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The President's Message

Here We Go Again - Get Your Shootin' Irons Out!

The summer shooting season is here once again - it's time for this shooter to put away the rifle that goes "tweak", come out from the dark places and quit talking in hushed tones. But first we have a few accomplishments that we need to talk about concerning the indoor season. Just a couple of items - we had four shooters from North Dakota qualify for the National Junior Olympics Shooting Championships (JOSC) held each year at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. This year's qualifiers included Levi Geurts (Buffalo), Matthew and Christopher Pueppke (Amenia) and Kaylee Kuntz (Bismarck). This was made possible in part from (1) the hard efforts of a lot of people to help coach and make time for juniors, (2) several clubs and the State Association that now have some world class equipment and (3) some young adults that are putting this equipment to good use. We had a great turnout at the State JOSC in Minot in January. Hopefully, things will continue to expand.

And now, a little about those JOSC Nationals. I accompanied Kaylee and her parents to the Women's Air Rifle event. Spectacular! It was great to watch the top 91 junior female shooters in the country take to the line and SHOOT! I must admit it's hard, if you don't understand the shooting sports, to know what to watch for. However, ANYONE who had the opportunity to watch these young women shoot would most certainly be impressed with their level of focus, determination, commitment, and dedication. It was apparent to their coaches, parents, or anyone who happened to be lucky enough to take a tour of the shooting center on that weekend in early April.

These gals can hold! 95 out of 100 is a hard score to attain in Air Rifle. However, that average would put you in about 30th place at the Nationals. It was a great time and I know some shooters from this state will be working even harder to get back to this national event next year.

On to the summer sports. As I write this letter, we have just concluded our first High Power match of the season. We have a lineup of shooting events this summer - just take a look at the schedule - High Power, Bullseye, Silhouette rifle and pistol, Cowboy, Blackpowder cartridge - there are matches for everyone. All you have to do is load up and have some fun. I know there are a lot of people out there that have never stepped up to the line. Try to encourage them. They'll never realize the fun of the shooting sports if someone doesn't lend a hand and help them to their first match.

Notable events this summer - The State Games booklets are out. This summer's games are in Bismarck on July 11, 12 and 13. We'll have Rifle Silhouette, High Power and for the first time - Cowboy Action shooting. There will also be a host of shotgun events and summer biathlon. If you have never attended a match or the State Games - come out and join in the fun. We'll also be hosting the first ever NRA Long Range Regional in North Dakota. This match will be held in Bismarck on the weekend of September 13 and 14. During the weekend of October 10 -12 we hope to have Bob Foth in Fargo for a clinic for coaches and junior shooters. Bob was a silver medallist at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. We tried to have his clinic during the annual meeting in January. However, Bob came down with pneumonia and was unable to attend. Sooo - Eric Pueppke has

been in contact with Bob and we hope to have this event lined up for October. Keep in touch on this one - there will be more information on the clinic in a coming issue of The Target.

Once again, there's a group of folks going to the National Matches this summer at Camp Perry, Ohio. Let's see - that would be the 96th year of the National Matches. If you're interested in the Pistol phase, contact Rick Jorgenson (check his address on the inside cover). If you're considering High Power, contact me (Tom Thompson) and we will try to find you a ride and a place to stay once you arrive.

Until then, see you on the firing line.
Tom Thompson



Kaylee at the JOSC in Minot

Doesn't she look like she is having fun? It makes you want to put some effort into a routine of perfect practice to see just what you might be able to accomplish for yourself. We hope that our juniors can fire qualifying scores in every category of the 2004 JOSC. Their road to that goal will include some scheduled effort this summer and fall to apply themselves to some perfect practice and maybe some cross training in the other shooting competitions held around North Dakota this year.
Rick Jorgenson

Editorially Speaking

You have a new editor

In his novel, *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, **Robert Heinlein** coined the acronym **TANSTAAFL**.

He used it quite liberally throughout the novel to point out that anything that we acquire or any service that we receive comes with a price. We may not always see the price tag right away, and maybe we never see the price tag or pay it personally because someone else elects to pay for us.

In the shooting sports, it is getting harder and harder to find people who are willing to pay the price for those shooters who really will not pay their own way.

If you are tired of not paying your own way, open your eyes and look around you. You will find lots of ways to pay your way. Instead of whining and complaining that no one is providing some service that you think or know would be useful or necessary, figure out a way to help provide that service yourself. Better yet, organize a group of your friends to provide the service.

But when you are done with the work, do not hold your breath while waiting for praise from those who think this service should have been provided at no cost and in a timelier manner.

There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch!

You will find no shortage of fellow shooters who will point out just exactly how the service should have been provided in a better manner. Of course, they are nowhere to be found when there is work to be done.

No good deed goes unpunished.

I didn't write the above to complain about undertaking the editorial responsibility for *The Target*.

I was simply reflecting on the very valuable editorial service that Kevin Krogstad and Ed Jensen have provided our membership over the last few years with the benefit of much "free" advice.

With the constant help of my wife, Connie, we will see how well I hold up to the task. Send me some articles. They need not be long, but I will be happy to consider articles of any length. Do not wait until tomorrow to send your article, because tomorrow you will find some excuse to delay while you formulate that last perfect phrase or that photograph that you still have undeveloped in your camera from last month.

I may edit some of your article, but my editorial efforts may only improve it in my eyes rather than provide any real improvement to your words.

You should expect to read more articles about the Pistol disciplines and Black Powder Cartridge Rifle competition, as these are the shooting disciplines that I find most enjoyable. I have included a review of the 2002 Pistol competition in this edition to the best of my recollection. If I have failed to include any notable accomplishments, I expect you to scream and yell. Do not sulk and pout or fail to let me know.

Until our next issue, remember:

If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words, and that guns kill people just like spoons have made Rosie O'Donnell fat.

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Another Quote that you might like by Robert Heinlein

"An armed society is a polite society."

Source: Monroe-Alpha in *Beyond This Horizon*

Pistol 2002 in Review

Our first indoor pistol results come from the January 27, Junior Olympic Selection Match. Christopher Pueppke is the North Dakota State Junior Olympic Air Pistol Champion for 2002, and his score qualified him for the Junior Olympic Nationals in Colorado Springs, CO.

Our indoor Pistol Sectional was held on March 16 and 17 at Fargo, ND. Bill Brackin is our Conventional Champion with a score of 878 by 28. That score earned national placement as 2nd in the High Master class.

Our North Dakota Sectional Standard Pistol Champion is Travis Jorgenson with a score of 566 and he is also the Air Pistol Champion with a score of 565/12X.

Travis' 566 ranked as 3rd place overall in the Standard Pistol national rankings. The National Sectional Champion shot a score of 569 only 3 points higher than Travis' 566.

Connie Jorgenson fired a 545, and this placed her 1st in the ranking for the 2002 National Women's Sectional Air Pistol competition. This is the first time we've had a North Dakota **National Women's Air Pistol Sectional Champion**.

The Sectional Free Pistol Champion was Chris Stover of South Dakota with a score of 523/6X.

Christopher Pueppke placed 1st in the Marksman class for North Dakota. Even more notably, he ranked 1st in the Marksman class for all of those shooters who competed in this Sectional nationally. This is quite an accomplishment for a Junior shooter.

Finally, our North Dakota teams did very well with the Gateway Norskiis placing 3rd in the Free Pistol Sectional Team event. They also placed 3rd in the Standard Pistol Sectional Team event and took 2nd place in the Air Pistol Sectional Team championship. Finally, Bill's Lost Sheep placed 3rd in the Air Pistol Sectional Team, so we had 2nd & 3rd place in Air Pistol nationally.

Following the Sectional, we fired the North Dakota State Pistol Championship in Valley City where Travis Jorgenson is our Air Pistol Champion with a score of 556 with 15X, and he's also our Conventional Indoor Pistol Champion with a score of 869 with 27X.

Jim Ladwig is our Standard Pistol Indoor Champion with a score of 554.

The North Dakota State Air Pistol Team, consisting of Travis- 566, Steve- 564, Bill- 561, James- 546, and Connie- 539, with a total of 2776, **won** the National NRA State Postal competition by 25 points over the second place team. We have some very good pistol shooters here in North Dakota.

Steve Faught won our Air Pistol Postal match with a score of 3,350 which is an average of 558.3 for each of the matches. The team of Gram & Gramps otherwise known as Connie & Rick Jorgenson placed 1st in the Air Pistol Team Postal competition.

We then moved into our outdoor season and fired the first outdoor match on June 23 in Bismarck, ND. This was our North Dakota Pistol Regional Championship and Bill Brackin emerged as the winner with a score that he probably doesn't want us to publish. The match was fired in a very strong and gusty wind with the High Master's shooting in the high Sharpshooter and low Expert category because of the wind.

We then traveled to the National Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio. Travis Jorgenson emerged as the High Collegiate in the Aggregate match and he also emerged as the High Collegiate in the National Trophy Individual match where he placed #27 out of 568 competitors.

He was named to the NRA/USA Conventional Pistol Team for the second straight year.

Steve Faught placed #76 in the President's 100 and the rest of us had a lot of fun and even shot some good scores occasionally.

Our North Dakota Pistol Outdoor State Championship was fired on July 28 at Valley City, and Travis Jorgenson fired a 2,621 by 112X to win the State Championship trophy.

Steve Faught fired a 192 by 2X in the Center Fire Slow Fire match for a new North Dakota state record. Steve also set a new state record as the Center Fire Aggregate winner with a score of 876 by 24X.

Travis Jorgenson set a few new records as well. First of all, his Center Fire National Match score of 294 by 15X is a new state record. He also fired a 199 by 16X for the .45 Time Fire State Record and a score of 874 by 43X for the .45 Caliber Aggregate State Record.

Finally, his score of 2,621 by 112X is a new record for the Match Aggregate.

Three North Dakota shooters broke the Conventional Pistol bar of 2600 in 2002 by firing that score or higher in one or more matches this year. These shooters are Bill Brackin, Steve Faught and Travis Jorgenson.

The International Handgun Metallic Silhouette State Championships were held in Dickinson, ND again in 2002 on August 16, 17 & 18.

Travis Jorgenson had a very good match winning the Big Bore 4-gun Aggregate with a score of 143, the Smallbore 4-gun Aggregate with a score of 133 and the Field Pistol Aggregate with a score of 53.

Travis is the North Dakota State Big Bore Unlimited Champion with a perfect score of 40. He is the Big Bore Revolver Champion with a new State Record score of 40. In the Smallbore competition, Travis won the Smallbore Unlimited category with another score of 40 followed by the Smallbore Production category with a score of 39 and the Smallbore Standing category with a score of 25. He also won the Field Pistol Production class with a score of 29.

Rick Jorgenson won the Big Bore Production category with a score of 39, missing a chicken. Rick also won the Smallbore Revolver Championship.

David Hartsoch is our Big Bore Standing Champion with a score of 30, and Dave also won the Big Bore Unlimited Any Sight Championship with a score of 37.

Claire Stoner is our Big Bore Unlimited Standing Champion with a score of 21 and Dave Logosz is our Smallbore Any Sight Champion with a score of 40.

Finally, Brent Cusey is the Smallbore Unlimited Standing Champion with a score of 18 and he is our Field Pistol Any Sight Champion with a score of 31 as well.

We look forward to even better results in 2003, and I hope you can join us in the fun of shooting pistol in North Dakota this year.

Rick Jorgenson

NORTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSN

(As of December 31, 2002)

STATE RECORDS - JUNIOR

Course of Fire	Individual	Score	Place and Date
FOUR POSITION GALLERY RIFLE			
10 Shots Prone	Mike Hall	100-10x	Cando 3/7/84
	*Byron Bjordal	100-10x	Minot 4/5/86
	*Sandy Kraus	100-10x	Minot 4/6/86
	Mark Martz	100-10x	Minot 4/6/86
	*Natalie Carey	100-10x	Bottineau 4/5/87
	*William O'Connell	100-10x	Bismarck 3/24/96
10 Shots Sitting	Gregory Erickson	100-10x	Bottineau 4/5/87
10 Shots Kneeling	Gregory Erickson	100-6	Bottineau 4/5/87
10 Shots Standing	Sandy Kraus	98	Mandan -
400 Point Agg.	Sandy Kraus	396	Mandan - 3/27/88

INTERNATIONAL GALLERY RIFLE

20 Shots Prn	Natalie Carey	200-18x	Minot - 3/28/88
20 Shots Std	Levi Geurts	188	Bismarck -
2/9/02			
20 Shots Knl	Sandy Kraus	194	Minot - 2/25/89
600 Point Agg.	Natalie Carey	572	Minot - 2/25/89

INTERNATIONAL AIR RIFLE

10 Shots Std	Natalie Carey	99	Minot - 3/4/89
	* Cody Schonert	99	D Lake - 3/5/00
40 Shots Std	Levi Geurts	382	Buffalo - 2-4-01
60 Shots Std	Levi Geurts	576	D Lake - 3/3/02

INTERNATIONAL AIR PISTOL

10 Shots	Travis Jorgenson	97	Rolla - 3/16/96
60 Shots	Travis Jorgenson	566	Rolla - 1/16/96

STATE RECORDS - PISTOL

NRA INDOOR PISTOL - 50ft

Course of Fire	Individual	Score	Place and Date
22 Cal Slow Fire	David Kringlie	194	Fargo - 3/7/71
	*William Brackin	194	Fargo - 3/12/00
22 Cal Timed Fire	John Sanderson	200-13x	Minot - 3/9/80
	*William Brackin	200-13x	Fargo - 3/9/02
22 Cal Rapid Fire	James Kondelis	199-10x	Fargo - 1989
22 Cal N.M.C.	William Brackin	295-11x	V City - 3/25/00
22 Cal 600 Pt Agg	David Kringlie	585-18x	Rolla - 3/30/80
22 Cal 900 Pt Agg	William Brackin	885-29x	V City - 3/25/00
CF Slow Fire	Steve Faught	194	Fargo - 2/15/99
	*William Brackin	194	Fargo - 2/15/99
CF Timed Fire	Duane Ihli	200-12x	Bismarck - 2/8/75
CF Rapid Fire	David Kringlie	197-7x	Bismarck -2/10/74
CF N.M.C.	William Brackin	285-11x	Fargo - 2/15/99
CF 600 Pt Agg	Ray Thompson	582-25x	Bismarck -2/20/93
CF 900 Pt Agg	William Brackin	869-34x	Fargo - 2/15/99

Course of Fire	Individual	Score	Place and Date
Cal 45 Slow Fire	Duane Ihli	195	Bismarck - 2/3/85
Cal 45 Timed Fire	Duane Ihli	199-13x	Rolla - 2/26/85
Cal 45 Rapid Fire	Duane Ihli	197-10x	Bismarck - 2/3/85
Cal 45 N.M.C.	David Kringlie	288-11x	Fargo - 3/15/70
Cal 45 600 Pt Agg	Duane Ihli	588-20	Bismarck - 2/3/85
Cal 45 900 Pt Agg	William Brackin	857-27	Fargo - 2/15/99
3 Gun 1800 Pt Agg	Duane Ihli	1745-62x	Fargo - 3/26/85
3 Gun 2700 Pt Agg	William Brackin	2601-83x	Fargo - 2/15/99

INTERNATIONAL INDOOR PISTOL

Air Pistol 60 Shots	James Kondelis	573-13x	V City - 3/18/90
Std Pistol 60 Shots	David Kringlie	572	Fargo - 2/21/87

NRA OUTDOOR PISTOL (At 50 and 25 Yards)

22 Cal Slow Fire	William Brackin	194-2x	V City - 8/8/99
22 Cal Timed Fire	John Vennes	200-14x	G Forks - 6/9/68
	*Terry Nitschke	200-14x	Bismarck - 8/7/88
22 Cal Rapid Fire	Terry Nitschke	200-13x	Bismarck - 7/10/82
	*Steve Faught	200-13x	V City - 8/9/98
22 Cal N.M.C.	Steve Faught	297-16x	V City - 6/25/00
22 Cal 600 Pt Agg	James Kondelis	589-26x	Fargo - 6/23/85
22 Cal 900 Pt Agg	Steve Faught	885-43x	V City - 6/25/00
CF Slow Fire	Steve Faught	192-2	V City - 7/28/02
CF Timed Fire	Alan Chaffee	200-10x	Bismarck - 6/10/73
CF Rapid Fire	Norman Nitschke	198-11x	Bismarck - 7/6/85
CF N.M.C.	Travis Jorgenson	294-15x	V City - 7/28/02
CF 600 Point Agg	James Kondelis	580-22x	Bismarck - 8/7/88
CF 900 Point Agg	Steve Faught	876-24x	V City - 7/28/02
45 Cal Slow Fire	Terry Nitschke	192-4x	Bismarck - 6/27/93
45 Cal Timed Fire	Travis Jorgenson	199-16x	V City - 7/28/02
45 Cal Rapid Fire	Steve Faught	200-10x	V City - 6/25/00
45 Cal N.M.C.	William Brackin	295-12x	V City - 6/25/00
Cal 45 600 Pt Agg	Norman Nitschke	577 13x	Bismarck- 8/9/89
Cal 45 900 Pt Agg	Travis Jorgenson	874-43x	V City - 7/28/02
3 Gun 1800 Pt Agg	William Brackin	1741-80x	V City - 8/1/97
3 Gun 2700 Pt Agg	Travis Jorgenson	2621-112x	V City - 7/28/02

*Indicates Co-Holder

Congratulations to all of our State Record holders for their fine efforts.

We look forward to more new records this year, but it is becoming increasingly hard to top the fine scores you see here.

We plan to print the North Dakota State Rifle records in the next issue of The Target.

2003 Summer Schedule of Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
May 31	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
May 31	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, 4P, Prone	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
May 31, Jun 1	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Dickinson	Dave Logosz	701-225-9461
Jun 1	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Prone	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 1	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Jun 7, 8	High Power, X-course and Long Range	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
Jun 7, 8	BPCR & Muzzleloader	Buffalo Gap		701-623-4200
Jun 7, 8	Blackpowder Cartridge Sat. & Cowboy Action Sun.	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Jun 8	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Williston	Claire Stoner	701-859-4952
Jun 14	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jun 14, 15	High Power, X-course and 600 yard matches	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 21	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Bismarck	Blaine Erikson	701-223-4358
Jun 22	Pistol Regional w/Leg	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jun 28, 29	High Power Regional w/Leg, Team	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jul 12	BPCR & Muzzleloader	Minot	Paul Ellenbecker	701-728-6953
Jul 12, 13	State Games, Silhouette, Cowboy, Highpower	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jul 13	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Williston	Claire Stoner	701-859-4952
Jul 13	Cowboy Action	Devils Lake	Larry McIntyre	701-395-4330
Jul 19	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Bismarck	Blaine Erikson	701-223-4358
Jul 19, 20	Roosevelt BPCR and Lever Gun	Amidon	Butch Clendennen	701-878-6237
Jul 19, 20	High Power, X-course and 600 yard matches	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Jul 25,26 & 27	ND IHMSA State Championship	Dickinson	Dave Logosz	701-225-9461
Jul 26, 27	ND High Power State Champ w/Leg, Team	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Aug 2, 3	Governor's Cup - BPCR & Muzzleloader	Amidon	Rocky Fritz	701-575-4014
Aug 3	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Aug 3	ND Conventional Pistol State Champ	Valley City	Bill Brackin	701-282-7158
Aug 3	IHMSA, Cowboy, & Buffalo Silhouette	Williston	Claire Stoner	701-859-4952
Aug 5 - 17	National Matches - Rifle	Camp Perry		
Aug 9, 10	ND Rifle Silhouette State Champs	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Aug 10	Cowboy Action	Devils Lake	Larry McIntyre	701-395-4330
Aug 23, 24	High Power Regional w/Leg, Team	Billings	Dusty Frimodig	406-633-2486
Aug 31	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle - Target	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Sep 6	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
Sep 7	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Sep 13,14	4th Annual Dead Water 2 day - Cowboy Action	Devils Lake	Larry McIntyre	701-395-4330
Sep 13, 14	High Power Long Range Regional	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
Sep 27, 28	Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Oct 5	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454

-Application-

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Yes, to protect my right to keep and bear arms; I would like to join the NDSSA and support the legislative efforts of the NDSSA.

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		___ Police PPC	___ Other	
			___ Rifle Silhouette	
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5 Year.....\$65.00	Junior.....\$5.00			___ Hunter Safety

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RIFLE MATCH RESULTS

May 3, 2003

Competitors from Duluth, Minnesota, Vermillion and Rapid City, South Dakota, and Sidney, Montana, joined shooters from around North Dakota to challenge the gusty winds on Saturday, May 3 in the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association's High Power Rifle Matches. In spite of the weather, Chief Range Officer Sam May of Bismarck did a great job of keeping the matches running smoothly.

Overall winner for the four-stage match was Thomas Thompson of Bismarck with a 746-18X out of a possible 800 aggregate. Tom also prevailed in the 200-yard rapid fire match with 195-4X of a possible 200. Rick Solberg, also of Bismarck, conquered the pesky winds to take the 200-yard slow fire off hand match with 176-1X out of 200. Don Miller of Duluth, Minnesota, stunned the field with a 199-3X out of a possible 200 in the 300-yard prone rapid fire match. At 600 yards slow fire prone, it was all Dennis Coulter of Grand Forks with a 197-9X.

The field of twenty-three competitors included a good turnout of six new shooters, including 15-year old Andrew Costello of Rapid City, South Dakota. He probably had the best time of all the competitors, since he was able to best his uncle, Walt Fairbanks of Bismarck, by almost 100 points on the aggregate.

Sunday morning brought threatening weather, and very early in the Long Range matches the rain came down and did what Saturday's winds could not. The matches were called at midmorning, and all proceeded to enjoy the much welcome moisture.

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