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## Tom Tiffany



I would like to sincerely thank Senator Tom Tiffany for all the years supporting Wisconsin Firearm Owners State Association. As we all know Tom will be moving on to U.S. House of Representatives from Wisconsin State Assembly.

In 2010, he ran for the Wisconsin State Assembly after the position was vacated by retiring incumbent and has held that seat until now. Before that, Tom managed several businesses including petroleum division and farm cooperative. In 1991 he and his wife, Chris, moved to Minocqua, Wisconsin to operate an excursion business on the Willow Flowage.

The seat Tom is replacing was filled by Congressman Sean Duffy who resigned in September in anticipation of the birth of a child who was expected to have health complications. Duffy was another strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him and his family well.

Tom has written on his Facebook page the following:  
"Thank you, NRA, for your endorsement! #2A

A proud National Rifle Association lifetime member with an A+ rating, I helped pass both concealed carry and Castle Doctrine. In Congress, I'll stop attacks on the 2nd Amendment and champion your rights."

If you attended the Wisconsin Firearm Owners annual meeting you would have met Tom. Tom is a regular guest speaker at our meeting and a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment. He is always willing to help in any way he can to preserve our Second Amendment rights.

In a recent interview Tom had this to say: I fully support the 2nd Amendment and will stand up to any additional attacks on our right to keep and bear arms. In my first term as a state legislator, I helped pass both concealed carry and the Castle Doctrine. In the wake of the terrible mass shootings, I worked in the legislature to put more money into protecting our schools so we can ensure our children are safe. We've also allocated more funding for mental health, which I believe is extremely important.

Rather than passing any new gun control laws, we need to make sure we are enforcing the existing laws that we already have in place. The first step should be to ensure that law enforcement across the country is utilizing our current laws to their full extent.

Wisconsin is going to miss Tom at the state level but will really appreciate him at the federal level. From all of us at Wisconsin Firearm Owners Congratulations on your win and we know we can count on you at the Federal level.

Just a reminder this was a special election and Tom will be up for reelection in November. We need to get to the polls and vote so we can retain our Second Amendment Rights.

# Why We Volunteer

By Sara Holub, Board of Directors

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is your 100% volunteer state NRA and CMP organization. You will see these words on our monthly emails, in every edition of *The Trigger* and *The Hunter Marksman*, and on our state logo. What we all need to remember is that the association is not a separate thing. It is not an entity that serves us; instead, Wisconsin Firearms Owners is each of us, joining together to support each other and our firearms rights.

I am a high school choral director, and in my musical ensembles, we talk about two concepts that apply to volunteering. The first is synergy. Not every singer has a beautiful voice. Some read music extremely well. Some have great vocal ability. Some simply show up and lend their voice to the group. Everyone does what they can do, and all are welcome, no matter what they can contribute. The other concept is staggered breathing. Very often, we have to sing long phrases that students can't complete in one breath. Staggered breathing is the concept that singers can drop out, breath when they need to, and rejoin the group after taking a breath. Even though people are constantly resting, others are constantly rejoining. I also tell my students not to wait until they are completely out of breath to drop out and breathe. I also remind them to come back in, so someone else can take a breath.

In WFO, we can support each other by volunteering as we are able. Sell raffle tickets for your club or junior teams. Serve a term on your local club board. Run a competitive shooting event. Testify on a Second Amendment issue in Madison. But don't be afraid to take a breath when you need to, and trust that the rest of the group will cover your absence. You do not have to everything all of the time. But conversely, don't forget to rejoin the efforts when you are able, so someone else can take a much needed rest.

Just like my choir students are not all future professional musicians, we don't all have to contribute in the same way and at the same level. If you are a parent who spends a lot of time waiting to pick up the carpool or sitting at a weekend basketball tournament, take that time to write emails of encouragement to your pro-second amendment legislators or board members for the state association or your local club. If you spend your limited free time competing, hunting, or just hanging out at your local range, take some pictures and email them to [james@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:james@wisconsinforce.org) for *The Trigger* or post them on our Facebook page. If you scroll through social media on your break at work, share or like Wisconsin Firearm Owners posts. If you like to read, spend some time reading about the many people running for public office this fall or about our founding fathers and the inception of the Bill of Rights. Write an article for the *Trigger* or *Hunter Marksman*.

If you're not an accomplished writer, we will help edit for you. If you don't have time, but you do have financial resources, make a donation to the state association, buy a raffle ticket from a local club, or support our Wisconsin junior teams who compete at the national level. Every contribution is important. If we all do something small, it will make a huge impact for all of our second amendment rights. The State Association is a powerful thing, and you are the State Association.

*I cannot do everything; but still, I can do something. Because I can't do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do. -Edward Everett Hale*

# Trapshooting a 'lifetime sport' for students in Portage

By Noah Vernau – Portage Daily Register



Sometimes the country song “Beautiful Crazy” plays in the head of Emma Ashbrook when she walks to the trap line at the Portage Rod and Gun Club.

The song by Luke Combs is one of her personal favorites, she said, but that isn’t the reason it plays.

What’s important to Ashbrook is that she’s not thinking about failure.

“If you think bad thoughts, you’ll do poorly,” the Bartels Middle School eighth-grader said.

Ashbrook joined Portage High School’s Clay Busters trapshooting club last year, not long after which she hit a personal record of 23 targets in a row.

She credited the early success to good coaching — the club has eight of them at the Portage Rod and Gun Club — and that early

success had her thinking bigger in the third week of the new trapshooting season Wednesday. “This year I want to hit all 25; I want a perfect score,” Ashbrook said. “This a sport that just makes me want to do better.”

Portage High School seniors Halie Maier and Jacob VanWormer enjoy the sport for similar reasons.

As they loaded their guns with ammunition for Wednesday’s practice, they explained why trapshooting is a means for self-improvement.

“It’s really all about your mentality,” said Maier, who joined the club last year because she knew how much VanWormer, her close friend, enjoyed the sport.

“As our coach says, if you can hit five targets in a row, you can hit them all,” she said of the advice students get from their lead coach, Bill Voigt.

## Extended season

Maier has hunted deer since she was 9 years old, but hunting seasons aren’t very long, she said. The club’s competition season is offered to members in the spring and summer, and then there’s another season available to them in the fall.

Maier — whose personal record also is 23 — has the option to hone her craft year-round at the Portage Rod and Gun Club.

That’s exactly what she does, she said, whether the scores count or not.

The high school club only had about 10 members when VanWormer joined it as a sophomore. Four years after it first started, the club now has 29 members. VanWormer credits the growing popularity of the sport, locally, to coaches like Voigt, who frequently stress to the members the importance of safety and having fun.

“When everything is made safe and fun, everybody will talk about it with everyone else,” VanWormer said. His personal record is a perfect 25, which he scored last year, and his goal for the spring is upping his average scoring per round from 23 to 24.

He routinely does well in local competitions and came in 900th out of more than 1,200 competitors at the national competition he qualified for last summer in Mason, Michigan, he said. But that isn’t why he joined.

“I’ve seen myself grow from an average score of 16-17 to hitting 23 (targets per round),” he said. “I just love how it’s an individual sport.”

The Portage club belongs to the Wisconsin High School Clay Target League — a subsidiary of the USA High School Clay Target League that collectively holds about 30,000 students in 19 states, Voigt said. About 1,100 of them hail from Wisconsin.

## Safety first

“Our league’s mantra has always been safety, fun and marksmanship,” Voigt said. “Those three legs hold up the stool. In every conversation, at every meeting, when we get together, the first thing we talk about is about safety.”

Coaches such as Voigt, 71, hold decades of experience in trapshooting and shoot often themselves. With the students in grades 6-12, the coaches will work on “all of the things fundamental to shooting aerial targets,” he said, including foot placement, gun hold, swing and follow-through.

“It’s pretty cool to watch kids start breaking six to 10 targets, and then get to 12 and 14 targets,” Voigt said. “And then when they start to break more than 20 targets, that’s when you know you’ve made some headway.”

“It really is an equal-opportunity sport,” he said of the club’s mixed ages, genders and skill levels. “It’s a spectacular thing to get kids involved in a lifetime sport.”

For more information about the club including how to help raise funds for its student members, visit [Facebook.com/PortageClayBusters](https://www.facebook.com/PortageClayBusters)

# Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

## Upcoming Events

**LaCrosse**

**Mid-Range 4-gun 600 yd**

June 20-21, 2020

**Racine**

**M1 Garand (am); Vintage Sniper (pm)**

June 20, 2020

**Racine**

**Art Schrader 80 shot Regional**

June 21, 2020

**Lodi**

**Midwest Palma**

June 22-28, 2020

**Green Bay**

**50 shot M1 match**

June 27, 2020

**Bristol**

**200 yard 50 shot**

June 28, 2020

**Eau Claire**

**M1 Garand (am) and Vintage Sniper (pm)**

July 3, 2020

**Eau Claire**

**80 shot NMC State Championship**

July 4, 2020

**Eau Claire**

**CMP Leg**

July 5, 2020

**Eau Claire**

**State Junior Team Practice**

July 6, 2020

**Racine**

**Mid-Range 4 gun 600 yd State Championship**

July 11-12, 2020

**Bristol**

**Vintage Rifle Sniper Match**

July 11, 2020

**Green Bay**

**80 shot 200 yd reduced**

July 18, 2020

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- **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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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Donations to Wisconsin FORCE are not refundable or transferable and are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes.







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## **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. 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!**

# Winnequah Triple Crown Match



Mike Stewart shooting at 600 yard, James Melville and Thomas McGowan coaching in the team match.

moving firing points, Sam shot a nice 96-2x to start the weekend off. David H. also shot a personal best 92-2x offhand. A storm would roll in later in the day making some difficult conditions at the 600 yard stage. Sweet Baby James shot a nice 191-6x to end with a team high 477-9x.

-Sunday was a 100 shot regional match. Thomas M. started out hot with a 198-6x. He followed it up with a perfect 200-8x sitting. A pair of 99's at 300 meant he was going back to 600 down 4 points. He fired two 198's at 600 for a would-be national record total of 992-37. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the NRA did not sanction this match and the record is not official.

He will just have to beat the record again next year. Thomas's 992-37 was good enough to take first place. Former juniors Josh H. and Bryan M. shot 981's to take 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Other notable scores were James L. with a 963-30 and David H. with a 197-5 in sitting.

-On Monday was a Palma match. A palma match consists of 15 shot strings at 800, 900, and 1000 yards. Thomas M. was the only junior from our team competing. In his first time shooting past 600, Thomas shot a perfect 150-8x at 800. He followed it up with an even better 150-10x at 900. 1000 yards proved a bit tricky, but Thomas finished with a 143-5x for a total of 443-23x. This is a high master score and just 3 points behind the match winner.

Congrats to former junior Josh H. for winning the "Triple Crown" trophy for high aggregate over the three days.

Winnequah Rifle Club has hosted the Triple Crown Match for many years. This year was different with the uncertainty of our current environment and the NRA not sanctioning any matches. Everyone was wondering if the match would be held.

Scott Liebetrau put out an email stating if they had enough competitors sign up, they would still hold the match. It turns out they had one of the biggest responses in years even with the NRA not sanctioning the match. A lot of competitors just want to get out and shoot.

The Triple Crown Match is held over three day of the Memorial Day weekend. It consists of a four person team on Saturday 50 shot OTC , a 100 shot OTC individual match on Sunday and a Palma match on Monday. (Palma is 800 yards, 900 yards and 1000 yards). The winner receives a traveling trophy that has over 20 years of winner's names engraved on it.

Some of the Wisconsin CMP juniors competed in the Triple Crown. In the team match, Sweet Baby James, Sam C. and David H. shot with Kaleb "the Big Cheese" H. Thomas M. joined former junior Bryan M. and team coaches James M. and Mike "6" S. Off hand started off with some technical difficulties for the juniors. After firing 8 extra shots and



Spencer McGowan getting ready to shoot the Palm match



# Wisconsin National Guard troops continue mission to support public safety efforts

By [Wisconsin National Guard Public Affairs Office](#)

June 3, 2020



Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers rest prior to a state active duty mission in support of local civil authorities in Milwaukee June 1, 2020. Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery, conducted equipment checks and received information briefings as they prepared to assist local communities and preserve public safety. Wisconsin National Guard Photo by Maj. Brian Faltinson

Nearly 1,200 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard are on duty across the state assisting communities and civil authorities in an effort to preserve public safety and the ability of individuals to exercise their rights to peacefully demonstrate.

Wisconsin National Guard troops have ongoing missions to assist civil authorities with public safety efforts in Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine, and some of those troops continue to stand ready to assist in other communities across Wisconsin, if local authorities request Guard assistance.



Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, prepare to assist local communities and preserve public safety while on state active duty in support of local civil authorities in Green Bay, Wis., June 1, 2020. Wis. Their preparation included equipment checks and set up of sleeping tents, along with informational briefings and other personal readiness tasks. Wisconsin National Guard Photo by 1st Lt. Meghan Skrepenski

Approximately 125 troops originally mobilized to state active duty the evening of May 30 when civil authorities in Milwaukee requested National Guard assistance amidst civil unrest there. Civil unrest unfolded in Madison the following evening, prompting a request for National Guard assistance there as well.

Since then, hundreds of additional Wisconsin National Guard troops mobilized to state active duty to assist in Milwaukee and Madison but also in Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine, at the request of civil authorities in those communities.



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Serving the state, local communities, and Wisconsin's citizens during times of need is one of the National Guard's core missions. The Wisconsin National Guard responds at the request of, and in support of, civil authorities, and its troops serve in a support role as a resource that is available during times of emergency.

Approximately 10,000 Soldiers and Airmen make up the Wisconsin National Guard. More than 1,200 remain mobilized across Wisconsin supporting the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and more than 500 are mobilized in places like Afghanistan, Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Horn of Africa in support of the Guard's federal missions overseas as the primary combat reserve of the Army and Air Force.

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## Fact check: Democrat's bill would increase taxes on firearms and ammunition

Molly Stellino USA TODAY

**The claim: H.R. 5717 would implement a 30% tax on all gun sales and 50% tax on all ammunition sales**

Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., introduced in January H.R. 5717, a bill that would strengthen measures to prevent gun violence. It has evoked mixed reactions from the public and moved to the forefront of conversation surrounding legislation not related to the coronavirus pandemic.

A Facebook user made a post in late April calling the bill, known as the Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020, "tyranny." The user said the bill "will add 30% tax on all guns and 50% tax on all ammo."

### What H.R. 5717 would change if passed

The bill's intent is "to end the epidemic of gun violence and build safer communities by strengthening federal firearms laws and supporting gun violence research, intervention, and prevention initiatives," as stated in its introduction.

If passed it would, among other measures, require individuals to obtain a license to possess firearms, raise the minimum age for purchasing firearms and require law enforcement be notified when an individual does not pass a background check.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., introduced in February a companion bill, S. 3254. Both proposals aim to restrict a class of firearms banned from 1994 to 2004 under a federal law that expired. Companion bills are meant to "promote simultaneous consideration of a measure," according to the Senate.

Section 803 of Johnson's H.R. 5717 details the changes that would be made to taxes on firearms and other related items.

It would make pistols, revolvers and other firearms taxable at 30%. Shells and cartridges would be taxable at 50%.

In the U.S. Code, a firearm is defined as "any weapon (including a starter gun) which will ... expel a projectile by the action of an explosive," "the frame or receiver of any such weapon," "any firearm muffler or firearm silencer" or "any destructive device." Destructive devices are bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles, mines or similar instruments.



Ammunition consists of multiple subcomponents: bullets, cartridge cases, powders and primers designed to be used in a firearm, according to federal law.

Andy Phelan, communication director for Johnson, said the legislation would increase taxes on all ammunition, which is commonly referred to as "shells and cartridges" in policy.

Thirty-nine percent of the money collected from these taxes would be put toward research on and programs for gun violence prevention. The legislation does not specify how the funds would be allocated or where the other 61% of the money would go.

Firearms and ammunition are taxed at about 10%. The taxes, collected through various avenues, are used for different purposes such as wildlife preservation and hunter safety and education.

The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security in late March. It has not been voted on by the House.

## Our ruling: True

Under H.R. 5717, firearms would be taxable at 30%, and ammunition would be taxable at 50%. A portion of these taxes would be used toward gun violence prevention research. We rate this claim as TRUE because it is supported by our research.

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