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**2017 NRA OPEN 3-POSITION REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our **6<sup>th</sup> Open 50 yard Indoor NRA Smallbore Regional Championship**. We had 26 competitors this year compared to 29 competitors in 2016 and 34 competitors in 2015. So we were down a bit again this year – however, we had a good number of competitors from North and South Dakota and some great scores fired again. I hope everyone had a good time and I hope to see everyone back next year. Please tell your fellow shooters to put this on their schedule for next year (which will most likely be again in late February, 2018).

Thanks to all that helped me put on this event again this year. As always, it takes a lot of effort to put on these events. Our new target stands were constructed by Mike Dahl – thanks MIKE! (Mike also put together our Championship plaques). On our Thursday Junior night Mike and Tim Klein put together the target stands. On match day – Dave Hintz, Tina Thompson, Melody Schiwal, Tammy, Lana and Shauna Fairbanks helped score targets, post scores, run my laptop computer and kept the coffee goin' at the match. I also had help running the line from Dave Tokach and Dallas Quamme. Don and Sally Fairbanks brought the world famous cookies up from Rapid City again. Once again - we were almost in a critical situation on Saturday – it was touch and go for a bit - but as usual - we made it through and nobody starved (again) and we didn't go hungry (again). And finally, thanks to the gang that helped break down the range at the end of the match including Dave H., Dave T., Todd Zaun, Rich Butler, Jeremy Thomas, the Ewine's and others. It sure helps me get things done and put away when everyone pitches in.

Well – some GREAT scores were fired again this year! Congratulations to Katie Zaun – our Gold medalist. Katie fired an excellent score of 1191-81x. Katie's match aggregate score of 1191/1200 is a new state record and since she set a new national record last year with a score of 1189 – her 1191 fired this year will most likely be a new national record again. I'll have to send in the targets for final verification by NRA. Congratulations to our Silver Medalist – Brandon Alexander. Brandon fired an excellent score of 1188-53x. And congratulations to our Bronze Medalist – Amanda Hintz firing an 1179-62x. Amanda's kneeling score of 400-29x is also a potential new national record for her age group. Her targets will also be going to NRA for final verification. These kids are putting up some really great scores.

As you all know - **MARCH MADNESS IS HERE!** (for those of us in the shooting sports world). The North Dakota Air Rifle State Championship and the NRA Junior Air Sectional Championship (Standing) is in Devils Lake this coming weekend (March 5 and 6) – call Rick Jorgenson **NOW for your relay times!!** – this match has been very full the last years – the number of air rifle competitors in our state continues to grow – so sign up now.

The 2017 North Dakota Junior 4-Position State and Sectional Championship will be held the weekend of March 11 and 12, in Bismarck – contact me (Tom Thompson) if you plan to attend this event. We will also have the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association's Club Championship on March 18. This is our club championship – however, all junior competitors are invited to attend our match. This is a 40 shot match on the conventional target and also a 20 shot - 2-man team

event firing prone and standing. The North Dakota Open 4-Position State Championship and Sectional will be in Grand Forks on March 24, 25 and 26. Contact Denny Coulter for details.

The fun continues the first weekend in April. The Light Rifle State Championship will be in Bottineau on April 1 and 2. Light Rifle is a sporter 22 rifle event. The State Championship is 100 shots standing – no shooting jacket – just stand and shoot. I suggest trying this out – it's a great cross training event for position shooters. Dan Geurts will host the Junior CMP 3-Position Air Rifle Championship in Buffalo on April 2 – so keep you air rifle at the ready for this event. The indoor season comes to an end with the Red River Championship on Saturday, April 8. Denny Coulter is also the contact for this event.

Finally – don't forget about the **OUTDOOR** smallbore state championship matches on June 2 and 3 in Grand Forks. This is an Open and Junior event. We fire the outdoor position State Championship (120 shots for record) and a 200 yard smallbore prone event on Saturday. This is followed by the North Dakota State Prone Championship on Sunday (a 160 shot prone event). Call Denny Coulter for the match program and the details.

So get your air gun and your smallbore rifle and your light rifle ready – we are in the heart of the 2017 indoor season and in a few weeks it will be over. Be sure to call the match directors listed below to confirm dates and your relay time if you intend to attend some of these events. Call early – a lot of events and relay times are filling up fast.

Thanks again to all that attended our event – it was great to see so many juniors firing some really great scores. Good shooting and I hope to see everyone back here next year – and bring more of your shooting friends along.

Tom Thompson  
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### NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Mar 4, 5	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 4, 5	Open Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 11, 12	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 18	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 24, 25, 26	Open 4P North Dakota State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Apr 1, 2	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Siverston	701-243-6413
Apr 2	CMP 3P Air Rifle Championship	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Apr 8	Red River Valley Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
April!!!	National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship Events	Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado		
Jun 2, 3	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Position and Prone, Open and Junior events	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959