

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2016 North Dakota Junior 4-Position State Championship
And
NRA Junior 4-Position Sectional Championship
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2016 North Dakota Junior 4-Position State Championship and the NRA Junior 4-Position Sectional match this past weekend. Overall it was a great weekend. This was our biggest attendance ever for the Junior 4P event in Bismarck. We had 36 competitors with 70 entries over the 2 day event. Thanks also goes out to the Bushwackers from Circle, Montana. They had already fired a sectional this year – so they were firing our Sectional for score only – glad you guys could come out to our club and shoot.

Thanks to all that helped me put on the event including Tina, Dave and Mary Kay Tokach, Tom and Melody Schiwal, Dave Hintz, Walt Fairbanks, Sandy Fried, Tim Klein, and the other parents that helped set up and take down the range, score targets, post scores, data entry, and set and retrieve targets. Again, I really appreciated everyone's efforts – this helps me to keep the event going and on time. **WE COULD NOT DO THIS EVENT WITHOUT EVERYONES HELP! – THANKS!!**

Congratulations to our 2016 Junior State Champion – Tyler Linneman. Tyler fired an excellent score of 395-31x. There were 3 - 395's fired in the State Championship event – so this was some close (and HIGH SCORING) competition. The Bismarck/Mandan Junior Gold team took the State team event firing a 1567-100x. Firing members included Lana Fairbanks, Amanda Hintz, Brady Fried and Jacob LARGERUD.

The high scores continued into the Sectional event. Mari Butler fired 397-29x for the Gold Medal out X'ing Lana who fired a 397-27x for the Silver medal. Brandon Alexander was right behind with another excellent score of 396-26x for the Bronze medal – all great scores. In the team event, the Buffalo Sharpshooters, with firing members Mari, Emily Haag, Brett Christianson and Katie Zaun fired a 1579-106x for the win. **That is nearly a 395-26x shooter average – excellent score!**

As far as state records – Emily Haag, Mari Butler, and Brady Fried will have their names added to the growing State Record Prone Score list of 100-10x. Karleigh Gauss and Brandon Alexander equaled the State Record of 100-9x in the Kneeling position. And finally, Brett Christianson fired a 100-10x in Sitting to equal state record that was set by Greg Erickson in Bottineau on April 5, 1987 – nearly 29 years ago.

In 2014 we had 6 competitors fire 390+ scores. In 2015 we had 16 390+ scores. **This year we had 17 390+ scores – it just keeps getting tougher!** Plus there were about 32 target cleans fired. This is quite an accomplishment from the junior competitors in our area this past weekend. Plus there were a lot of other very good scores fired by a lot of other competitors. It will be interesting to see how these scores will come out when the national results are posted in late May or early June. Results are posted on the NRA Competitions web site. Be sure to check the NRA web page in late May for the Junior Sectional Championship scores.

Again – congratulations to all – keep up the hard work **AND DO NOT forget to have fun in this sport.** Pass the word on to your other team members on your home ranges and encourage them to come out and participate in these events. The 2016 smallbore season is moving to its conclusion. In just a couple weeks, it will be over (except for the spring outdoor match in Grand Forks). I've listed the remaining upcoming events for this season below. Look at your calendar, make your plans and give the match contact a call now! I plan to have the awards with me next weekend in Grand Forks – so you might as well come to Grand Forks and get your award - and while you're there you might as well shoot the Open 4-Position State Championship and Open Sectional match - call Denny Coulter now!

Thanks to all and good shooting - Tom Thompson, 701-255-4601

NDSSA Smallbore and Air Rifle Shooting Sports Schedule for 2016

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Mar 18, 19, 20	ND 4P Open State Champ and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 24	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 2	Air Rifle Fun Match	Ayr	Rand McLeod	701-219-3657
Apr 3	CMP 3P Air Rifle	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Apr 2, 3	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Sivertson	701-243-6413
Jun 4, 5	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Position and Prone, Open and Junior events	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959