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COMPETITION

Our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association leadership is comprised of competitive shooters. Many of us are hunters, but all of us are competitive shooters. We have competed in shooting matches throughout the state of North Dakota as well as many other states. These matches have been local club matches, postal matches, state championships, regional championships and national championships as well as almost any other shooting competition that we can attend.

Fundamentally, we enjoy the sport of shooting competitively immensely. I began to shoot competitively almost immediately after I acquired my first firearm. While I enjoy plinking with a handgun or rifle for a short time, it doesn't hold my attention very long. Competitive shooting has grabbed my attention and held it for over 35 years now. I still look forward to each match with either rifle or pistol. I have enjoyed some significant success at times. At other times, I have been fortunate not to finish last. I have attended matches as match director, coach and competitor. I have enjoyed each of these roles and hope to enjoy them for many more years. In each, I have done my very best to succeed.

As a part of this competitive effort, I have developed some significant skills in the art of casting bullets, reloading cartridges, simple gunsmithing, and testing ammunition. I have developed these skills in order to compete more successfully with my rifles and pistols. However, I think that each one of these skills is a source of significant satisfaction. The time I have spent learning these skills and perfecting them has been extremely enjoyable. Looking back over the last 35 years and more, I believe that competitive shooting has served to reinforce my spirit of independence and to develop my will to succeed at whatever endeavor I set my mind to accomplish.

I believe that each of us is very well served by discovering some activity which they can pursue with a passion. Ideally, mastery of that activity should require reasonably significant effort. Mastering any skill by putting forth insignificant effort is likely not possible. It is also likely not to be worthwhile. At the same time, the mastery of some skills is pursued without any clearly defined goal. Instead of a clearly defined goal these skills are perfected continually over the course of a lifetime by a continuity of effort to improve and broaden. Some of us are blessed with a talent. Sadly, many of those talented individuals never come close to mastering their talent. They are talented enough so that they are content to succeed on their talent alone. These people cheat themselves out of the opportunity to be the very best at whatever their talent might bring to them if they made a passionate effort to master their talent every day.

Of course, many of us have a small talent that we are able to passionately pursue to a level of skill that those blessed with a larger talent cannot reach without effort. The passionate pursuit of excellence in the sport of shooting will be its own reward. That pursuit of excellence will lead down the road less traveled. Only those with a spirit of independence travel the road less traveled.

The road well-traveled is the road toward mediocrity. Unfortunately, many travel that road because they simply never noticed the other path that they could've taken. You have all heard people say that there is nothing to do and that they are bored. That phrase is rarely if ever uttered by those people who have found a passion to master an activity. Those with a passion seize any opportunity they can find to apply and develop their skills. They enjoy the effort almost as much as their success along the way.

Do a young person a real favor. Introduce them to the competitive shooting sports and support them in their development of the skills necessary to succeed at whatever level their talent will allow. Along the way, they will learn skills that they can apply to almost any effort that their daily life might require of them. Older people will benefit as well. In fact, we are never too old to find passion in life. Starting late is far better than not starting at all.

I did not begin to shoot competitively until I was over 25 years old. I had no idea at the time that my pursuit of excellence in the sport of shooting competitively would take me to where I am today. I invite you all to travel this road. Some of it is uphill, but the view from the top of a hill is often really fine. The effort is good for your heart. Teddy Roosevelt's comments on the following page are as worthwhile today as they were over 100 years ago.
Rick Jorgenson

As Robert Frost wrote in "The Road Not Taken":

**Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference**

I again invite you to share an article with our membership. Write one and email it to me ASAP. I received some great articles for our last issue. I wish that were the case for this one. Take a couple of moments to send me something for our next issue. – Rick Jorgenson, Editor

Editorially Speaking

I invite each of you to the North Dakota State Shooting Sports Association annual meeting and banquet in Grand Forks North Dakota on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Our annual meeting and banquet is an opportunity for us to get together. However, it is also an opportunity for us to examine our goals and to offer suggestions about the best course we can take to reach those goals.

We have quite a lot to celebrate at our annual meeting and banquet. Many new state records have been fired this year, and we will recognize those who have set these new records. We will also recognize the contributions and skills of Dave and Cathy Logosz. Dave and Cathy have been endorsed by our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association Board of Directors for induction into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame. I invite you all to our banquet on February 4, 2012, to celebrate with Dave and Cathy and to recognize our state champions and new state record holders.

As I have said before, we are fortunate here in the United States and in North Dakota to have the opportunity and privilege to take part in the competitive shooting sports and the use of firearms in hunting and all other lawful purposes. Remember to exercise your privilege to participate in the shooting sports. We need to get up from in front of the TV and go out the door to enjoy them. I do not watch much TV. Rather, I enjoy hunting and shooting in pistol and rifle matches.

If you have not visited our website, I certainly invite you to do so. James continues to do a great job with the site. There is information there about past champions, North Dakota state records, match results, upcoming matches and who to contact with questions about any shooting discipline.

Thanks again to Tom Thompson for his efforts to compile the North Dakota state shooting opportunities schedule. I appreciate everyone who makes an effort to send an article or bit of information that our members might enjoy. I'll edit as necessary; so write what you can and get it to me soon.

NDSSA is a small organization that gets a lot of good things done. We are always searching for people to [join us](#) as members or officers. If any of you have a prospective member, share your copy of our newsletter or help them fill out the membership application that is on page 5 and send it in to **P O Box 228, BISMARCK ND 58502-0228**.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."
— [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

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Volunteers (who and why)

Occasionally those of us who volunteer large amounts of our time step back and consider whether we should continue to do so. Each of us will consider different criteria in order to answer that question. Some volunteers don't realize what they are really volunteering to do until they begin to actually perform the volunteer work. I believe that we all volunteer with the idea that we are somehow going to be rewarded for our volunteer work. Almost every volunteer considers the work that they are performing on a volunteer basis to be important not only to themselves but also to those others who benefit from that volunteer work.

The shooting sports in North Dakota have been very well served by volunteer coaches, volunteer shooting clubs, our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association Board of Directors and members and our match directors. I believe that each of us who volunteer to serve the shooting sports in North Dakota in some manner recognize the value of competition and the development of marksmanship skills.

I sometimes wonder though whether the beneficiaries of our volunteer efforts realize that they play a substantial role in the volunteer's continued efforts on their behalf.

About 40 years ago or more Robert A. Heinlein coined the phrase: "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch". Those who benefit from the volunteer's efforts on their behalf need only make their best effort to improve their skills in marksmanship. Our volunteer coaches, match directors, clubs and Association members are all fed very well by the best efforts of our North Dakota competitors to improve their skills in the shooting sports.

On the other hand, the volunteers will starve, if at least a large portion of those people who are competitors in the shooting sports in North Dakota do not pursue the shooting sports with a passion for excellence. So long as those competitors, young and old, enjoy themselves and make a reasonably passionate effort to excel, those who volunteer will gladly give their time and advice to further those competitors' efforts at excellence.

The success of the shooting program obviously depends on the skills of the coach and the passionate effort of the programs' students to develop the skills of marksmanship. The coach must not only be skillful. The coach must devote sufficient time to the program both while his students are present and while they are not. The duties of the coach go far beyond the actual time spent at the range with students. Those who are coaches know how much time they devote to their programs, and it is often three or four times as much time as they spend in front of their students. The coach gives up time that he would otherwise spend with his family in order to benefit his students. In fact, the coach often takes time from work without pay in order to further advance his students' skills.

The coach does all of this without any expectation of monetary reward. Our match directors, club and Association officers and members receive no monetary compensation either. Again though, they are sufficiently rewarded, when students of the skills of marksmanship pursue the development of those skills passionately. The student/competitor is equally well rewarded or fed by the passionate efforts of our volunteers.

I have been volunteering my time to the benefit of the North Dakota shooting sports competitors since about 1975. I am not sure that I can even remember the majority of those individual volunteer efforts I've made to the benefit of the shooting sports over the last 35 years. The hours that I've spent as a volunteer have certainly limited the development of my own skills. However, I can say without any reservation that the volunteer time and effort that I've spent has significantly benefited the student/competitors in our North Dakota shooting sports programs. For the most part, I have been well-fed and rewarded for any sacrifice I've made to the benefit of the North Dakota shooting sports programs.

Sadly, I have seen many volunteers decide that they are not being fed well enough for their efforts. Many of those volunteers who are no longer involved as volunteers in the North Dakota shooting sports are highly skilled. They provided substantial benefit to the North Dakota shooting sports throughout the time that they volunteered as coaches, match directors, and club and Association officers.

Ours is a very small group of volunteers. Some of them you do not even know exist. It is our sincere hope that some of those who have benefited from our efforts will step into our shoes as volunteers who will keep the North Dakota shooting sports program successful in years to come. For example, a volunteer coach or match director is fed very well, when a student/competitor offers to help with the coach's efforts or with the efforts of the match director. Initially, the student/competitor can offer to perform any number of menial tasks that complicate a match director's or coach's volunteer efforts. Later, the student competitor can work up to performing all of the volunteer duties of a coach or match director. Actually, that is the way that a shooting sports volunteer program develops and survives. It is not just about medals and trophies. It is about something much more valuable.

Rick Jorgenson

NDSSA Nominations for 2012:

President	2012-2014	Kevin Fire
Vice President	2012-2014	Rich Butler
Past President	2012-2014	James Ladwig
Director	2012-2018	Denny Coulter
Executive Officer	2012-2014	Eric Pueppke
Newsletter	2012-2014	Rick Jorgenson
Treasurer	2012-2014	Walt Fairbanks
Secretary	2012-2014	Tom Thompson
Membership	2012-2104	Walt Fairbanks

Concealed Weapons Licenses - New Requirements

JULY 1, 2011 - NEW REQUIREMENTS:

ALL APPLICANTS: A satisfactorily completed application/renewal form must be received by the BCI before the processing time period starts. An application that is incomplete is not considered "satisfactorily completed" and will not be accepted by the BCI. It will be returned to the applicant for correction and submission.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS: Timely renewal is the responsibility of the license holder. The BCI does not send out license expiration or renewal reminders. If your license expires during the renewal process you cannot carry concealed until you receive the new license. You must submit a satisfactorily completed renewal form within 90 days of the expiration of your license in order to avoid retesting.

INVALID FORMS: Beginning July 1, 2011, BCI will destroy invalid applications. The applicant will receive a notification by mail that the application/renewal was invalid and has been destroyed. The applicant will be required to start the application/renewal process again, including obtaining photographs, fingerprints, etc. as applicable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and encourage applicants to ensure the application is valid before submitting it. An application is INVALID and will be destroyed if:

- It is not the current form. The current form has an issue date of 06/2011. (NOTE: Old application forms being processed by local law enforcement will be accepted by BCI if the law enforcement agency received the application prior to July 1, 2011)
- It is not an original form issued by the BCI.
- The law enforcement official(s) who signed the application is/are not from the applicant's city and/or county of residence.
- Applicant began the renewal process more than 90 days prior to the license expiration.
- Applicant began the renewal process more than 90 days after the license expired.

These are the somewhat less than friendly guidelines that are now being followed by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation as they process our applications for concealed carry license or renewal. Clearly, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation recognizes that these guidelines create at least any inconvenience to those who apply for concealed carry licensure.

I am not at all sure what prompted the development and implementation of these guidelines.

I expect that someone in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation was continually inconvenienced by the old process.

Unfortunately, it is reasonably certain that there will be a large number of people who will fail to meet the prompt renewal requirements outlined above. I expect that someone at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation will be continually inconvenienced by the current process.

Those current holders of concealed carry permits who do not begin their renewal process within the time limits outlined will have to retake the test and present a new application. Those new applications will have to be processed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation personnel with an expenditure of far more effort than would be necessary for simple renewal.

Oddly enough, the period of time from submission of an application to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for a concealed carry permit until the actual time that permit is issued and back in the hands of the applicant has become very long. I know people who waited over five months from the time they submitted their renewal paperwork to the BCI until they actually received their renewal permit.

New applicants are waiting months, from the time they successfully pass the test and submit their paperwork to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, for their permits. If any of these applicants have an immediate need for the concealed carry permit, they are very poorly served by this lengthy process.

At this point, I hope that the staff at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation will begin to process new and renewal concealed carry permit applications much more promptly.

As I've said many times before, you cannot drive to your favorite hardware store to purchase a fire extinguisher when your house is on fire. It is far too late at that time to go out and purchase the fire extinguisher that you need to prevent your house from burning down.

If it is going to take months for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to process a new or renewal concealed carry permit, one or more of our applicants will be far more than inconvenienced.

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.
Winston Churchill

2012 Winter Schedule of Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Jan 7, 8	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-751-0609
Jan 7, 8	Bullseye Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jan 14	Bullseye Pistol 1800	Valley City	Garth Weber	701-330-3284
Jan 14, 15	Open Inter Rifle Sec (Air, 3P)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 15	Light Rifle Match	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Jan 21, 22	Junior Olympics (Air Rifle, 3p, Air Pistol, Sport Pistol)	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 21	Light Rifle Match	Williston	David Hartsoch	701-568-3851
Jan 21	Action Pistol Match	Bismarck	Bruce Magstadt	701-426-5927
Jan 28, 29	Collegiate Sectional (rifle and pistol)	West Fargo	Eric Pueppke	701-967-8450
Jan 29	100 Shot Offhand Match	Halstad, MN	Todd Westcott	218-456-2507
Feb 4	NDSSA State Convention	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 5	NRA Junior 3P Air Sectional/USA 3P Air Rifle	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Feb 4	Indoor Cowboy Action Shooting	Bismarck	Dave Shaffer	701-250-0643
Feb 5	Light Rifle Match	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Feb 11	Action Pistol Match	Bismarck	Bruce Magstadt	701-426-5927
Feb 11, 12	Junior 3P State and Sectional	Minot	Wes Thomas	701-839-6075
Feb 18, 19	Open 3P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 18, 19	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Feb 25	50 Yard Smallbore Match, 3- Position (any sight)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 3,4	Indoor Cowboy Action Shooting	Bismarck	Dave Shaffer	701-250-0643
Mar 3, 4	Light Rifle Match	Cooperstown	Larry Wathne	701-797-3327
Mar 3, 4	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 3, 4	Open Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 10, 11	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 6, 10, 13	Pistol Sectional (Conv., Air, Standard)	West Fargo	James Ladwig	701-484-5236

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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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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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 5 Year....\$60.00 Junior.....\$5.00 Club 5 Yr..... \$60.00

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 ___ Bullseye Pistol
 ___ Air Rifle ___ Hi-Power Rifle
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 ___ Pistol Silhouette
 ___ Hunter Safety

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2011 North Dakota State Records

Congratulations to every one of you who set a new North Dakota State Record this year. Good Shooting!

Thanks again to Denny Coulter for all of his work in maintaining our state records over the last many years. I had planned to publish the 2011 North Dakota state records in this edition of The Target. However, it is impractical to print and mail along with the Target newsletter. Fortunately, our North Dakota state records are easily accessed and available on our association's website: <http://ndssa.org/>

Our state's population is quite low. However, we have a large number of very good marksmen in our state. Our state records have been set by young and old shooters. Some of our records have been in place for many years and were actually set on targets that are no longer regularly used in competition. Take a good look at these records and the record holders. Some of our record holders are still active and may set more records at a match in North Dakota in 2012. Maybe you can be at one of those matches where/when new records are set by one of your fellow competitors or maybe even by yourself in 2012. I hope that I can be there shooting alongside of you.

Again, log on to our website and take a few minutes to look through the state records in all of the shooting disciplines. I think you'll enjoy your time spent reviewing the state records. Then, get your shooting equipment out and get yourself and it ready for the next match.

Again, congratulations to those of you who set one or more North Dakota state records this year. We will have hard copies of the state records at our annual meeting in Grand Forks on February 4, 2012 for review by those of you who do not have access to the Internet. -Rick Jorgenson

Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look on it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon.

Winston Churchill

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