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### Our Best JOSC Results Ever

Over the weekend of January 22 & 23, 2011, the Minot Rifle & Pistol Club again provided warm hospitality and a great facility for the juniors competing in the Junior Olympic Selection Championship matches. Juniors from North Dakota and Minnesota competed in the disciplines of air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle and sport pistol. We again enjoyed a great turnout with 29 shooters for the JOSC matches. Congratulations to each one of you who competed. Whether or not you fired a great score, we hope that each one of you had a great time and learned something that will help you shoot better in the future.

The Minot Rifle & Pistol Club range facility was in excellent shape again and we thank the Club's range committee for their assistance with this match. Doc and Wes are invaluable, and I thank them again for giving up their weekend to support this Junior Olympic Selection Match. Many people went long way out of their way in order to make this match the best possible opportunity for our junior shooters to win an invitation to compete in the 2011 Junior Olympic National Championships. In order to offer sport pistol competition, Eric Pueppke and his son, Matthew, again brought a portable (by more than one person & a large vehicle) turning target system and controller to Minot all the way from Fargo. Eric's assistance with the sport pistol match was essential to its success.

The twenty-nine shooters fired 51 individual scores, and the juniors put forth a great effort again this year.

In Women's Air Rifle, Kelsey Hansen, of Minot, ND, fired a state qualifying Gold Medal score of 380/400. Dacotah Faught, of Amenia, ND, followed with a 370/400 for the Silver. Mari Butler, Casselton, ND, won the Bronze Medal with a fine score of 367/400.

Soren Butler of Casselton, ND, fired a 574/600 to win the Junior Men's Air Rifle State Championship event and to earn himself an invitation.

Daniel Biggers of Buffalo, ND, earned the Silver Medal in Junior Men's Air Rifle and Joseph Martin of Emerado, ND, won the Bronze.

Matthew Pueppke, Amenia, ND, fired a very fine score of 562 (up from his winning score of 544 last year) with his air pistol for an invitation to the Junior Olympic National Championships as an open qualifier. Jacob Longlet of Arthur, ND, earned the Gold Medal. Grant Johnson of Bemidji, MN, earned an open qualifier/automatic invite to the 2011 Junior Olympic National Championships with his 532 as a J2 air pistol competitor.

Matthew Pueppke won the sport pistol Gold Medal firing a state qualifying score of 482/600. Jacob Longlet followed with the Silver Medal. The Minnesota shooters stole the show with

their performance in the sport pistol match. Aaron Lilyerd fired a 536 and Grant Johnson fired a 513 to each win automatic invitations in the Open Qualifier category. Sport pistol is a very popular pistol competition for junior men worldwide and it is an Olympic event for women often called 25m Pistol. Thanks again to Eric for his efforts to make this event happen and run successfully.

Congratulations to Dacotah Faught of Amenia, ND, for her Gold Medal performance in the Junior Women's 3-Position Smallbore Rifle match with her state qualifying score of 553. Kelsey Hansen followed with the Silver Medal and Melissa Langer, Bismarck, ND, won the Bronze Medal.

Finally, the Junior Men's 3-P Smallbore Rifle Gold Medal winner and state qualifier is Soren Butler with a score of 568. Joseph Martin won the Silver Medal with his 534, and Ethan Headrick of Bismarck, ND, took the Bronze with a score of 526.

Again, we congratulate the parents and coaches of these young people for their commitment in support of the efforts these young shooters must make in order to prepare for and succeed at this match. The parents and coach of our Minnesota shooters traveled all the way from Bemidji, Solway, and Mora to offer their young men the chance to compete in the junior men's pistol events. They offer a great example of what it takes for a young shooter to succeed in this sport. We look forward to seeing you all at another competition soon.

The first and second cut USA Shooting Invite lists are out, and from **North Dakota**, the following are invited to compete in the **Junior Olympic National Championships in Colorado Springs** :

1. **Matthew Pueppke AP/SP**
2. **Soren Butler AR/SBR**
3. **Daniel Biggers AR**
4. **Kelsey Hansen AR**
5. **Dacotah Faught AR/SBR**
6. **Mari Butler AR**
7. **Lana Fairbanks AR**
8. **Jacob Longlet AP**
9. **Megan Tichy AR**

In addition, three young men from **Minnesota** fired in our North Dakota JOSC Match to earn invitations:

8. **Grant Johnson AP/SP**
9. **Aaron Lilyerd AP/SP**
10. **Dalton Petersen AP/SP**

(Read more about the JOSC results on page 3)

## Editorially Speaking

Since our last issue, I was able to enjoy handgun hunting deer with my son-in-law down in Iowa over the Christmas holiday. We were successful in filling their family freezer with deer steaks and sausage, and I enjoyed myself immensely. As I stated in our last issue, hunting deer ranks right up there with competitive shooting for me. The activities are very different, but hunting certainly makes use of the skills learned in the competitive shooting sports. Over half of my successful shots on seven deer this year with rifle, muzzleloader and handgun would have been nearly impossible without the skills that I have developed in the various handgun and rifle shooting sports.

As I have said before, remember to exercise your privilege to participate in the shooting sports. The improved opportunities are a boon to us all, but we need to get up from in front of the TV and go out the door to enjoy them.

"The great body of our citizens shoot less as times goes on. We should encourage rifle practice among schoolboys, and indeed among all classes, as well as in the military services by every means in our power. Thus, and not otherwise, may we be able to assist in preserving peace in the world... The first step – in the direction of preparation to avert war, if possible, and to be fit for war if it should come – is to teach men to shoot!"

— [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

I again invite you to share an article with our membership. Write one and email it to me ASAP. We need more than my voice in this publication!

Thanks to Tom Thompson for his efforts to compile the State Champions of 2010 for this issue as well as the shooting opportunities schedule. I can always use more. 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**.

You need only reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence.

-- Attributed to Charles Austin Beard (1874-1948)

The danger (where there is any) from armed citizens, is only to the \*government\*, not to \*society\*; and as long as they have nothing to revenge in the government (which they cannot have while it is in their own hands) there are many advantages in their being accustomed to the use of arms, and no possible disadvantage.

-- Joel Barlow, "Advice to the Privileged Orders", 1792-93

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## The Junior Olympic Results (cont)

Also, Kelsey is close in Smallbore – their current minimum score for invitation is 550, and Kelsey fired a 549. If there is room and some invitees don't accept the invitation – they move down the list – so stay tuned!

Considering numbers of shooters who fired in our JOSOC match against those who fired qualifying scores – this is the best result ever. The match experience at our JOSOC is a great experience for each of the competitors and these results are icing on the cake for everyone involved. Good Luck to everyone who competes in the USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championship.

Rick & Connie Jorgenson  
Lake Region Shooting Sports Association  
Devils Lake, ND

## NDSU Pistol Team traveling to NRA Collegiate National Championships

The NDSU Marksmanship Club pistol team has been invited to compete in the NRA Collegiate Pistol National Championships March 17 thru March 27, 2011. This is a great example of how much you can get accomplished with a strong will to succeed and a few dedicated and resourceful people at the wheel.

As you know, the NDSU Shooting Club was resurrected from some pretty cold ashes this year through the efforts of a few dedicated NDSU students and adults. The club's old equipment was brought back into service where possible and other equipment has been secured through the efforts of the Red River Regional Marksmanship Center and our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association as well as some resourceful scrounging by their coaches and individual members of our NDSSA. I hope that they all appreciate the opportunity that they have been afforded by the generosity and dedicated efforts of many who do not like to take credit.

Through the efforts of Eric Pueppke and Rob Sailer, and the RRRMC, the first ever North Dakota NRA Collegiate Pistol Sectional was scheduled and held at the RRRMC in February. The top 10 teams and top 30 individuals firing scores in the Sectional are invited to compete in the NRA Collegiate Pistol National Championships. The NDSU air pistol team finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the national Sectional results to earn this invitation to the NRA Collegiate Pistol National Championships. Matthew Pueppke received an individual invitation to compete in Free Pistol as well as Air Pistol. Jacob Longlet, Jesse Myers, and Tim Jacobson will fire in the Air Pistols events individually and they and Matthew will fire as a 4-person team representing the NDSU Marksmanship Club. Some of these young men are firing their own pistols and others are firing air pistols provided by our North Dakota Shooting Sports Association.

They are traveling to Fort Benning, GA in a GMC Yukon generously loaned to them by Scott and Wendy Longlet, so that they can all travel in one vehicle. Their volunteer head coach, Eric Pueppke, is their driver and chaperone.

The NDSU Marksmanship Club is not funded by NDSU. They are sanctioned as an NDSU athletic club, but they exist on the fruits of their own fundraising and the generosity of NDSU alumni and the generous donations of others in our shooting community. They would not be able to succeed at all without the dedicated efforts of their coaches and the support of individual members of the RRRMC and NDSSA who donate their time and expertise. Those individuals know who they are, but for the most part are shy about receiving praise for their efforts, so I won't make any effort to name them here.

Whatever their individual and team results at the Championship, they should all be proud of their accomplishments over the first 6 months of the club pistol team's existence. Those who are fond of telling us what cannot be done, may be disappointed in this success story, but those who are fond of forecasting failure are rarely very happy anyway. From the ranks of those of us who believe that there is very little that cannot be accomplished with dedicated effort and considered thought and planning, I am very happy to report the success of the NDSU Marksmanship Club to date. I look forward to more success for the club in the future.

Rick Jorgenson

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The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to permit the conquered Eastern peoples to have arms. History teaches that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so.

-- Hitler, April 11, 1942

**The following are the 2010 NDSSA Individual and Team State Champions.**

<b>Event</b>	<b>State Champion</b>	<b>Home Town</b>	<b>Score</b>
Men 3-Position Junior Olympic	Soren Butler	Casselton	574/600
Men Air Rifle Junior Olympic	Soren Butler	Casselton	583/600
Men Junior Olympic Air Pistol	Matthew Pueppke	Amenia	544/600
Men Sport Pistol	Matthew Pueppke	Amenia	519/600
Women 3-Position Junior Olympic	Codie Faught	Amenia	557/600
Women Air Rifle Junior Olympic	Kelsey Hansen	Minot	385/400
Women Sport Pistol	Melissa Langer	Perth	246/600
3P Open Indoor	Soren Butler	Casselton	852/900
3P Junior Indoor	Soren Butler	Casselton	558/600
3P Open Indoor Team	Forks Rifle Club	Grand Forks	1055/1200
3P Junior Indoor Team	Forks Rifle Club Juniors	Grand Forks	2023/2400
4P Open Indoor	Matt Martin	Grand Forks	1179/1200
4P Open Woman	Becky Martin	Emerado	1142/1200
4P Junior Indoor	Soren Butler	Casselton	395/400
4P Open Indoor Team	Forks Rifle Club	Grand Forks	1509/1600
4P Junior Indoor Team	Bismarck/Mandan R&P	Bismarck	1478/1600
4P Open Outdoor	Matthew Pueppke	Amenia	1175/1200
4P Junior Outdoor	Matthew Pueppke	Amenia	1175/1200
Smallbore Prone Open Outdoor	Thomas A. Thompson	Bismarck	1590/1600
Smallbore Prone Junior Outdoor	Matthew Pueppke	Amenia	1569/1600
200 Yard Smallbore Prone	Thomas A. Thompson	Bismarck	197/200
Light Rifle	Lee Widdel	Minot	972/1000
Open Air Rifle	Soren Butler	Casselton	587/600
Highpower Rifle	Thomas A. Thompson	Bismarck	771/800
Service Rifle	Travis Carico	Valley City	737/800
Junior Highpower	No Competitors		
Senior Highpower Champion	Tom Reiten	Grand Forks	763/800
Highpower Team	Forks Rifle Club	Grand Forks	1866/2000
Mid Range - Conventional	Coby Dalgliesh	Sarles	596/600
Mid Range - F-Class	Craig Suhr	Page	591/600
Long Range - Conventional	Thomas A. Thompson	Bismarck	759/800
Long Range - F-Class	Brian Suhr	Page	754/800
Highpower Hunting Rifle Silhouette	Jim Ladwig	Argusville	15/40
Highpower Rifle Silhouette	Jim Ladwig	Argusville	18/40
Smallbore Hunting Rifle Silhouette	Lee Widdel	Minot	22/40
Smallbore Heavy Rifle Silhouette	Lee Widdel	Minot	18/40
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Open Air Pistol	Rob Sailer	West Fargo	563-14x/600
Free Pistol	James Ladwig	Argusville	436-2x/600
Indoor Conventional Pistol	Travis Jorgenson	Devils Lake	880-35x/900
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Outdoor Conventional Pistol	William Brackin	West Fargo	2585-86x/2700

In order for the individual or team to be recognized as a state champion by the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association, the match must be sanctioned by NDSSA and the governing body of the shooting sport discipline (such as NRA, USA Shooting, etc.)

In addition, the individual must be a resident of North Dakota and a member of NDSSA.

## 2011 Spring Schedule of Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Mar 25, 26, 27	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Todd Westcott	218-456-2507
<b>Mar 26 &amp; 27</b>	<b>ND Indoor Pistol State Championship</b>	<b>Valley City</b>	<b>Garth Weber</b>	<b>701-330-3284</b>
<b>Apr 2, 3</b>	<b>Light Rifle State Championship</b>	<b>Bottineau</b>	<b>Gary Siverston</b>	<b>701-243-6413</b>
Apr 2	Action Pistol	Bismarck	Bruce Magstadt	701-426-5927
April 9	Bullseye Pistol - 90 shot .22	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Apr 16	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Apr 16	Light Rifle Match	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Apr 23	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Apr 29	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 30, May 1	Garand, Long Range (Sat), Highpower, X-course (Sun)	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
May 7	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
May 14	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
May 21	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
May 21	Action Pistol	Bismarck	Bruce Magstadt	701-426-5927
<b>Jun 4, 5</b>	<b>ND OD Smallbore State Champs-Prone</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Jun 4, 5	.22 (Sat), Big Bore (Sun) Silhouette Rifle	Bismarck	Dave Tokach	701-663-8626
Jun 4	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Jun 11, 12	<b>Palma (Sat) ND Long Range State Champ (Sun)</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Leon Nesja</b>	<b>701-663-8818</b>
Jun 18	Lever Action and Military Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jun 18	CMP John C. Garand Match	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Jun 19	X-Course Highpower Practice	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Pistol Regional w/Leg</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Kevin Hertz</b>	<b>701-223-4225</b>
Jun 25	Action Pistol	Bismarck	Bruce Magstadt	701-426-5927
<b>Jun 25, 26</b>	<b>Highpower Regional w/Leg, Team</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>

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## North Dakota NRA Pistol Sectional Championship Fired March 12 and 13, 2011

Well, a blizzard that closed all major roads leading to Fargo with winds strong enough to nearly rip the flag off the pole, and damaged the RRRMC building heating system, did also manage to prevent some of our area shooters from attending. But, even with the air gun range at 49 degrees Saturday morning, we found a way to get this match fired with warm spirits. Congratulations go to our gold medal winners Travis Jorgenson for conventional and standard pistol and Matt Pueppke for air and free pistol.

PS: Good Luck to the NDSU marksmanship team at the NRA National Collegiate Pistol Championships this week. James Ladwig.

**Editor's Thoughts:** Matthew fired a 571 with his air pistol in this Sectional Air Pistol match which is only 2 points short of the Open State Record held by James Kondelis for that event. At the same time, Matthew is still a junior, and this 571 establishes a new North Dakota State junior record for 60 shots in a registered tournament held by Travis Jorgenson since 1996 with a 566. Congratulations to Matthew again. Now, if he would only get it through his head that it is very important for everyone at the match to arrive early for their relay, we might have to say that he is ready to become an adult. As you can see, I am going to start treating him like an adult.

Most of our North Dakota State Records in Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle have been established by junior shooters, but the juniors have not yet kicked the adults out of the record list in the pistol events. I am a little surprised at this, and I have to admit that I am also a little disappointed that we have not been able to bring more talented juniors into the pistol ranks. We have some real talented pistol shooters and coaches in our state. We simply need a vehicle, other than simply the young person's parent, to introduce our young people to the sport of pistol competition at an early age.

The NDSU Marksmanship Club is a great vehicle, but it would be nice to get a prospective pistol competitor started by age 12 or 13. If anyone of you have a good idea how we can remedy this problem, give me a call.  
Rick Jorgenson

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