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June 15, 2018

## Upcoming Events

LaCrosse

Mid-Range 4-gun 600 yd

June 16 & 17, 2018

Lodi

Midwest Palma

June 18-24, 2018

Negaunee

80 shot NMC

June 23, 2018

WI Rapids

Vintage Team Sniper Match

June 23, 2018

Negaunee

CMP EIC Leg match

June 24, 2018

Green Bay

M1 Garand Match

June 30, 2018

Eau Claire

M1 Garand

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Daniel Boone

Reduced NMC State  
Championship

July 7, 2018

Eau Claire

80 shot NMC

July 7, 2018

Eau Claire

CMP Leg

July 8, 2018

Eau Claire

Junior Service Rifle Practice

July 9, 2018

See Calendar on web page for  
other events:  
<https://www.wisconsinforce.org/>

## Bloomer Rod & Gun Club



The Bloomer Rod and Gun Club is blossoming today on a 40-acre site off Highway A, west of Bloomer, the club's sportsmen's membership now stands at around 650 families. The current club house is located north of Hwy 40, just off Highway A on 60th Avenue serving the Bloomer areas outdoor recreation needs.

The early history of the club traces back to the days of post-World War I when a handful of members met just outside the city limits north of town. In 1967 the members came up with a vision of a facility that offered members endless possibilities and assisted in the purchase of the current 40 acres. In 1972 a small club house was built. That building now is used as storage for the 3-D targets and other equipment. A large club house that seats over 200 for club parties was built in 1994 and in 2003 a deluxe meeting room with pine siding, a stone fireplace and lofty ceilings was built. The club is governed by an eleven-member board that meets monthly, with a three-year term for each member.

They have 25, 50, 100, 150 and 200-yard range available for rifle and pistol shooting. Indoor winter pistol league. A 3D and walk around range for archery. Indoor winter archery league. Pond stocked with pan fish.

For more information on Bloomer Rod & Gun go to:  
<http://www.bloomerrodandgun.org/home>



# Wisconsin State NRA 80 shot OTC Match

## La Crosse Rifle Club

Story by: James Melville

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> La Crosse Rifle Club held the State NRA OTC match. This was the first time in many years that La Crosse held this match. The match was Match Rifle and Service Rifle combined and had a very good turn out with 39 competitors shooting on Saturday. On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a CMP leg match was held. The attendance was a little less, but they still had enough for two legs. Both days were a little cool and over cast, but no rain. As always, La Crosse did a wonderful job running the match. They had plenty of help from all their club members and everything went very smooth.



Picture of all the 2018 Wisconsin State 80 shot NRA OTC Match award winners



Aaron Cobosco was the match winner with a 788-27x

Aaron is a member of the All Guard Marksmanship team.



Bartlein Barrel Inc. donated a barrel of the persons choice to one of the top classification winners.



Wyatt Moon a Junior from Eau Claire National Rifle Club was the winner of a Bartlein Barrel of his choice. Wyatt was the high Marksmen Class.

**Thank you Bartlein Barrels For the great donation!**

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Send in your best pictures to me at: [james@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:james@wisconsinforce.org)

If they are good enough, I will showcase them in the Trigger, Facebook and the website.

Please send a caption of who took the picture, place taken and maybe a short story.



Picture taken by: [Karla Stewart](#) at La Crosse Rifle Club on mother's day 2018

Send me your Photo and if they are good enough I will put them in the Trigger. I look forward to seeing what you have.

## News from the Board

Next Board of Directors Meeting September 29, 2018

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### Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

### Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WTO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

### Club and Range Support

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

### Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WTO. **Please join us today!**



# Bloomer Gun Club Air Pistol Match Mixes Young and Old

by David Herman - Tuesday, April 17, 2018



At the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club's Air Pistol Competition, held in March in Bloomer, WI, third place in the Women's division was taken by local shooter [Judy Scritsmeir](#). Local television station WEAU reported on the 76 year old phenom, who had only shot air pistols three or four times before the contest. How is this possible? Well, despite being new to the air pistol scene, Ms. Scritsmeir is a longtime veteran of pistol competitions in general. By her recollection, she has been participating in such contests for "about 35 years."

Beginning in IPSC, and then eventually changing over to bullseye, Ms. Scritsmeir has had a lifetime of experience with a variety of pistol shooting, and looks to [air pistol](#) as a way to extend her hobby well into the future, despite the increasing rigors of age. According to Ms. Scritsmeir, "The body says you can't do some of those things you used to, but once I got into air pistol I thought this is fantastic. I love this. I could probably do another 10 years. You are always shooting to better your last score, that's the name of the game." Despite her ever-modest tone and jovial nature, Ms. Scritsmeir's shooting is anything but carefree. She is an absolute natural at the process of looking, raising, squeezing, and hitting dead on, despite bullseyes in air pistol being roughly the size of a pencil eraser.

The Bloomer Rod and Gun Club is no stranger to experienced, championship shooters. Jerry Wilder, another local, started competing in the 1970s, and has won 13 National Championships. In fact, he has competed at every level of the game short of the Olympics, for which he twice missed the cut by only one position, taking third when a showing of second or better was required. But for both these veteran shooters, the competitions at the Bloomer Rod and Gun club are no longer the pressure-filled ordeals of yesteryear. Instead, they can just relax and enjoy the fun time, surrounded by other shooters who share their dedication to this most precise of sports. For more information on the club's events, membership, or anything else, please visit their website at [bloomerrodandgun.org](http://bloomerrodandgun.org).

# Where Did the National Matches Originate?

by NRA Staff - Tuesday, October 31, 2017



**“Did you ever stop to think that without the work done between 1871 and 1902 by the N.R.A. that there would be no such [National] matches?”**  
—Excerpt from the 1924 National Match Program

The NRA conducted its first [match](#) at the range in Creedmoor, NY, in 1873. At the time, the only competition was high power, offered in four events—200 yards standing with the military rifle, 200 yards standing with “any rifle,” a regimental team match and a 100-yard standing rapid fire match. This competition was open only to military personnel.

The NRA organized its first annual match later that year, which ultimately became the National Matches. While the first interest of the organization was long range and military shooting, it was soon realized there was much more interest in the sport, so the NRA added *Schuetzen* matches and permitted civilian entries in 1895.

The NRA was relatively dormant during the mid-to-late 1890s. By 1900, New Jersey’s Sea Girt Range was flourishing and its success, coupled with the embarrassment caused by weak U.S. marksmanship in the Spanish-American War two years earlier, played critical roles in revealing the need for a national shooting organization. Efforts to create a new national shooting organization were set aside in order to revamp the NRA into the model of national representation it was destined to become. One of the founders of the NRA, Gen. George W. Wingate reminded those involved in the opposition movement, led by future NRA Secretary Albert S. Jones, that the NRA’s history was that of competitive shooting and military training in the United States. Wingate urged the reorganization of the inactive NRA. He also emphasized that the NRA created the blueprint for annual matches, which, among other things, profiled a system of marksmanship qualifications used by both civilian and military shooters. Wingate’s successful appeal was grounded in his conviction that the Association’s revival was indisputable, logical and necessary.

Officially, the first National Matches were fired at Sea Girt in 1903 when they were mandated by Congress the year before through the Army Appropriations Bill. It would be remiss, however, to understate the innovative and resourceful role the National Rifle Association played in marksmanship development which ultimately led to this outcome. Simply put, the NRA’s program to improve marksmanship laid the groundwork and provided the infrastructure for the National Matches.



# SOLO the electronic target

Story by: James Melville

Silver Mountain Target (SMT) systems have been making electronic target systems for several years. (An electronic target system senses where a bullet impacts the target then sends a signal to an electronic display showing you the spot of the bullet impact.) If you have shot at Winnequah Gun Club in the last two years with their electronic target system you have used an SMT system. SMT as systems for complete ranges (multiple firing points), and for individuals. For most people it was out of their price range at \$3100.00.



STM has since developed a more affordable system and they call it the "SOLO". This system is \$980. This puts it in reach for a lot more people. It has just become available in the beginning of June 2018. The Solo is much more user friendly with microphones that can be removed while the brackets stay on the target frame. This should eliminate calibration every time you go to the range and set up.

If you are not familiar with SMT system here is a brief description on how they work. First, the system senses sound. Four microphones sense the sonic crack of the bullet, a calculation is made by triangulation in turn determining the impact on the target. A Wi-Fi signal is sent to an electronic display where it shows the impact on the target.

In April of this year SMT started a SOLO target system give away. One by email and one via Facebook. I entered both. I had a feeling I was going to win, but after watching the live video thought my chances were gone.

The next week after the drawing, I received a text from my son saying I won the SMT SOLO. I thought he was messing with me since I saw the video of the drawing. My wife said to check into it and I did on Facebook. SMT had messaged me saying I won. One of the first people drawn did not claim the prize, so they took the second name drawn. So, I am very excited to say I am the winner of a Silver Mountain Target System. Thank You SMT, it will go to great use.

Look to future issues for a review of the new SMT SOLO.



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