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2017 North Dakota Long Range State Championship Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2017 North Dakota Long Range State Championship and Palma matches on June 10 and 11. We had 21 competitors fire the Registered Palma match (compared to 22 last year) and 28 competitors fire the State Championship Match (compared to 35 last year) – still a good number of competitors this year.

Once again, our windy range lived up to its usual standards. Although we have had winds like this in the past – I do not remember if we've ever had the velocity and direction changes that we had this year. It seems that once the wind gets up and going – it usually doesn't change much in velocity and direction – it just blows hard. This year, both on Saturday and Sunday – changes was about the only thing that was consistent.

I would like to thank our line officers again this year - Steve Allen, Bob Cunningham and John Hoflen. I guess John couldn't stay away from North Dakota – and he moved back – it's nice to have him back and helping me out with the match. Also – thanks to Rick Ziegler for helping score on Sunday. Rick came out to see what this long range thing was about – and stayed for the entire day on Saturday and Sunday. As always, I really appreciate the volunteer effort from these guys. Be sure to say thanks to these guys if you see them at the range. I would also like to thank Bob, Russ Theurer, Morgen Dietrich, Tom Headrick, Dale Toman and Mike Dahl. These guys put a LOT of effort into getting the targets running from the “glacier” left over in the target pits from last winters snow. We had 13 of them damaged from snow. We would not have had the match without their help. I know there's a couple that still need work – but at least we're up and running again.

Congratulations to our 2017 State Champions – Morgen Dietrich (Conventional) with a score of 771-29x, Brian Suhr (F-Open Class) with a 766-27x and Drew Rutherford (F-Target Rifle) firing a 735-12x. On Saturday, Neil Jensen won the Registered Palma match (conventional) with a score of 419-9x. Brian Suhr won the F-Open class firing a 428-13x and Roger Nelson took the F-Target Rifle class in the Palma match firing a 402-3x. As far as I know – no new state records were broken this year – probably due in part to the rather challenging conditions.

Congratulations also goes out to Katie Zaun from Buffalo (a junior competitor). This was Katie's first high power match. Glad to see Katie pick up the centerfire rifle and we hope to see you at many more events down the road.

Once again, we are in the heart of the High Plains High Power Summer Season. Prone and F-Class shooting are only a small portion of the High Power game. There are NRA over-the-course events, Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) “Leg” matches and several M1 Garand, Vintage Military, Vintage Sniper and M1 Carbine events. There are a lot of different High Power events – so get your rifle and shoot some more.

If you haven't already done so – check out the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association's web site (ndssa.org). You can go on to the site and register for automatic e-mail updates for all the

matches in the State. There are also range locations on the site so you know how to get to the different ranges around the state. The 2017 match schedule is also on the site.

Mark your calendar for our 1000 yard Long Range NRA Regional match that will be held at our range on September 9 and 10. This will be 5 – 20 shot strings (with unlimited sighters) over 2 days. Pass the word to your shooting buddies and see if you can get them out to a Long Range event – and don't forget about an over-the-course match, M1 Garand match, etc.

Thanks again and hope to see all of you on the firing line.

Tom Thompson