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### President's Message

Hello. Well, the summer is almost over and a good portion of the matches are getting finished up. My name is Rich Butler and I am the current President of the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association. I thought I would write up a little note in the Target for those of you who don't know me. I live in Casselton, ND. I grew up doing a little shooting as a kid. Then, when we moved to Casselton, my kids were able to join the Buffalo Sharpshooters Air Rifle program in Buffalo, ND. That was about ten years ago. Since then we have traveled to a lot of matches all over the state of North Dakota and across the United States. We have been fortunate to meet a lot of great people since getting involved with competitive shooting. I currently coach a junior rifle league and also put on a couple of air rifle Introductory classes a year for the West Fargo Park District at the Red River Regional Marksmanship Center in West Fargo. This is my third year of being a board member for NDSSA. Our board members currently provide good representation for all the shooting disciplines that are currently offered in the State. Our board members have also successfully represented our shooting sports association at our State Legislature.

You can take a look at the NDSSA website by going to NDSSA.com. There you will find a list of the matches currently scheduled for the year. There are also match results posted from past matches along with a variety of other information that you might find useful. So, if you get the time, check it out. It is a great asset for our organization and anyone interested in competitive shooting.

We traveled to Port Clinton, OH this summer for the USA Junior 3-Position Air Rifle match which the Civilian Marksmanship Program puts on along with the CMP National 3-Position Air Rifle Championships. I traveled with Emily Haag, Megan Tichy, Mari Butler, Katie Zaun and Bennett Christianson (all of whom shoot for the Buffalo Sharpshooters) and their parents. The kids did a great job and placed real well individually and as a team. The competition is very tough at the national level and the kids from North Dakota usually do very well. This time they didn't back off any.

We ended up staying for an Advanced Standing Camp that the CMP put on after the matches. It was a three-day camp that was directed by Dan Durbin along with about 15 counselors who are current college shooters. Dacotah Faught, who is a former North Dakota junior shooter, was one of the counselors. They did an outstanding job. If you are a junior and get the chance, try to attend one of these camps. You won't be dissatisfied with it.

I invite you to our NDSSA annual Meeting and Banquet that will be coming up the last weekend in January of 2015 in

Grand Forks, ND. There will be more information on this posted in the upcoming Target. Until then, I hope you have a chance to shoot in one of the matches that are happening around the State. Try to get a junior involved, if you can.  
Rich Butler

### Left the Range

#### Danny Martin Jimmy Barner

The Forks Rifle Club regrets to inform the members of NDSSA that we/our club lost two life members this past winter. Danny Martin and Jimmy Barner passed away within weeks of each other. Jimmy passed away on February 13<sup>th</sup> and Danny passed away on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jimmy was born December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1954 in Williamsport PA. He served in the United States Air Force. Jimmy was an accomplished shooter, holding the ND State High Power 300 yard Rapid Fire record. He won the national Springfield Rifle Match and held the Distinguished Rifleman badge. Jimmy was a tireless worker at Forks Rifle Club. He served on the Executive Committee for many years. He devoted many hours mowing the range and improving club and range facilities.

Danny was born May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Grand Forks. He served in the US Army. Danny held the Distinguished Rifleman badge. He served as committee chairman of leagues at Forks Rifle Club; he served on the executive committee, and acted as Range Officer for many matches. Danny spent countless hours doing snow removal and improving the facilities at FRC.

The FRC executive committee has approved the underwriting of two state championship high power trophies in their memory. The trophies will be for 200 yard sitting rapid fire and 300 yard prone rapid fire.

These long time members of Forks Rifle Club and NDSSA will be sorely missed.

[I enjoyed knowing these men. I am sure that many of you knew them and will in some way carry a great memory of their impact on the shooting sports in Grand Forks and around our North Dakota shooting community. They are great examples of how much a single individual can accomplish to the benefit of others. Rick Jorgenson]

## Editorially Speaking

I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED A HAPPY SUMMER (WHERE DID THAT GO?), AND NOW ITS FALL.

Since our last issue, I have been repeatedly reminded that life is not a scheduled event. Even so, I have managed to shoot some bullseye pistol and traveled to Camp Perry for the National NRA and CMP Conventional Pistol Championships. I have fired in a few high power rifle matches and enjoyed firing the Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Midrange North Dakota State Championship in Grand Forks again this year. I have continued to coach air rifle and air pistol one or two nights each week. As I said in our last issue, anyone who thinks there is nothing to do in North Dakota is welcome to come and lend a hand. We can certainly use some more volunteers to help our match directors and coaches who make the matches possible, but we could also accommodate more competitors at many of the outdoor matches that are held across the state of North Dakota. Shooting outdoors is great fun.

Thanks to Rich for the President's Message in this issue and to Tom Reiten for his article about his and Kevin's experience at Camp Perry this year.

Our officers and board of directors have decided that an increase in our membership dues is necessary for the continued good health of our association. Thus, you will be asked to vote on a new dues structure at our annual meeting January 31, 2015. Please attend.

Our current dues remain in effect until then, so take advantage of the discounts that these current dues afford.

We will induct three worthy candidates into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame at our annual meeting and banquet. They are Steve Martin of Grand Forks, Eric Pueppke, and Steve Faught of Amenia. Many of you know these men and are aware of their significant contributions to marksmanship not only in North Dakota but also in the United States.

We hope that many of you will join us to induct them into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame at our association's annual convention in Grand Forks. I look forward to seeing you there.

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 government is merely a servant—merely a temporary servant; it cannot be its prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong, and decide who is a patriot and who isn't. Its function is to obey orders, not originate them."

— **Mark Twain**

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

— **Theodore Roosevelt**

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## ARE YOU GAME?

"Are you game?" is what I asked Kevin Fire, my vintage sniper rifle partner. It was sometime in March. I went on to explain that we could go down to Camp Perry, Ohio and shoot in the vintage sniper rifle match, the Garand match, the Springfield match and the M1 carbine match, all national matches. "Sounds like fun," was Kevin's reply.

Checking with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) personnel, I found out that we would be able to register the first part of April. I then informed Denny Coulter, who coordinates the housing for the North Dakota shooters, that Kevin and I would need a hut for the CMP games.

It couple of weeks went by and then Denny informed us that no housing was available on Camp Perry during the time we would be there. We would have to find housing off base. Eventually, the problem was solved, when we learned that a friend's daughter would not be using her apartment in Bowling Green, Ohio during the summer. Now, we had a place to stay.

Then, we had to prepare for the matches. A late spring and wet, windy weather cut into practice time. We checked equipment and tried loads, but actual practice was limited to shooting in the vintage rifle league at the Forks Rifle Club and we were able to fire in a few scheduled matches prior to the CMP games.

Kevin had shot in the Garand match at Camp Perry before and I had observed the CMP matches over the years while shooting in the high power and long range matches. However, shooting in all four matches over four consecutive days would be a new experience.

After discussing our options, we signed up for the "AM" relays. We figured that it would be cooler in the morning. When we picked up our competitor packets the day before the matches started, we got a surprise. The squadding for the Garand and Springfield "AM" relays was at 5:45 am. With an hour drive from Bowling Green, it meant that we would have to get up at 3:30 am. The carbine match squadded an hour later, so we got to sleep in until 4:30.

The vintage sniper rifle match squadded at noon on Friday, but it was nearly 7:00 pm before we got off the range. There were 164 teams in the vintage sniper match. Kevin and I, Team Nodak, managed to qualify for bronze medals.

Saturday morning was overcast and it started to rain during our drive to Camp Perry. It would continue to rain throughout the morning, but we shot the Garand match anyway. With each shot fired, a spray of water from the operating rod coated our glasses. This was particularly problematic during the rapid fire strings, where we ended up shooting at a fuzzy tan blur. In the pits, the glue was running out of the targets, and getting pasters to stick on the shot holes was a real challenge. Somehow, I managed to get a silver medal. We spent the rest of the day tearing apart our rifles and drying out equipment.

Sunday, we were greeted with fog. It was almost surreal as we hauled our carts down to the ready line on the dark, fog covered range and joined the long line of shooters waiting to be squadded. Kevin was shooting the rifle that the late Jimmy Barner used to win the first national Springfield match. Kevin qualified for a silver medal. We both agreed that Jimmy would be pleased.

Monday, the day of the carbine match, we were actually squadded in daylight. Where all the other matches utilized the target carriers in the pits, the carbine match used target stands 100 yards in front of the 200 yard firing line. All five targets were hung on the stands at once, and the range officer directed competitors to fire each string on a particular target. Using a borrowed carbine, Kevin earned a gold medal.

It seemed a little odd, packing up after just four days of shooting. Typically I would shoot nine consecutive days. With all my equipment and treasures from commercial row packed in the Subaru, I headed home. It was my twentieth year at Camp Perry. Tom Reiten

## Junior Shooting Update by Rick Jorgenson

Dacotah Faught is now a sophomore at The University of Tennessee at Martin, TN. This past summer, June 24, she won the open USA Shooting National Championship in Women's 10m Air Rifle. She fired a combined score of 832 points. This put her 2.5 points ahead of Sonya May who placed second. Dacotah is the first Skyhawk to win a USA Shooting National Championship. She also competed in the Junior division of this USA Shooting National Championship in Women's 10m Air Rifle, where she placed second behind May with 835 points. Sonya May finished 3.5 points ahead with an 838.5 for first place in the Junior division. Dacotah has earned a spot on the USA Shooting Development Team.

Earlier in March of this year, Dacotah Faught competed in the NCAA National Championship in Murray, Kentucky, joining senior Jessica Cobb as the first UTM participants to reach the event since 2006. While there, she finished the first relay with the second-highest point total of all competitors and ultimately placed eighth.

As many of you know, Dacotah Faught is from Amenia, North Dakota. She has been a very strong competitor in our North Dakota air rifle and smallbore matches for years. It is great to follow her continued progress in the sport. As a sophomore, she is adding to her accomplishments already by setting a new University of Tennessee at Martin school-record of 584 in smallbore rifle competing in the Ole Miss Invitational and against No. 10 Murray State at the Pat Spurgin Rifle Range.

Joe Martin of Grand Forks, ND is now a freshman at the University of Tennessee at Martin and on their rifle team with Dacotah. Joe fired a 562 in the smallbore portion of this match to start his college shooting carrier. Dacotah fired a team high 586 with her air rifle. Joe added a 575 in the air rifle portion of this match.

**2014 North Dakota Long Range State  
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2014 North Dakota Long Range State Championship and Palma Matches on June 7 and 8. What a great turnout. We had 25 competitors fire the Registered Palma Match and 32 competitors fire the State Championship Match. I believe both of these are record attendance for long range matches in our state. Saturday was one of those exceptional weather days at the range – nice temps and a very light breeze. But then, as it always seems at our events in Bismarck, Sunday got even as winds went into that 25 mph stuff during the afternoon. However, we did avoid getting wet – always a big plus.

I really thank Steve Allen – our Line Officer, Bob Cunningham – Pit Officer, and Dave Hintz who did our stats on Saturday. As always, I really appreciate the volunteer effort from these guys. Not only does this give me an opportunity to compete in the match, but by having this many folks volunteering at the match – it helps everything run a lot smoother and helps us all get through the day a bit quicker. Be sure to say thanks to these guys if you see them at the range. I also thank Coby Dalgliesh and Russ Theurer who helped me a few days before the match mowing the range, re-facing targets, and getting things ready. I also had a nice crew with Russ, Coby, Taylor Boeshans, Kohl Klein, and Rand McLeod (and others) helping to get the range ready Saturday morning with targets, benches, pit kits and number boards. There's always a lot to do before and after these events. Make sure you also thank these guys when you see them at other events this summer.

Congratulations to our 2014 State Champions - Russ Theurer (Conventional) with a score of 779-21x, Brian Suhr (F-Open Class) with a 781--25x. This is a new state record for the 80-shot State Match with the F-Open rifle. The previous record score of 770-18x was fired by Brian on June 12, 2011. This is an excellent score fired in the conditions of Sunday afternoon. Good shooting, Brian. A relatively new competitor, Drew Rutherford, won the F-Target Rifle Class with a 748-13x. After the match I was talking with Drew – he first pulled a trigger in August, 2013. Seems he's come a long way in just 10 months. Great shooting, Drew!

Tom Thompson won the Palma Match (conventional) on Saturday with a 442-16x. This is a new state record surpassing Tom's record of 434-15x fired on July 7, 2012. Brain Suhr won the F-Open class firing a 444-21x. This is also a new state record breaking Craig

Suhr's record of 440-13x fired on July 7, 2012. Finally, Ervin Morse took the F-Target Rifle class in the Palma Match firing a 429-11x.

I know there are a few folks that haven't had time to join the State Association – that is the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association. NDSSA is the official NRA-affiliated state organization of North Dakota. In addition to sanctioning our State Championship events, NDSSA has also supported and passed some very pro-gun state legislation over the years including strengthening the right to keep and bear arms (1984), "Shall Issue" or carry conceal (1985), sport shooting range protection (1999), hunting, trapping, and fishing heritage (2000), Firearms Limited Liability (2001), CCW information may not be released to the public (2005) and strengthened the "Castle Law". Kinda makes you wonder why EVERY North Dakotan is not a member of this State Association. Strength is in numbers – PLEASE JOIN NOW. (I ran this paragraph in last year's match report – seemed like such great information – so I ran it again).

Once again, we are in the heart of the High Plains High Power Summer Shoot'in Season. Summers are slow to come and leave fast up here – so if you're going to shoot – shoot – don't wait around to "get ready" – because in a couple months the summer will be over and you will have missed another season. So – as I always suggest – check the calendar and start making plans to shoot some (or all) the matches this summer and fall. Two of our four high power events are done for the year at our club – so if you have some buddies that are considering shooting this summer – you can tell them that they've missed half of the season in Bismarck already!

If you have never fired an over-the-course match – I would suggest firing (as least) one of the M1 Garand matches– give it a try. Also – there are AR-15's available for lease to High Power competitors that are residents of North Dakota and paid up members of the State Association. Contact someone on the State Association Board of Directors for details (such as me).

**Pass the word on to your shooting buddies and see if you can get them out to a long range high power event - or an over-the-course match, M1 Garand, etc., etc.**

Thanks again and hope to see all of you on the firing line.  
Tom Thompson

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have." --Gerald Ford

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first." – **Mark Twain**

## Fall & Winter Schedule of Opportunities

Oct 11	Frosty Barrel (F-Class w/ Potluck Dinner)	Grand Forks	Mike Cobert	701-739-2017
Nov 1	Air Rifle/Air Pistol - standing 60 shots	Ayr	Rand McLeod	701-226-3657
Dec 13	Open 4-Position Match	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Dec 14	Air Rifle & Pistol - Approved	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Dec	Action Pistol Match	Bismarck	Travis Kytort	701-426-3811
Jan 3, 4	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-751-0690
Jan 3, 4	Bullseye Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
<b>Jan 10, 11</b>	<b>Open Inter Rifle Sec (Air, 3P)</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Tom Thompson</b>	<b>701-255-4601</b>
<b>Jan 17, 18</b>	<b>Junior Olympics (Air, 3p, Air Pistol, Sport Pistol)</b>	<b>Minot</b>	<b>Rick Jorgenson</b>	<b>701-662-4760</b>
Jan	Action Pistol Match	Bismarck	Travis Kytort	701-426-3811
<b>Jan 25 &amp; 26</b>	<b>Light Rifle Sectional Championship</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
	100 Shot Offhand Match	Halstad, MN	Todd Westcott	218-456-2507
Jan	Indoor Cowboy Action Shooting	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>NDSSA State Convention</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Feb	Indoor Cowboy Action Shooting	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Feb	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-751-0690
Feb	Action Pistol Match	Bismarck	Travis Kytort	701-426-3811
<b>Feb 7, 8</b>	<b>Junior 3P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Minot</b>	<b>Wes Thomas</b>	<b>701-839-6075</b>
<b>Feb 7, 8</b>	<b>Collegiate Sectional, Rifle and Pistol</b>	<b>West Fargo</b>	<b>Eric Pueppke</b>	<b>701-967-8450</b>
<b>Feb 15, 16</b>	<b>Open 3P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Feb 15, 16	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Feb 22, 23	Open 50 Yard Regional SB Match, 3-Position (any sight)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
<b>Feb 28, Mar 1</b>	<b>Junior Air Sectional (Standing)</b>	<b>Devils Lake</b>	<b>Rick Jorgenson</b>	<b>701-662-4760</b>
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### **What is it about the Competitive Shooting Sports that benefit us the most?**

Number one, for most of us, the competitive shooting sports are just plain fun. Whether you are shooting an airgun, smallbore rifle or pistol, highpower rifle, black power cartridge rifle, cowboy action or bullseye pistol, you are engaged in a sport that is great fun. This "fun" element of the competitive shooting sports is not easy to describe. It is far easier to experience. It is a bit like fine food or drink. Once you get a taste for it, you will want to repeat the experience.

Second, the competitive shooting sports are often what I call family sports where a grandparent, son and daughter and grandson and granddaughter can compete together. There are very few sports that truly qualify as family sports in this way. It is a sport of gender equity and there is no age discrimination. I often find 80-year olds firing on the same line as a 12-year old. Our family shares some great memories of competition in the shooting sports.

Third, those of us who compete in the shooting sports learn the skill of personal responsibility, as the concept of personal responsibility is an integral part of and may even be the foundation of the competitive shooting sports.

Fourth, it is also an individual sport. If you wish, you can shoot as an individual and need not be a member of a team. Your skills in marksmanship can take you all the way to a national championship.

Fifth, the competitive shooting sports promote the development of a healthy lifestyle. They require that you develop your hand and eye coordination, spatial relationship skills, kinesthetic senses, muscle strength, muscle tone, and stamina. These are areas of personal discipline that apply not only to the competitive shooting sports but to every aspect of our lives.

Sixth, all of us who are involved in the competitive shooting sports realize that success in these sports requires significant mental effort and discipline. A large percentage of any person's success in the competitive shooting sports is based on that person's ability to concentrate and perform under pressure. Successful competitive shooters must constantly command that they follow their own shot plan, but they must also integrate that shot plan with the conditions surrounding them at the time of the match. They must solve the problems of individual light conditions, wind, mirage, temperature, etc. for each shot in order to convey their projectile into the 10 ring. Creative thinking and situational awareness skills play a large role in any competitive shooter's success.

What a great way to grow up and maintain joy in your life. - Rick Jorgenson