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The President's Message

Annual Meeting, Range and Clinics

This year's NDSSA annual meeting will be held at the International Inn in Minot on Saturday, January 24, 2004. This year we intend to explore the topic of ranges (indoor and outdoor). Our guest speaker will be North Dakota Game and Fish Commissioner Dean Hildebrand. The annual membership meeting will be from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We hope to take a tour of the new indoor range in Minot after the membership meeting (approximately 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm). The evening activities begin with a social hour at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our main program will begin at about 6:30 pm with awards recognition, Hall of Fame inductions (check the article inside) and Mr. Hildebrand. For additional information and/or tickets contact me (Tom Thompson) at 701-255-4601 or Rick Jorgenson at 701-662-4760.

As stated above, we plan to discuss ranges and range development. Used to be (and not so many years ago), you could take your deer rifle or .22 plinker outside and do some shooting. Well, even here in the wide open spaces of North Dakota, we are seeing these places disappear. As a result, we don't have places to go and enjoy the shooting sports like we used to. However, several clubs around the state have been working to expand opportunities for shooters and their sport. The Forks Rifle Club in Grand Forks has expanded their outdoor range over the past couple of years and they have just about completed a new full distance high-power silhouette range. They are now working on a new indoor facility. The Minot club (which will be one of the main subjects of the convention weekend) is just about complete with their new indoor facility. They have

been working very hard the past couple of years planning, developing and constructing this new range. Williston has recently reopened a new indoor range and we continue work on our outdoor range in the Bismarck/Mandan area. We hope to get folks together in Minot on this weekend to discuss ideas, successes and the pitfalls of projects we have been working on.

A word about the Bob Foth Clinic. In case you missed our last edition, I talked about the clinic lined up by Eric Pueppke in Fargo on the opening weekend of Pheasant season (October 10 -12). There were about 25 very dedicated shooters and coaches in the law enforcement training center all weekend. The instructor was former Olympian and Silver Medalist Bob Foth. Bob put on an excellent clinic. We covered a lot of material. Check out Rick's article inside. This was the best one-on-one clinic for shooters and coaches that I've ever had. We were at it 6:00 pm till 9:30 pm on Friday night, 8:00 am till 6:00 pm on Saturday and 8:00 am till 1:00 pm on Sunday. I hope we can continue to line up clinics like this in the future. Unfortunately, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has had to let Bob go. Seems like we (the shooting community) should get on the phone to the CMP and let them hear our voice. If we're going to get new shooters and coaches involved in the shooting sports in the future, we NEED these programs.

Once again we have a full schedule of shooting opportunities around the state this winter (and way into next summer). The annual Von Bismarck, air rifle matches, Junior Olympics, small-bore, light rifle - pick your shootin' iron and try to take in some of these events. Also, there are still Friends of NRA events in Bismarck,

Grand Forks and Carrington this winter. Be sure to get out and take in one of the banquets, and help support the shooting sports and your right to own firearms.

Until next time - see you on the firing line.

Tom Thompson

2003 Pistol Sectionals

Once again our North Dakota Bullseye Pistol and International Pistol shooters placed highly in the national indoor Sectional matches. Bill Brackin placed 9th in Master Class with his Standard Pistol, and he placed 10th in the High Master Class with his Conventional Pistol. Bill then placed 12th in Master Class with his Air Pistol. Our Gateway Norskiis Standard Pistol team placed first as an Expert team. The Gateway Norskiis Air pistol team placed first in Master Class.

Christopher Stover of Brookings, SD shot with us at the 2003 North Dakota Sectionals in Fargo, and he placed first in Expert Class with his Free Pistol. He placed second overall with a 569 in the Standard Pistol Match. He then fired a 570 with his Air Pistol for 3rd in Master Class.

I'll see you in Fargo for the 2004 Pistol Sectional over March 13 & 14, 2004 to witness some more great shooting.

Rick Jorgenson

Merry Christmas to you all & Happy New Year.

Almost all of you know someone serving in our armed services. Take some time to send them a letter or even a package over the holiday season. It is long and lonely in Iraq or Afghanistan or anywhere away from home especially over the holidays.

Editorially Speaking

I was reading the Virginia Shooting Sports Association Sept/Oct 2003 issue of The Bullet and found a couple of real interesting points in their President's Column. President Steve Canale makes the point that trying to refute the arguments of those who subscribe to the anti gun philosophy point by point are participating in a futile exercise. He suggests that we make every effort to be assertive rather than make any immediate effort to educate. He points out that a typical discussion about gun control lasts only about 7 minutes or less, and that is just not long enough to educate or persuade. By providing an assertive statement, you place the anti-gunner on the defensive. His example of an assertive statement is "Imagine a place where there are no guns, no drugs, and a cop on every corner. Well in America, there **is** a place like that, it's called prison, but as everybody knows, prisons are very dangerous places." Clearly, this is a great example that criminals are inherently dangerous, and they will never obey gun laws or drug laws. Laws are obeyed only by the honest law abiding citizens like us, and do not make criminals safe.

He goes on to ask how to rebut the anti-gun argument that gun control laws prevent childhood deaths, but he doesn't provide any suggestion for an effective response. I believe that there are a number of good assertive responses. I would like to read yours. Send me your response in 25 words or preferably less by e-mail, and I will publish the best of those that I receive in our next newsletter. If you have a good assertive statement or response to the many other routine assertions by the gun control groups, send me those in 25 words or less, and I will publish the best of those as well.

Steve reminds his readers that "a fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer."

In that same issue of The Bullet, there is a press release about the accomplishment by the Arlington Optimist – Acorns Combined Junior Rifle Club at Camp Perry's National Smallbore National Team Championships. This junior smallbore team swept the entire any-sight and iron-sight team matches beating the 47 other junior and adult teams including the Army Marksmanship Unit team. What a great accomplishment for this junior team made up of two girls and three guys! This is a great inspiration for our juniors and their coaches and parents. No other junior rifle team in the 100 year history of these National Matches has accomplished such a feat!

Our Association's **Annual Meeting and Recognition Banquet is set for January 24, 2004, at the Minot International Inn.** Plan now to attend. I look forward to seeing you there to support the induction of Tom Reiten and Sam May into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame. We plan to have a great time and we will recognize the accomplishments of our North Dakota clubs and shooters over this past year.

The following is still my favorite assertive statement:

If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words, and guns kill people just like spoons have made Rosie O'Donnell fat.

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Thanks to each of you who contributed articles to this issue of the Target. Those of you who have an idea for an article to run in our next issue, need to put some words on paper or into your word processor and get them to me as soon as possible. Don't wait until the next deadline. We are looking for some fresh viewpoints and insights.

Former North Dakota HP Shooter Fires a 495

MSgt Neil Jensen's high power rifle success in recent matches indicates that being assigned duty in the greater Mediterranean/Caspian Sea part of the world for extended periods of time and several tours has not diminished his ability to be competitive with the high power rifle.

Neil recently won the Nevada State High Power Rifle Championship with a 787-23X on the weekend of October 18-19 near Boulder City which, of course, is near Boulder Dam.

What Neil was really "up" about was his shooting the week prior to the Nevada State High Power Championship! The club he is a member of had sponsored a registered HP across the course (500 aggregate) match on October 11-12. His score was 495-23Xs. He was fortunate in one sense that the match was registered because their club calls that match their "monthly open match"!

Neil was shooting an AR-15 type rifle made at Compass Lake Engineering by Frank White that has a 26-inch Krieger barrel.

Neil used factory-made 5.56 mm ammo by Black Hills at 200 yards. That ammo has a 75-grain Hornady bullet.

At 300 yards he used his handloads, which were made up from 77-grain Match King bullets; 23 grains of 2495RB powder, and 7.5 Remington primers in an IML case. More handloads for 600 yards: using the 80-grain Nosler match bullet with 23.5 grains of Accurate Arms 2495 BR powder, using the CCI BR primer loaded .015" off the lands, in the WW case. All bullets were molly-coated.

He said that when he switched from the Remington primer to the CCI primer, his group size became smaller by an inch or two, now believing that it could hold a 4-inch group at 600 yards.

The 495 score should place him in the NRA's "495 Club". I can't say that I know of anyone who is a member of that club and Neil only personally knew two shooters who were members. It will be interesting to learn just how many members that club has.

Neil hopes to be at Camp Perry in 2004. He will, in all likelihood, also be back in one of the Middle East countries for yet another tour, before Perry begins. I think this will be Neil's eight or ninth tour in the greater Mediterranean /Caspian Sea area.

By: Ed Jensen

High Power Rifle results

September 15, 2003

It is safe to say that more records were set in one competitive event this past weekend than in all other events combined. You see, there was a new game in town thanks to the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association. That new game was the first Regional Long Range High Power Rifle Match ever fired in North Dakota; so virtually every shot fired set a new record. From the enthusiasm shown by all competitors, they will be back again to try to break those records.

Shooters from Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota fired five individual twenty-shot matches over the two days at a distance of 1,000 yards to compete for the gold. Brisk gusty winds and intermittent sprinkles on Saturday, and shifty breezes and changing light conditions on Sunday added their dimensions to make for very challenging conditions.

Tom Thompson of Bismarck shot a 7mm Remington Magnum to put together an aggregate score of 963-38x for the five matches to win the Gold Medal. Mr. Thompson also fired the high score for an individual match as he dropped only one point on his last shot in Match Four for a near perfect 199-13x. Tom Reiten of Grand Forks took home the Silver Medal as he fired a score of 955-23x with his 6.5 X 284. Neil Adams of Billings, Montana earned the Bronze Medal with a score of 947-19x. Neil also fired the 6.5 X 284 cartridge. First in the Master Class was William O'Connell of Grand Forks with 929-19x; and the winner of the combined Expert and Sharpshooter Classes with a score of 855-11x was Anthony Kozojed of Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Marc McDonnell of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota used a .300 Ultra-Mag to win the "F" Class, (any rifle, any sight, any reasonable support), with a score of 945-37x.

All competitors agreed that in spite of the fact that the team match scheduled for Saturday afternoon had to be canceled due to increasing winds blowing sand into everyone's rifle actions, the challenge of 1,000 yard shooting was worth coming back for next year.

Leon Nesja, Match Director

Bob Foth Air Rifle Clinic

Olympic Silver Medalist and three time U.S. Olympic Rifle Team member **Bob Foth** held an Air Rifle Clinic on **October 10-12** in the Fargo Regional Training Center in Fargo. Those of you who had the good fortune to attend know what I mean when I say that this was a great experience for coaches and shooters of all ages.

Bob is a very well spoken man, and he delivered organized coaching comments and suggestions clearly. Bob is committed to helping all of our shooters to meet and exceed their goals. This clinic was a rare chance to be coached one-on-one by one of the most qualified coaches in the country. Bob covered all aspects of shooting including not only the positions and mechanics of shooting, but also things like mental preparation, the shooter's diary, setting and reaching goals, as well as equipment and how to use it properly.

The very useful and high quality handout materials were provided by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. This clinic consisted of livefire as well as classroom instruction from 7:00pm to after 9:30pm Friday. Saturday's class went from 8:30am until after 5:00pm. Lunch on Saturday was ably and graciously provided by Char Pueppke. Char also provided delicious snacks (water, banana bread, cookies. etc.)

We met again Sunday at 8:30am until about 1:00pm. Sunday's final hour or so consisted of a Finals Match for all of the juniors followed by a Guts Match. Bob then gave each junior/coach pair the opportunity to set down their short term and long term goals for their shooting and to plan out the steps they will follow in their path to reach those goals.

Thanks to Eric and Char Pueppke and to James Ladwig for their efforts to organize and make this event a success. Most of all, thanks to Bob Foth and to Gary Anderson at the Civilian Marksmanship Program. I have not attended a better shooting clinic, and believe that everyone who participated learned something that will improve their skill as a shooter or coach. I believe that this clinic experience provided a very solid and positive foundation for the future of competitive shooting in North Dakota.

Rick Jorgenson

North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame Letter of nomination

RE: 2004 Hall of Fame

ATTENTION: NRA Board of Directors

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as my formal nomination of Thomas Reiten and Sam May for induction into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame. All of us are well aware of the commitment Tom and Sam have made to the shooting sports over many years.

Both of these men have served as officers of our association and members of our board. They have volunteered countless hours of their time to promote junior shooting. They have been instrumental in providing range access to both adults and juniors.

Sam May

I first met Sam May over 20 years ago. At that time Sam was already volunteering his time to the benefit of other shooters. Sam has been involved with the Bismarck Mandan Club for as long as I can remember. He is currently their club president. He serves as their range safety officer to certify new member's use of their new club range near Moffit, ND. He has volunteered many hours of labor and planning to aid in the construction of that range.

He is a master of the skills and attention to detail required in the creation of a competition .45 caliber pistol. His skills and efforts as a pistol smith alone merit our consideration of Sam for membership in North Dakota's Marksmanship Hall of Fame. Sam has built every one of the .45 pistols that our North Dakota 2600 shooters have used in their efforts to reach that shooting distinction. He has also built most of the hardball pistols that our recently Distinguished shooters have used to achieve that award. His pistol gunsmith work is valued highly by all of our North Dakota pistol shooters to the point where they would not even think about having anyone but Sam work on one of their .45 competition guns.

Sam has been a competitor in the sports of conventional pistol, IHMSA, international pistol, light rifle, silhouette rifle and shotgun. He has unselfishly acted as range officer and match director at matches held in the Bismarck Guard Armory and at other ranges in and outside of Bismarck. He served as the Marksmanship Coordinator of the North Dakota National Guard for many years. He has been instrumental in securing access for juniors and adults to the Bismarck Guard Armory for the benefit of junior and adult shooting programs in Bismarck for many years now.

He has worked with the Friends of NRA to raise money for the benefit of the shooting sports in North Dakota and around the USA. He has served as a Director of our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association.

Sam has been an active North Dakota Hunter Education Instructor for 14 years. His volunteerism is a model for us all.

Thomas Reiten

I have known Tom for nearly 15 years as an active competitor in the shooting sports and more importantly as a volunteer in

the effort to promote the shooting sports to our juniors and adults here in North Dakota.

Tom has helped run a junior program in Grand Forks with their Forks Rifle Club ever since I first met him and for many years before that. He has served as a Forks Rifle Club officer in many capacities over many years. He has transported juniors around the state and to other states to develop their shooting skills at numerous shooting matches. He continues to do so year after year. He has been amazingly generous with his time spent to promote the shooting sports in North Dakota.

Tom has been instrumental in the success of the Grand Forks Friends of NRA. He has been an active North Dakota Hunter Education Instructor for over 25 years.

Tom has served capably as President and Director of our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association, and continues to serve our association as a Director. We all know his record as an officer of our association. He has acted as a Match Director for many years, and he has been a competitive shooter in rifle matches from the local level to the National Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio.

Sam and Tom are two of the most reliable supporters of marksmanship in the state of North Dakota. Both of these men have been actively engaged in this volunteerism to the substantial benefit of shooters and our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association for over 20 years. We have grown to rely on their skills and dedicated efforts. I am honored to have had the experience of working with them on the NDSSA Board of directors and to have enjoyed competition with them over the last 20+ years.

I believe that Thomas Reiten and Sam May have more than met the criteria for induction into the Marksmanship Hall of Fame, and I expect that they will continue to add to their accomplishments in the years ahead.

I cannot think of two more worthy candidates for this honor.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Jorgenson
4931 81st Ave NE
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Air Rifle & Pistol Postal Match

Our winter air postal match is underway again. We run the winter match from November thru April with a 60-shot match each month. By the time you read this newsletter, it may be late to shoot the November match, or maybe even the December Match. However, if you want to start late, you could still shoot the January through April matches.

Air gun competition is a great way to improve your skills in Smallbore and High-power rifle as well as Conventional and International Standard pistol.

If you have an air gun and want to join the fun, call Rick Jorgenson. We will find a spot for you in the remaining matches.

Schedule of Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Jan 2, 3, 4	Open International Sectionals (Air, 3P)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 10, 11	State Junior Olympics (Air, 3p, Air Pistol)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 17	Gun Show	Mandan	Roger Krumm	701-336-7533
Jan 17	Bismarck/Mandan Friends of NRA	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 24	NDSSA State Convention	Minot	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 31	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-673-3321
Feb 7	Forks Friends of NRA	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 8	Junior 3P Air Sectional	Valley City	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Feb 21, 22	Junior 3P State and Sectional	Minot	Marlin Newman	701-839-1326
Feb 21, 22	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Feb 28, 29	Open 3P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 6, 7	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 6, 7	Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 6, 7	Light Rifle Match	Cooperstown	Larry Wathne	701-797-3327
Mar 13, 14	Gun Show	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 13, 14	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 13, 14	Pistol Sectional	Fargo	Bill Brackin	701-282-7158
Mar 20, 21	Open 4P State and Sectional	Valley City	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 27, 28	Indoor Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
Mar 26, 27, 28	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Mar 27	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 3, 4	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Siverston	701-243-6413
Apr 25	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Apr 30	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
May 1, 2	Highpower, X-course and 1000 yard matches	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
May 15	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
May 22	Silhouette Pistol	Bismarck	Blaine Erikson	701-223-4358
May 23	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jun 5	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
Jun 5, 6	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Prone	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 6	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454

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Also join via the web: <http://www.ndssa.org>

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.

Please return this form. Print name and address as you wish it to appear on our records.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Smallbore Rifle Championship June 2003 at the Forks Rifle Club Range

Dennis Coulter of Grand Forks is the North Dakota State Smallbore Position Champion. Rick Reiten of Cooperstown is the Prone Champion. Morgan Dietrich of Olivia, Minnesota won the 200 yard match. Jeff Dunham of Thompson swept the junior field winning both the Junior Position and Prone Championships. Here are the match results of the winning shooters:

4 POS Match		Match #1	Match #2	Match #3	Match #4	Match #5	Match #6	
Competitor	Class	Prone	Sitting	Kneeling	Offhand	4-POS	Match Total	
Coulter, Dennis	EX	199-13	189-2	189-3	190-3-MW	380-12	1147-33	ND Champ. ND Jr. Champ.
Dunham, Jeff - Junior	MK	198-9	199-7-MW	182-4	168-0	366-7	1113-27	
200 Yd Prone Match		Match #8		Two Man Team		Match#7		
Coulter, Dennis		197-10	ND Champ.	Coulter, D.	Reiten, T.	761-34-MW	Match Winner	
Dietrich, Morgan		200-10	MW	Two Man Team		Match#14		
				Kozojed, A.	Barner, J.	3115-125- MW	Match Winner	
		Match#9	Match#10	Match#11	Match#12	Match#13		
Prone Match	Class	50 Yard	Dewar	100 Yard	50 Meter	Agg.		
Reiten, Rick	MA	400-29- MW	399-25- FMA	399-20-MW	396-22- FMA	1594-96	ND Champ.	
Dietrich, Morgan	MA	399-33- FMA	400-31- MW	397-20- FMA	397-31- MW	1593-115	First Master ND Jr. Champ.	
Dunham, Jeff - Junior	MK	399-21- FMK	397-23- FMK	384-15- FMK	378-13	1558-63		

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