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### The President's Message

#### Summer Shooting

As is true for some others I know, my shooting is mostly done in the wintertime. For me, the farmwork just never seems to end and if I can manage two or three matches during the summer months, I consider myself lucky. I much prefer shooting outdoors, though. The smoke and noise of the indoor ranges has never been my favorite, and although the occasional rain or wind will get you in the summer, the nice days make up for it.

The highlight of the year for me is the National Matches at Camp Perry. If you have never taken the time to attend, I urge you to do so. Don't think that you have to be a record setting champion to attend the National Matches. Oh yes, those folks that consistently obliterate the x-ring will be there, but most are somewhere in the middle. Everyone is there to have a good time, meet old friends and make new. It's a great opportunity to meet shooters from all walks of life, from all over the country. I've made some lifelong friends at Camp Perry. Its just flat amazing how many people remember me, even if I miss a couple of years. It's a great place to swap ideas about shooting and equipment. I have some of the guys e-mail me year-round to see what's going on. The Bullseye-L picnic has been held there the last 3 years, giving the opportunity to meet all the people who post messages on the Bullseye-L bulletin board.

But getting back to those x-ring shooters, Camp Perry is one of a very few places where you get to rub shoulders with some real talent. I think it's an excellent place for a new shooter to learn some things. Just watching some of these people shoot is a real inspiration. For you pistol shooters, where else can you meet people like Darius Young or Steve Reiter? I visited with the late Jim Clark a few years ago, and shot beside Annibel Chinchilla, a marine shooter who won the .22 match that year

(1996). I remember thinking as I shook Bill Blankenship's hand that maybe something good would rub off, but apparently it didn't!

If you are interested in getting a distinguished badge, Perry is the place. Leg matches are getting harder to find lately and those at Camp Perry are well attended which increases your odds of getting in that top 10%. There's nothing like standing on the line with several hundred other hardball shooters shooting rapid fire!

And then there is, of course, commercial row where many major shooting retailers are located. I have been known to squander a wee bit of funds on commercial row...ok, I've made lists weeks ahead of time...ok, so we almost had to leave our suitcases down there last year because the van was full. Well, you get the point.

Now, I haven't even mentioned those quaint little islands you can visit out on nearby Lake Erie. Nor have I mentioned the many nice restaurants in the area or that infamous homemade ice cream shop just a few miles from the gate. (Did you know that eating homemade ice cream every night really helps your slow fire the next morning?)

I will say that whether you are young or older, master or marksman, rifle or pistol, you really owe it to yourself to make it to the National Matches. Whether you travel with your family or a group of shooters, its always a good time. If you get a chance to get in some good practice and a couple of matches before going, that's great. If not, don't worry...a little ice cream will fix you right up!

Good Shooting,

Eric Pueppke President, NDSSA

#### M-1

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Do you wonder why that rifle  
Is hanging in my den?  
You know I rarely take it down  
But I touch it now and then.

It's rather slow and heavy  
By standards of today  
But not too many years ago  
It swept the rest away.

It's held its own in battles  
Through snow, or rain, or sun  
And I had one just like it,  
This treasured old M-1.

It went ashore at Bougainville  
In Nineteen Forty-Three.  
It stormed the beach at Tarawa  
Through a bullet-riddled sea.

Saipan knew its strident bark,  
Kwajelein, its sting.  
The rocky caves of Peleliu  
Resounded with its ring.

It climbed the hill on Iwo  
With men who wouldn't stop  
And left our nation's banner  
Flying on the top.

It poked its nose in Pusan,  
Screamed an angry roar  
And took the First Division  
From Chosin Reservoir.

Well, time moves on and things improve  
With rifles and with men,  
And that is why the two of us  
Are sitting in my den.

But sometimes on a winter night,  
While thinking of my Corps,  
I know that if the bugle blew  
We'd be a team once more.

## Editorially Speaking

I'm sure everyone reading this has heard about the UN's nefarious plans to outlaw private gun ownership worldwide. Maybe you thought it was paranoid nonsense; it certainly comes across that way at first glance. Unfortunately, it is all too true. You won't see much about it on the news- they don't want to tip their hands just yet. I came across this article on newsmax.com:

### July 9 Is 'Buy a Gun Day'

The United Nations is launching its assault on gun rights on July 9, but a movement is growing to counter this move by celebrating the date as "Buy a Gun Day." U.N.'s Web site, funded in part by U.S. taxpayers, includes this tidbit, with emphasis added: "Delegations in Vienna agreed on 2 March 2001 on a legally binding Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, which is designed to supplement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime signed in Palermo, Italy in December 2000. Once entered into force, the Protocol *will provide an international law enforcement mechanism* for crime prevention and the prosecution of traffickers. Among other things, it includes articles *establishing internationally recognized standards and provisions regarding marking, record-keeping and import/export control of firearms.*

Some outfit called International Action Network on Small Arms wants to designate July 9 as Small Arms Destruction Day. It says: "The Preparatory Committee of the UN Conference on Small Weapons has called on all States to organize, on a voluntary basis, public events of destruction of small arms and light weapons, preferably on the 9th of July, the opening day of the Conference."

Writes one NewsMax.com reader who supports Buy a Gun Day: "According to the United Nations, small arms means arms that are designed for personal use. (Not large tanks or small missile launchers but the firearms that we use at the local rifle range or go hunting with or carry as a means of personal defense.) And that is what this conference is all about - taking firearms away from honest citizens such as you and me."

The U.N. doesn't have sovereignty over America just yet, so it's up to you: On July 9, buy a weapon for self-defense or destroy a weapon for self-defense, whichever makes you feel safer.

"But this doesn't apply to us- We have a Constitution to prevent just this sort of thing!" Don't take it from me- take it from Tony Blair, Prime Minister of Great Britain, speaking with the (former) President of the United States smiling by his side:

"International law must be able to permeate national borders, and the central pillar of that law must be the democratic-loving laws of the United Nations."

Yes, we have a Constitution to prevent this sort of thing. We have representatives in Washington who are charged with defending that Constitution. That turns out to be rather like having weasels charged with guarding the henhouse (no offense to weasels intended). North Dakota is "blessed" with a troika of socialist congresscritters who work very hard to dismantle the protections of the Constitution they are supposed to defend. In collaboration with the East and West Coast socialists, they are laboring to bring forth a nation in which there are no morals, the Government is the supreme power, and everything you need comes from Big Brother.

And if you still think the United Nations is "democratic-loving", as Comrade Blair puts it, you need to do some more research. "Democrat-loving" is not the same thing.

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"If ye love wealth more than liberty, the tranquillity of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home and leave us in peace. We seek not your council, nor your arms.

Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; and may posterity forget that ye were our country men."

-- Samuel Adams

## 2001 NRA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri

By Ed Jensen

For my fourth time, I attended the NRA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The meetings were over about a five or six day period, but what I call the "basic trip" for me was to spend one day driving to Kansas City and of course a day driving home. That left me with two full days to do my thing! It's about 630 miles from Fargo to the motel I used, which was about a 30-minute drive south of the Kansas City Convention Center. The last meetings I had attended were: Seattle in 1997, Minneapolis about 1991 or so, and Portland. The Portland meeting was held in the mid 1970s; a long time ago! I guess I feel that when a meeting is really within a days drive, it's worth the drive. Next years meeting will be in Reno, NV; followed by Atlanta in 2003 and Pittsburgh (I think) PA in 2004. If I recall correctly there had been a meeting in Philadelphia just a few short years ago. As far as I know I may have been the only North Dakotan attending this years meeting. If one of you reading this article knows of someone else who may have attended this years meeting, please let me know.

The only formal meeting I attended was the "Clubs and Associations" gathering. The "Grass Roots" meeting, unfortunately, was being held during the same time period. I didn't attend the "big" Annual Meeting and elections, this year. I had been present for the Annual Meeting in Seattle and because I didn't have a single thing...to bring to the floor this year. I thought I'd spend as much time as I could looking over the seven acres of displays and vendor operations. Yes, seven acres of displays and no junk either...all new!

The Clubs and Associations meeting was interesting; particularly when representatives from the TSRA (Texas State Rifle Association) talked about their operation. I don't know how many NRA members Texas has, but they sure have one hell of a huge membership in their association!

They had been working hard to increase their individual memberships for the past two years. Two years ago they had 29,000 members. This particular speaker had learned just shortly before his departure for Kansas City that the TSRA strength had now reached 49,000 members, WOW!

Vendor displays covered just about the whole spectrum of what shooting is all about. There was even a NRA merchandise store. Now I have one of those 14 x 11 inch decals to remind me that I am an NRA Endowment Member! Hey...only \$5.00 and no shipping charges! Now the question is, where do I stick it? Please, please, hold your comments!

The only vendor that I personally knew was Colonel Homer Pearson. Homer and his son Charles, own "Champions Choice" of La Vergna, Tennessee. Homer was the Commanding Officer of the NG Shooting Teams for several years. Homer was, in fact, one of the prime movers that blended the All Guard Shooting Teams into The National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit, in the early 1960s.

While taking a break and drinking a coke, I got to talking to a NRA member from Hannibal, MO. Their club and a few members from other clubs chartered a bus to get to the annual meeting. They left the NE corner of Missouri at 5:00 AM and were scheduled to leave for home about 5:00 PM the same day. I don't recall just how many people were on the bus, but he did say that the cost per person was only \$30.00. That's not too

bad...considering that it is at minimum, over 300 miles across the state of Missouri and you don't have to drive or worry about parking, etc. Parking alone cost me \$7.00 for the first day and then \$5.00 for the evening of the banquet.

To me, the highlight of this year's gathering was the Annual Banquet. It was the best ever! It was huge, very entertaining, and very successful. There were 2,500 people that were scheduled to be at the dinner event. I know that many people feel that \$50.00 for a dinner ticket is far too expensive, but not too expensive when you have entertainers like: Pam Tillis; a Grand Old Opera stand-up comedian by the name of Becker; and Lee Greenwood...who sang several songs, including "God Bless the U. S. A." In my estimation, the cost of \$50.00 for all this, including the dinner, is really some inexpensive entertainment for the evening.

The menu featured "Grilled Filet of Beef," and "Sliced Medallion of Chicken di Florencia." with all the trimmings. You can hardly go wrong with that menu. There was also a spontaneous standing ovation when Kathleen Harris (Florida Secretary of State) was introduced as one of the head table guests! People have not forgot the election yet! The guest speaker was Ms. Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior. She previously had been Attorney General of Colorado. She read a letter addressed to the NRA members from President George W. Bush. She too, had several inspirational comments regarding Mr. Bush, and his views and her views on the future of firearms in our nation.

Do I think attending an Annual Meeting would be worth it? YES, absolutely, YES! Next year give yourself a present, before it's too late.

I wonder what it would cost, per person, for our association to charter a bus for Reno next year?...Hmmm...

### Ooops!

A couple of errors snuck into the last issue while the Editor was goofing off. Ed Jensen's correct current e-mail address is edjensen@cableone.net, as shown in this month's masthead. Also, A&P Prototyping and Repair's telephone numbers should have been listed as 701-225-7966 and 701-225-4904. Sorry!



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## Youth BB Gun Programs

by Dan Geurts

My name is Dan Geurts. I am the coach for a group of junior shooters here in Buffalo, ND. The purpose of this letter is to try to expand the amount of competition available to these and other youngsters in this state that are interested or may become interested in the sport of target shooting by encouraging some of you to start a program such as ours. To this end I will try to explain our club and the program that we follow.

To reach the most youngsters we offer BB gun. At age eight or nine kids and BB guns go together like ice cream and homemade pie. This addresses several needs.

First, it is a community service, as we instruct youngsters in safe gun handling. Our politicians (Democrat and Republican) claim to have bettered our lives by making more jobs available. The trouble is that the average family needs three or more of these jobs to make ends meet, leaving precious little time to spend training their young shooters.

Secondly, even in this state most children live in towns they have no place to shoot. We give them that.

Thirdly, it provides a sport that any child can excel at no matter what their physical make up.

And last but not least, through their experiences in BB gun they maybe better able to vote intelligently on issues pertaining to guns later in life - whether or not they continue to use them.

The program we follow is the Daisy Jaycee shooter education format. That way we can qualify for the International BB Gun Championship held by them each year. You do not have to be a Jaycee sponsored team to qualify. 4H, American Legion, and community or club sponsored teams are all eligible if they use the guidelines set up by Daisy and the Jaycees.

BB gun leads naturally to air rifle and nationally there is tremendous interest in youth air rifle, especially 3 position air rifle. The NRA, CMP, American Legion, ROTC and USA Shooting all have programs that lead to national shoots. Some have college scholarships as the top prize. These are all open to either sporter or precision teams or individuals.

This would be a good place to mention that starting next year the NDSSA will be holding a 5 meter BB Gun Championship. Equipment will have to comply with the Daisy - Jaycee program and part of the match will include a written test. The rules of competition are NRA 5 meter BB gun rules. This match is planned for next April in Page, ND. Any team sponsored by an organization or club is welcome to compete.

In my short career as a shooting coach I've heard from some of you about declining memberships in shooting clubs and the amount of gray hair (or no hair) on the firing line. This program may produce some life long members that might not have come about any other way than through this program. I believe there are plenty of youngsters out there who would be eager to have the chance to shoot competitively in a controlled environment. And who knows, they may decide to continue in one of the other shooting sports.

Anyone interested in competing or looking for more information about starting a bb gun program can contact me: Dan Geurts at 2840 - 138 ½ Ave. SE, Buffalo, ND 58011. Phone: 701-633-5553 or e-mail at: geurtsbd@ictc.com.

## Attorney General John Ashcroft's letter to James Jay Baker, NRA-ILA.

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Dear Mr. Baker,

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 2001 regarding my views on the Second Amendment. While I cannot comment on any pending litigation, let me state unequivocally my view that the text and the original intent of the Second Amendment clearly protect the right of individuals to keep and bear firearms.

While some have argued that the Second Amendment guarantees only a "collective" right of the States to maintain militias, I believe the Amendment's plain meaning and original intent prove otherwise. Like the First and Fourth Amendments, the Second Amendment protects the rights of "the people," which the Supreme Court has noted is a term of art that should be interpreted consistently throughout the Bill of Rights. *United States v. Verdugo-Urquidez*, 494 U.S. 259, 265 (1990) (plurality opinion). Just as the First and Fourth Amendment secure individual rights of speech and security respectively, the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms. This view of the text comports with the all but unanimous understanding of the Founding Fathers. See, e.g., *Federalist No. 46* (Madison); *Federalist No. 29* (Hamilton); see also, Thomas Jefferson, Proposed Virginia Constitution, 1764 ("No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."); George Mason at Virginia's U.S. Constitution ratification convention 1788 ("I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people... To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.").

This is not a novel position. In early decisions, the United States Supreme Court routinely indicated that the right protected by the Second Amendment applied to individuals. See, e.g., *Logan v. United States*, 144 U.S. 263, 276 (1892); *Miller v. Texas*, 153 U.S. 535, 538 (1893); *Robertson v. Baldwin*, 165 U.S. 275, 281-82 (1897); *Maxwell v. Dow*, 176 U.S. 581, 597 (1900). Justice Story embraced the same view in his influential *Commentaries on the Constitution*. See 3 J. Story, *Commentaries on the Constitution* § 1890, p. 746 (1833). It is the view that was adopted by United States Attorney General Homer Cummings before Congress in testifying about the constitutionality of the first federal gun control statute, the National Firearms Act of 1934. See *The National Firearms Act of 1934: Hearings on H.R. 9066 Before the House Comm. on Ways and Means, 73rd Cong. 6, 13, 19 (1934)*. As recently as 1986, the United States Congress and President Ronald Reagan explicitly adopted this view in the *Firearms Owners' Protection Act*. See Pub. L. No. 99-308, § 1(b) (1986). Significantly, the individual rights view is embraced by the preponderance of legal scholarship on the subject, which, I note, includes articles by academics on both ends of the political spectrum. See, e.g., William Van Alstyne, *The Second Amendment and the Personal Right to Arms*, 43 *Duke L.J.* 1236 (1994); Akhil Reed Amar, *The Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment*, 101 *Yale L.J.* 1193 (1992); Sanford Levinson, *The Embarrassing Second Amendment*, 99 *Yale L.J.* 637 (1989); Don Kates, *Handgun Prohibition and the Original Meaning of the Second Amendment*, 82 *Mich. L. Rev.* 204 (1983).

In light of this vast body of evidence, I believe it is clear that the Constitution protects the private ownership of firearms for lawful purposes.<sup>1</sup> As I was reminded during my confirmation hearing, some hold a different view and would, in effect, read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution. I must respectfully disagree with this view, for when I was sworn as Attorney General of the United States, I took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. That responsibility applies to all parts of the Constitution, including the Second Amendment.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,  
[signature]  
John Ashcroft  
Attorney General

<sup>1</sup>Of course, the individual rights view of the Second Amendment does not prohibit Congress from enacting laws restricting firearms ownership for compelling state interests, such as prohibiting firearms ownership by convicted felons, just as the First Amendment does not prohibit shouting "fire" in a crowded movie theater. As Samuel Adams explained at the Massachusetts ratifying convention, the proposed Constitution should "never [be] construed to prevent the people of the United States *who are peaceable citizens*, from keeping their own arms. Reprinted in 2 B. Schwartz, *The Bill of Rights: A Documentary History* 675 (1971) (emphasis added).

# 2001 Schedule of Opportunities, July-October

<b>July</b>				
Jul 1	Approved 2700 Pistol	Bis/Man R&P Range	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jul 7, 8	MN Highpower State Champ	Duluth, MN		
Jul 11-17	National Matches - Pistol	Camp Perry		703-267-1450
Jul 14, 15	Garand match, 600 yd (Sat) 800 Agg HP (Sun)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Jul 20-28	National Matches - Smallbore, Position & Prone	Camp Perry, OH		
Jul 21	IDPA	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Jul 21, 22	ND HP State Champ - Ind., Team, Leg Match	Grand Forks	William O'Connell	701-772-4109
Jul 22	Cowboy Action Shooting	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Jul 22	Cowboy Action Shoot	Center	Mark Montgomery	701-794-3391
Jul 22	Approved 2700 Pistol	Bis/Man R&P Range	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jul 29	ND State Silhouette Matches (HP & smallbore)	Bis/Man R&P Range	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jul 29	N. D. Outdoor Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Bill Brackin	701-282-7158
Jul 31-Aug 4	National Matches - Service Rifle	Camp Perry		703-267-1450
<b>August</b>				
Aug 5 - 12	National Matches - HP Rifle, Long Range	Camp Perry		
Aug 11	6th Annual NRA Sportscomp	Bismarck	Jack Kavaney	701-223-8564
Aug 18	IDPA	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Aug 19	Cowboy Action Shooting	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Aug 25	MN Outdoor Pistol State Championship	Minnetonka, MN	Lloyd Lano	763-560-9173
Aug 25, 26	HP Regional - Individual, Team, Leg Match	Billings, MT	Dusty Frimodig	406-633-2486
Aug 25, 26	Long Range Blackpowder	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Aug 26	Cowboy Action Shoot	Center	Mark Montgomery	701-794-3391
<b>September</b>				
Sep 1	BPCR- 40 Shot Silhouette Match	Bis/Man R&P Range	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Sep 2	Cowboy Action Shooting	Bis/Man R&P Range	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Sep 6	Fargo Friends of NRA	Fargo	Bill Brackin	701-282-7158
Sep 8, 9	HP Regional - Individual, Team, Leg Match	Red Wing, MN		
Sep 15	IDPA	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Sep 16	Cowboy Action Shooting	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Sep 22	7th Annual First Time Pheasant Hunt	Flasher	Jack Kavaney	701-223-8564
Sep 23	Cowboy Action Shoot	Center	Mark Montgomery	701-794-3391
Sep 29, 30	The Bruce Alexander Memorial Fall Highpower Marksmanship Classic Matches and Tournament Garand, 600 Yard Events, 80 Shot HP Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
<b>October</b>				
Oct 20	IDPA	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Oct 21	Cowboy Action Shooting	East Grand Forks	Jim Stout	701-746-5514
Oct 28	Cowboy Action Shoot	Center	Mark Montgomery	701-794-3391

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**Yes, to protect my right to keep and bear arms; I would like to join the NDSSA and support the legislative efforts of the NDSSA. My dues for a membership as noted are enclosed.**

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## First IHMSA Match at Bis/Man's New Range

by Blaine Erikson

Well, the sound of steel tipping rang across the new range. The Bismarck Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association has held their first IHMSA match in quite some time. With Bob Paris' donation of field pistol, small bore, and big bore targets he purchased from Russ Peacock down in Bison South Dakota, we were set to go. We didn't have a lot of lead time for advertising, and it was Father's Day, and it did rain a little, but in spite of all that there were 7 entries. Mark Ness and William Hodney from Bismarck were out trying the game for the first time. Both had very respectable scores. Thanks for coming out and hope to see you both at the next match. The Association has two more matches scheduled for this summer. Saturday, July 21 and Saturday, August 18. August 18 is the Saturday before the North Dakota State Match out in Dickinson. I hope more people take the opportunity to get some practice in before Cathy and Dave's big match. Let's shoot some steel!

### MATCH SCORES June 17, 2001

#### .22 results

William Hodney	New Shooter	Standing	Ruger	9
Mark Ness	New Shooter	Standing	Ruger	17
Blaine Erikson		Unlimited Standing	Ruger	24

#### Field Pistol Results

William Hodney	Production	Ruger .22	12
Mark Ness	Production	Ruger 41 mag	21
Blaine Erikson	Prod. Any Sight	Ruger .22	30
Brent Cusey	Prod. Any Sight	TC 22 Hornet	30

### I Do Not Choose to be a Common Man

It is my right to be uncommon if I can... I seek opportunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the tranquility of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and act for myself; enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, "This I have done, and this is what it means to be an American."

– Dean Alfrange

### "Metal Turning Lathe for Sale"

Atlas Bench Lathe, 10x27. This includes: Milling attachment, steady rest, 4 jaw, change gears, dogs, and lots of tooling. \$1200.00. Ed Jensen, 701-235-1972.

## WINTER AIR GUN POSTAL MATCH

by Rick Jorgenson

The Lake Region Shooting Sports Air Gun Postal Match for 2000-2001 ran from November through April. The top eight competitors in air pistol and air rifle competed in a Finals match which consists of ten additional shots each scored by tenths. After the Finals competition was complete and all of the results were added to each shooter's match average score, Morgen Dietrich led his nearest competitor, Jr. shooter Levi Geurts, by 13.5 points in the air rifle portion of the match. Travis Jorgenson led the air pistol field edging out "old shooter" Bill Brackin by 5.5 points.

Air Pistol Finals competitors were Jorgenson, Brackin, Eric Pueppke, Steve Faught, Ronald Todd, James Ladwig, Connie Jorgenson and Richard Wentz. Air Rifle Finals competitors were Dietrich, Geurts, Tom Thompson, Denny Coulter, James Ladwig, Russ Theurer, Zane Erickson (Jr. shooter) and Bill Langer.

The Gateway Norskiis team (Bill Brackin and Steve Faught) dominated the air pistol team competition. Team Snake in the Grass (Tom Thompson and Russ Theurer) equally dominated in the air rifle team competition. SS/MK air pistol team winner was Erie Boys (Christopher and Matthew Pueppke). SS/MK air rifle team champions were the team of Paul Hovland and Matthew Pueppke.

Individual class winners and their match averages were:

Air Pistol:

MA – Travis Jorgenson – 572

EX – Ronald Todd – 551.2

SS – Bill Langer – 520.3

MK – Gordon Gasper 519.5

Air Rifle:

EX – Morgen Dietrich – 574

MK – James Ladwig – 488

I believe this is the first time that the air rifle match winner has held a higher match average than our air pistol match winner. Congratulations to Morgen for a fine match including our first individual match score of 580 and a great Finals score of 103.3.

Several air pistol competitors jumped classes during the match. Don Coe's monthly scores ranged from 508 to 551. Gary Ertmann moved into Expert class with scores ranging from 515 to 543. Gordon Gasper will no longer be in Marksman class after shooting scores ranging from 507-543. Air rifle competitor David Bruschwein demonstrated steady improvement by firing 410 in November to 486 in March. Jr. air rifleman Zane Erickson stretched his score from 451 to 507. Mary Kay Tokach's scores mushroomed from 448 to 495.

We hope to see you all at a match this summer. The North Dakota Shooting Sports Association website and the Target are great aids to keeping track of upcoming events and matches. Registration information for our next postal will be distributed during September. Contact Rick Jorgenson at 701-662-4760 or e-mail Rick at [rcjorgenson@stellarnet.com](mailto:rcjorgenson@stellarnet.com) to join us for this winter competition.

We wish you all a great summer and fall. Trust your area hold and shoot tens.

## Ten Really Good Reasons to Ban Guns

By Bruce Gold

1. Guns are used in self-defense over 2 million times a year. However, this makes the attempted crime a "non-event," which necessarily complicates the Police investigation. Without civilian ownership of guns, these Police investigations would not have been compromised. Civilians should leave crime prevention to the Police who are properly equipped to investigate following the crime's completion.
2. Some .004 % (4/1000 of 1%) of guns are used in crime each year. This is way too high. All guns should be banned
3. Guns are unnecessary. In 98% of civilian gun defenses, no shot is fired. If you are not going to fire a shot, you clearly don't need a gun. This proves that the guns are unnecessary. Banning guns will prevent these unnecessary defenses.
4. Guns cause criminal migration. In tough gun law Washington [D.C.], violent crime rates are very high. This high crime rate is caused by the migration of criminals from gun havens like Virginia. This migration is caused by the criminal's cowardly avoidance of armed householders and concealed carry civilians. This criminal migration is detrimental to helpless unarmed citizens in no gun areas and must be stopped. Guns should be banned everywhere.
5. Most gun crimes are committed by inner city gangs and drug dealers. These relatively small and geographically restricted groups consistently commit the majority of gun crimes, which usually peak as turf wars erupt over Drug War changes. The best way to prevent this is by denying guns to all law abiding people everywhere.
6. No woman needs to protect herself from rape, assault or murder. The Police will protect them by investigating the crime after the fact. Remember, Police paperwork is all the protection anyone really needs.
7. Guns owners are disrespectful of authority. Good citizens should completely rely on the authorities. A failure to do so is an invariable sign of improper and overly independent attitudes. Failure to completely and absolutely trust and depend on the authorities is excessive democracy and sends a bad message to children.
8. Guns owners engaging in self-defense are taking the law into their own hands. This is wrong. Only the Police and criminals have the right to take the law into their own hands. It should be kept out of the hands of citizens.
9. Children and young people should remain ignorant about guns. Real guns and real gun knowledge dissipates the fantasies created by violent video games and TV. Ignorance, once lost, can never be restored and needs to be protected.
10. Guns reduce people's reliance on the Police and Government. This fosters a mistaken belief in "rights." No person has the right to question authority. No person should be less than 100% dependent on authority. This is fundamental to social order. Banning guns will help to establish the Order the authorities want. This is good.

I hope it's obvious, but this piece is satire and not to be taken seriously. -editor

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