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Thoughts from a 1950 model

Some of you know that I originally got involved in the shooting sports with muzzle loading rifles and pistols for recreation at rendezvous and for hunting. This was back in the 1970s, and it was a lot of fun. We had a great group of people, and it was a challenging activity both in the competition and in the effort to develop enough skill to hunt successfully.

After doing this for a few years, I decided to try my best to expand my skill with a pistol to the level that would allow me to ethically hunt deer. I spent many hours briefly shooting factory ammunition before I realized that the amount of ammunition that I needed to fire in order to accomplish my goal was better reloaded than purchased off the shelf. This is particularly true of 44 magnum and even more true today.

So, I began to learn how to reload and took up the sport of handgun silhouette to further build my skills. It was about that time that I realized that I really enjoyed the competitive shooting sports. I competed in International Handgun Metallic Silhouette for a couple of years with my reloaded ammunition and significantly improved my skill with a handgun.

Bullets continued to increase in cost, so I purchased a Lee casting pot and a couple of bullet molds to see if I could make cast bullets perform as well as the jacketed bullets that I had been using. The bullet casting offered its own challenges, and a rather extended learning curve that I am still improving today even after 45 years of effort and experience.

I then took up the sport of Black Powder Cartridge Rifle competition. This is a sport that requires significant skill in bullet casting and reloading to become even marginally competitive. I have successfully harvested deer

and even a moose with my cast bullets and my black powder cartridge rifle.

I have certainly enjoyed hunting successfully with my cast bullets to harvest deer, coyotes, and elk with my handguns.

I have continued to reload both jacketed and cast bullets for rifles and pistols for the past 45 years and have really enjoyed doing so. I have added smallbore rifle and high-power rifle competition as well as competition with air pistol and air rifle.

I have done this with my whole family involved for most of the early years' and my son, Travis, has caught the competitive shooting bug along the way.

Over the years, I have been successful based on my commitment to incremental effort to develop skill in competitive shooting, reloading and hunting. This has not been a process that has ever really involved any real instant gratification. Rather, it has been a process of some trial and error over many years of reading and applying effort to improve/build skill and not accept mediocre results.

The competitive shooting sports really offer one of the best vehicles toward positive youth development and you can certainly see those positive results in everyone who embraces the effort and discipline that are required to succeed in the shooting sports.

Obviously, you don't have to jump into it as deeply as I have, but I still enjoy the challenge. I wish that I would have been able to start earlier in my life. This is one of the reasons that I coach young people in 4H and advanced rifle and pistol competition. It is fun to see how rapidly young people can gain skill and have fun in the shooting sports.

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Editorially Speaking

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We hope that you can join us at our NDSSA Annual Meeting and Banquet in Valley City on Saturday January 25, 2025.

We will celebrate the accomplishments of our shooting athletes over the past year and induct Coby Dalgliesh into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame. A registration for the banquet is attached to this newsletter. Register early. I hope to see you there.

Connie and I are running our LRSSA Airgun Postal again this year. We have a few new faces and some who have registered rather late, but we are up and running with November's match targets due. We developed and introduced this postal competition over 25 years ago, and we initially had more pistol competitors than rifle. That is once again the case this year. We still feel that it is a great format for training and competition with air pistol and air rifle for both beginners and those who are a bit more accomplished. We have included sporter air rifle again this year to include the 4H athletes. We hope that you choose to join us. Check the results on the LRSSA Orion Results team page.

Our North Dakota clubs and their match directors are essential to the strong competitive shooting programs that we enjoy here in North Dakota. Support them any way that you are able. Support by registering and competing at a match. So, get out your rifle or pistol and do that. Also, consider offering to help with the match setup and operation.

"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 4 and send it 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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We need more people to step up and get involved in the effort to expand access to the shooting sports for the young people and adults in North Dakota. Join 4H and get involved in the junior shooting development in your local club. You don't have to coach. You can simply help, and I believe that you will enjoy the time that you spend.

Rick Jorgenson

The New Red River Regional Marksmanship Center

I had the pleasure of attending the Bison Open held at the RRRMC's new air rifle and pistol range on November 23rd. In two relays, they were able to accommodate 21 pistol shooters and 20 rifle shooters. The rifle shooters fired on the new electronic target system and the pistol competitors fired on the returning target system all within the same range room. So, it was a full match on all relays.

Following the qualification matches, the Bison Open included finals matches for both rifle and pistol on the electronic target systems. There was a bit of a first match glitch with the rifle Finals, but otherwise the match ran very smoothly, and I think that everyone had fun. Many of the top 8 rifle and pistol athletes had never fired in a Finals match, so this was a very fun opportunity to compete in a Finals.

Congratulations to everyone who competed and attended this match. Travis Jorgenson is the 2024 Bison Open Pistol match winner and Casia Steinhaus is the 2024 Bison Open Rifle match winner. I have attached some photos of the match at the end of this newsletter. The pistol match results are posted on the Orion RRRMC Club team page, and all results should be available on the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association webpage by the time you see this issue of The Target newsletter.

Electronic targets appear to be the standard for any championship match around the country, and it is nice to see North Dakota have at least one range with an electronic target system. Congratulations to the RRRMC and their donors for leading the way. I would not be surprised to see another range

embrace an electronic target system soon. I hope that any further electronic systems will accommodate 3PAR and a little more room for spectators.

We have come a long way to improve the venues where we run matches here in North Dakota and around the nation over the past 25 years. I sincerely hope that we can continue to improve our facilities and the skills of our competitors for the foreseeable future.

Rick Jorgenson

History

Many of us have been involved in the competitive shooting sports for most of our lives and recall the changes over the years quite well. The history of the shooting sports is often contained in trophies and old match reports. In our last issue, Morgan was able to add his name as the most recent winner of trophies that are over 100 years old. The trophy itself marks the history of the event to a large degree.

Thanks to Tom Thompson, Denny Coulter and a few others, we have the recent history of our shooting sports in the form of plaques, state records, Hall of Fame book and many match reports.

A lot of history is lost though, and I believe that is the way of the world. Still, it is really nice to have access to the history of our North Dakota shooting sports accessible.

If you find your way to our North Dakota Shooting Sports annual meeting, you can help us celebrate the accomplishments of our competitors in 2024. We will have the Hall of Fame books for you to peruse. You can also log onto our NDSSA Webpage to access match results and records as well as our Hall of Fame members. You can even read our old issues of the Target Newsletter.

You can even strive to make history. That is a very worthwhile endeavor.

Rick Jorgenson

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| Jan 4, 5 | Light Rifle Match | Bismarck | Walt Fairbanks | 701-400-8421 |
| Jan 4, 5 | 61st Annual Von Bismarck Pistol Match | Bismarck | Rick Pfenning | 701-426-7661 |
| Jan 11 Jan 11, 12 | Junior Olympics (Air Pistol, Sport Pistol) ND Junior 3P State Champ & Jr 3P NRA Sec | Devils Lake Bismarck | Rick Jorgenson Tom Thompson | 701-662-4760 701-220-4601 |
| Jan 11, 12 | Open Air Rifle Sectional and Open 3P Metric Smallbore | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-220-4601 |
| Jan 18, 19 | Junior Olympics (Air, 3P Smallbore Rifle) | Minot | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Jan 25 | NDSSA State Convention | Valley City | Garth Weber | 701-330-3284 |
| Feb 1, 2 | Intercollegiate Pistol Qualifier | West Fargo | Eric Pueppke | 701-361-8350 |
| Feb 1, 2 | Light Rifle Sectional Match | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-213-0238 |
| Feb 2 | Precision Pistol Match - 1800 | Bismarck | Rick Pfenning | 701-426-7661 |
| Feb 15, 16 | Open 3P Smallbore State Champ & Sectional | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-213-0238 |
| Feb xx | Western Intercollegiate Championship | West Fargo | Mitch Godbout | 701-347-5593 |
| Feb 22, 23 | 50 Yd Light Rifle Standing Match (NRA approved) | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-220-4601 |
| Feb 22, 23 | NRA 50 Yd Smallbore Regional Champ, Indoor | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-220-4601 |
| Mar 1 | Indoor Cowboy Action Shooting | Bismarck | Mike Ripplinger | 701-223-3085 |
| Mar 1, 2 | Open Air Rifle State Championship | Devils Lake | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Mar 1, 2 | NRA Junior Air Sectional (Standing) | Devils Lake | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Mar 8 | ND Jr 4P State Champ & NRA Jr 4P Sectional | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-220-4601 |
| Mar 22 | Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-220-4601 |
| Mar 22, 23 | ND Indoor Pistol State Champ & NRA Pistol Sectional | Bismarck | Rick Pfenning | 701-426-7661 |
| March 23 | CMP Junior 3P Air Rifle State Championship | Devils Lake | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4601 |
| | Check the NDSSA webpage for more shooting opportunities & any changes | | | |

(May 1, 2015)

Our NDSSA Junior Raffle winners in 2024 are:

- 1 – CZ-USA Upland Ultralight 12 Gauge Shotgun – Winner – Rhonda Cook, Cooperstown, 701-541-0043
 - 2 – Ruger 10/22 Tactical Rifle and Vortex SPARC AR Red Dot – Winner – Carson Rieniets, Valley City, 701-446-7940
 - 3 – Tikka T3X Lite Rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor – Joe Martin, Grand Forks, 218-791-0619
 - 4 – Big Frig Badlands 45 Qt Desert Camo Cooler – Dave Pechacek, Bismarck, 701-389-2752
 - 5 – Vortex Crossfire HD 1400 Laser Rangefinder – Winner – Walt Fairbanks, Bismarck, 701-400-8421
- We will hold another raffle to benefit Junior shooting again this year. Tickets will be ready soon, so look for them from one of our officers and sell or purchase as many as you can.

“Then came the gadgeteer, otherwise known as the sporting-goods dealer. He has draped the American outdoorsman with an infinity of contraptions, all offered as aids to self-reliance, hardihood, woodcraft, or marksmanship, but too often functioning as substitutes for them. Gadgets fill the pockets; they dangle from neck and belt. The overflow fills the auto-trunk and also the trailer. Each item of outdoor equipment grows lighter and often better, but the aggregate poundage becomes tonnage. ~ Aldo Leopold

The Price of a Glock pistol is likely to rise: Minnesota and New Jersey sued Glock, Inc. (Glock) and its parent company Glock Ges.m.b.H. in their respective states on Thursday for selling semi-automatic handguns that are easily convertible to machine guns.

The two states are seeking an injunction that would prevent Glock from selling such handguns, and Minnesota specifically seeks an order for Glock to modify their handgun design to prevent easy machine gun modifications. Both states' attorney generals claim that while Glock sells semi-automatic handguns, it does so knowing that their guns have a design that makes them particularly easy to convert. They additionally claimed that Glock sells their semi-automatic handguns knowing that their handguns are often converted into automatic handguns by US customers. They explained that Glock's handguns are convertible to machine guns by installing a component called a “switch” on the back of the gun frame. The attorney generals asserted that Glock does not manufacture or sell switches in the US, but other companies do while placing Glock's logo on the switch.

The complaints stated that Glock has known about its handguns' ease of conversion into machine guns for around 40 years.

Consumer safety is really a tough subject. It is cited as justification for this lawsuit. And yet, we have allowed automobiles to be built that will exceed published speed limits forever. Clearly Glock does not manufacture the “switch”, and certainly does not endorse its use.

Still, Glock will have to spend considerable time and money to defend itself against this lawsuit as will the states of Minnesota and New Jersey in pursuing it.

Rick Jorgenson

“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

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The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and starting on the first one."

— Mark Twain

Again, our NDSSA Annual Meeting and Banquet is in Valley City on Saturday, January 25th. Please plan to attend. **Your invitation to attend is at the end of this newsletter.** This is a great opportunity to get together with people who enjoy the competitive shooting sports. You will enjoy the recognition of our 2024 North Dakota State Champions, a meal with friends and our guest speaker. You don't want to miss the induction of Coby Dalglish into our North Dakota Shooting Sports Hall of Fame.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Rick Jorgenson

A good shot must necessarily be a good man since the essence of good marksmanship is self-control and self-control is the essential quality of a good man. Theodore Roosevelt

Success doesn't make me happy, being happy is what allows me to be successful.



Rachel Vaagen



Josie Brekhus



Jacob Vaagen – Michelle Weigel – Casia Steinhaus



Finals winners -Greg Middlestead – Travis Jorgenson – Emily Yoder

**INVITATION TO THE
2025 NORTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**&
AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday, January 25, 2025
Eagles, Valley City, ND**

Please attend the annual membership meeting at 2:00 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 345 12th AVE NE, Valley City, ND.

Schedule of Events Saturday, January 25, 2025

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| Annual Membership Meeting (Eagles)..... | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm |
| Social Hour (Eagles) – cash bar..... | 5:30 pm |
| Dinner (Roast Beef & chicken breast, mashed potatoes, salad, & ice cream)..... | 6:30 pm |
| Annual Awards Presentations, Guest Speaker, HOF Ceremony..... | 7:30 pm |

**Guest Speaker – Brain Gosch, State Director, NRA/ILA
NDSSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION – Coby Dalglish**

Rooms: GrandStay Hotel and Suites at 271 Winter Show Rd SW in Valley City, ND has a small block of rooms available for NDSSA Banquet attendants. The block reservation is good through December 25th. The rate is \$159.99+ tax for a 2 queen bedroom. They do offer free breakfast, an indoor pool, fitness center and they are pet friendly. Call 701-248-6977 for reservation listed under NDSSA Annual Meeting.

Contacts: For additional details on the membership meeting, dinner, awards banquet, contact Garth Weber 701-330-3284 or garth.weber@gmail.com

TICKET ORDER FORM - NDSSA BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Adult(s) \$30 each _____ (\$35 at the door) Junior (s) \$20 each _____

Please order tickets in advance before January 11th.

Make checks payable to NDSSA and mail them to:

**Garth Weber
714 11th Street NW #6
Valley City ND 58072**

Guest Speaker

Brian Gosch

NRA/ILA State Director for North and South Dakota, and Montana

Brian was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He attended high school at Martin Luther Prep School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1993 and then attended the University of South Dakota School of Law, graduating in 1996. He became an attorney for South Dakota Advocacy Services for people with disabilities in Rapid City, South Dakota. He was appointed to the South Dakota House by Governor Mike Rounds in 2007, succeeding Alan Hanks, who resigned his seat after winning the mayoralty of Rapid City. In 2013, Brian was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 87th Legislative Assembly, a post he held until 2015.

As of 2021, Brian serves as a State Director for the National Rifle Association/ILA for North and South Dakota, and Montana.



Hall of Fame Inductee

Coby Dalgliesh



We will be inducting Coby Dalgliesh into the North Dakota Shooting Sports Hall of Fame and hope you can join us. Coby's been a pretty dedicated individual to the Shooting Sports since he showed up at his first match in Rolla in September 1995. We will recognize Coby's efforts and commitment to improve the shooting sports from his home of Sarles, ND.

- Earned CMP Distinguished Rifleman badge #1686 in 2004,
- Holds several High Master classifications,
- Helped with several range improvements at the ranges in Rolla, Grand Forks, and Bismarck,
- Instrumental in getting the Turtle Mountain Rifle and Pistol Club involved in the Project Appleseed,
- Hosts several high power XTC and midrange prone matches at the David Disrud Memorial Range in Rolla.

If you have shot a rifle match in North Dakota you have undoubtedly met Coby. The North Dakota lumberjack is pretty unforgettable with jokes and the infamous "You gonna eat that?".

Coby Dalgliesh