

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2016 Summer Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2016 Summer High Power Matches on July 9 and 10, 2016. Our turnout was a little better this year probably because I moved this event off of the July 4th weekend (that it was on last year). But still there are a lot of shooting events going on at ranges all over the northern Great Plains this time of year – there just isn't enough summer up here to take in all the events.

Once again - a **BIG** thanks again goes out to our line officer for the Long Range event – Bob Cunningham. Bob also posted most all of the scores (with some help from Dale Toman). I REALLY appreciate this because I would not be able to fire the events if I didn't have his help – THANKS again.

Congratulations to our 2016 Bismarck/Mandan M1 Garand Club Champion – Travis Carico. Travis fired an impressive 271-1x over the 300 point course. This was good enough for the Club Champ and a Bronze CMP Medal. Also to note – Dave Hintz fired the high score in the Garand match (275-5x) using the modern military rifle (and good enough for a bronze medal in the Modern Military category). Dave's has been working on this for a while – and I think he's got things starting to work very well.

Saturday morning started with a rain storm (which also led to the delayed start of the Palma match). Then we had our usual breezy morning – challenging for offhand. And of course when we finally got the Palma match underway it was windy.....seems we never get a break at our range – anyhow...

Congratulations to our Palma match winners – Tom Thompson (434-17x) in Conventional, Brian Suhr (438-14x) in the F-Open class, and Roger Nelson (417-7x) in the F-Target Rifle Class. We welcome a couple new shooters – Tyler Zaun joined us for his first F-Class match. Tyler has put in some time in the smallbore and air rifle shooting sports events. This was also Doug Doll's first event. He came along with David Teigen from South Dakota. David fired his first F-Class event at the 5-Buckle match and now he has brought a friend along. If everyone did this – we would be filling ranges with shooters at every match. Bottom line – bring your shooting buddies along – this is a great sport – they'll probably get hooked.

We had a fairly good day on Sunday for the over-the-course match – well – a great day by our range standards – not much wind – a little hot – not a bad day. Tom Thompson fired a 775/800 for the match win. Neil Jensen was first in the combined High Master/Master class with a 770/800. Tom Headrick was first in the combined Expert/Sharpshooter class with a 721/800 and Dave Hintz won the Marksman class with a 667/800 which is getting close to the Sharpshooter class. Dave and Aaron Guliuzza (Aberdeen) both fired the scoped service rifle. Aaron had a couple glitches along the way and had a little trouble at 600. But once he got on target at 600, he only dropped 1 point (in the last 15 shots or so). It will be interesting to see how the sport will go now that the scoped service rifle is on the range. I think this should hopefully open up the High Power field for those that have a hard time seeing iron sights or others that just don't have the time to get used to shooting iron sights. If you have questions concerning using scoped rifles in the High Power game – check out the rule books at the CMP and NRA web sites or give me a call (I don't shoot scope rifle yet – but I'm looking and asking questions).

The FINAL High Power event at our range this year will be the Northern Great Plains Regional the weekend of September 10 and 11. This event is a 2 day, 100 shots for record, NRA Long Range Regional Event for Conventional, F-Open and the F-Target Rifle Classes. We will shoot 3 – 20 shot matches on Saturday, and 2 – 20 shot matches on Sunday (with unlimited sighters for each match – so make sure you bring enough ammo). All matches will be from 1000 yards. Please plan to attend – pass the word and bring a friend along. This is also the weekend of the United Tribes International Powwow in Bismarck – so hotel rooms are tight. Therefore, if you plan to attend this 2 day event – start making your hotel reservations now!

Like I say every year - summers are short and winters on long in this part of the country. We **ONLY** have 7 more High Power events this **YEAR**. So make your plans and save the dates. The remaining match schedule is listed below. Thanks again and I hope to see everyone at the rest of the events this season.

Tom Thompson

2016 NDSSA Summer High Power Shooting Sports Schedule

(Be sure to call ahead – and it's best to Pre-register for State Championships and Regional events)

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Jul 16, 17	ND High Power and M1 Garand State Champ w/Leg	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jul 30	Summer Sizzler – F-Class event (3 x 20 shots)	Grand Forks	Mike Cobert	701-739-2017
Aug 20, 21	Mid-Range Prone Regional, Conv. and F-Class	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-749-6959
Aug 27, 28	High Power Regional, Team, and Leg Match	Billings	Matt Waite	406-208-3440
Sep 10, 11	High Power Long Range Regional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Sep 24, 25	Mid-Range State Champ (convention and F-Class) and Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Oct 8	Frosty Barrel – F-Class (3 x 20 shots)	Grand Forks	Mike Cobert	701-739-2017