

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN**  
**2013 Northern Great Plains Regional Championship**  
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2013 Northern Great Plains Long Range Regional Championship on September 7 and 8. This year we had 20 competitors compared to 28 competitors at last year's event – so we were down a bit this year. However, given the difficulty in obtaining components for reloading and current gas prices – I feel this turnout was fairly good. Hopefully, we can get some more shooters into the sport and get them on the line next year. I know there have been a LOT of firearms sold in this country in the last year – we need to find these folks - get them on the firing line and get them hooked on the shooting sports.

Thanks again to Earl Garbina for, once again, coming down from McClusky to run the line at our match on Saturday and also Bob Cunningham for doing our stats and helping score on Saturday and then running the line on Sunday. I really appreciate their help! I couldn't get the match done without their help – THANKS AGAIN!

Congratulations to our 2013 Northern Great Plains Regional Match Winner, Tom Thompson (Bismarck). Tom fired a 995-47x for the match win. In the F-Open Class, Eric Johnson (Detroit Lakes, MN) took the Gold firing a very good 972-38x. Travis Carico (Valley City) was the top F-Class-TR shooter (using the standard 308 cartridge) firing an 899-9x. Due to the lower numbers this year, I was only able to award the Gold Medal in the Open F-Class category. I need at least 8 competitors for a Gold medal, 10 competitors for a Silver, and 15 for a Bronze.

Well - given the weather this past weekend - you know the train wreck was coming .....wait..... wait..... here it comes.....wait.... hey - the match is over - we made it - no TRAIN WRECK! We only had a little delay on Saturday while it sprinkled and it did get wet on the last relay to fire on Saturday. Looked like it was going to pour and it kept thundering - but the bad weather kept going around us. Sunday looked like trouble again. The wind seemed like it was going to blow and it looked like it was going to pour. The wind started to get ugly on the last relay to fire (but then check out Kohl's Match No. 5 score).....then it was over - we put the targets away - the sun came out and the wind dropped to EXACTLY ZERO. All in all I'd say it was a great match - wind wasn't too bad - stayed fairly constant for every relay except the first relay to fire in Match 1, Day 1. For those unfortunate souls that fired on that relay - if you finished quick you didn't get caught in the 180 degree 5 - 7 minute change at the end of the string.

Despite the rather weather challenged (sort-of) weekend, we had a couple new state records fired. Tom score of 995-47x surpasses his own record of 981-41x fired on September 16, 2007. In addition, Tom's 200-8x (iron sights/1000 yards) is also a new state record surpassing Duane Holien's score of 200-4x fired on July 8, 2007. Finally, Mike Cobert's score of 963-25x is a new state record (the North Dakota resident record) surpassing Brian Shur's score of 956-26x fired on September 8 and 9, 2012.

Well – this season – is once again coming to an end – the High Power season is very short in the Northern Great Plains. Our last High Power event of the season will be in Rolla, North Dakota, the weekend of September 28 and 29. On Saturday, the Turtle Mountain Rifle Club will host the North Dakota Mid-Range State Championship – 3 – 20 shot strings (with unlimited

sighters) at 600 yards. This will be for Conventional, F-Open and F-TR Classes. Then on Sunday, September 29, we'll have the annual Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power match (80 shot over-the-course). There might be an M1 Garand match – we'll have to see when the match program comes out. I suggest calling Andy Johnson as soon as possible to reserve your firing point for the events scheduled this weekend (his phone number is listed below).

Coby and other friends of the Turtle Mountain Rifle Club have put in some back breaking work this summer to expand the David Disrud range from 5 point to 8 firing points. So we should be able to host a good number of competitors this year (32 competitors if we have 4 relays). Given the attendance we had last year, we might make the range capacity (so call Andy NOW!).

Our first match of 2014 at our range in Bismarck will most likely be the first weekend in May, 2014. I hope to see all of you, and more new shooters on the firing line. Thanks!

Tom Thompson

**2013 NDSSA Summer High Power Shooting Sports Schedule (it's almost over)**

**(Be sure to call ahead – and it's best to Pre-register for State Championships and Regional events)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Sep 28	<b>Mid-Range State Champ (Convention, Open F-Class and FTR Class)</b>	<b>Rolla</b>	<b>Andy Johnson</b>	<b>701-477-6687</b>
Sep 29	Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match (Sun)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687