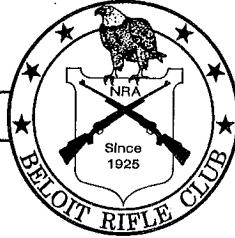


HOME ON THE RANGE

July, August, September

2010



Left the Range Robert J. "Hud" Hudzinski March 16, 1940 - May 13, 2010



It is with profound sadness and deep regret that I report the loss of one of the Beloit Rifle Club's oldest and most dedicated members who passed away Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Janesville Mercy Hospital after an unbelievably long battle with respiratory illness.

He was employed at General Motors in Janesville, Wisconsin for 34 years in the paint repair department up until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of the UAW Local 95, also a life member of Beloit Rifle Club and the NRA.

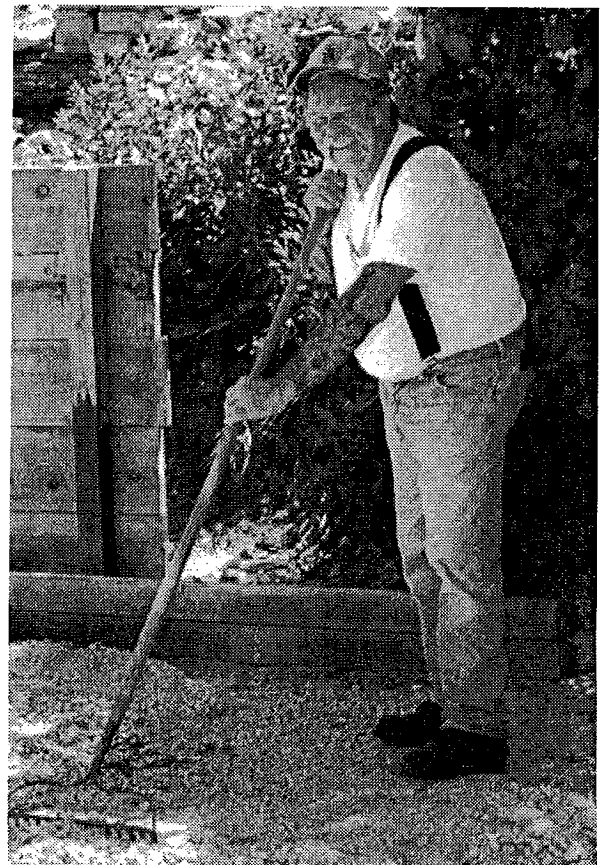
He belonged to the Harley-Davidson club of Janesville, where he enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle.

He joined the BRC in 1971 and was one of the most dedicated club members. He was deeply involved in the construction of the Silhouette range in 1977. He served as the Chief Range Officer for many years. He also held a range day and pig roast for years.

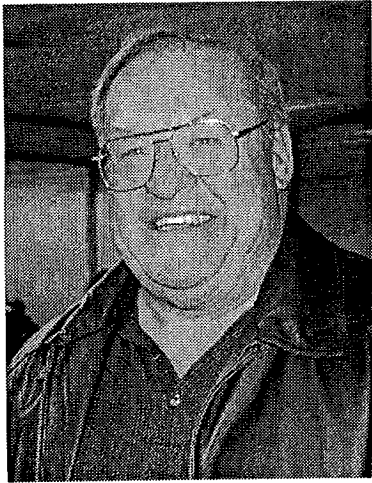
He was extremely patriotic, serving three tours in Vietnam as a member of the Army Airborn. Many of the newer club members didn't have the pleasure of knowing Hud. That pretty much says it all.

*A beautiful life
that came to an end
He died as he lived
everybody's friend
and remembered.*

He will be missed by everyone who knew him.
Goodbye my friend,
Norm Larson, BRC President
Jim Browning, former BRC Vice President and friend



From the Club President



The May monthly meeting was surprisingly well attended due to the previous newsletter's subject of range improvement. Many questions were brought forward; why significant changes to the ranges; why no consultation with an engineer, architect or range designer; why no info on the BRC website, etc. These same people suggested these matters are on the June agenda but they

failed to appear to have these questions answered at the June meeting.

All of the above questions were an exercise in redundancy as we have been discussing these for months while consulting with N.R.A. range experts and N.R.A. lawyers. We visited several ranges, used the N.R.A. Range Source Book and moved in a slow methodical manner with an engineer member directing the project.

We also have had problems with our website provider; we are currently working on this problem to bring our website back online.

Your officers have worked many hours to improve OUR club and plan for future members. We attended 99% of all monthly meetings plus the discipline or rules committee we are also part of.

Now, what have **YOU** done for your club? When was the last meeting YOU attended? What possible excuse can there be as one member (sick?) stated "I've been a member for **fourteen years** and this is the **second meeting** I've attended." Or "I can't attend meetings as I have to drive over an hour to get there" or "perhaps we should have meetings on some other day or weekend." A hundred such lame excuses do nothing to benefit our club. Put your time in to make a difference **OR** accept our actions and decisions.

Remember the 4-H Youth shoot in July. If you want to see a lot of happy kids enjoying shooting sports, come out and help.

Have a safe summer and shoot often.

Norm Larson

BRC President



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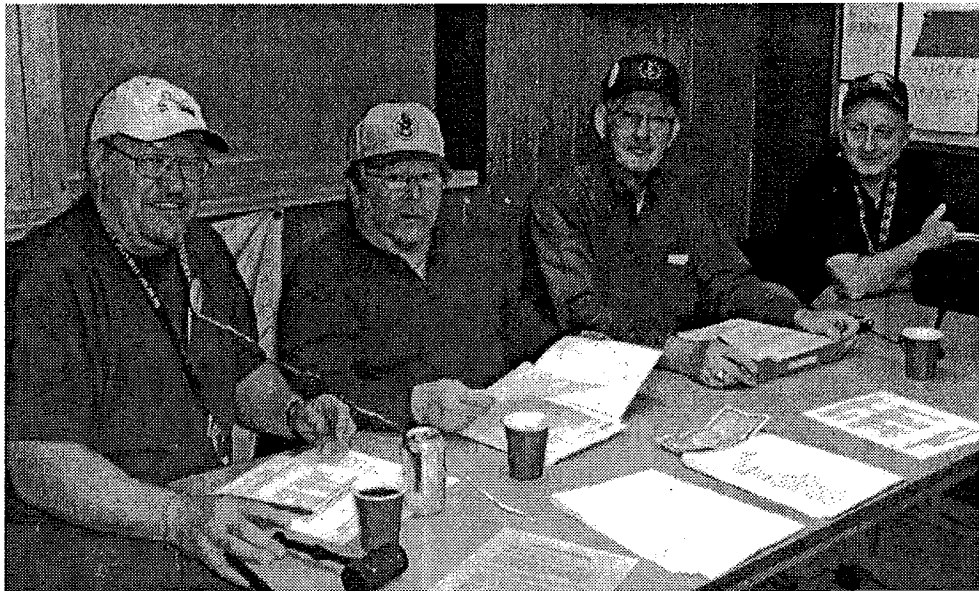
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Will call to make arrangements for pick-up
when jacket arrives.

Contact Bill Larson
815-230-9016

BRC Current Board of Directors



*President: Norm Larson, Vice President: Sonny Pabst,
Secretary: Jim Graham, Treasurer: Joe Peake*

Civilian Marksmanship Program

The Beloit Rifle Club held its first CMP Rimfire Sporter Match on May 23rd in the indoor pistol range. Rimfire Sporter is an inexpensive alternative to games such as NRA High Power and CMP Garand/Springfield/Military (GSM) match where equipment can be costly. Rimfire Sporter Matches only allow .22 sporter type rifles and ammo. Scopes are allowed on your rifle but no more than 6X. Adjustable scopes with a high power may be used providing the adjustment is set at no more than 6X. There are no shooting jackets, gloves or other specialized shooting gear allowed. You are allowed a mat, spotting scope, sling and work gloves. If you are 60 years of age or if you have a problem with going from the standing to the sitting or prone position, you don't have to stand, just wait till the first shot is fired. Rimfire Sporter is easy on your pocket and easy on you.

We currently are firing the match indoors so please be sure you do not bring jacketed ammo. The course of fire is 60 shots for record plus sighting shots. A mat or rug (2'x6') carpet would work nicely instead of lying on the concrete range floor. A spotting scope would be handy to see your shots that hit in the aiming black.

We had 25 participants in the CMP GSM match we held on May 2nd—a new record. We had 16 non-members, 8 members, and 1 junior participate. Thanks to all the shooters!

Match dates for the rest of the season are - GSM June 6, August 15, September 12, and October 3. Rimfire Sporter June 27, July 18, August 29, September 26, and October 17.

High Power League

We had a number of new people who had previously participated in CMP matches. We welcome them and hope they enjoy NRA across the course matches as well. It is always good to have another opportunity to practice and learn our equipment and technique. It is recommended that you shoot at least once a week to maintain your skill. If it is not possible to go to the range, then dry fire will help you with shot technique and shooting positions. Twenty minutes a day will definitely help your score.

Start time is 8:00AM, with range open for sighters at 7:30AM. Fees are \$5 per match with a onetime \$10 including \$7 for a one time processing fee for the NRA.

Remaining matches are: August 22, September 19 and October 10

For more information contact Pete Taylor at (815)382-7688 or email peterj_taylor_384@comcast.net.

Publicity

Grounds have never looked better— Thanks Jim & Wally! They need help Wed. and Thurs.

Good News—Recent bill signed by Gov. Doyle - Range Protection Act addition—WI SB.424 allows repair remodel and reinforce current properties.

On the Subject of Bad News:
SAFETY

At the “Hartland Sportsman Club” a bullet escaped their range berms, struck a pregnant woman eating outside at a downtown restaurant.

Bill's Shooting Tip:

The Club's operation is discussed and voted on the 1st Wed. of every month. Don't operate on “hear say” come to meetings. Help is “ALWAYS” needed - Board positions are open.

Bill Larson, Publicity

From the Membership Desk

Just a heads up on some changes that will be in place regarding membership in the Beloit Rifle Club. As you know by now, new members are being taken into the club in March and do not have to wait until May, as in years past. This was our first year with a March induction and it went relatively well. There are a few areas that need to be addressed during the coming year but overall it went quite smoothly.

One issue that needs to be addressed is in the form of a request to the sponsors of the new members. Our main concern is that sponsors get to know the person that they are sponsoring. We have a membership of close to 800 and we need to be more diligent in our screening process at the sponsor level. For that very reason a policy change will occur this year. That change will be that there will no longer be the obtaining of sponsor signatures at the "Spaghetti Dinner". A number of current members found it offensive and somewhat embarrassing to be put into a position to sign for someone that they did not know. To that end, we have moved the final day for application acceptance to, on or before, February 1 of the year that you wish to be a member. Hence the end of "signature" harvesting at the "Spaghetti Dinner".

Another issue is that when you become a sponsor you are accepting the responsibility for that person for the next two years. Know who you are sponsoring. Make sure you give them a rule book and that they understand where their responsibilities lie. Take the time to give them a tour of the facility. I had a new member come up to me on "induction night" and asked when the tour of the grounds would be. I asked what his sponsor had shown him and he said, "he just signed my paper". We are getting to be too big to "just sign the paper". The person that you sponsor is a reflection of you, make sure they represent you in the best way possible.

I have enclosed a current "New Member" application form. There will be more in the club house. We will also have it on our website.

Beloit Rifle Club Reinstatement Policy 2010

Any Individual:

1. Who has not paid dues to the Beloit Rifle Club within the past year and,
2. Had been a dues paying member for at least five (5) consecutive years prior to not paying their membership dues,
3. Shall be entitled the option to re-apply for "New Membership" status by completing the membership application form, without having to secure two (2) "Sponsor Signatures". The "Application" must be received by the first day of February.
4. The reinstated member will be considered a "New Member" and will not be able to sponsor a new member for the next two (2) years.
5. Any previous member with more than one (1) year's absence from the Beloit Rifle Club, will be required to go through the complete "New Membership" process.

Policy Recommendation by the Membership Committee:

Jon Nortemann / Dave Steenblock
608-365-9180 / 608-754-8501
Membership Co-Directors

2010 NRA Day Program Youth Sports Fest being held at the Beloit Rifle Club

Coming up on July 10, 2010, the Beloit Rifle Club in conjunction with the Janesville Rifle and Pistol Club, the Beloit Izaak Walton League Conservation Club and the Green County, WI 4-H are sponsoring our second annual NRA Day Program Youth Sports Fest at the Beloit Rifle Club Facilities in Beloit, WI. This is a one day program designed to introduce young people to our American history and heritage, and to the rewarding, lifelong sport of shooting. This program acquaints young people with a variety of shooting and outdoor activities in a festival-like event. It is a recreational, non-competitive event designed to offer youths a hands-on introduction to shooting by Nationally Certified Instructors and is a welcome opportunity for youths who might not, otherwise, get an opportunity to experience America's outdoor traditions. Last year 103 youth participated in our inaugural event on May 30, 2009. This year we hope to have around 120+ youth participate.

Registration forms are available on the website: www.beloitrifleclub.org

Bill Larson

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE:

1.

Applications must be turned in before the first of February of the year in which you wish to become a member. You do not need to come to the Spaghetti dinner, that is for the collection of dues of current members.

2.

A letter will be sent to all potential new members in February inviting them to the March meeting. Each new member who wishes to join the club is required to attend that meeting.

3.

At the March meeting an orientation session will be provided by the various disciplines, the membership directors, grounds keepers and chief range officer. Each person will emphasize the factors of SAFE range operation, as it applies to their discipline.

4.

New member induction takes place at this March meeting of the Beloit Rifle Club. Your dues are payable at this time and it is also the time when you will get your membership card and key(s). Dues will be collected at end of a short club meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

You must be a member of the National Rifle Association. You must have a membership number from the National Rifle Association. That number must be on the front side of this document. Putting the words "**Applied For**", where the NRA membership number should be will cause this application to be mailed back to you. Do not return it until the NRA membership number is added. Send **NO MONEY** with the application. **Remember the February First application due date. The Beloit Rifle Club takes in members only once a year, in March.**

SUGGESTION: Make a photocopy of this document and the completed membership application for your records.

SUGGESTION 2: Make sure that you know your sponsor; they are responsible for showing you the facilities and getting you a current rule book.

BELOIT RIFLE CLUB, INC.

Date of Application _____ Name _____

Last First M.I.

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Birth date _____

E-Mail _____ NRA Membership Number _____

(Please Print carefully, or Type, thank you) ("Applied For" is NOT acceptable)

Application to be returned: Before The First of FEBRUARY NO EXCEPTIONS !!

NRA Membership is required and **NRA NUMBER MUST BE ON THIS FORM!** It is your responsibility to apply for and maintain that membership. Failure to do so represents loss of club membership. Please give a brief reason for joining the Beloit Rifle Club and list some skills that might benefit the club:

Sponsorship: It will be necessary for an applicant to have two (2) sponsors. Sponsors may sponsor another candidate the following year, provided their current applicant is not called before the board for any infraction during the **1st** year of their probationary period. If this happens, sponsors will lose the right to sponsor a new member for **12** months from date of conviction of the above mentioned infraction. Sponsors are required to attend any board disciplinary actions involving the applicant.

Probationary Period/Membership Status: This period will last for two (2) years from the renewal date. No applicant may sponsor a new member until full membership status is attained. A background check may be conducted and the information gathered will be used to determine the membership status of the applicant

Work Requirement: During the first year of probationary membership, all applicants will be required to do eight (8) hours of service for the club. These hours are in addition to the work hours, up to eight (8), that may be credited to dues reduction, at the current rate of \$15.00 per hour.

NRA PLEDGE: I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America. That I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose, or one of its purposes, the overthrow by force and violence, the government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions. That I have never been convicted of a crime of violence and that if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

I have read the Beloit Rifle Club rules and agree to obey them. My sponsors and I have reviewed the club facilities and I understand the operating procedure on each range.

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY !

Signature of Applicant _____

BELOIT RIFLE CLUB FEES

Initiation Fee \$ 130.00
First years Dues \$ 55.00
Total \$ 185.00

Signature of Sponsor (1) _____

Print Sponsors Name _____

Sponsors NRA Number _____

**Above fees are to be paid
the First Wednesday in March**
(Subject to Board action)

Signature of Sponsor (2) _____

Print Sponsors Name _____

Sponsors NRA Number _____

Mail to: Jon W. Nortemann -1831 Arrowhead Drive - Beloit, WI 53511-3809

(revised 2/10)

NRA Basic Pistol Course

September 18, 2010
from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please Contact:
Tom Helbig
thelbig@charter.net

Silhouette

I'd like to thank Jim Shickles for all the time and work he has put in on the range, ordering, planting, watering trees and putting down the Japanese Beetle protectant, milky spore. Also Jim Paul, Wally Marshall and their crew have kept everything mowed, trimmed and looking well kept. We all need to thank them for all the hours they put in on the ranges without compensation or proper thanks. Every board member puts in more hours of work for our club than members can ever realize without having done it. Thanks to all who put in the extra effort, you are appreciated!

We had our first outdoor Sunday match May 16th. Scores ranged from 7-50 out of a possible 80. Shooters came from as far away as Northern Illinois to shoot. Plan on attending or getting some work hours in. Our next Sunday matches are July 25, August 29 and September 26. Bring your wife and kids and give it a try.

During the week we shoot .22 rifles on Thursday nights at 5:00 and .22 pistols on Wednesday nights at 5:00. Bill Ruck is running the pistol shoots. They have something for everyone, scopes or open sights, Cowboy Action, where you shoot a revolver open sights and a lever or pump action rifle. So bring what you got there's a place for everyone.

Your board has put in many hours to give you the opportunities to shoot and a beautiful range, get involved, come and participate.

Good luck through practice,
Dennis Loertscher 608-756-0968
Luke Grosenick 608-290-9667

From the Chief Range Officer

The Rifle Club has lost another good member, Board Member for many years and Veteran who served his country. With the passing of Hud who moved on to a new range. He will be missed by all of us.

The range is in great shape—now is the time to get out and shoot and have fun doing it.

Members are not reading your Rule Book #1 Rule:

As a member of the Beloit Rifle Club you **MUST** wear your Membership Badge at all times when you are on the property. This rule is mandatory. We want to know who you are and that you belong on the range.

Watch the calendar in the clubhouse for special events, work days and when the range will be closed. Get out, meet the members and have fun.

Harrison Teague

Grounds Keeping

We would like to thank all the people who have helped to keep the range in the shape it is in this season.

We all can be proud of the way it looks when we bring friends to enjoy our club and all it has to offer.

Jim and Wally

We will continue to need help for the rest of the season, so please continue to offer your help so we can continue to be proud of our club.

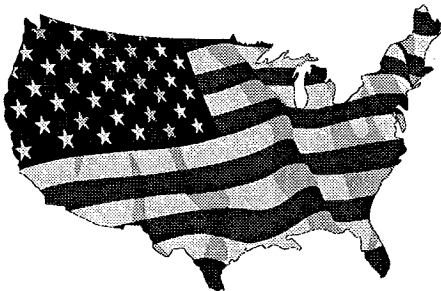
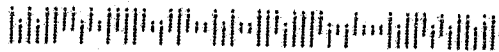
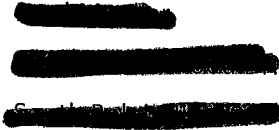
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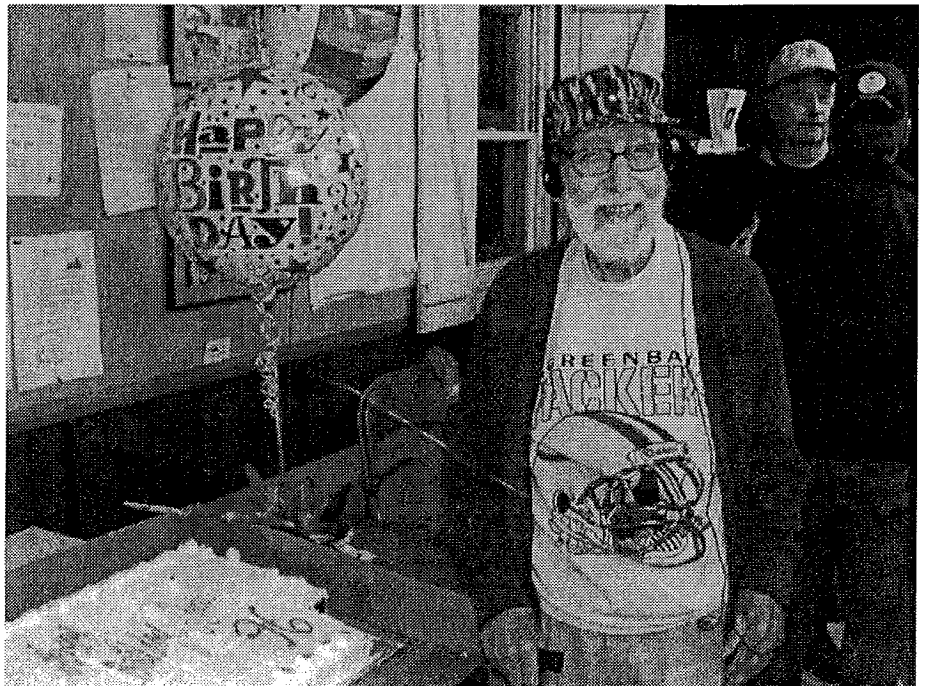
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