

## LAKE REGION SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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We still have a few people who haven't found time to shoot their November match scores, but we cannot delay closing November any longer. We hope that those of you who have not yet fired your November scores can all find time to get your November and December targets fired, so that we can include you all for the aggregate postal match. Those of you who do not have your November targets fired will still be included with everyone else for the aggregate match in competition with the other shooters in your class, if you will just get them into us as soon as possible. You will simply not be eligible for the November match awards. So, get out of your chair, grab your air gun, and send some pellets down range to score some 10s on your match targets.

We have an outstanding cross section of skill levels in the postal again this year. In fact, we have some great scores fired. Most notably, Mari and Katie firing in the upper 580s in December. Travis with a 50/5x is just nice. So, do your best to contribute to the competitive atmosphere that we try our best to foster in this postal competition by getting up to the firing line to shoot your match targets. Also, we will be moving a few of you up into the next class based on your excellent scores over these first 2 months. Congratulations to Luke Simon for his Master score in November. Since he shot two classes above his class, he moves to Expert Class in December.

We have some very fine scores in each class, and many ties individually and in the team scores. The three way tie in Air Rifle Expert class between Rand, Brett and Rylie is the most obvious example. It is good to see that the old guy was able to come out on top. Those of you shooting on a team need to do your very best to fire your best quality shot each time you send a pellet to the target. You will find many places each month where a single point separates one shooter from another both individually and in the team aggregates.

We had an excellent weekend hosting the North Dakota and the Minnesota Pistol JOSC here in Devils Lake last weekend. Many of you have received our match report for those matches, and the results are also up on Orion. Connie and I will conduct the North Dakota State Junior Olympic Rifle Selection Match in Minot over this next weekend. We will also be at the NDSSA Annual Meeting in Fargo on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, and we hope to see many of you at one or both of these events. There will be an Air Pistol Sectional match at the RRRMC indoor range on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> following the NDSSA Annual Meeting, so bring your air pistol. By the way, we need more women air pistol shooters.

We will again hold the Air Rifle State Championship and the Junior Air Rifle Sectional here in Devils Lake on the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Bulletins will be sent soon. So make sure to put these matches on your calendar, if you have not already done so. Again, I challenge you to set aside some time for perfect practice and to enjoy your 10s. I am going to do my best to follow my own advice.

Connie and I enjoyed a great time with our children and grandchildren over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I hope that each of you were as fortunate to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

We wish you all the best in 2016.



Rick