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Competitive Shooting Opportunities in North Dakota

The following will outline some of the reasons that our newsletter is again a bit late.

As many of you know, I really enjoy the shooting sports. I got started with muzzleloaders back in 1975. I fell in love with the sport of International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Competition in 1978. As my son Travis grew up we became more and more involved in the International handgun competitions and the sport of bullseye pistol shooting.

I still enjoy all of those activities and seem to find time for one or two matches of high power rifle and maybe even a Cowboy action match every year.

I managed to make it to Camp Perry again this year for the bulls-eye pistol matches with Al Schirado. Al and I had a great time. Al even shot well particularly in the center fire stage where he placed 5th in Expert class as I recall.

Most recently, I had the opportunity to shoot in the North Dakota State Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette Championship held at the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association's outdoor range southwest of Moffit, ND. I had a great time at this 2 day match. I shot fairly well the first day. However, my rapidly reloaded ammunition didn't hold up on the second day.

Those of you with a black powder cartridge rifle should make a real effort to attend this State Championship next year and you should also really budget the time to attend the North Dakota State Black Powder Midrange Target Rifle match held the last week in August at Grand Forks, ND. The match in Grand Forks, ND is a perfect match for those of you who haven't fired your rifle much. Both matches are quite challenging. However, the competitors you find at these matches are all going to be very helpful to any newcomers. We may even give free advice without being asked.

Ray Hanson of Minnesota was the overall match winner at the Midrange Target rifle State Championship match in Grand Forks. Ray shot good scores throughout each stage of the match. However, he is a Minnesota resident, and I was fortunate enough to be the North Dakota State Champion at that match again this year. However, if we had a few more North Dakota residents at the match, I don't believe I would have brought the trophy home. I encourage all of our North Dakota Black Powder Cartridge rifle shooters to make it to the match in Grand Forks next year.

I will do my best to shoot better next year. Whether you win or lose, I believe you will find a great deal of satisfaction in competition at the Midrange State Championship match.

At the North Dakota State Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette Championship, Gregg Simon of Mobridge, SD was the overall match winner with a score of 45/0. We shot through tough conditions for all competitors, and Gregg overcame those conditions much better than the rest of us.

The next highest score fired in the match was 36/80 fired by 5 different competitors. We had a rather exciting shoot off to determine the State Champion, and after the smoke cleared, our 2007 North Dakota State Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette champion is Steve Allen of the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association. Dave Logosz of Dickinson, ND was next followed by Ken Heier of Bismarck, ND. Kathy Logosz of Dickinson, ND was next and Ray Hanson of Twin Valley, MN was the last of those with the tie score of 36/80.

The two day championship involves a 40 shot match each day for a total of 80 targets. The targets consist of chickens at 200 meters, pigs at 300 meters, turkey's at 385 meters and rams at 500 meters. The chickens are shot from the standing position while the remaining targets are shot from the freestyle position. As many of you know, this match requires that the shooters use original or modern reproduction single shot buffalo rifles common for the period of the late 1800's and ammunition must be loaded with black powder only.

Distance awards were provided to each of those shooters who managed to knock over the most of these 4 different targets. The distance award winners are Karlyle Erickson who managed to tip over 5 chickens while Dave Logosz managed to clean all 20 of his pigs. Gregg Simon knocked over 14 turkeys and Ken Heier topped 11 rams.

If you can budget time to get out to a shooting match next year, I will probably see you there.

Our winter shooting season will start shortly, and you should place the winter shooting dates on your calendar. We have a few shooting dates that aren't fixed yet and you can call the match directors listed in our winter schedule to confirm the dates for those matches. Enjoy the hunting and shooting opportunities in our great state.

Rick Jorgenson

Editorially Speaking

Sam has written another fine column for this edition of our newsletter. This edition is late in spite of my best intentions, but I will keep doing my best to catch up. If I keep this up, someone will have to dock my pay. I want to remind you that if you have an article you would like to share with our membership, you should email it to me ASAP. I appreciate all of your help and your input to make this newsletter informative and worthwhile. The following are some thoughts from our President Walt Fairbanks about fall hunting:

Choosey Hunters

It's that time of year between the summer and winter shooting seasons and in the middle of hunting season. I always feel safe when I am at a shooting competition but hunting season has been a different story. During competition we are surrounded by people who know how to and do handle firearms safely. Competitive shooting is one of the safest sports around, and hunting doesn't have too bad a record either when you consider all the people that head into the field to participate every fall. I have had several potentially fatal experiences and I have seen others injured while hunting. Injuries usually occur when we pick the wrong person to hunt with or we get careless. Not all of our friends and relatives have the experience with firearms that we do. Many of them only pick up their rifle once a year. Sometimes we handle firearms so often we get careless. I have made three errors in judgment myself while hunting (two as a kid and one not long ago), all of which could have killed someone, but I was lucky and no one got hurt. Not everyone is that lucky.

Make sure that whoever you go hunting with knows and employs safe gun handling practices and make sure you have a plan for the hunt. Then, make sure that everyone knows the plan and where every member of the hunting party is located during the execution of that plan.

My roommate in college just about shot me three times before I got smart and quit hunting with him. I had to hit the dirt about eight years ago, when a deer decided to run toward me while someone on the road and another party a half mile away began throwing lead at it. I quit hunting with large parties six years ago when a big buck jumped up in between the walkers and the blockers and it was like a scene from a civil war movie with people standing yards apart shooting at each other. A friend of mine got a pellet in his cheek and my pickup got shot a couple years ago when someone in our party decided to open up on a family of skunks that were on the road in front of my pickup. I must be mentally challenged to have taken this long to become choosy about who I hunt with. I hope you all choose your hunting partners wisely. Let's all be safety conscious.
Walt

Citizens with carry permits are more law-abiding than the general public. Only 0.01% of nearly 1.2 million permits issued by Florida have been revoked because of firearms crimes by permit holders. Similarly low percentages of permits have been revoked in Texas, Virginia, and other Right to Carry states that keep such statistics. The Right to Carry Concealed is widely supported by law enforcement officials and groups.

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The 1911 Corner

The topic for the next two editions of "The 1911 Corner" is sighting devices with open sights being the topic for this edition and scopes and scope mounts for the next edition. I get quite a few questions about sighting devices and I also see some things done incorrectly concerning sights and scopes on pistols.

Sighting devices on pistols for us Bullseye shooters generally consist of sights for a "hard ball" gun and a red dot sight scope type sight for the wad gun. A hard ball gun used in "leg" matches must have open sights to be legal and either sights or scopes can be used in other Bullseye competition. Sights for a bullseye and/or a hard ball gun usually consist of an adjustable rear sight and a fixed front sight. Bo-Mar sights have been the standard on bullseye guns for as long as I can remember with only a very few exceptions. The Bo-Mar rib sight assembly has also been popular in the past, however these are no longer in the Brownell's catalog. While they are still listed in Gil Hebard's catalog, I believe I heard that they are not longer available or are available only on special order. The interesting thing about this rib is the ease of installation as it only required drilling and tapping the slide. Also interesting and convenient is the fact that the Clark base for a slide mounted scope uses the same bolt hole pattern. In addition, Bo-Mar also used to offer a rib with an accuracy tuner which is an adjustment to limit the upward travel of the rear of the barrel. This could be used two ways when fitting a barrel. It could be used as an aid to adjust the barrel so the firing pin hit is in the center of the primer or as the adjustment to limit the upper travel of the barrel instead of using the upper barrel lug recess when fitting a new match barrel.

The Bo-Mar target front sight is undercut, meaning that the rear face of the sight, the portion the shooter sees, is at an angle. The top is closer to the rear sight and then angles forward down to the slide the exact opposite of a ramped front sight. This feature is an attempt to provide the same sight picture in varying light conditions. Most front sights have a stem (officially called a tenion) that goes through a rectangular shaped hole in the slide and is upset after installation on the slide to "stake" it permanently in place. Tenions can be .058" or .125" wide and are referred to as a narrow or wide tenion, respectively. Some Springfield Armory slides require a tenion width which is in between these two sizes and so the large tenion size has to be filed or machined (preferred) to size. Staking is accomplished, in my case, with a home built fixture the same as used in school at NGMTU. The slide usually has to be milled flat for the same length as the bottom of the Bo-Mar target front sight. Then the slide is installed in this fixture and adjusted so the bottom of the front sight is held parallel to the slide and the end of the tenion is staked in place with a tool available from Kings or a tool available from Brownells. An alternative to staking is to mill a dovetail cut in the slide and to install a dovetail front sight that will sometimes have provision to be pinned in place with a 1/16" roll pin to fix it in position. Those that are not pinned will allow some windage adjustment although additional windage adjustment is normally not required. National Match slides, as provided by the military, have a rather long low ramp that leads to a squared off (not undercut) style front sight that has a short tenion which is too short to stake. It is soldered in place. This military front sight features a serrated surface on the ramp and the face of the sight, again in an attempt to offer the same sight picture regardless of light conditions.

There are many other styles of front sights used in shooting disciplines other than Bullseye. If you have looked in a catalog, such as Brownells, you will see nearly 100 different style front sights. Not only do they differ in size and shape, but also in the fact that they can have a white dot or line or even may be a night sight with an energy cell to glow in the dark. Bullseye shooters generally use "target" style front sights which are plain without the dot or other configuration because the sight black we use would cover up any white dot or line in the front sight.

Now, we are finally getting to the rear sight. The Bo-Mar BMCS-2 is a taller or higher because it has a self-contained elevation screw. The BMCS model is lower to the slide and requires drilling and tapping the slide for the elevation screw. Both sights will require filling with a 60 degree "three sided-one side safe" sight base file as most BM-#1 dove tail cuts in the slide are undersize. The slide will usually need to be filed flat ahead and behind the cut to accommodate the flat underside of the rear sight. It is best only to true the dovetail cut in the slide with the file and then file the sight to fit. That way if sights are changed the dove tail slot won't be too large for the next sight. Stop filing when you can tap the sight into place with a wood, delrin (plastic) or brass punch. You want a press fit and to be sure that the sight leaf is down when you tap it into place. The next step with the BMCS is to put the slide into the press or mill and drill, using a # 21 drill, through the leaf, rear sight and into the slide only enough to spot the slide. Then the slide must be tilted up in front with a 3/16" drill under the front to approximate the angle of the sight blade (since it will be up some rather than bottomed out) and the hole drilled to the depth of the firing pin hole with a #31 drill. The firing pin hole will need to be cleaned up using a few strokes with a small round file. It is then tapped with a 6 x 48 tap and the springs (one inside the other) installed under the leaf and the elevation adjustment screw installed.

Another option on the rear sight is called the low mount where metal is milled away the depth of the dove tail cut and another dove tail cut made to accommodate the rear sight. This requires some careful mill work and usually is done in such a way that the rear of the sight is at the rear of the slide instead of overhanging the slide. The main advantage of this is easier access to the hammer since there is more room for the thumb to grip the hammer. Some also think it looks better and allows the front sight to be much lower.

Front sights can be purchased in 4 different heights. The .210 is the lowest and is used with the low mount and the .280 is the highest and is used with the BMCS-2. The trick is to install a front sight that is just a bit too tall and to file it down so that the rear sight is adjusted nearly all the way down when you have it at the lowest adjustment ever needed. The process here is to use a smooth cut file, 10" long with a 4" long x 3/16" thick flat welded to the tang end of one side. This flat rides on the rear sight to keep the front sight perfectly flat while the front sight is carefully filed down using short strokes. Duct tape is applied to the top of the rear sight prior to this process to prevent a shiny spot on top of the rear sight.

Well folks, there are a few more things I know about sights, but I am going to stop at this point so this doesn't get too long.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning sights on your 1911. Here is wishing you only 10's & X's and if I can be of any help with your 1911, please call me at 258-2360 or e-mail at snmmay@bis.midco.net.

Hall of Fame Nominations should be presented to our Association's Board in writing with the basic credentials (shooting accomplishments and service to the shooting sports) of the nominee included for the Board's consideration no later than August 31, 2008.

Nominations should be made by affiliated clubs or by individual members of our Association. Every nominee will be recognized at our Association's annual meeting. Merely being nominated is a great honor. If a nominee is not voted to the Hall by the board the first time his/her nomination is presented, they may simply have to be nominated again in another year when their accomplishments have grown to the point where they have met the criteria under which the board must judge them.

It is not too early to submit a nomination for the board to consider in 2008.

For Sale

Our Association has some used M-14 parts for sale on a first come first served basis:

M-14 Magazines	---	\$35.00	M-14 Barrels
	---	\$80.00	

Please contact High Power Rifle Chairman Denny Coulter to arrange purchase.

NDSSA Annual Meeting – February 2, 2008

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend our association's annual meeting which will be held in Grand Forks and followed by the Forks Friends of NRA annual banquet. Contact Denny Coulter for tickets and additional information.

Raffle

Our association is holding a fund raising raffle again this year. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact: Steve Faught, 2581-149th Ave SE, Amenia, ND 58004
Email: rushridge2@wildblue.net
Home & Bus: 347-5903.

Each of our association officers should have tickets available to anyone who would like to win a Savage 17 HMR with a Thumbhole stock and a Scheel's Scope.

(I own one of these rifles and really think it is a joy to shoot. Ed.)

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Since adopting RTC in 1987, Florida's total violent crime and murder rates have dropped 32% and 58%, respectively. Texas' violent crime and murder rates have dropped 20% and 31%, respectively, since its 1996 RTC law. (Data: FBI)

Long Range High Power Regional Championship results

September 17, 2007
Mandan, ND

High Master Thomas A. Thompson of Bismarck reset two North Dakota Shooting Sports Association records while winning the Gold medal in the Long Range High Power Regional Championship this past weekend. His aggregate score of 981 and 43 x's for the five 1,000 yard matches shot over the two day championship broke the old record of 980 and 37 x's set by Russ Theurer in 2005. Thompson jumped to an early lead by winning match number one with a perfect score of 200 with 12 x's. This beat the old record of 199 with 13 x's for a 1,000 yard any-sight match, also set by Thompson, in 2003. Second place, the Silver medal, and High Senior honors went to Master class shooter Thomas C. Reiten of Grand Forks with a 975 with 33 x's. Reiten also posted a perfect 200 in match number 5, an any-sight match, but was "out x-ed" 12 to 9 by Thompson for the State record. Third place and the Bronze medal went home with Master class shooter John C. Andres of Willow River, Minnesota, as he posted an aggregate score of 963 with 27 x's.

Duane Holien of Cando won match number 2 with a 198 and 5 x's. Mr. Reiten proved to be a consistently tenacious competitor, as he took the iron-sight match number 3 with a 192 and 5 x's, as well as the any-sight match number 4 with a 200 and 9 x's. The iron-sight match number 5 went to Thompson with a score of 199 and 9 x's.

In the F-class competition, Nathan Dagley of Center held the lead through the first four matches. Then in match number 5, the bad luck gremlins struck, and some of his bullets literally disintegrated on their way to the target. When this happened, a grey streak could be seen in the air, apparently somewhere between the 800 and 900 yard lines, and of course no hit on the target. Travis Carico of Valley City was then able to move ahead with an aggregate of 879 and 10 x's, to best Dagley's 877 and 17 x's to win the F-class honors. Last year's F-class winner, Steve Wald, took match number 5 with a 190 and 5 x's. This gave Wald an aggregate of 852 with 8 x's.

Martin B. Johnston of Worland, Wyoming edged N. Neil Adams of Billings, Montana, Eric Hermans of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and John C. Andres of Willow City, Minnesota, for the honorary "Farthest Distance Traveled Award". A total of 21 shooters from five states enjoyed the great September weather and friendly competition during this fall classic sponsored by the Bismarck-Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association.

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Winter Schedule of Opportunities

2007 & 2008 North Dakota Shooting Sports Association Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Nov 30, Dec 1,2	3-Times-Air	Colo. Springs	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Dec 8	Open 4-Position Match	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Dec 9	Open Air Rifle & Pistol Match	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 11, 12, 13	Open International Sectionals (Air, 3P)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 19, 20	Gun Show	Mandan	Roger Krumm	701-336-7533
Jan xx	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jan 20	Bismarck/Mandan Friends of NRA	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 26, 27	Junior Olympics (Air, 3p, Air Pistol)	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Feb 2	NDSSA State Convention	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 2	Forks Friends of NRA	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb xx	Junior 3P Air Sectional	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Feb 9, 10	Junior 3P State and Sectional	Minot	Wes Thomas	701-839-6075
Feb xx	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-673-3321
Feb 16, 17	Open 3P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 24	100 Shot Offhand Match	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Mar 1, 2	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 1, 2	Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar xxxx	Light Rifle Match	Cooperstown	Larry Wathne	701-797-3327
Mar 8, 9	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 15, 16	Pistol Sectional	Valley City	James Ladwig	701-484-5236
Mar 15, 16	Open 4P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 29	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 28, 29, 30	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Mar 29, 30	Indoor Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
Apr 5, 6	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Sivertson	701-243-6413

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

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(July 2006)

Parting Thought

Tom Thompson poses with the Marine Cup at Camp Perry this year. Tom won the Marine Cup rifle match. If we gang up on him, he just might give us an article about the match for our next issue.



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