

# The Blue Water News

## August 2018

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 13. September's meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All Board of Directors meetings are held in our clubhouse and members are always welcome.

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### Upcoming Classes

New Member Orientation will be August 18 and September 15 at 10:00 am. This class is mandatory for all new members. Current members are encouraged to attend to brush up on our current range rules.

And

CPL with Tom Carr, August 11 and September 8, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in the clubhouse and indoor range. To reserve your spot call Tom Carr (810) 987-7708.

And

Hunters Education  
September 29 & 30 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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*Welcome*

Mark Barr, Lisa Barr, Kaitlyn Barr, James Camastra, John Clouse, Nicholas DeLong, Lisa DeLong, Kevin Doran, Timothy Frikken, Daniel Galich, William Gray Jr, Mary Greaux, Steven Jackson, John Kass, Gail Pagurko, Frank Pagurko Jr, Elias Pagurko, Scott PuffPaff, Russell Robinson, Joseph Rukofske, Lisa Bates, Andy Sulty, Christine Sulty, Mike York, Courtney Westrick, and James Zylinski

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Club grounds are getting some much-needed upgrades

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### 3 Gun/Combat

Mark on your calendar August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm for our monthly 3 Gun practice. Meeting at the back ranges at the barn.

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### Cowboy Action

Once again BWSA will be hosting the Annual Michigan State SASS Championship. This is the 20th anniversary of this event for our club. Please pay close attention to your monthly calendar for range closures from Thursday, August 30th thru September 3rd.

200 yrd closed Thursday, August 30th thru Monday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Bays 5 thru 11 closed Wednesday, August 29th at 5:00 pm until Monday, September 3rd.

Bays 1 thru 4 closed August 30 thru September 3rd.

Clubhouse closed Thursday, August 30th until Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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All bays should be open by 12:00 pm on Monday September 3rd. The 100 yrd will remain open the entire event.

Thank you for your cooperation during this major event.

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### Precision

One of the biggest questions on peoples' mind when they want to get into precision rifle shooting is; "what caliber should I choose?" Five years ago, the answer to this question was more or less a given, almost every shooter elected to start off with a .308 cal. That answer today is not so simple.

Largely due to the explosion in interest in precision rifle shooting and long range hunting over the last decade, many new calibers provide a viable option for both new shooters and skilled long range practitioners. Everyone has seen the new 6.5 mm's and 6 mm's Creedmor and 6mm Creedmor. While these calibers do have substantial benefits when it comes to the long range game, they also have some drawbacks.

I always tell people "long range rifles are like golf clubs, you need a different caliber for different purposes." This is true, and it's also an excuse for you to buy more rifles! The same caliber you hunt, and likewise, the 300 Win Mag you plan to use on a hunt out west won't be the best option for casual shooting or competitions- not unless you want to have your fillings pounded loose. The 6.5 mm Creedmor is quickly emerging as a well-rounded caliber for most long range purposes. This is also the caliber that I recommend to most new shooter. However, the 6.5 mm Creedmor

is somewhat of a jack of all trades, master of nothing caliber.

Ultimately, when a shooter elects a purpose driven caliber, they should take a number of factors into account; including (1) cost for factory ammo; (2) cost to reload; (3) barrel life; (4) max effective range for target shooting, dictated by transonic velocity; and (5) max effective range for hunting, dictated by kinetic energy. The chart below summarizes this information for many of today's popular calibers. These are factors to take into account when selecting your next caliber.

	.223 Cal	.308 Cal	6 mm CM	6.5 mm CM	300 Win Mag
Bullets	75 gr-80 gr	168 gr-115 gr	105 gr-115 gr	120 gr-147 gr	190 gr-230 gr
Factory Ammo	\$1.05/\$105	\$1.30/\$130	\$1.40/\$140	\$1.30/\$130	\$2.25/\$225
Hand loads	\$.35/\$35	\$.56/\$56	\$.56/\$56	\$.56/\$56	\$.75/\$75
Barrel Life	3000-8000+	6000-8000+	1200-1800	1800-3000	1200-1800
Transonic Max Effective Range	800 yards	1100 yards	1300 yards	1200 yards	1400 yards
Kinetic Energy Effective Range (1000ft/lbs)	100 yards	650 yards	600 yards	550 yards	900 yards

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The Board of Directors voted in June to no longer have the calendar attached to the newsletter. You can access the calendar online at <http://bwsa.club/calendar/>. We have changed the calendar to an agenda format to make it easier to read on your computer and cell phones.

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### Shotgun

We're having a great summer and for the most part the weather has cooperated with us.

The ATA shoots are bringing in new and old faces. This year we hosted the Michigan Zone 4 shoot and the Central Zone shoot again.

The Shotgun Summer Games are heating up. John Hyde has pulled out in front in the 12/20-gauge skeet and sub-gauge skeet has Paul Robbins out of no where take the lead. Jim Spiroff is leading in skeet doubles so far, but that may not last long as there are a few challengers on his tail. Buddy back up has new teams joining, so it's anyone's game right now.

The 5-stand game has only a 2-bird difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place right now, this is getting very interesting. In East vs West the West is winning by a landslide as East hasn't had anyone represent them. Trap shooters you are needed to represent your team.

There is still time to come out and join our Summer games. It's \$10.00 per game plus the cost of birds. Members and guests are all welcome to come join us. The banquet will be Saturday, August 25, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

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### Reminder

It is a new membership year at BWSA. You are required to show your membership card when you check in to your shooting events. If you do not have

your membership card on you, you may pay the nonmember rate. We will no longer accept a verbal membership number when signing in.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

I hope everyone had a great month shooting at our facilities. We are continuing to work on making improvements to our facilities. The clubhouse parking lot have been smoothed out, progress continues on the new 200 yard range, and many other projects are in the works. There are always things to be done and if you would like to help out, please contact me. I can always use the assistance.

Ed Allbaugh  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP

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