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The President's Message

The attacks on September 11th have affected each of us in some way. A high school classmate of mine went down with the 2nd tower. He was in the building for a one day meeting, and was last seen helping an elderly gentleman down a stairwell. My first cousin works across the street and tells me of the chaos and confusion. These events brought out the best in America and also the worst. My deepest respect goes to those brave souls who brought that plane down in that Pennsylvania field. These folks didn't wait for somebody to help them. In the spirit of our forefathers, they took a vote, and decided to do something themselves. God bless them, each and every one.

On the other side of the coin there are those in this country that, in the midst of a national crisis, decided that it was a perfect time to support the abolition of our 2nd Amendment rights. I'm referring to Kmart pulling the firearms from their shelves. Yes, they have put the guns back out, but they showed their true colors and I for one, am long on memory. I wonder if they pulled the utility knives from the hardware department and the kitchen knives from the cooking aisle? What this shows us is that what we are up against is an "anti-gun" movement. It's not an "anti-crime" or an "anti-killing" movement, but simply "antigun". It didn't make any difference that knives and utility knives and even passenger jets were the weapons of choice. Guns were again put to blame.

On October 30, the Consumer Product Safety Commission votes on whether or not to recall about 9 million air guns that have over 350 fps velocity. This would knock out our air rifle and pistol sports, or in the least, severely hamper them. There is an extensive lobby against this action but the thought is there. With the loss of ranges, the air sports are getting more popular. They are also the foremost way that young shooters get involved in the shooting sports. We can't take our air rifles and pistols for granted either.

There is a good possibility that the Tom Lowe Shooting Complex in Atlanta (formerly the Wolf Creek Olympic Shooting Center) will be closed permanently on November 30. The Fulton County board of Commissioners voted to close it by October 3rd but a hastily organized group of shooters has obtained a temporary stay. These folks are attempting to raise support to privatize the management of the complex away from

the Fulton County Parks and Recreation Dept. who want to shut down the ranges and make a basketball complex out of it. This is the range that hosts the USA Shooting National Championships as well as the ISSF World Cup. The temporary stay was obtained after several meetings with the council. It was shown in hard numbers that this shooting complex brings in over \$9 million to area each year. These folks need our support. You can get more info by checking out Scott Pilkington's website at www.pilkguns.com

Well, now I've probably got all of you thoroughly depressed, and I'm certainly not going to leave you that way. There is plenty of good news out there as well. A recent voter survey showed that 85% of Americans believe that we should have a right to use firearms to defend our homes and that 64% of Americans favor allowing law abiding citizens to carry firearms for personal protection outside of the home. That's a much larger percentage than you might have expected.

And if you think that is good news, I can top it. I recently received the quarterly report from the NRA Field Operations Division for the Central Region. In just the past 3 months, in just the central region, Friends of NRA events have raised \$1,383,000! On top of this the Field Reps have accepted an additional \$47,276 in various donations to the NRA foundation! The total revenue so far this year in the central region was \$2,712,375! Half of this money goes back to the states for projects. If that doesn't put a smile on your face, I don't know what will!

Remember that our next Annual Meeting will be held in Grand Forks on Saturday Feb. 2nd 2002. We have three inductees to the Hall of Fame this year. It will be a good meeting and I hope to see you all there.

Also remember that the indoor shooting season is upon us and that even if you are stuck at home in a blizzard, that air pistol or rifle only takes 33 ft.!

Good Shooting!

Eric Pueppke, President North Dakota Shooting Sports Association

Editorially Speaking

Well, the Target is late again. It seems every time something comes up to keep me from getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion. I'm sure everyone that's interested has heard about my bowhunting misadventures, so I won't go into it again. I'll just say, for the record, the ol' Editor doesn't bounce too well anymore and let it go at that.

You may have noticed that there was no fall issue of the Target. Then again, maybe nobody noticed. The NDSSA has hundreds of members. Apparently the only one who had a thought, an experience, or something to share between June of last year and now was Rick Jorgenson, who sent in an excellent article on the 2001 outdoor bullseye pistol season. Thanks, Rick!

The Target can be a one-page schedule of upcoming events; or it can be a source of information and insights from the entire North Dakota shooting community. It's up to you. I can find filler articles to compensate for the lack of member interest, but you most likely get all the same magazines I do, so you have probably seen it all before. I'm sure a lot of people are saying, "I don't know how to write! Nobody would be interested in what I have to say anyway!" Don't be too sure.

I'll be contacting some people to ask them for articles on the history of the shooting sports in North Dakota. There are some very unique events in our state that have a rich history, and your fellow members should know about them.

There should be at least four articles in each issue, not counting the President's column and my own rantings. If there are more, we can handle more. By way of encouragement, here's a short "how-to" on writing articles.

First, you need a topic. No problem- you can use anything that interests you. Have you recently bought some new equipment? Product reviews are always welcome. Do you have a unique method or technique for match preparation, equipment care, or reloading? Did you travel to a match, or take a hunting trip? Do you know someone who has made a major contribution to the sport and does not participate much anymore? Interviews make great articles. Although we try not to get too political, well-reasoned opinion pieces can be good, too. Anything you would talk about with your fellow shooters at a match or a gun show can make a good article.

Don't worry too much about spelling or punctuation. That's what editors are for. I'll be happy to help as much or as little as you want. Being a lazy and shiftless sort of individual by nature, I don't do much editing unless somebody requests it.

The deadline for the next issue is March 1. It would make my job easier, and your newsletter much more interesting, if I had a dozen articles by then. Just imagine how much more interesting it would be to get a newsletter with articles like "Load Testing the .38-40 for BPCR Competition", "Refinishing an M1 Garand Stock", "Shooting the National Service Rifle Championships", "Interview with a National Guard Sniper Instructor", or "Accuracy Testing Hornady's .17 HMR". These are just a few possible titles off the top of my head. Any one of them would be an article I would want to read. I'm sure you can think of more without much effort.

We've got a lot of knowledge around the state, and this is a good way of spreading it around a bit. Take the plunge and write something for the coming issue, and the next issue you can sit back and read someone else's articles, secure in the knowledge that you've done your part- for now.

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-- Robert A. Heinlein

2001 OUTDOOR BULLSEYE PISTOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Rick Jorgenson

The summer outdoor bullseye schedule for North Dakota is nearly complete. The State Championships, Regional Championships and the National Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio were well attended by shooters from North Dakota, and we have some notable accomplishments to report.

At Camp Perry this year, the pistol shooters enjoyed the best weather in recent history. Although there was some wind, the temperatures were very pleasant and we did not have any storms to affect the match.

Our North Dakota shooters can recall some personal highlights from the match. However, James Ladwig and Travis Jorgenson produced some of the most notable results. 591 competitors fired in the President's 100 Match. James placed 50th out of the top 100, and Travis had a pistol/ammo malfunction but still placed 97th to again make the list of the top 100 pistol shooters in the United States.

Going into the National Trophy Individual Match (leg match), the distinguished shooters across the nation typically fire this match in hopes that they will be able to win it or place in the top 15 or 20 shooters. Travis Jorgenson fired a 280. Only 14 other competitors fired a score of 280 or better, and all of them are military shooters. Travis is the 2001 High Civilian Champion in the National Trophy Individual Match. I believe this is the first time that anyone from North Dakota has attained that distinction.

The 2001 North Dakota State Championship was fired at Valley City, ND, on July 29, and Travis Jorgenson is our new State Champion with a personal best match aggregate score of 2604/100x. This is the first time Travis fired a score over 2600. Last year's champion, Bill Brackin, placed 2nd with a score of 2591/80x.

The Gateway Pistol Club competitors followed the ND State Championship with a match in Minnesota at Minnetonka where Travis again exceeded his personal best to reach a match aggregate of 2612/96x.

However, the best was yet to come. On August 25 members of the Gateway Pistol Club and Al Schirado, Bismarck, traveled to the Minnesota State Championships at Minnetonka. Here, Travis started out with a personal best in the .22 aggregate of 885. He was followed closely by James Ladwig with his personal best score of 883, and Bill Bracken fired an 881.

In the centerfire match, Travis fired another personal best aggregate score of 882 including a personal best 200/16x in the centerfire timed fire match and another 200/15x in the centerfire rapid fire match.

The .45 match aggregate dropped a little bit, but Travis ended the match with a personal best aggregate score of 2639/135x to win the Minnesota State Championship Match. Jack Vespa, Minnesota, followed with a 2626 and George Kasat, Minnesota, followed with a 2616 to finish out the top three. However, Bill Bracken of Fargo's Gateway Pistol Club fired a 2609 and James Ladwig fired his first score above 2600 with a 2601. We believe this is the first time that there have been five competitors at the Minnesota State Championship Match firing scores in excess of 2600.

On September 15, the Hibbing Gun Club held their final outdoor bullseye pistol match. On September 16, the Ambridge

Gun Club at Superior, Wisconsin, held their final match for the year. Bill Brackin, Steve Faught, James Ladwig, Rick Jorgenson and Travis Jorgenson took the opportunity to close out the summer season by attending both matches. The weather was excellent, and we have excellent scores to report. Travis Jorgenson had his best match at Hibbing firing an 888/900 with the .22 followed by an 876/900 in centerfire and 884/900 with the .45 for an aggregate of 2648/2700 to win the match, and so far as we know, Travis's score of 2648 is the best single match score ever fired by any resident of North Dakota anywhere in the United States. George Kasat of Minnesota finished the Hibbing match with a score of 2641/2700 to place second. Steve Faught fired his best score of the year with an aggregate of 2608/2700.

At the Superior match, Travis and Steve continued to shoot very well. Travis ended up with a very fine aggregate of 2639/2700 with many individual match scores. However, he ended up in second place to George Kasat's second 2641/2700 of the weekend.

Steve closed out the year with a score of 2598/2700 and Bill fired a 2607/2700, James and Rick both fired good matches each day, and everyone enjoyed the Saturday evening meal down by Duluth Harbor.

2001 was a very good year for North Dakota bullseye shooters. Bill Brackin, James Ladwig, Steve Faught and Travis Jorgenson each fired at least one match score above 2600, and this may be the first time that four North Dakota shooters have produced scores over 2600 in an single year.

Each of us involved in the pistol shooting competition in North Dakota should take pride in these accomplishments. Each shooter's participation in matches across North Dakota and outside North Dakota helps to promote excellence in the bullseye pistol competition. The Gateway Pistol Club has certainly played a key role in the development of not only the skills of their own club shooters but also in the development of other shooters across the state.

We look forward to a great winter season of indoor competition, and more and better accomplishments in 2002. Keep an eye on the match schedule in The Target for a bullseye match near you. I look forward to seeing you there.



U.S. Court Upholds Ownership Of a Gun as Constitutional Right

By Charles Lane

Washington Post Staff Writer

Wednesday, October 17, 2001; Page A10

A federal appeals court ruled yesterday that the Constitution guarantees individuals the right to have a gun, the first time in recent history that such a high-level legal authority has explicitly endorsed such a view.

The decision's immediate impact will be felt in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, which are within the jurisdiction of the court that issued the opinion, but the ruling is likely to embolden opponents of gun control to press their cause in federal courts around the country.

"We'll obviously look for other cases to make the same point, using this case as a precedent," said Jim Baker, chief lobbyist for the National Rifle Association.

The court's decision also amounted to an endorsement of the legal position taken by Attorney General John D. Ashcroft in a letter to the NRA in May. At that time, gun control advocates criticized Ashcroft for adopting an interpretation that they said was at odds with legal precedent.

Yesterday, however, the Justice Department had no official comment on the case, saying its lawyers are still studying it. One official seemed to emphasize that the court ruling will not cause any short-term change in the department's policy.

"This is not inconsistent with the department's obligation to defend the constitutionality of statutes dealing with gun control," the official said.

At least one prominent gun control group argued that the decision was a victory for its cause because, even though the court recognized a general right to own a gun, it also ruled that the federal government could still deny that right in the cases of people who are violent or mentally unstable.

"It does not get the NRA any farther in terms of challenging federal criminal laws that prohibit gun possession by people Congress wants to prohibit," said Mathew Nosanchuk, litigation director for the Violence Policy Center.

He noted that only two judges in the three-judge panel explicitly said there is an individual right to carry a gun. A third judge said that he disagreed with the court's discussion of the Second Amendment and that the discussion has no value as a precedent because it was not necessary to decide the issue before the court.

The case, U.S. v. Emerson, involved a 1994 federal law that prohibits people who are under restraining orders because of domestic violence from owning a gun. A Texas man, Timothy Joe Emerson, said a federal prosecutor's effort to indict him for breaking the law violated his Second Amendment right to possess a gun.

A federal district judge in Texas agreed and ordered the indictment dismissed. In yesterday's 77-page ruling, the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the district court was wrong to dismiss the indictment because of Emerson's violent and unstable behavior.

But in a long and detailed discussion of the history of the Bill of Rights, the court said that, while Emerson may have forfeited his right to own a gun, other Americans still have the right because history shows that the framers of the Second Amendment intended to guarantee the right of law-abiding individuals to have a gun, just as the First Amendment protects the freedom of speech of individuals.

"We hold . . . that it protects the rights of individuals, including those not . . . actually a member of any militia or engaged in active military service or training, to privately possess and bear their own firearms . . . that are suitable as personal, individual weapons," the judges wrote.

This ruling explicitly rejected the view, advocated by gun control groups, that the Second Amendment was intended only to guarantee state militias' access to weaponry.

Gun control groups had argued that the Supreme Court's 1939 decision in U.S. v. Miller, upholding a federal prosecution for possession of a sawed-off shotgun, meant that the government has the right to control possession of all types of weapons. But the judges yesterday held that the Miller case was concerned only with a narrow category of weapons made specifically for illegitimate purposes such as crime.

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Cultural Marxism

In the United States of America, our traditional, Western, Judeo-Christian culture is collapsing. It is not collapsing because it failed. On the contrary, it has given us the freest and most prosperous society in human history. Rather, it is collapsing because we are abandoning it.

Starting in the mid-1960's, we have thrown away the value, morals, and standards that define traditional Western culture. In part, this has been driven by cultural radicals, people who hate our Judeo-Christian culture.

Dominant in the elite, especially in the universities, the media, and the entertainment industry (now the most powerful force in our culture and a source of endless degradation), the cultural radicals have successfully pushed an agenda of moral relativism, militant secularism, and sexual and social 'liberation.' This agenda has slowly codified into a new ideology, usually known as 'multiculturalism' or 'political correctness,' that is in essence Marxism translated from economic into social and cultural terms.

This new, cultural Marxism has had remarkable success in discrediting America's common culture and substituting for it cultural fragmentation based on ethnic groups, gender, sexual identity, and class. If this trend continues, Americans will increasingly find they have less in common with each other as Americans. National identity will weaken. Other, mutually hostile identities will strengthen, until the nation comes apart: region vs. region, minority vs. minority, and gang vs. gang. When a nation comes apart at its cultural seams, eventually it turns on itself and fights.

William S. Lind, John F. Schmitt, Gary I. Wilson, Marine Corps Gazette, Dec. 1994, pg. 37 as printed in The Journal, December 2001, pg. 2.

2002 Schedule of Opportunities, January-July

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
January				
5, 6	Light Rifle	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-673-3321
4-6	International Sectional (Air Rifle)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
11-13	International Sectional (Air Rifle - 2nd weekend)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
11, 12, 13	International Sectional (3P Rifle)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
19	Bis/Man Friends of NRA	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
27	Junior Olympic State Championship (3P, Air Rifle, Air Pistol)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-5301, 4760
February	7			4700
2	Forks Friend of NRA	Grand Forks	William O'Connell	701-772-4109
2	NDSSA State Convention	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
3	Junior Air Rifle Sectional (Standing)	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	
9, 10	Junior 3P Sectional and State Champ	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
16, 17	Open 3P Sectional and State Champ	Bottineau	Gary Sivertson	701-243-6413
16, 17	Von Bismarck Approved 1800	Bismarck (?)	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
24	Junior 3P Air Rifle Sectional	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701 220 1220
23, 24	Invitational Pistol Match (1800 and Air Pistol)	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
March		,		
4	Open Air Rifle State Champ	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-5301, 4760
9, 10	Junior 4P Sectional and State Champ	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
16, 17	Pistol Sectional - Conventional, International, Air	Fargo	Dick Wentz	701-235-2160
16, 17	Open 4P Sectional and State Champ	Valley City	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
23	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Champ	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
23, 24	Pistol Indoor State Champ (.22 Conventional/Int'l Standard/Air)	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
22-24	Red River Valley League Championship - 4P	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
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6, 7	Light Rifle State Champ	Bottineau	Gary Sivertson	701-243-6413
6, 7	Approved 1800 Pistol Match	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-5301, 4760
7	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
May	Cowedy Medicin	Bismarck	v cm noggaran	701 003 2131
•	Highwayyar Clinia (NDCE Duilding Diamonals)	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
4	Highpower Clinic (NDGF Building, Bismarck) 1000 yard Match (Match Rifle, Any/Iron, Any/Any)	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
5	800 Agg Approved Highpower Match	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
18	Approved 1800 Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
19	Cowboy Action Shoot	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
June	Cowboy Action Shoot	Dismarck	vem noggarui	701-003-2434
1	Blackpowder Cartridge Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
2	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
1, 2	ND Smallbore State Champs (4P, Long Range, Prone)	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
8, 9	Long Range Rifle (Sat) and Palma match (Sun)	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
15, 16	Long Range Rifle (Sat) and 80 Shot Approved Match (Sun)	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
23	ND Pistol Regional 2700 w/leg	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
29, 30	Highpower Regional - Individual, Team, Leg Match	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
July				
9 -14	National Matches - Pistol	Camp Perry, C	OH	
13, 14	Garand, 600 yd Matches, 80 shot over-the-course	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
14	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
20, 21	ND HP State Championship - Individual, Team, Leg Match	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
28	ND Pistol Outdoor State Championship (1800)	Valley City	William Brackin	701-282-7158

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