

# THE TARGET

## THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### 2020 moves into 2021

So, we are not going to leave the difficult year of 2020 behind. It looks like we will carry those difficulties forward into 2021.

Because of the ongoing health issues related to Covid-19, the NDSSA Board of Directors have decided that we will not be able to hold a banquet in conjunction with our Association's annual meeting. The annual meeting will go forward as scheduled though, and you will find the annual meeting flyer attached to this issue of The Target.

We know that many people will find it difficult to make it to our annual meeting, but we do hope that you can attend.

The NDSSA board is recommending amendments to our constitution, and a copy of the constitution is attached with the amendment highlighted for your consideration.

### 2020 NRA Sectional Results

I had given up on the NRA's competitive shooting division. I had decided that I would not act as match director for another NRA sectional and in October, I told them that in writing and via telephone. This is why we are not offering the NRA Junior Air Rifle Sectional here in Devils Lake in 2021.

Since making that decision, it seemed more and more to be the correct decision. However, only a couple days ago, I found out that the NRA actually has a couple of people in their competitions division actively working to produce the 2020 Sectional results. Amazing!!

So, you should look forward to the publication of those final results in the near future. I sure do. The preliminary results that I have seen are for the pistol sectional events. North Dakota is well represented at the top of the individual results, and I am confident that is true of our North Dakota rifle shooters.

This is good news, and I personally hope that the NRA figures out how to run sectional events in 2021 soon, as so far as I am aware, they have not yet prepared those event formats. These Sectionals represent a long history of National Championship competition in the USA, and it would be a shame to see this history come to an end.

Because the NRA competitive shooting division was inactive for so long, it looks like they will no longer be the sanctioning organization for the Collegiate Nationals. At this time, it looks like the National Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF), which has developed to become the leader in youth development shooting sports programs in the USA, will be the new sponsor for the Collegiate Nationals. It sounds like they will still be held at Fort Benning.

Also, I understand that the NRA and whomever else is working toward their completion are about done with the smallbore rifle and pistol ranges at Atterbury. It actually looks like the NRA will host national outdoor rifle and pistol matches there in 2021.

So, it is beginning to appear that I may have been too hasty in my decision to distance myself from acting as match director for national NRA sanctioned tournaments. I will hold to my decision for 2021 though, and will reexamine after we see just how much progress the NRA makes toward support of the shooting sports in 2021.

Rick Jorgenson

"The gun has been called the great equalizer, meaning that a small person with a gun is equal to a large person, but it is a great equalizer in another way, too. It insures that the people are the equal of their government whenever that government forgets that it is servant and not master of the governed. When the British forgot that they got a revolution. And, as a result, we Americans got a Constitution; a Constitution that, as those who wrote it were determined, would keep men free. If we give up part of that Constitution we give up part of our freedom and increase the chance that we will lose it all. ... I am not ready to take that risk. I believe that the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms must not be infringed if liberty in America is to survive."

— Ronald Reagan

## Editorially Speaking

This issue is an abbreviated issue.

I am sure that we are all a bit tired of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing in our lives. Still, even with vaccine, this virus is not going away soon. It continues to negatively impact our ability to hold matches indoors and may affect our outdoor matches this summer as well. The 2021 National Junior Olympic matches are going to be held, but USA Shooting has not said how, when and where they will be held. Isn't that special. With the cooperation and assistance of the CMP, they were able to run Winter Airgun matches. Quite a few of our North Dakota juniors competed and performed very well.

Katie Zaun put on an outstanding performance at the WAG matches in Camp Perry. She shot a 620.9 on the first day and a 623.9 on the second day to finish 13th overall between the two sites. In the Super Final (fired a little differently), after the first 10-shot string they eliminated the first 4 of 20 competitors. Then they went to 3-shot strings with everyone starting back at 0 and eliminating 2 more each time. Katie ended up in 2nd place overall in the Camp Perry Super Final.

That makes it quite likely that she may get selected to be on the junior team going to El Salvador in early March for the Junior Grand Prix. She won't know for sure until January 14th.

The full results are still available at: <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=20708>

This is a reminder that the NDSSA has a Facebook page. We encourage members and match directors to forward/post their bulletins and results to that page. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Dakota-Shooting-Sports-Association-757181884660730>

"Firearms stand next in importance to the constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence ... from the hour the Pilgrims landed to the present day, events, occurrences and tendencies prove that to ensure peace security and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable ... the very atmosphere of firearms anywhere restrains evil interference — they deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

George Washington  
First President of the United States

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 Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Ratifying Convention, 1788

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**(Interesting Quotes)**

Since I have not received any real useful input from our membership for this issue of The Target, I started looking around the internet for some inspiration.

I found some quotes about firearms ownership, taxes and liberty that I thought were worth repeating.

So, here are a few in no particular order:

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

- C. S. LEWIS

'The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.'

- Ronald Reagan

"As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there's a twilight where everything remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such twilight that we must be aware of change in the air, however slight, lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness."

"Since when have we Americans been expected to bow submissively to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?"

"The Constitution is not neutral. It was designed to take the government off the backs of people."

"The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedoms."

"The right to revolt has sources deep in our history."

"We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

- William O. Douglas, U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Holds the record for the longest continuous service on the nation's most powerful Court: 36 years.

'Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.' - Ronald Reagan

I have a very strict gun control policy: if there's a gun around, I want to be in control of it.

-Clint Eastwood

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!"

-Benjamin Franklin

"A militia when properly formed are in fact the people themselves...and include, according to the past and general usage of the states, all men capable of bearing arms... "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

- Richard Henry Lee

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson.

"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**

"The most dangerous myth is the demagoguery that business can be made to pay a larger share, thus relieving the individual. Politicians preaching this are either deliberately dishonest, or economically illiterate, and either one should scare us. Business doesn't pay taxes, and who better than business to make this message known? Only people pay taxes, and people pay as consumers every tax that is assessed against a business. Begin with the food and fiber raised in the farm, to the ore drilled in a mine, to the oil and gas from out of the ground, whatever it may be -- through the processing, through the manufacturing, on out to the retailer's license. If the tax cannot be included in the price of the product, no one along that line can stay in business."

– **Ronald Reagan**

**In case of panic, sometimes it's often best to just aim at the damn bullseye!**

The following addresses those who wish to interpret our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment as applying only to "the militia":

"Nowhere else in the Constitution does a 'right' attributed to 'the people' refer to anything other than an individual right. What is more, in all six other provisions of the Constitution that mention 'the people,' the term unambiguously refers to all members of the political community, not an unspecified subset...The Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms...The very text of the Second Amendment implicitly recognizes the pre-existence of the right and declares only that it 'shall not be infringed.'"

*Antonin Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court Justice*

## 2021 Winter Schedule of Opportunities

2021	Find More Events on the NDSSA Website	Location	Contact	Phone
Jan 9, 10	Light Rifle Match - 2020 State Champ (Makeup match)	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-400-8421
Jan 9, 10	Bullseye Pistol Match - 2020 State Champ (Makeup event)	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jan 16, 17	North Dakota Junior 3P State Champ	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 16, 17	Open Air Rifle Match and Open 3P Metric Match	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 23, 24	Open Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 23, 24	ND CMP Junior 3PAR State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 30	NDSSA State Convention – see attached	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-220-4601
Jan 31	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-400-8421
Feb xxx	Collegiate Sectional, Rifle and Pistol	West Fargo	Eric Pueppke	701-967-8450
Feb 6, 7	Light Rifle Sectional Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 7	57th Annual Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Feb 13, 14	Open 3P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Feb 27, 28	NRA 50 Yard Regional Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Feb 28	50 Yard Smallbore and Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 6, 7	Junior Olympics (Air, 3P Smallbore Rifle)	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 13	Junior Olympics (Air Pistol, Sport Pistol)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 13, 14	North Dakota Junior 4P State Champ and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 20, 21	ND Indoor Pistol State Champ, Conventional, Standard, Service, Revolver, 22 EIC	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Mar 20, 21	Open 4P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 27	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 10, 11	Light Rifle State Championship	Minot		
Apr 10, 11	CMP/USA Shooting Junior Olympic 3P Air Rifle Qualifier Match	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760

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### North Dakota Shooting Sports Association

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Also join via the web: <http://www.ndssa.org>

**Yes, to protect my right to keep and bear arms; I would like to join the NDSSA and support the legislative efforts of the NDSSA. My dues for a membership as noted are enclosed.**

Please return this form. Print name and address as you wish it to appear in our records.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues Schedule-(Effective May 1, 2015)

Silhouette	Life.....\$500.00	One Year ....\$25.00	Clubs One Yr.....\$25.00	
	5 Year....\$100.00	Junior - Under 21...\$10.00	Club 5 Yr..... \$100.00	

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 \_\_\_ Legislation \_\_\_ Jr. Program  
 \_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_ Conservation  
 \_\_\_ Collecting \_\_\_ Bullseye Pistol \_\_\_ Air  
 \_\_\_ Hi-Power Rifle  
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(May 1, 2015)

**INVITATION TO THE 2021  
NORTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Saturday, January 30, 2021  
Eagles Club, Bismarck, ND**

Please attend the annual membership meeting at 1:00 pm. Topics of discussion will include our junior shooting sports programs and other shooting sports programs around North Dakota and the USA.

The Eagles Club is located at 313 North 26<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck, North Dakota.

**Schedule of Events Saturday, January 30, 2021**

**Annual Membership Meeting (Eagles Club).....1:00 pm -  
4:00 pm**

- **Annual Meeting topics and Awards:**
  - o Proposed amendment to the NDSSA Constitution
  - o 2020 State Champions
  - o new 2020 State Record Holders
  - o Hall of Fame Ceremony for Rick Reiten, Cooperstown, North Dakota
  
- **Members are invited to stay after the annual meeting to socialize (at an appropriate social distance) and dinner on your own at the Eagle Club.**

**Plan to bring your Light Rifle, as the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association will host a Light Rifle match starting 8:30am Sunday morning (Jan 31) - Walt Fairbanks is the contact for the rifle match. Contact Walt at (701) 400-8421 or [walt@midco.net](mailto:walt@midco.net) (preferred).**

**Contacts:** For additional details on the membership meeting and/or awards contact Tom Thompson at 701-255-4601 (home) or 701-220-4601 (cell).

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**One of the ordinary modes, by which tyrants accomplish their purposes without resistance, is, by disarming the people, and making it an offense to keep arms."-- Constitutional scholar Joseph Story, 1840**

**"It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience...You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time."**

**Ronald Reagan**

**You will find a copy of our NDSSA Constitution accompanying this issue of the Target. This is for your reference and consideration of the amendment offered and outlined in yellow in sections 2 C and 2 D. Please be prepared to vote on these amendments at our annual meeting.**

**Rick Jorgenson**

A friend sent this to me the other day. I had not seen it before, but it fits my philosophy perfectly.

***No possible rapidity of fire can atone for habitual carelessness of aim with the first shot. — Theodore Roosevelt, (26th President of the United States) - The Wilderness Hunter, 1893***