

# The Blue Water News

## October 2018

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be October 8 at 7:00 pm. November's meeting will be the 12th. 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 October 13 and November 17 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.

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CPL with Tom Carr, November 3, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in the clubhouse and indoor range. To reserve your spot call Tom Carr (810) 300-5277.

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*Welcome*

Carlos Arevalo, Gage Baderow, Jerome Bozyk, David Cylkowski, Richard Jarecz, Michelle Jarecz, Jonathan Sergeant, John Koehler, Sally Koehler, John Lindman, Joseph Lindman, John Lewandowski, Kimberly Lewandowski, Ryan Loxton, Alexander Molinaro, Jeffrey Sergeant, Gary Schymick, Ricky Swartz, April Swartz, and Robert Thayer

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### .22lr Egg Challenge

Sunday, October 21, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm BWSA will be holding a .22lr egg challenge on our 200-yard range. This shoot will benefit Blue Water Safe Horizons. The cost is \$10.00 for up to 10 shots. You will be able to use iron sights or any scope. The shooting position is up to you as long as it is safe. You may use a front bipod or a sandbag, but you must have control of your rifle. You cannot use iron sleds. All participants will fire up to 10 shots until they hit 1 egg. If you hit an egg, you will take 5 additional shots on a paper target for a chance to win a Vortex scope. Top scorer will win the Vortex scope. All participants who enter the shoot and look through a Hawke spotting scope will be entered to win it. We want to give a big thank you to our sponsors who helped make this happen: THS & Sporting Center, Hawke Optics, and Vortex. If you have any questions contact Don Morgan [dmorgan66@hotmail.com](mailto:dmorgan66@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

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### Sight In Days

This year BWSA will be opening its 100-yard range again to help local hunters sight in their deer rifles. The dates for this are November 2-4 and 9-11. The hours for all days is 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 for nonmembers and BWSA members are free. For more information contact Don Morgan [dmorgan66@hotmail.com](mailto:dmorgan66@hotmail.com)

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### Haunted .22lr Woods Walk

It's time for our Fall haunted woods walk. This year's will be Sunday, October 21, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. It is the same time as the .22lr egg

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challenge. Check in will be at the green building on Homer's (bay 4). Cost is \$10.00 per shooter. The course will be 25 Halloween theme targets of varying size and at distances of 5-50 yards. It is up to you if you would like to use a rifle or pistol. Both are welcome. This event is open to everyone and the more the merrier. Grab a couple of friends and spend the day shooting .22lrs at BWSA. If you would like more information the contacts for this are Pete Galante 810-841-4970 and Ed Allbaugh 586-764-7123.

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### Precision Rifle

Precision Rifle is not Service Rifle nor is it Hi-Power. There is a misconception amongst shooters that the Precision Rifle discipline is somehow related to Service Rifle or Hi-Power shooting-this is not the case.

Precision Rifle involves using a rifle (usually in a short action caliber) and an adjustable scope to hit targets that are "precise." Explained in a little more detail, the goal of precision rifle shooting is to engage targets of various sizes at distances that maximize on the rifle's accuracy and scope capabilities. For example, "1 MOA," or one minute of angle target, is usually the benchmark to measure precision rifle targets by. This roughly equates to a roughly 1" target at 100 yards, or a 6" target at 600 yards. The size of a target will often vary based on the difficulty of a particular position or course of fire. So for example, it's possible to have a 3 MOA target at 400 yards if a stage calls for a shooter to be in a supported

standing position (this size target would be similar to the steel wild board targets we use during our matches and practice).

The biggest difference between Precision Rifle and disciplines like Service Rifle and Hi-Power Rifle is the lack of rigidity in the sport. Service Rifle and Hi-Power are very strict in the types of equipment you can use and also the courses of fire. In contrast, precision rifle is basically open to all centerfire rifles and scope combinations that shoot projectiles under 3,100fps. Note, however, you wouldn't want to use a 30-30 for precision rifle shooting due to the ballistics of the round. People usually opt for the flatter shooting calibers for Precision Rifle shooting.

Another major difference focuses around where the shooting disciplines were derived from. Service Rifle and Hi-Power are derivatives of military style courses of fire and still are strictly aligned with these set courses of fire. Whereas, Precision Rifle is really a blend of long-range hunting, benchrest, and military style shooting. Because Precision Rifle shooting is a "hybrid," so to speak, stages and match formats vary across the board. In contrast, a Service Rifle match will be the same whether you shoot it in Michigan, Ohio, or California (if people can still own guns there).

All the differences aside, there are some similarities between Precision Rifle, Service Rifle, and Hi-Power. First and foremost, all of the disciplines above center around being a good marksman,

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so the fundamentals of breathing, trigger control, sight alignment, and sight picture all still apply. Second, the use of positional shooting and slings for support are consistent amongst all three of these disciplines. Lastly, in an effort to “modernize” Service Rifle shooters are now permitted to use adjustable scopes. Although Service Rifle shooters are limited in the types of scopes they can use and magnification range, this does have the slight effect of making the discipline more practical and adds one more similarity to Precision Rifle shooting. Nonetheless, all three disciplines are welcome activities within the shooting sports world.

Every match the Precision Rifle Division has people who just come out to watch for fun. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, we are having our Varmint Shoot, which would be a great match to come and see. I hope to see some new faces!

Will Thompson

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Muzzleloading

Muzzleloader shooters, we are shooting every Tuesday morning from 9:30AM until about 12:00PM. We will be shooting all winter long and into the spring until about May 2019. You're welcome any or every week. Join us for some fun shooting. Hunting season is here, so be sure you know where your shots are going. Also, our "Last Blast" of the year will be here before you know it. That event will be held on December 31, 2018.

Well, good luck hunters, may you be at the right spot, at the right time, with the right shot to get the big buck! See you on the range,  
Ron

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Scholarships

BWSA will be offering 2 \$500.00 scholarships to 2 Junior or Seniors in High School. You must have been a junior member for a minimum of 1 full membership year to enter. Open period will be November 1, 2018 – February 1, 2018. Keep an eye on our website, [bwsa.club](http://bwsa.club), and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bwsa.club/>, for more information.

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Indoor Range

October means the indoor range season picks up. Reminder the indoor range is only open during scheduled events. Starting in October we have on Monday night open range 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This is 10-minute relays of open shooting. It is open every Monday except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month due to the Board of Directors meeting. Tuesday is Jr Smallbore from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. We have everything your 10 – 20-year-old needs to get started in this sport. Wednesday night is bullseye with the 1<sup>st</sup> relay starting 6:30 pm. As we head into November, we'll add combat to our Thursday nights at 6:45 pm. Check the calendar for the most up to date information on indoor range events throughout the winter. <http://bwsa.club/calendar/>.

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Happy Halloween Everyone!



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