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2006 NRA National Junior Championship Results

The 2006 NRA National Jr. Airgun Matches were held July 6-10 in Redmond, Oregon. Once again, our North Dakota teams stacked up nicely against teams from all over the U.S.

Redmond is situated in the high desert just east of the Cascade Range. The county fairgrounds where the match was held are nearly new and were well suited for the matches. It's something special to see 85 rifle firing points filled with junior shooters, not once but on several relays!

Our air rifle team was made up of juniors from across North Dakota. It consisted of Kelsey Hansen from Minot, Jennifer Garbina from Bismarck, Soren Butler from Casselton, and Matt Puepke from Amenia. Terry Fecho and Kari Hanson were coaches.

Our air pistol team was mostly made up of shooters from Section 12 of Empire Township in Cass County! They included Chris and Matt Puepke, and Kyle Faught with Soren Butler from Casselton shooting as an alternate. Steve Faught and I, who also hail from Section 12, coached them.

As anyone who has passed his US geography class can tell you Redmond, Oregon, is a long, long way from North Dakota. The Hansens made the trip with the Fecho motorhome. The rest of us made the expedition across the mountains in our Expedition and the Faught's Mountaineer. For most of us, this was new country, so we left a couple of days early and took the circular route to Redmond. We traveled to Missoula, then across Lolo Pass and down to Walla Walla. We met up with the Colombia River and followed it west. We made a bit of a side trip to Mt. St. Helens and then circled down thru Portland and on to the Pacific coast. From there it was back across the Cascades via the Willamette National Forest and down into Redmond. The Hansen family had made the trip several times before and so had taken a more direct route. We found them camped about 100 yards from the front door of the rifle range!

The next day the matches began! There were roughly 150 Jr. shooters there as well as coaches, parents etc. There were 8 Air Pistol teams and 25 Precision Air Rifle teams, as well as 13 Sporter Air Rifle teams. To say that there was a flurry of activity would be an understatement. Along with the matches, there is a swap meet and several training classes held on everything from cleaning an air gun to running a Junior Program. There were shooters in every hotel and restaurant. I should add that these events are run by volunteers mostly.

I'm sure my readers are wondering if I'm ever going to get around to how the kids did! I shall keep you in suspense no

longer. Here's how they did: In Precision Air Rifle under intense competition, our kids did great. The top 13 shooters in this match shot over 1170! Matthew came in 17th with an 1164. Soren shot an 1159 and got the gold medal in the J3 category. Kelsey fired an 1154 and brought home the bronze in the J3 category. Kelsey shot a personal best during the day two match with a 581. Jennifer fired an 1140 and her second day score of 572 was a personal best for her. You just can't help but admire a shooter that pulls off a personal best at a National Competition! As a team, our shooters placed 8th out of 25. When you think of the handful of clubs our shooters come from here in North Dakota, and compare that to the Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, etc State Associations with their countless clubs to pull shooters from, you can see just how well our programs are run here in North Dakota.

The Air Pistol team story is a fun one to tell. There weren't as many shooters as in Air Rifle, but it was well represented. Will Hart, head pistol coach from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, ran the Air Pistol range. Teams from Massachusetts, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Montana, Oregon and others were present. The whole event was quite daunting for our team, who train in a farm shop back on Section 12. Day One both Kyle and Matt shot 356/400. Chris fired a 331 that he wasn't happy with and Soren fired a 296, which was just fine. Upon checking the scoreboard at the end of the day, the boys discovered that they were tied for 1st place with Massachusetts! The pressure was on! Swimming plans were cancelled that night and no one stayed up late. You shooters reading this know what was going on in their heads! Day Two dawned and Matt and Soren had to shoot their second day air rifle match before coming to the pistol range, but soon all four were on the line. From the Day One scores, Kyle slipped just a little and Matt a little more, but Chris came back strong and the team held within one point of their first score! And Soren, shooting as an alternate, shot a 312, which was a personal best! At the end of the day, Kyle literally ran from the car to see the final score posting. There it was...North Dakota – 2085, Massachusetts – 2075. The boys were National Champions!

Eric Puepke

**You are all invited to Grand Forks on February 3, 2007 for our NDSSA's Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner.
We ask our 2006 State Champions to bring their traveling trophies for display.**

Editorially Speaking

Thanks to Eric and Sam for their excellent contributions to this newsletter. This fall edition is late for a number of good reasons, but I will do my best to catch up and am working on our next issue right now. If you have an article you would like to share with our membership, please email it to me ASAP. I appreciate all of your help and input to make this newsletter informative and worthwhile.

In our last issue, I discussed the effort to develop the Dakota Marksmanship Foundation, and expressed the hope that effort would be complete soon. The IRS moved at a very slow pace and has only just now provided the Dakota Marksmanship Foundation with the 501 (C) (3) status as a public charity.

If you are contemplating a charitable donation this year or anytime in the future, I hope that you will all consider making that donation to the Dakota Marksmanship Foundation in support of the Shooting Sports in North Dakota.

The development of good indoor shooting facilities in the Fargo and Bismarck areas will be a huge boost to junior and adult competitive shooting in our state. Both the Fargo and Bismarck Clubs have moved forward with their efforts to develop indoor ranges even without the aid of the Dakota Marksmanship Foundation. I know that I am eager to make a trip to a match in Bismarck soon and look forward to shooting in the Fargo area again. I know that I am not alone, and that many of the shooters in Fargo are even more eager than I. If these two ranges are up and running at this time next year, it will make for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year for our membership and for everyone in North Dakota.

Hall of Fame

Dan Marquart will be recognized as the newest member of the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame at our NDSSA's February 3, 2007, Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner. Here are excerpts from the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association's nomination letter:

"Dan became involved in the Shooting Sports in the early 1980's while attending a high power rifle event in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Since that time Dan has gone on to win numerous local, state, regional and national events. In the late 1980's Dan was accepted into the Army National Guard Bureau's "All Guard" Rifle Team. This team is made up of the finest National Guard marksmen in the United States. As top rifle shooters know, not only is it a difficult task to make this team, but it is also a difficult task to stay on this team which Dan has now been on for over 17 years. In addition to these shooting accomplishments, Dan is one of only a handful of shooters in this country who are "Double Distinguished" Rifle and Pistol.

But one of the most enduring accomplishments of Dan's career in the shooting sports is his assistance, devotion and dedication to the next generation of marksmen. Dan has been helping to coach and instruct junior shooters in the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association's Junior Marksmanship program since 1995. We feel that one of the greatest characteristics of a top competitor in the shooting sports is to pass on one's knowledge and skill of the shooting sports to the next generation of shooters. Dan has done this for the past 11 years. Being one of the top competitors in the country is a great thing. To pass this knowledge on to one's

peers and the next generation of individuals in the shooting sports is truly a great thing."

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The 1911 Corner

The subjects of this and the next 1911 Corner are extraction and ejection. Many gun scribes find fault with extraction or the extractor and some manufacturers have changed the extractor design. As with many other things, extraction and ejection was simpler in the old days. Ball ammo, the 230 grain round nose at 860 FPS and a weak recoil spring makes for a very fast slide speed which made extraction and ejection positive. Back then it didn't seem to matter that the empty case went out of the gun vertically and mostly over your head. Today we use the much lighter target loads, mount scopes for our sighting systems and want ejection to be more horizontal. Contrary to those who find fault with the 1911's design, I believe that extraction and ejection can be made to work just fine in the 1911. Just look at the Bullseye shooters, many of whom fire thousands of rounds without a malfunction. To keep these articles from getting too long, I am going to address only extraction in this edition and will cover ejection in the next edition.

The extractor fits in its tunnel in the slide and has a hook on one end with a slot that accepts the case rim at the breech face and the other end has a slot that mates with the firing pin stop to hold it in place. The first order of business is to check the firing pin stop as many are not wide enough and as a result won't hold the extractor tight which allow it to rock in its tunnel. These firing pin stops need to be replaced with a wider or oversized version that may need to be filed carefully to fit. Then the extractor needs to be installed and the slide held vertical with a round or case inserted so the rim is in the extractor slot. Hold the slide vertical and into a light so you can see the relationship of the extractor hook and the case while the case is held against the breech face. The rim of the case should make contact with the inside of the slot. The hook itself should not contact the angled portion of the case and must be relieved (filed shorter) if it does. Then the extractor should be removed and the lower corner and the lower edge of the slot should be rounded slightly with a small fine cut file. The lower edge should then be polished by a fine emery cloth in a shoe shine motion. Then it is time to adjust tension.

Patrick Sweeney in his latest book entitled "Gunsmithing: Pistols & Revolvers" on the subject of extraction and ejection, tells of the opportunity to test the extractor tension of two dozen new 1911's. The measured extractor tension was from zero to 40 ounces and all pistols proved to be 100 percent reliable with factory and with reloaded ammo. His consensus was that extractor tension needs to be right for each individual pistol. So, we find that not all guns are created equal when it comes to extractor tension. This causes us to wonder when extractor tension is most important. It appears to be much more important

with our target loads and scoped guns. Jack Weigand, who makes scope mounts and gunsmith tools, recommends the use of his extractor adjustment tool. This is a device that allows the operator to bend the extractor in a more controlled manner. The extractor is then installed in the slide and the tension is tested with his extractor gauge and a recording scale. This gauge is a flat piece of brass with a round end the size of a .45 case which is slipped in the extractor slot and a trigger pull scale measures the ounces required to remove it. His recommendations are for 22 to 28 ounces. This seems to work out well with 1911's that have their scopes mounted to a dust cover or grip mount. It is too much tension for 1911's with slide mounted scopes. My recommendations for guns with slide mounted scopes are from 16 to 20 ounces.

So how do you do this without the above mentioned equipment? The old method of measuring extractor tension involved taking the slide off the frame, removing the barrel and installing a loaded round in the extractor slot. If the round stayed there, with some slide movement, the extractor tension was considered good, and if not, it was insufficient. In our National Match Pistol Armors course we learned to do this by hand and had to develop a "feel" for correct tension as a case or loaded round was slipped under the extractor. As far as bending the extractor, the older way and still not a bad way, was to install the extractor in the gun backwards with the hook facing out which allows the slide to be used as a handle to hold the extractor. Then apply pressure inward on the hook end with your fingers, the way the hook is facing, to increase tension. To increase leverage for stiff and hard to bend extractors, the hook end can be inserted into vice jaws that are open about ½ inch. The slide is then moved to bend the extractor to increase or decrease tension. It is advised to only bend a very small amount and check the tension. If tension is too tight, the loaded round will be forced into the extractor slot and the slide may stop short of going into the battery. If tension is too loose the round may not be extracted, because, more than likely, the extractor will not hold onto it, for the lack of a better phrase, firmly enough to encourage good ejection. So, extraction does affect ejection, and to make things even more interesting an extractor also affects the function of feeding which could be confused as a magazine problem.

Some 1911's differ from the norm and require additional adjustments to make extraction and ejection successful. Some time ago, during test firing, the slide on a 1911 occasionally failed to close completely. I was able to determine that the case was stripped from the magazine without going in the extractor slot as it is designed to do. The end of the hook was pushing on the end of the case and holding the slide partly open because the hook does not easily snap over the case rim. After several attempts to make sure that the extractor hook shape was correct by inspecting the slot's lower edge and corner, a comparison was made to - (Cont. on page 4)

The 1911 Corner (cont)

determine how far the case would extend forward in the extractor slot. To check this, the slide alone is used again with a case rim in the extractor slot. Holding the case straight, it is slid as far forward as possible in the extractor slot and the distance from the end of the case to the breech face is measured with a feeler gauge. In this situation the distance was .022" which was considerably shorter or less than the norm which is usually somewhere between .030" and .040". The forward edge of the hook area was filed to achieve a distance of .035" which corrected the problem. This was the first time I had ever encountered a situation where the extractor slot area had to be lengthened and is something that will always be checked from now on. This situation could also have been caused by a magazine, but that possibility was ruled out when the problem occurred with several magazines. Another not so common problem we find while checking extractor tension is that the extractor slot does not make contact with the case rim. In this case the pad on the extractor, which is in the extractor tunnel and just to the rear of the slot, needs to be filed so that the extractor can extend more inward and allow the slot to contact the case rim.

In summary, to make extraction work, clean up the lower extractor edge and corner as mentioned above. Make sure the firing pin stop has only a small amount or no side play so that it holds the extractor firmly in place. Then check the tension by inserting a case by hand against the breech face and into the extractor slot. The case should go in the slot with a small amount of effort to snap it in place. A new extractor will almost always require tension adjustment. The final check is the test firing which also will test the ejection and will be the subject of the next edition. Here is wishing you only 10's & X's. If I can be of any help with your 1911, please call me at 258-2360 or e-mail at snmmay@bis.midco.net. October, 2006

NORTH DAKOTA STATE OUTDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP JULY 30th, 2006 VALLEY CITY, ND

Sixteen hardy souls braved extreme heat to participate in the ND Outdoor Bullseye Championships. Temperatures hovered over 100 for much of the day.

George Kasat fired a very fine 2626x112 to win the match. Bill Brackin fired 2603x94 to claim the State Championship. Master Class was a tough duel all day with Steve Faught finally edging out Rob Sailer by a single point to claim honors, 2553 to 2552. Kevin Hertz had an excellent day to win Expert Class with a

2556x70. Doug Baker fired a 2464x60 to win the Sharpshooter Class and should be moving to Expert soon. In a battle of age and youth, Curt Ladwig held off Kyle Faught to win the Marksman Class. Kyle won the State Junior Championship Title.

Three new North Dakota State records were set:

Center Fire Slow Fire: Bill Brackin fired 193x4 to eclipse Steve Faught's 192x2 set in 2002.

Center Fire Rapid Fire: Rob Sailer fired 198x12 to eclipse Norm Nitchke's 198x11 set in 1985. This is Rob's first State Record.

Center Fire Agg: Bill Brackin fired 877x34 to best Steve Faught's 876x24 set in 2002.

Bill Brackin – August, 2006

2006 North Dakota State Postal Team

The following individuals earned a place on the North Dakota State High Power Postal Team at the State Championships July 23, 2006:

1. Duane Holien	388-17x
2. Russ Theurer	387-8x
3. Coby Dalgliesh	384-8x
4. Jennifer Garbina	383-11x
5. Tom Thompson	383-11x
6. Tom Reiten	379-7x
7. Jimmy Barner	377-8x
8. Dennis Coulter	369-5x
9. Andrew Tuck	367-5x
10. Danny Martin	367-4x

2006 NDSSA Records

We had another good year in 2006. Aside from the Conventional Outdoor Pistol records detailed in Bill's article above, we had a few Highpower, Junior and Silhouette Rifle records broken. In order for a new record to be obtained or established, the match must be sanctioned under the governing body of the shooting sport discipline and also sanctioned by NDSSA. In the case of NRA matches, the match must be a registered match. Scores fired in NRA approved matches are not eligible for state records. State Championships, Regional, and Sectional matches are registered matches and scores fired in them are eligible for state record status. Scores fired at these matches are also eligible for National Records. Individual competitors must also be legal residents of North Dakota.

Denny Coulter of Grand Forks keeps our state record book. However, it is not up to Denny to track down all the records. If you know of a new state record, please send the match report to Denny (and mark the record) so he can update our record list.

We also encourage match sponsors to contact Denny and get a copy of the state records. It's kind of nice to have these records present at a match so individuals can see how they're doing compared to past and present shooters. Jim Ladwig is also keeping the list of the state records on the NDSSA web site at <http://www.ndssa.org> to view the entire list.

The records set or tied in 2006 are displayed on page 6.

Winter Schedule of Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Dec 9	Open 4-Position Match	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Dec 10	Open Air Rifle Match	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Dec 16, 17	Junior Olympics (Air, 3p, Air Pistol)	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jan 12, 13, 14	Open International Sectionals (Air, 3P)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 20, 21	Gun Show	Mandan	Roger Krumm	701-336-7533
Jan 20	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jan 20	Bismarck/Mandan Friends of NRA	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 27, 28	Junior 3P State and Sectional	Minot	Wes Thomas	701-839-6075
Feb 3	NDSSA State Convention	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 3	Forks Friends of NRA	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 10	Junior 3P Air Sectional	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Feb 10, 11	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-673-3321
Feb 17, 18	Open 3P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 25	100 Shot Offhand Match	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Feb 24 & 25	Valley City 1800 Pistol w/Air	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
Mar 3, 4	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 3, 4	Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 2, 3, 4	Light Rifle Match	Cooperstown	Larry Wathne	701-797-3327
Mar 10, 11	Pistol Sectional	Valley City	James Ladwig	701-484-5236
Mar 10, 11	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 17, 18	Open 4P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 24	Bismarck/Mandan Jr. Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 23, 24, 25	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Mar 24 & 25	Indoor Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
Mar 31, Apr 1	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Siverston	701-243-6413
Apr 22	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Apr 28	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
May 4	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
May 5, 6	Long Range (Sat), HP, X-course (Sun)	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818

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(July 2006)

The following records were equaled or established during the 2005 shooting season.

Course of Fire	Individual	Score	Place	Date
Conventional Outdoor Pistol				
Center Fire Slow Fire	William Brackin	193-4x	V. City	7/30/06
Center Fire Rapid Fire	Rob Sailer	198-12x	V. City	7/30/06
Center Fire 900 Pt. Agg.	William Brackin	877-34x	V. City	7/30/06
International Air Rifle, 10 shots Standing	*Soren Butler	99/100	Minot	1/08/06
Highpower Rifle, 800 Point Agg.	Duane Holien	790-28x	Grand Forks	6/24/06
1000 Yards, Iron Sights, 20 shots	Russ Theurer	197-8x	Bismarck	9/16/06
High Power Heavy Silhouette Rifle 40 Shot Aggregate	James Ladwig	25	Bismarck	8/19/06
High Power Hunting Silhouette Rifle 500 Meter Rams	*James Ladwig	5/10	Bismarck	6/17/06

* Indicates record Co-Holder

Denny Coulter

These records are becoming very hard to beat. Those of you who make the effort to match or better them will all benefit from that effort whether you succeed or not. Get out there this summer and enjoy shooting some 10's.

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