

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2013 Summer Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2013 Summer High Power Matches on July 6 and 7, 2013. Our turnout was a bit low this weekend – no doubt there were plenty of folks still entertaining for the 4th of July weekend. None the less – if you missed the events you missed some of the best weather we've ever had for our matches. Saturday was a bit warm with some tricky breezes (yes – no wind) in the afternoon. On Sunday, we had a big cloud formation south of the range – so we were in the shade nearly all day with VERY light breezes (except for the last relay to fire 600 yards) – it was a great summer weekend.

Congratulations to our M1 Garand match winner – Don Granlie fired a very good 252-3x over the 300 point course. I think we'll be seeing Don at a few more events this summer. Also Kohl Klein fired an excellent 291-7x in the Garand match. Kohl fired his AR-15 (an out of competition rifle) for score as a warm up for other upcoming matches including the State Championship in a few weeks. Looks like he's just about warmed up. Tom Thompson won the Conventional Palma match with a 422-12x – just out X'ing Tom Reiten. Brian Suhr took the F-Open Class with a 438-17x and Brad Sterup won the F-TR Class with a 429-5x. Congratulations to all the competitors and thanks for coming.

I had a question from a relatively new shooter this past weekend basically asking about match schedules. I thought about this a bit – seems that there are match schedules all over the place with the internet and all this stuff these days – but you do have to know where to look for them. I thought about my first High Power rifle match in Grand Forks in July 1984 (the State High Power Championship). The next year I fired the Regional match at Grand Forks in June. As far as I knew – there were 2 rifles matches in the world in June and July (each year) in Grand Forks, North Dakota. I fired 2 matches in 1986 and 1987 – 6 matches in 4 years. Then I got to know Leon Nesja from Mandan – took me 4 years to find out another guy about 5 miles from me enjoying the same shooting sports that I enjoyed – yup – I'm kinda slow. Anyhow, (once I teamed up with Leon) in 1988 I fired matches in Circle, Montana, Raaton, New Mexico, Grand Forks (of course), the Nationals at Camp Perry, Ohio, another Regional Match in Billings, Montana, and finally, the High Power match at Rolla, North Dakota (now the annual Memorial Bruce Alexander High Power Matches) at the end of the season. It took a few years but I was hooked.

BACK TO THE QUESTION – the Schedule - well first of all there are a lot of match schedules – High Power, Bullseye Pistol, Silhouette, Black Powder Cartridge, Cowboy, Action Shooting, etc. The North Dakota Shooting Sports Association (NDSSA) tries its best to post all the information concerning the match schedule on its web site (ndssa.org). Of course we can only post the information we receive. There are many match sponsors that do not forward their match information to NDSSA. As I stated in my last match report – all competitive shooters should be a member of the NDSSA since they are the sanctioning organization of the Shooting Sports (most but not all) in North Dakota.

Anyhow – back (again) to the question of where to find match information – as stated - there is the State Association web site. NDSSA also sends out a newsletter usually 3 or 4 times a year with match information. Once again, you need to be a member of NDSSA in order to receive the newsletter. The Bismarck/Mandan R&P and the Forks Rifle Club post match information on their web sites. I also include the High Power schedule with my match results (**so read this results bulletin**). I send out my match results by hard copy, and I also e-mail the results to those that have e-mail. Results are also posted on our club's web site. I also send our results to the ndssa.org web site.

NRA has a match locator on their web site and CMP does the same for CMP sanctioned events. NRA also has a great electronic newsletter (it used to be hard copy - sorry to those that only live in the snail mail world – and I am REALLY disappointed that they no longer send this newsletter by hard copy) – that is Shooting Sports USA. This publication deals specifically with the shooting sports (the stuff we do – this is not a “Gun Rag”). This publication also has match schedule broken down by discipline. I would suggest if you have a computer at home that you subscribe to this publication – it is no cost to ANYONE.

So there you go – check out these web sites – it would be nice if everything was in one spot – but there are a lot of different activities going on in the different shooting sports. The NDSSA web site is probably the best site to check for High Power events in North Dakota. If you e-mail Jim Ladwig (Jim maintains the NDSSA web site)- Jim can set you up to receive match notices (by e-mail) for your specific discipline – kind of a nice reminder when you have a lot going on. Finally, check out the web sites for the State Association’s for Montana and Minnesota – they have match schedules on their web sites.

The next High Power event at our range will be the Northern Great Plains Regional the weekend of September 7 and 8. Please plan to attend – pass the word and bring a friend along.

Thanks again and hope to see everyone at more events this summer (and coming fall). Tom Thompson

2013 NDSSA Summer High Power Shooting Sports Schedule

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

Jul 12, 13, 14	Perry on the Prairie Highpower, 3 times X-course and Garand Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Jul 20, 21	ND Highpower State Champ w/Leg, M1 Garand State Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Aug 17	Vintage Military and Vintage Sniper Matches	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Aug 24, 25	Mid-Range Regional, Conventional and F-Class	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Sep 7, 8	Highpower Long Range Regional – Conventional, Open F-Class, and FRT-Class	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Sep 28	Mid-Range State Champ (convention and F-Class)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Sep 28, 29	Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match (Sun) and Garand Match (Sat)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687