



February 2020

## Wisconsin Firearm Owners Annual Meeting

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Annual meeting was held in conjunction with the NRA State convention at the Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center. In addition to our annual business meeting, the attending members were able to hear from a few special guests.

The first guest speaker was Tom Tiffany. Tom has represented the 35th District in the State Assembly and the Wisconsin 12th Senate District. In the 2020 election, Tom is running for the 7th U.S. Congressional District. Tom has been a great state representative as well as a valuable and vocal 2nd amendment supporter in our Wisconsin legislature. The Republican primary election will be held on February 18, 2020, ahead of the 7th Congressional District's special general election on May 12. Tom received endorsements from Sean Duffy and former Wisconsin Govs. Scott Walker (R) and Tommy Thompson (R). Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District includes Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Clark, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn counties. Portions of Chippewa, Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, and Wood counties are also in the district.

Our other guest was Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly. Justice Kelly has served as a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice since 2016. He was appointed by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to fill the unexpired term of Justice David Prosser. Dan graduated from Carroll College (now University) and Regent University School of Law, where he was the founding editor-in-chief of the law review. He started his legal career as a law clerk for the late Judge Ralph Adam Fine of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Kelly then spent two decades representing clients on a wide variety of legal issues, including the Wisconsin Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court. Kelly developed a specialty working on complex cases that protect our constitutional rights. Justice Kelly is also a great 2nd amendment supporter.

Thank you to everyone who attended and took time out of their day to defend our rights. Please be sure to locate your local polling places and vote in the Wisconsin 2020 Elections!



### Critical Dates

**Wisconsin Spring Primary Election –  
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020**

**General Election & Presidential  
Primary– Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2020**

**Wisconsin Fall Primary Election –  
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020**

**General Election and Presidential  
Election – Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020**

# What is new with the WFO Board of Directors

On January 25, 2020 WFO held its annual Board of Directors and Membership meeting. Prior to the election of new members, the board met to conclude business from 2019. Included in this business was the replacement of Board Members unable to fulfill the remainder of their term. Due to schedule conflicts, the BOD appointed Lane Ruhland to fill the position of Jeff Rowsam for the remainder of his term. Thank you, Jeff, for two years of service to WFO! We appreciate your contributions to the association.

At the conclusion of 2019 business, we received the vote counts for the 2020 Board Election. Kaleb Hall, Alex Jushchysyn, and Victoria LaBrosse were elected to terms on the board. While Kaleb is a returning board member, the other 2 are new members. Welcome to the board, and we look forward to your fresh perspective and ideas!

The next order of business was to elect new officers. The board elected the following officers: President Rob Kovach, Vice President Lane Ruhland, Treasurer Kaleb Hall and Secretary James Melville. Thank you outgoing officers Mike Stewart (President) and Dave Holub (Vice President). Thank you Kaleb and James for returning to your positions!

## 2020 Ben Kasper Award

### James Lee



The award is named after Ben Kasper. Ben was a distinguished high master junior shooter for the Wisconsin Service Rifle Team. He earned his distinguished badge at the age of 17. He was also a firing member of the 2004 National Junior Champion Two Man (Whistler Boy) team and the champion National Infantry Trophy (Rattle Battle) team. In 2006, Ben passed away at the age of 21 after a long struggle with cancer. This award honors Ben's relentless pursuit of excellence and the ideals of hard work and improvement that he exemplified in all areas of his life- especially the shooting sports. The Ben Kasper award is determined by a junior shooter's improvement in his or her Camp Perry aggregate (the combined total in the President's 100, the National Trophy Individual, the National Trophy Team (six man team) and the National Junior Trophy (two man team match)) between one summer and the next.

The 2020 Ben Kasper Award- Wisconsin Firearm Owners Junior Service Rifle Team's award for most improved junior shooter has been awarded to James Lee of Onalaska.

In 2018, James joined us at the National Matches for the first time. He was new to the sport, but he never lacked in enthusiasm. "Sweet Baby James," as we call him, quickly distinguished himself as our top fundraiser. Many Wisconsin Firearms Owners members have bought a raffle ticket from James- if you haven't, stick around. You will. Being a champion fundraiser was not enough for James, though. He worked hard, practicing over the winter, shooting smallbore, and yes, selling raffle tickets. In 2019, James came back to highpower shooting master scores consistently. In spite of a malfunctions that cost him 13 rounds (or up to 130 points), James improved his Ben Kasper aggregate by over 150 points and earned 10 leg points in the 2019 National Trophy Individual match. James was also a key member of our 2nd place Junior Infantry Trophy Team. With his great attitude, enthusiasm for competition, and drive to improve, we know that James will be an asset to the team for years to come. We are proud to present "Sweet Baby" James Lee with this year's Ben Kasper Award.

## Fun on the range



**By: Bob Burrows**

Seventy-nine year-old Paul Wright attended the Hudson Rod, Gun and Archery Club's very first Youth Day in 1950.

"And he wasn't even in the young kids group," Dave Lowe quipped. Wright and Lowe were two of 30 current club members who volunteered to supervise and instruct around 150 kids between the ages of 7-15 at this year's 68th annual Youth Day on the club's 108-acre grounds in North Hudson Saturday, April 28.

Club members introduced the kids to everything from .22 rifle and shotgun shooting to archery and fly fishing. There were muzzleloader and black powder demonstrations, a cowboy exhibition and even a dog trainer.

"He trains hunting dogs and he can have the kids hide ducks and use the calls and the whistles that show them where they're at." Youth Day director Bryan Wells said. "And we have a bowfishing group that puts the kids in boats and have them shoot at 3D perch targets."

Firearms, shells, ammunition, bows, arrows, and all safety and protective equipment were provided by the club at no charge and every kid received a free T-shirt, lunch and prizes supplied by the day's dozens of sponsors. The event drew youth from both sides of the St. Croix River, from Woodbury and Cottage Grove and Lino Lakes in Minnesota to all over western Wisconsin. After averaging 60 to 65 kids the last five years, attendance more than doubled to a record 150 this year. Lowe said it's a great opportunity for parents who live in a more suburban area to introduce kids to the outdoors.

"With the kids coming in here, you get a lot of parents that don't have the ability or the places to go to let their kids try to shoot. This is a perfect opportunity," he noted. "And you see the smile on their face and that just does it right there."

In addition to attending the first Youth Day, Wright has lost count of how many years he's volunteered.

"A lot of years, let's just put it that way," he said.

Wright spent most of Saturday helping youngsters learn how to shoot trap. "With the younger kids a lot of them will be real tentative because they've all heard how those things kick," he said. "So we just tell them, look, you hold it nice and tight on your shoulder and you pull it nice and slow; it's not gonna hurt you. If they feel too uncomfortable we say OK, you don't have to. But usually they do it. And after that first shot they're like, that's not so bad. That was fun!"

Wells said even if the kids don't want to shoot, they can still get the trap shooting experience. "If they don't want to we have them still stand up there, hold (the gun) and watch the bird fly out just to get that overall experience to see what it's all about," he said.

Wells said the youngsters are not only the future of the club, but the future of the sport. "That's single handedly the foundation of it all," he said. "We have a BB gun league that starts in January that is the foundation of our youth program. And we have over 130 kids in that program. They transition to the high school teams, they transition to our rifle teams. And it's growing every year."

According to the USA High School Clay Target League, nationwide, nearly 22,000 students representing over 800 school-approved teams will participate in the sport in 2018. In Wisconsin alone, 1,941 students from 78 high school teams, including Hudson, New Richmond, River Falls, Baldwin-Woodville, Prescott, Osceola and Amery are participating in the Wisconsin State High School Clay Target League's 2018 spring trap shooting season. Last year there were 1,449 students from 65 teams.

One of those high school shooters is 16 year-old Hudson sophomore Annie Fenner, who turned out to mentor other youngsters as a volunteer at Saturday's Youth Day. "I wish I would have done this when I was a little kid but I had no interest at the time," she said. "I didn't start until about two years ago when a friend told me about it and now I just love it so I came out here to help."

Wells said the most important thing the volunteers stress to the kids is safety. "We have to demystify this whole thing called firearms, that they don't grow legs and walk around," he said. "To get them used to them and see them, it takes that mystery out so if they find one somewhere they don't just pick it up and think it's a toy and try to discover it without an adult around."

He said it also helps to make the day as fun as possible. "There's competition for trophies, the food is free, and they get to see all the demos, including someone making a salad with a shotgun," he noted. "It's amazing by word of mouth how many people learn about this thing year after year. It's great. And every kid will leave here with something."

Wells said he'd love to see the turnout double again next year. When reminded he'd probably need even more volunteers he replied, "I don't think that would be a problem."

# Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

## Upcoming Events

Negunee, MI  
Suomi Shoot  
March 7, 2020

**WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB**  
Fullbore and Palma Fund Raiser  
April 4 and 5, 2020

Masters Gun Club: Kenosha, WI  
Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championships  
Southport.

Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (date may change)

**WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB**  
CMP Junior Club Fund Raiser  
April 18, 2020

Racine  
Garand  
April 18, 2020

Racine  
CMP Garand(am), Vintage Sniper(pm)  
April 25, 2020

Nicolet  
Small Arms Firing School  
April 25, 2020

Daniel Boone  
Small Arms Firing School  
April 25, 2020

Eau Claire  
4-gun 600  
April 25, 2020

Eau Claire  
80 shot NMC  
April 26, 2020

**WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB**  
Palma  
May 2-3, 2020

LaCrosse Rifle Club  
4-gun 600  
May 9-10, 2020

Negaunee MI  
F-Class  
May 9, 2020

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www.wisconsinfirearmowners.org](https://www.wisconsinfirearmowners.org)

Check us out on  
Facebook @ [Wisconsinforce](#)

## Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Please save the date: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Ashley Banquet Hall in Ashley for a great fundraising banquet for our association! We will have lots of guns and prizes for raffle, along with good food and good friends. We also want your help! If you would like to volunteer to help or if you a company you have a relationship with would like to donate or sponsor a prize or wish to make a donation to the fundraiser, please contact Dave Holub at [holubdave@yahoo.com](mailto:holubdave@yahoo.com) Flyers will be sent out a few weeks after the holidays. Let's work toward a great turnout and a great event!

## Wisconsin Firearm Owners

### Senior Service Rifle Team



With the over whelming number of competitors wanting to compete in the person team match, in 2020 Wisconsin is planning on having two adult teams. Tom Jones has come up with the following criteria to be on the team is: You must show interest in being on the team by sending in three match scores from this, starting in April 2020. One of the three must be an EIC match. You also must state whether you would like to be in competition or out of competition. Another requirement is to have to shoot at one of the state OTC matches along with fundraising. This would be accomplished by competitors interested in being on the team sending in match scores. You can send scores into [wiscoreroster@gmail.com](mailto:wiscoreroster@gmail.com).





- Wisconsin Firearm Owners gives you a voice in Madison to protect your Second Amendment Rights.
- We are the only NRA State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- WFO and the NRA led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- WFO provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- As your NRA and CMP State Association, WFO sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
- Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.

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Individual:

Club or

Business:

\_\_\_\_ Annual \$20  
\_\_\_\_ Life \$250

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\_\_\_\_ Patriot Annual

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I certify that I am not now, and never have been, a member of any organization which has in any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence, and that I have never been convicted of a felony, crime of violence, or misdemeanor domestic violence, and I am not otherwise prohibited from owning firearms. If admitted to membership in Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs & Educators Inc. I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship, and I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Second Amendment thereto.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Donations to  
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# Wisconsin Firearm Owners Junior Service Rifle Supporters



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YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS



## Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

### 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. WFO 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 WFO.

**Please join us today!**

## Why You Missed: Top 8 Most Common Shotgun Mistakes

*by Kyle Wintersteen - Monday, August 6, 2012*



Nobody even had time to grab a duck call as the drake mallard cupped its wings and veered toward my end of the blind. It slowed its descent and exposed its chestnut breast in complete committal to the blocks. The shot was a gimme. I flipped my safety, stood to shoot and emptied my gun. The duck flew away unscathed.

We all miss, and the occasional spectacular whiff actually adds to the enjoyment of wingshooting. However, frequent misses can be downright frustrating, especially if they're of the so-called "unexplained" variety. So, think back to the shots

you missed last season that continue to haunt you. I'll bet you made one (or maybe even a few) of these common mistakes.

### **You Looked at the Barrel**

Wingshooting is an instinctive art. You focus on the bird, smoothly mount the gun and let your brain do the rest. There's no aiming. That big noggin of yours has a built-in calculator with the amazing ability to spot an object (i.e. a pheasant or duck), judge its speed, path and distance and predict where it will be in the near future. If you let the calculator do its job, it will help you unite bird and shot at a precise moment. However, if you look at your barrel while swinging your gun in an effort to actively determine lead, you interrupt the message your brain is receiving about the speed of and distance to the bird—and you miss. This mistake is common to folks

who learned to shoot a rifle long before they picked up a shotgun. They're accustomed to focusing on a front sight or scope reticle rather than the target, and therefore the idea of instinctive shotgunning feels awkward to them. So, resist the temptation toward "barrel awareness." You can do a lot of things wrong, but as long as you intently focus on the bird as you mount your gun, you'll still shoot better than most.

### **You Pulled Your Head off the Stock**

If you shoot a shotgun correctly, your shot pattern is directed to wherever your eyes are focused. What's a great way to ensure things go awry? Pull your head off the stock as you pull the trigger in a reflexive effort to watch the clay break or bird crumple. Some shotgunners fight this temptation throughout their lives, believing it to be just a bad habit, but for many it's probably a symptom of "barrel awareness". Think about it: If your eyes are focused on the bird rather than your shotgun barrel, why would you need to lift your head to see it drop?

### **You Didn't Move Your Feet Properly**

How many times have you witnessed a beginner practically corkscrew himself into the ground trying to swing on a swift-flying bird that zoomed by at a sharp angle? All he had to do was turn with an unmounted gun, plant his feet and take an easy going-away shot, but his feet were moving (and in turn so were his eyes) throughout the entire awkward swing. This is an extreme example, but all shotgunners can use the reminder to move their feet and set them prior to the shot. As the bird flushes, take a small step with your left foot (for a right-handed shooter) toward the spot where you intend to shoot the bird, not to the spot where the bird flushed. Your swing, especially on a right-crossing bird for a right-handed shooter, will feel remarkably smoother and more agile, and you'll never experience the horrid sensation of running out of room to swing.

### **You Rushed It**

Some of the best advice I was ever given came from Gil Ash of the [OSP Shooting School](#), who told me to "slow down and enjoy the shot." So often we feel that we must hurry to shoot before the bird escapes. Birds do fly quickly after all. But we can only move so fast before things start to go haywire. Your form breaks down, your eyes are drawn from the bird to your swiftly moving barrel and all you end up doing more quickly is missing the shot. This error may explain why so many hunters seem to be deadly on their second shot yet hardly ever connect on their first. Slow down, take your time and, as Ash first demonstrated to me on a clays course, the bird itself will seem to slow down. It seems counterintuitive, but if you mount your gun more slowly, it will seem as if you have more time to shoot. When you try to shoot quickly, your senses perceive that everything around you is moving faster as well. So slow down and enjoy the shot.

### **Your Gun Mount Was Sloppy**

Look at the bird. Mount the gun. Pull the trigger. Instinctive shotgunning is really that simple, but a sloppy gun mount renders the technique impossible. Mounting the shotgun needs to become second-nature to you, for if it is a conscious effort, your brain will focus on mounting the gun rather than focusing on the target. Get to know your shotgun during the off-season. You'll be amazed how much your form will improve if you spend just 5 to 10 minutes a day a few times per week practicing the "[flashlight drill](#)," which was popularized by Ash and others. Get yourself a little Maglite flashlight, tighten the beam and insert it into the barrel of an unloaded 12-gauge shotgun. Direct the unmounted shotgun's flashlight beam at the corner of a ceiling within your home. Next, smoothly mount the gun toward the corner, carefully keeping the flashlight beam as steady as possible on the corner. If the beam waves all about, you know your mount is sloppy, but don't fret: Practicing this drill will steady it right up.

### **You're a Duck Hog**

Okay, maybe that's a little harsh, but I'll bet when you're hunting with other waterfowlers and someone calls the shot, you shoot faster than you would if you were hunting alone. It's human nature to be a little competitive, even if it's not a conscious decision. This leads to rushed shots and distracted senses as you fire amid your buddies' salvos. So, here's another Gil Ash trick: Never be the first in the blind to shoot. "How many times does everyone shoot and nobody hits a duck until their second shot?" Ash said. "As your buddies rush to shoot, you slowly, smoothly mount your gun." Have you ever noticed how the ducks momentarily hang in the air after the first shot volley? That's a great time to take your first shot.

### **You Closed an Eye**

When I'm shooting well, I couldn't tell you all the specifics of my technique. Things just seem to fall into place without conscious effort. But when I'm shooting poorly—really poorly—I start to panic, close an eye and aim. At that point all I do is miss even more.

You may have the same problem. This is yet another symptom that often results from America's love affair with the rifle. From the time you owned your first BB gun, you took careful aim with a closed eye. So naturally you began doing so with a shotgun. Unfortunately, while it's possible to hit a few birds in this manner, you'll never



reach your full potential. Keep your eyes open—force yourself if you have to—and your brain will naturally judge depth perception and other spatial factors regarding your target that will help you connect with it.

### **You Fell For a Marketing Ploy**

Think that fiber-optic bead will help you hit your target? That's a marketing ploy, because in wingshooting you shouldn't focus on anything but the bird or clay. If anything, a big, shiny bead will actually impair your shooting, because it distracts the eyes and brain from the target. And, while some shooters believe they can simply perceive the bead in their periphery, in reality your eyes cannot focus on two objects at once. Stick to a subtler white or brass bead, or try covering your bead with a piece of black electrical tape so it blends in with the barrel. The importance of focusing on the target and allowing your brain to put the barrel where it needs to go cannot be stressed enough.