

NEW MEMBERS

- Elli Johnson, Junior Member
- Rebecca Childers, Junior Member
- Richard Hartley, Military Member
- Tai-Shan Zen, Military Member

SHOOTING SEASON WINDING DOWN

With cooler temperatures arriving in the Coulee Region, the club's shooting season is winding down for 2020. The club had a great shooting season despite 2020's challenges. We hosted four weekend high power rifle matches, 22 LR rifle and pistol leagues, long range 22 LR matches, weekly trap with great attendance, junior High Power rifle, and much more.

Despite the cooler weather, various shooting events may still be scheduled thanks to our heated shooting building. Please keep an eye on the club calendar for events that may catch your interest as we head towards winter. Our calendar can be found at <http://lacrosserifleclub.com/calendar/>.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues season is upon all of us. Specifics for membership renewal will be forthcoming via both email and letter in mid-November, including details on club elections. Membership dues can be paid at the December 2nd meeting, but will be due at the January 6th meeting to the secretary.

If you have an NRA membership that is expired or is due to expire soon, please renew this prior to paying your La Crosse Rifle Club dues. As a 100% NRA club, all members must have current NRA membership status at time of renewal.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, it is election eve, 2020. The year 2020 has been a difficult year for a lot of reasons and it is not clear how this will end. As Americans we are fortunate to have a Bill of Rights that lists the civil rights we possess as citizens; it is not a listing of rights given to us by a government. One of those fundamental rights is identified by the Second Amendment which makes clear our right to keep and bear arms. While as individual members of the La Crosse Rifle Club we may have our occasional differences, we are all members of the National Rifle Association which is the predominant lobbying agent for Second Amendment rights and presumably we are in agreement on the importance of the Second Amendment. We have a state organization, Wisconsin Firearm Owners, that is affiliated with the NRA; how many of you are members? To get a membership go to their [website](#) and sign up.

At the local level, your club is stronger when you are an active participant. Also, at the local level, you can bring a new gun owner to the range; there are probably members of your family or some of your neighbors who have become new gun owners over the past 10 months. You can support the Second Amendment at several levels, local to national. And those rumors about 2020 closing out with an attack by flying monkeys and murder hornets are just rumors..... I think.

Dennis Fater, President



SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES

Long Range 22

The La Crosse Rifle Club has started a new kind of 22 shooting. This involves sixteen steel targets shot between 50 and 300+ yards. There are three shots per target and 48 shots per match. Shooters do not need a special rifle or ammo. However, shooters will need a scope and a base to allow adjustments to further ranges.

The club has hosted two matches this year and several practice sessions. For 2021, organizers and shooters are hoping to run four matches during the season and two practice sessions per month.

The club has members shooting this already. Club members or prospective members are welcome to come out and see what it is all about. For more information, contact Jon Welda at (608) 797-0056 or weldaj@outlook.com.

High Power Rifle



High Power completed the season with the club's Brat & Cornfeed match August 29th and 30th. This year saw four weekends of High Power matches and was the first year utilizing the club's electronic ShotMarker target system. The club's August match saw five relays and sixty-eight total participants.

The matches run this year would not have been possible without volunteers. Many thanks to Sandy Pagel, Mike Stewart, Jon Welda, James Lee, Bob Burns, John Clark, Bill Quadzinski, Dale Anhalt, John McCann, Mike Roach, and others who volunteered for matches or prepped the club for matches.

The match's participants. Photo courtesy of Sandy Pagel.

Women's Basic Pistol Class

On Sunday, September 27th, the La Crosse Rifle Club sponsored a Women's Basic Pistol class on the east handgun range. A total of 21 women participated in the class; most are planning on purchasing a handgun for personal protection and attended to become familiar with the use of a handgun. A variety of handguns with ammunition were available for the women to use, ranging from .22 LR to 9mm to .38 Special. Many of the handguns chambered in 9mm and .38 Special were typical concealed carry handguns. When a participant found a handgun that she liked, instructors wrote down the make and model number for her to use as she shops for a handgun.

The class was organized and conducted by Dennis Fater. Nathan Fater served as the lead range safety officer on the firing line. Other instructors who worked on the firing line to provide individual instruction included: Jon Welda, John Clark, Brian Larson, Neng Xiong, Hubert Hoffman, John R. Clark, Angie Clark, and Brent Hancock. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.



Karen and Hannah Hunt enjoying the America's Rifle Challenge.

NRA America's Rifle Challenge

On September 13th, the La Crosse Rifle Club hosted a second NRA America's Rifle Challenge. This is a basic course of fire for the AR-15 rifle that is designed to introduce new shooters to the AR-15 rifle platform in a safe manner that is

fun yet challenging. We had a total of 12 participants of whom five were using an AR-15 rifle for the first time. The course of fire included targets at 7, 25, 50, and 100 yards utilizing all shooting positions; a minimum of 90 rounds were required. The shoot was organized by Dennis Fater; range safety officers included Nathan Fater and John Clark.

Trap

2020 saw an increase in demand for trap shooting at the La Crosse Rifle Club. Throughout the summer, there were around twenty shooters with new shooters each week. With the loss of daylight and shooting season winding down, trap has finished up for the year and will return in 2021.

HISTORY CORNER

Pictured to the right is a photo of our previous clubhouse during a High Power match in the 1980s. The old clubhouse was replaced by our modern clubhouse in 2002 by club members and friends of the club.

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@lacrosserifleclub.com.



Photo provided by Bill Quadzinski.