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Do you want to be a match director?

Over the past 30 years or so, I have acted as match director for handgun silhouette, bullseye pistol, light rifle, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, and even muzzleloading rifle and pistol matches. These matches have been run under the authority of the National Rifle Association, international handgun metallic silhouette Association, USA shooting, 4-H shooting sports and the national muzzleloading organizations.

For those of you who have only a vague idea about what a match director actually does, I'm going to cover some of the main duties that a match director is expected to accomplish. They are often quite challenging.

First of all, the match director must contact the governing body for the match and secure authority to schedule and run the match within that governing body's authority. That means that the match director is expected to know the rules and how to contact the governing body for authority and also to report the results. This initial activity should be accomplished anywhere from 30 days to 180 days prior to the actual match date.

Once the match is authorized, the match director must advertise the match to those shooters who might like to attend. When I first started doing this, that advertising was accomplished primarily by mail and word-of-mouth. Occasionally, the national governing body would publicize the match in a newsletter or one of their magazines, if we plan ahead long enough and far enough to meet their publication deadlines. Today, we normally advertise a match by e-mail as well as through the governing body's publications and within this newsletter that you're reading.

Then, the match director has to make sure that the proper targets, target frames and shooting venue are available. Most often, the match director will have to negotiate with the owner or manager of the facility where the match will take place. The match director then has to survey that facility to make sure that it will accommodate the match properly and safely. Most often, that will require that the match director performs some modification or preparation at the match facility. Sometimes, that modification of the facility might involve a great deal of work by a large number of people or more often a great deal of work by a very few people one of whom is likely the match director. When I think about a lot of work, the best current example is probably Coby and those who helped him work to expand the David Disrud family/Bruce Alexander range west of Rolla, North Dakota. Those of you who haven't been there to see the results of that effort should really take a trip up there and have Coby give you a tour of the process.

Our Lake Region Shooting Sports Association hosted an air rifle and air pistol match on Sunday, December 15, 2013 for what turned out to include 40 air rifle shooters and 11 air pistol shooters. In order to successfully run that match, I along with José Figueroa, Jeff and Jacob Vaagen spent a little over 2 1/2 hours on Friday after supper to set up the range with 16 firing points and the gathering area with tables and chairs etc. My wife Connie put together targets with the Orion system barcodes for those shooters who had preregistered for the match by telephone and e-mail over the past 30 to 45 days. On the morning of the match and over the evening the day before, Connie and I packed the Orion system, the assembled targets, etc. and of course delivered them to the range where we set up the Orion system to operate the match. Those of you who attended the match know that Connie also baked some cookies for the shooters to enjoy, and we of course had to pack those and bring them to the match as well. Almost all of them disappeared at the match, so we didn't have to carry them back home. One of our competitor's families added a pan of rice crispy bars to Connie's cookies, and they were also well received by all. I even ate some.

After the match, José, Connie and I with help from a couple of our match competitors took down the target frames, tables and chairs to put the facility back into the shape it was in previous to our match. From the time that we arrived at the range on Sunday morning until we left the range involved about 9 1/2 hours or maybe a bit more.

That evening we began work on the match report which the match director is responsible to send to each of the participants as well as, in this case, the NRA competitions department.

What I've outlined above is simply a summary and leaves out many of the details that a match director will have to deal with such as match scoring technicalities, unforeseen failure of equipment during the match as well as making sure that there's enough toilet paper in the bathroom. You can see that there is a lot of opportunity to forget something, and you can also see that a match director isn't going to get all this done by himself.

So, if you want to be a match director, I'm sure that one of our existing match directors would be happy to have you work with him to run a few matches and get used to the process. (Continued on page 4)

Editorially Speaking

Last issue, I advised that I was able to attend the Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power match at the improved range in Rolla, and greatly enjoyed shooting my first 80 shot across the course match with my Service Rifle. Coby has put together a couple of articles about the Rolla matches for this issue. Reading about the Rolla matches made me think about the **effort** put forth by our match sponsors to provide the shooting venues we enjoy across the state of North Dakota.

We here in North Dakota are blessed with some committed volunteers who make the competitive shooting sports available and enjoyable for everyone who wishes to take part in the broad spectrum of matches offered by our clubs. So, get your guns and equipment ready and attend the matches held at our North Dakota ranges as often as you can do so. I look forward to seeing you there. Encourage your friends to join their local clubs. Offer your services in support of your club's efforts. Many of you have a skill that they need, and they will greatly appreciate your involvement.

The Ayr Rifles Sportsman's Club Inaugural International Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match held at their new indoor facility in Ayr, ND, on November 3, 2013 was a resounding success. We also have completed our first indoor airgun match in Devils Lake on December 15th with a record attendance. I understand that the smallbore rifle match in Grand Forks on December 14 was a resounding success. So, our indoor season is off to a great start.

My son Travis, my son-in-law Bill, my friend Doug Darling and I had the most successful day hunting that I have ever enjoyed. We each harvested an elk from 4 separate groups of elk on the same day. As you can imagine, we covered a lot of ground on foot and enjoyed ourselves immensely. At the end of that long day of hunting, I was able to successfully stalk and harvest an elk with a lead bullet that I cast myself and loaded and fired in my .44 magnum revolver. My use of this cast bullet for years as a competitor in IHMSA matches made this possible. Those of you who hunt and compete know how much fun and reward I experienced.

Our NDSSA Annual Meeting/Banquet Flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. I hope to see you all at this meeting and Banquet in Bismarck on February 1, 2014. I wish each of you

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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.**

"The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference - they deserve a place of honor with all that's good." **George Washington**

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— **Theodore Roosevelt**

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2013 Turtle Mountain Shooting and Range Report

The David Disrud Rifle Range in Rolla took on a new look this year. In June we built a 76 foot railroad tie pit wall, and expanded the impact berm to accommodate three more firing positions, giving us 8 firing positions. Logging operations finished five minutes to 12 on the opening morning giving us full use of the 600 yard firing line for the Prairie on the Prairie Trophy Match, held on July 12, 13 and 14th. Friday started out with a morning rain that stopped as the match began, and fair weather prevailed throughout the weekend. Match records were broken in nearly all categories, starting with attendance, with eight competitors firing all 3 days. Day one Tom Thompson shot a very respectable 785-34x for match winner, and Duane Holien shot a 782-27x for second overall. Kohl Klein won the combined MK/SS/EX class with a 762-12x.

Day two started with a John C. Garand Match where Travis Carico took top honors shooting an 03-A3 to post a score of 280-4x, earning him a silver pin and match winner. Four shooters shot non-qualifying rifles with Denny Coulter taking top honors with a 291-10x.

Day two of the POTPTM Duane Holien was match winner with a 782-26x, Tom Reiten fired a very respectable high master score of 777-30x for second, out xing Tom Thompson by one x! Kohl Klein took first EX with a 755-15x, Taylor Boshans taking first SS/MK with a 717-14x, Don Granlie took second SS/MK with a 695-8x.

Day three Duane Holien was again match winner with an outstanding 787-27x, Tom Thompson took second with a very respectable score of 784-27x, Kohl Klein again took the EX class with a solid master score of 763-10x, Taylor Boeshans was first SS/MK with a 722-6x.

Aggregate winners include Duane Holien who was match winner firing a match record score of 2351-83x, former EXPERT Kohl Klein fired an outstanding score of 2280-27x to remove himself from the EX class and transition himself to the MASTER CLASS! Congratulations Kohl!!! Taylor Boeshans took the SS/MK class with a 2116-21x just 20 points shy of an Expert score! Good job Taylor! Luke Benson was second SS/MK with a score of 1815-8x. Good job Luke! In addition to the records set by Duane in the Grand Aggregate individual Aggregate records were set in all categories. Duane Holien set a new standing Agg record of 570-12x. The sitting rapid fire Agg record was set by Tom Thompson firing a 598-31x. The 300 yard rapid fire Agg record was broken by Duane with a 598-26x, and the 600 yd slow fire Agg was broken by Tom T. and now stands at 592-29x. Tom's 2nd place Grand Agg score of 2346-90x was also a new record, but was eclipsed by Duane's record score. Good job anyway Tom!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Prairie on the Prairie Trophy Match! Your attendance made all of our range improvement efforts worthwhile!! Thanks!!!! Coby

Mid-Range State Championship

Saturday, September 28th was the start of another gorgeous weekend for shooting! 9 competitors fired in Conventional High Power Rifle category, 8 fired F Class Open, and 5 fired in the FTR Class. Tom Thompson took the conventional championship with a score of 596-35x. Coby took 2nd place with a score of 591-24x, Duane Holien shot a 200-13x to beat the old slow fire prone iron sight record of 200-11x. Duane is now the second co-holder of the any sight slow fire record by firing a score of 200-13x! He also fired a perfect score of 60 tens and x's, but fell short of setting a record because one x fell on Tom Thompson's target. Excellent shooting Duane, but check that number board every time! Mike Cobert set a new F Class Open record firing an AMAZING 600-46x's, for match winner and the new state record! Brian Suhr took 2nd place in F Open with an excellent 598-44x, Dean Feland of Antler, ND won the EX/MK/UN with a score of 592-24x. Good job Dean! In the FTR Championship Jeff Kunze was the FTR Champ firing a 564-11x, Aaron Carico took 2nd with a 557-11x, out xing his brother Travis by 3 x's. Good shooting Carico's! The expanded range allowed us to run only 3 relays using 7 targets instead of using 5 relays with 5 targets like we did last year.

Thanks to everyone that made this match a continued success!! Hopefully we have to run 4 relays next year to accommodate all the shooters.

Sunday we held the 2013 Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power Match. We had 26 shooters including 5 HM, 2 M, 6 EX, 2 SS, 5 MK, and 6 unclassified shooters. We ran 7 targets with 4 relays, thanks to everyone for the outstanding turnout. Again, it made all the work worthwhile! Duane Holien turned in another outstanding performance by posting a score of 789-35x for match winner. Tom Thompson took 2nd with a score of 786-30x, Travis Carico won the EX class with a 740-8x, Tyrel Hoppe took the MK class with a solid EX score of 739-10x. Get ready to say goodbye to the Marksman class Tyrel, good shooting!! Rick Jorgenson was match winner among the unclassified shooters shooting a solid EX score of 738-7x, Brian Rook placed 2nd in UN with a 671-6x, Charles Welle was 3rd with a 669-8x. We were really happy to see 11 marksman and unclassified shooters, as they are the future of our sport.

"The 2013 Bruce", continues a long tradition of shooting excellence in honor of the great man Bruce was!!! A few minor range improvements remain, and we will be working to complete them before the 2014 shooting season starts at the Turtle Mountain Rifle Range. Hope to see you all there next year!! And don't forget to bring a friend shooting, and take advantage of the excellent shooting facilities ND has to offer. Thanks to those who helped with range construction and donated their time and money to the cause. It was greatly appreciated and should keep the Rolla range in operation for years to come. Coby

Match Director (continued from page 1)

On the other hand, if you simply want to support your current match director, just volunteer and show up to help with whatever needs to be accomplished. Any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated by not only the match director but also the shooters who take part in our matches.

The job of the match director is not a scheduled activity. It takes as long as it takes and often involves work far longer than what many consider to be a standard eight hour day. The match director is paid by the knowledge that the shooters were provided a fair and safe environment in which to compete and improve their skills. Over the course of the last 30 years, I've had the pleasure of seeing many of those who have competed in the matches that I've directed achieve substantial improvement and even occasionally mastery of the marksmanship skills. A few have even set State and National records. Some have gained scholarships to attend college and compete in college shooting programs. Almost all of those who have taken up this sport of competitive shooting at a young age have developed into responsible, productive, self-reliant adults.

In the end, a shooting sports match director is a volunteer dedicated to providing a fair and safe competitive environment for shooters to refine their marksmanship skills. One nice thing about being a match director is that we rarely get yelled at like referees at football, basketball and hockey games. Our rewards are the accomplishments of the match competitors and often their mere attendance at the match is substantial reward in itself. In other words get out your firearm and ammunition and attend a shooting match. You will most likely enjoy yourself and your attendance will reward the match director's efforts on your behalf.

Again, our shooting sports athletes in North Dakota have been well served by our North Dakota match directors over the last 30 years, and I certainly hope that some of you who read this will get involved to perpetuate our efforts for years into the future. Providing someone with an opportunity to shoot tens and x's is almost as much fun as shooting them yourself. Maybe not quite, but almost...

Rick Jorgenson

There are three kinds of men:
The first are those who learn by reading.
The second are those few who learn by observation. Then there are the rest who have to pee on the electric fence in order to experience the results for themselves.

2013 North Dakota State Records

Quite a few more of our state records were broken or tied this year. This becomes more difficult each year, as our North Dakota shooters have really set some high state records over the last few years. The following is a summary of those in recognition of these substantial accomplishments by the shooters who were able to match or exceed our state records this year:

Event Competitor Score Location Date

Junior 4-Position Gallery Rifle

10 Shots Prone *Tyler Linnerman 100-10x Bismarck 3/9/13
10 Shots Kneel *Dacotah Faught 100-8x Bismarck 3/9/13
400 Point Agg Dacotah Faught 398/400 Bismarck 3/9/13

Junior International Gallery Rifle

20 Shots Prone *Joe Martin 196/200 Minot 2/10/13
20 Shots Kneel *Dacotah Faught 191/200 Minot 2/9/13

Metric 3 Position Gallery Rifle, Any Sights

300 Point Agg Joseph Martin 286/300 Grand Forks 2/17/13
900 Point Agg Joseph Martin 859/900 Grand Forks 2/17/13

High Power Rifle

600Yd, Iron Sights Duane Holien 200-13x Rolla 9/28/13
600Yd, Any Sights Duane Holien 200-13x Rolla 9/28/13
1000Yd, Iron Sights Tom Thompson 200-8x Bismarck 9/7/13
1000Yd, 800 Pt Agg Russ Theurer 787-36x Bismarck 6/9/13
1000Yd, 1000 Pt Agg Tom Thompson 995-47x Bismarck 9/8/13

F-Open High Power Rifle

600 Yard, 20 shots Mike Cobert 200-18x Rolla 9/28/2013
600 Yard, 600 Pt Agg Mike Cobert 600-46x Rolla 9/28/2013
1000 Yard, 1000 Pt Agg Mike Cobert 963-25x Bismarck 9/8/13

F-Target Rifle High Power Rifle

20 Shots, 1000 Yards Brian Suhr 194-4x Bismarck 6/9/2013
1000 Yard, 800 Pt Agg Brian Suhr 764-16x Bismarck 6/9/2013
1000 Yard, 1000 Pt Agg Travis Carico 899-5x Bismarck 9/8/13

Silhouette Rifle - High Power Hunting Rifle

300 Meter Pigs James Ladwig 8/10 Bismarck 8/11/2013
500 Meter Rams James Ladwig 8/10 Bismarck 8/11/2013

*Indicates a State Record Co-Holder

Fall & Winter Schedule of Opportunities

Jan 5 & 6	Light Rifle and Bullseye Pistol match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
			Walt Fairbanks	701-751-0690
Jan 11 & 12	Open NRA 3-Position International Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 18 & 19	Junior Olympic Selection Competition	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 25 & 26	Light Rifle Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-749-6959
Feb 1	NDSSA Annual Meeting	Bismarck	Gary Vinnie	701-516-3427
Feb 2	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-751-0690
Feb 8 & 9	ND Junior 3-P State Champ and Sectional	Minot	Wes Thomas	701-833-7590
Feb 15 & 16	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Feb 15 & 16	ND Open 3-P State Champ and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-223-6959
Feb 22 & 23	Open 3-P 50 Yard Regional Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 1 & 2	North Dakota State Open Air Rifle Champ.	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 1 & 2	NRA Junior Air Rifle Sectional	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 1, 2 & 4	Pistol Sectional (Conv., Air, Standard)	West Fargo	James Ladwig	701-484-5236
Mar 8 & 9	ND Junior 4-P State Champ and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar	Junior 3P Air Rifle Match	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Mar	ND Indoor Pistol State Championship			701-330-3284
Mar 29, 30	Open 4P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Apr 5, 6	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Siverston	701-243-6413
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	Check our NDSSA website for events not yet listed and more details- http://ndssa.org/			

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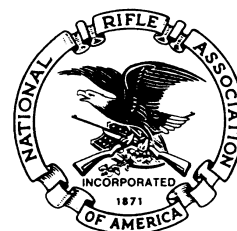
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NDSSA Junior Match Support Policy

One of the major objectives of the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association is to promote and foster junior shooting programs and junior shooters across the state. Many of our junior shooters excel and reach the next level to compete nationally in their discipline. Some of you may not be aware, but for many years now, our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association has provided monetary support to North Dakota junior competitive shooters attending major matches outside of our state. In an effort to make this support as uniform as possible, we have established the criteria that we will use to provide such support in the future. In a nutshell, the three important points follow:

- Juniors, their parents, or coaches must inform the NDSSA Board of Directors should they receive an invitation to, or intend to attend, one of the qualifying National Championships.
- Upon approval, the NDSSA treasurer will send payment to the parent of the qualifying junior in a timely manner before the travel date to the match.
- Recipients of funding will agree to refund NDSSA in full in the event that match attendance was cancelled.
- These funds are to be used for match entry fees and travel expenses.

The full text of this policy is available for your review at our website <http://www.ndssa.org>. Please check it out. We have a raffle in progress to raise support money. If you wish to support our efforts in this regard, tickets are available from our board members. If you would like to purchase one or help sell them, contact one of our officers. Thanks.