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Camp Perry Rifle 2007

We are back from Perry 2007, of course, and now its winter. Boy does summer go by fast in this country. As I sit down to write this article on Perry 2007, we are already past Christmas and the New Year. We are beginning to think about Perry 2008. I missed my Perry 2006 article – first time in years – just busy, I guess. Last year at this time we were beginning our indoor range project in Bismarck. We are still working on the project. It will be one heck of an indoor range. More on this later – anyhow.....

NoDaks that made the trip this year included yours truly (Tom Thompson), Dennis Coulter, Dan Martin, Dan Marquart, Tom Reiten, Coby Dalglish, Andy Johnson and Walt Fairbanks. Don Miller from Duluth and Tony Kojzed from Thief River Falls, MN also joined the team. Finally, we were also joined by new junior shooter Jennifer Garbina from Bismarck. Her dad, Earl Garbina, joined us on the trip. Earl volunteered for the matches and spent the week in the pits on the Vaile range. Yes - you can go to Perry, have fun and never fire a shot. We say thanks to all those volunteers. We couldn't shoot the game without their help.

It was a very memorable trip to the 2007 National Matches. This was the 100th year celebration of the National Matches at Camp Perry – the National Matches were moved there in 1907. It got a bit on the rainy side this year causing the cancellation of 3 matches during the Highpower National Championships. However, the show goes on in this game – rain or shine or rain, rain, and then some more rain.

As usual, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) matches take place the week before the NRA matches kick off. Russ Theurer, formerly from Bismarck, now living in Memphis, Tennessee, fired a 489-16x in the National Trophy Individual Match (also known as the Leg match). This excellent score was good enough for Russ's final leg points and he has now earned the Distinguished Rifleman's Badge. The John C. Garand match pulled in 1353 competitors this year, up again from last year. The Springfield Rifle Match pulled in 868 competitors this year which was also up in attendance from last year. And now they've added the M1 Carbine Match which drew 584 competitors. The CMP matches continue to draw great numbers of competitors interested in firing the AR-15 service rifle as well as older traditional military arms of the United States.

The first NRA match this year was the Springfield Armory Match where competitors used the venerable M-14 or the civilian version known as the M1A. This new event drew 503 competitors, which was not bad for the first time. The course of fire was a bit unusual as all firing was done from 300 yards using the F-Class 500 yard target. Anyhow, the event went over very well. Springfield Armory, the event sponsor, put up

about \$25,000 in prizes for the event. It will be interesting to see what this event will draw next year.

The 2007 National Championships

The NRA Championship began on Monday, August 6, 2007, with the traditional Rumbold Team Match. This year, the Roughrider team made up of Coby, Tom Thompson, Dan Marquart and Tom Reiten fired a 1913-45x to finish 2nd in the High Master State Association Category. The North Dakota Easy Rider team of Dennis Coulter, Dan Martin, Walt Fairbanks, and Don Miller fired an 1867-38x to place 5th in the Master State Association Category.

The NRA National Championship began on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The National Championship is made up of 12 individual matches, 3 matches per day, 240 shots for record, fired over 4 days. But the National Championship didn't begin on Tuesday, August 7. For the first time since I've been attending the National Matches since 1988, the entire day was a washout. So be it. The show went on with plans to fire 4 matches over the next 3 days in order to make up for the lost day.

Weather was delightful the next day, Wednesday, August 8. All 4 matches were fired on this day. Carl Bernosky from Ashland, PA., began his quest for the 2007 National Championship firing a 199-11x in the opening 200 yard offhand Members Cup. The 200 yard rapid fire Scott Trophy was next on the agenda, and Jennifer was up to the task. Jennifer fired a 100-7x clean in the first stage and backed that score up with a 100-4x clean in the second stage for a 200-11x. Although this score was not the overall winning score, it was good enough to win the Expert class, win High Overall Junior, and was also the High Woman's score in the match. Great shooting Jennifer!

Once the weather got on track, it stayed on that track with heavy rains just about every other day. The weather turned bad again on Day 3, Thursday, August 9. Competitors went to the line at 8:00am as threatening weather approached. Heavy downpours ensued as we began firing the 200 yard offhand match. Needless to say, just about everything you owned got wet. Then relay 2 took to the line and it REALLY poured. Jennifer, 2 firing points away from me, REALLY – REALLY got wet. The event broke till noon (as best I can now recall) and we attempted to go back to the line around 1:00pm. We battled the rain for the rest of the day as best we could, firing the 600 yard match under much duress. However, sometimes fate does smile on one as it did on my 600 yard relay towards the end of the day. I caught a break of good weather – no rain and no wind. I was able to pound out a 200-9x clean in the 600 yard Army Cup Match.

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Editorially Speaking

Thanks again to Sam for another fine column about the 1911 for this edition of our newsletter. Thanks also to Tom Thompson for all of his work for our organization including his article for this issue. Our North Dakota indoor shooting season is well underway, and I hope to be able to shoot all of the pistol matches. Maybe I'll even get to a few of the rifle matches in 2008. I hope that you will also attend as many matches as possible. The clubs that sponsor these events don't do it for the money. They and the match directors put the time and effort into running these matches for the shooters. So, grab your guns and ammo and head out to these matches, and enjoy yourself. Your participation and enjoyment are really the payment that the clubs and match directors need in order to continue their efforts. Remember how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to take part in the shooting sports here in North Dakota.

Remember to exercise your privilege to participate in the shooting sports. Failure to exercise a privilege often results in its loss.

I want to remind you that if you have an article you would like to share with our membership, you should email it to me ASAP. I appreciate all of your help and your input to make this newsletter informative and worthwhile.

On our back page we have a short article about the accomplishments of Steve Faught and Eric Pueppke. They have worked hard to attain the USA Shooting Advanced Certified Pistol Coach Level III Status. If you are at our annual meeting, you will hear them speak about the status of coaching across the USA, their efforts so far, and how they became involved. You might even get to see the pink pig.

On a different note, I don't think anyone can help but notice that the Presidential candidates are now making every effort to gain public support and secure the nomination of their party. This is a long and difficult process, and we cannot affect it much. Still, we need to pay attention to what the candidates say about the issues most important to us.

I am still optimistic enough to look for good people in government. We will see how this plays out.

I have recently been reading some of Syndicated Columnist Charlie Reese's old columns posted on the internet. He voices a different view than mine when he writes, "Those who want to see stories about bad people competing with other bad people can follow American politics."

By the way, if you have not read Charlie's December 3, 2007 article titled "Ideal Self-defense Weapon", you should certainly do so. He makes some very good points.

I also like his explanation of the impossibility of arguing with a truly irrational person or group of irrational people. The irrational idea that we can assign evil to an inanimate object (a rifle or handgun) is inherent in the thought process of those who belong to the anti-gun groups.

Ayn Rand:

"We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality."

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The 1911 Corner

The topic for this edition is scopes and scope mounts. Scopes on pistols serve the same purpose as those on rifles. A shooter using open sights needs to do two things. The first thing needed is to align the front sight in the center of the rear sight notch. This is called sight alignment and is most important. The next job is to place these correctly aligned sights on the target so the bullet will impact in the X ring. This is called the sight picture. Sight alignment is most important because any error here will result in a lower score than will an error in sight picture. Scopes eliminate the need to align the sights and allow the shooter to concentrate on sight picture.

Scopes for bullseye shooters can be a regular styled scope with a crosshair of some type much the same as those for rifles differing in that pistol scopes are usually a low power scope. For example the most popular is a 1 power which offers no magnification or the 2 power which magnifies the target some, but at the same time is spooky to some shooters because it also magnifies the normal arc of movement. More common is the electronic red dot scope which is a 1 power, but has an illuminated red dot measuring as small as 2 MOA to as large as 6 MOA. MOA is minute of angle and is the amount of space the dot would occupy or cover on a target at 100 yards. One MOA is approximately 1 inch so a 4 minute dot will cover approximately 4 inches at 100 yards. This seems big, but a bullseye shooter only shoots out to 50 yards so a 4 minute dot would cover 2 inches at 50 yards. Considering that the X ring on a slow fire, 50 yard target is approximately 1 5/8", this dot will extend into the 10 ring by a small amount. These red dot scopes have a long life battery but it is like a raincoat at a picnic, you had better have an extra battery in your gun box.

Scope mounting on a 1911 and other semi auto pistols is done in one of three ways. The grip mount replaces the stock or grip on one side and extends upward with a built in weaver type base mount to which the scope attaches. Cal Grip made several variations of this grip, but they are no longer available. Brownells offers only the Aimtech brand which features 2 additional points of attachment to the frame. Advantages with this not so popular grip are that no holes need to be drilled and tapped into the frame or slide as with other mounting systems. Disadvantages are that they tend to come loose because they are only held in place with the grip screws on the grip screw bushings. Some variations of this offer additional means of support, such as drilling and tapping 2 more holes to further secure this mount. My advise here is to make sure the grip screw bushings are staked in place and then to use a low strength lock-tite (the pink version) on the grip screws.

Another popular way to mount a scope on a 1911 is with what some call a saddle mount fastened to the frame. The most popular of these are the two versions of Wiegand Combat's GP scope mount. These mount to the frame's dust cover with 4 screws on each side into the dust cover and 1 on each side into the frame just to the rear of the dust cover. The advantage is a very solid mount. Disadvantages are that it gives the pistolsmith much grayer hair as he determines the correct angle of mounting, requires drilling and tapping 10 holes into the pistol's frame, requires careful tuning of extraction and ejection, is permanent in that the

frame would look extremely ugly if the scope were removed and a different sighting system installed, and in a few cases has resulted in a cracked dust cover in the area of the 4th hole from the front which essentially ruins the frame.

Lastly, and most popular now is the slide mounted scope. The base is provided by Clark and matches the hole pattern of the Bo-mar rib that was more common 20 years ago. Advantages are a very secure mount with minimum alteration to the pistol. The four screw holes require high strength lock-tite (the red version). Disadvantages are that the slide is now heavier and requires a lighter recoil spring (11 pound), the slide is harder to clean with the scope attached to it (solved by using Weaver low detachable rings and removing the scope when cleaning—courtesy of Allen Schirado), extractor tension has to be less and a compromise sometimes has to be made with function versus the empty case hitting the underside of the scope. To further explain this, we want enough extractor tension to avoid the empty case hitting the underside of the scope. However, then sometimes function is compromised because the slide does not have enough spring power to chamber the round the last little bit as it tries to force the case rim into the extractor slot. So, we have to compromise by using less extractor tension to allow functioning which may result in some case marks on the underside of the scope.

The last thought on scope mounting is where to position the scope, which ever mount we choose. Many years ago, I had quite a bit of discussion on pistol scopes with the good people at Ultra Dot. They taught me that a pistol scope should be positioned forward to contact the front ring. That part of the scope bearing against the front ring is called the recoil shoulder. As we think about this, it makes sense because the pistol recoils rearward, and this recoil shoulder sits against the front ring to absorb the recoil. Also, as far as positioning the scope rings, for the same reasons, they should be forward in the base slots.

So these are some thoughts on scopes and mounts. My hope is that it provided you with some information to help you further enjoy John M. Browning's fabulous 1911. If you haven't shot yours in awhile, schedule some time to do so and make it a part of your weekly schedule. After all, shooting a 1911 makes one feel good, like saying the Pledge of Allegiance or your creed in church. And heaven forbid, if you still don't have a 1911, you will never be able to get one at a younger age. Break out some of that moldy money and get that injustice to yourself taken care of.

Here is wishing you only 10's & X's and if I can be of any help with your 1911 please call me at 258-2360 or e-mail at snmmay@bis.midco.net.

NDSSA Annual Meeting – February 2, 2008

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend our association's annual meeting which will be held in Grand Forks and followed by the Forks Friends of NRA annual banquet. We will elect new officers and discuss the organization's goals for 2008.

We encourage all of our members to take part in the efforts of our organization to improve opportunities in the shooting sports in North Dakota.

A registration form is enclosed with this issue and we encourage you to sign up ASAP. Contact Denny Coulter for tickets and additional information.

NDSSA State 2007 Champions

Be sure to take note of our 2007 state champions. You will find them listed in a separate page in this edition of the Target. They will be recognized at our association's annual meeting in Grand Forks. We look forward seeing you there. Contact Denny Coulter for tickets to our annual meeting.

Raffle

We still have raffle tickets available. If you would like to help by buying or selling tickets, please contact: Steve Faught, 2581-149th Ave SE, Amenia, ND 58004
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Each of our association officers should have tickets available to anyone who would like to win a Savage 17 HMR with a Thumbhole stock and a Scheel's Scope.

(I own one of these rifles and find it is a joy to shoot. Ed.)

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Camp Perry 2007 (cont. from Pg. 1)

Finally, we did get in another full day firing 3 matches on Day 4, Friday, August 10. I did manage to fire a respectable score in the 300 yard rapid fire Marine Corps Cup. I fired a 100-7x clean in the first stage then backed it up with another 100-7x in the second stage for a 200-14x. This score was good enough for the overall match winner. I won a match outright for the first time, since I started attending the National Matches back in 1988. Needless to say the highlight of my shooting career was going up on stage at the theater during the awards ceremony at Camp Perry on Friday, August 10, to accept the award as match winner.

Overall, the rain ended up canceling 3 individual matches during this year's national championships. This is the first time that the National Matches have been shortened, since I started attending the matches in 1988. The 2007 National Champion was Carl Bernosky firing 1787-89x. Second went to David Tubb (Canadian, TX) firing a 1779-86x and third went to Ron Zerr (El Paso, TX) firing a 1776-75x.

The 2007 Long Range Championship

Several of us stayed around for the Long Range Championship. Since construction of the 1000 yard range in Bismarck, we NoDaks have started to put up some

respectable scores in the long range game. No one took home the big money in the event this year, however, Russ Theurer's score of 1232-45x was good enough for 8th place overall. Jennifer also won the Marksman Class with an 1149-19x. Jen has now received her Master classification card in long range shooting, so she won't be picking on the Marksman anymore. Good shooting, Russ and Jen!!!

Notes on Perry:

Bernosky won 2007 Perry with the 6mm Hagar cartridge derived from the 30 Remington case (of all things) using the AR-15 "space gun". This was the first time the AR platform won Perry - sooo - there might be a few Tubb guns and tube guns for sale in the future.

Another new cartridge on the scene is the 6mm AR (this case has now been modified into the 6mmAR Turbo), which is also used on the AR platform. Each of these cases is derived from the 6.5 Grendal case (which brass is readily available). Both of these cases have more horsepower (in terms of muzzle velocity) than the 6mm Hagar - but they are close. The benefit of the 6mm AR and the AR Turbo is brass is available. You just need to neck size it down to 6mm. I think we're going to see a lot of 6mm Hagar's and 6mmAR's in the future. I need to get mine ordered today. The benefit of AR platform is that you can change the uppers with different caliber configurations using the same lower. The AR "space gun" is also less expensive than a Tubb gun or even a tube gun.

A milestone was reached on Friday, August 10 – Day 4. One knew that this would happen someday and finally it did. Mark DelCotto (Lexington, KY) fired a perfect clean, perfect x-count, 200-20x in the 600 yard Crowell Trophy Match. There had been several 200-19x's fired over the years, but never the 200-20x. This score now stands as the 600 yard, metallic sight national record.

Tubb guns were popular on the line. However, like most shooting equipment, the Tubb gun took a big price increase this year. Most Tubb gun shooters are using the 6x case derived from the 22-250 case. It's necked up to 6mm and the case wall is straighter (no taper) than the 22-250 case. 6x cases can be fire-formed from 22-250 cases, although 6x brass is now available. Tubb has 6x cases on his website made by Norma. You can get a 107 Sierra going about 2950 fps from the 6x case with a little less powder than the .243, so it saves some barrel life. This cartridge is an excellent choice for x-course and long range shooting.

For the long range shooters, the 6.5x284 has just about taken over the long range firing line. However, there are still a lot of shooters poking 7mm's downrange and the 6mm in various cartridge configurations. The 6mm shooters are now using 115 grain bullets with a 7.5 inch twist for 600 and 1000 yard shooting. One can get these bullets going about 2900 fps if you push them hard.

Again, it was a great year at Perry and we are looking forward to the first e-mails from Denny in March concerning lodging for Perry 2008. If you're interested in attending, please give me (Tom Thompson) a call at 701-255-4601

Tom Thompson

Winter Schedule of Opportunities

2008 North Dakota Shooting Sports Association Schedule

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Jan 19	Bismarck/Mandan Friends of NRA	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jan 26, 27	Jr. Olympics (Air rifle, 3p, Air pistol)	Minot	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Feb 2	NDSSA State Convention	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 2	Forks Friends of NRA	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 9, 10	Junior 3P State and Sectional	Minot	Wes Thomas	701-839-6075
Feb 9,10	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-673-3321
Feb 16, 17	Open 3P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Feb 23	Junior 3P Air Sectional	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Feb 24	100 Shot Offhand Match	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Feb 29, Mar 1,2	Light Rifle Match	Cooperstown	Larry Wathne	701-797-3327
Mar 1, 2	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 1, 2	Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 8	Von Bismarck Pistol Match	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Mar 8, 9	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 15, 16	Pistol Sectional	Valley City	James Ladwig	701-484-5236
Mar 15, 16	Open 4P State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 29	Bis/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 28, 29, 30	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
Mar 29, 30	Indoor Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Brian Kiefert	701-845-0501
Apr 5, 6	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Sivertson	701-243-6413
Apr 20	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Apr 26	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454

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Parting Thought

Two of our own pistol shooters recently achieved Advanced Certified Pistol Coach Level III Status at the Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs, CO. Level III is the highest-level coach currently certified by the NRA, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Level III coaches are eligible to work at the international level in Junior Olympic Shooting Camps, clinics, and other USA Shooting sponsored programs. This is the highest level attainable next to being named an assistant head coach by Sergey Luzov, Head Coach of the US Olympic Pistol Team.

Steve Faught and Eric Pueppke, both of rural Amenia, ND, attained Level III status at a Coaching Seminar held at the OTC December 4-6, 2007. Faught and Pueppke have been shooting competitive pistol for many years on both a state and national level and started teaching basic skills to local youth with an eye toward Olympic competition. They were approached by Bob Foth, Manager of the USA Shooting Youth Program and three-time Olympian and Olympic Silver Medalist. Bob invited them to become a part of the National Coach Development Staff (NCDS) after they attained Level II status. As members of the NCDS, Faught and Pueppke teach coach schools and hold shooting clinics teaching other coaches and junior shooters about air pistol competition.

Level III coaches work with advanced ability athletes teaching advanced pistol technique, psychology and kinesiology. Beginning level athletes learn the fundamental background of skills required to participate at local and state competitions. Faught states: "Shooting is more of a mind game requiring a high degree of mental control at the advanced levels. An advanced elite athlete's shooting training requires approximately 90% mental control and 10% skill. In comparison, in lower levels about 80% of the training involves hands on skills and 20% is mental control." The Coach Education Program trains individuals to coach these athletes via a logical, multi-step pathway, with the ultimate goal of developing the best shooting coaches in the world.

Faught and Pueppke realize the importance of introducing our youth to the sport of competitive shooting at an early age. It is in the development of rising juniors, that USA Shooting can look forward to a bright future in Olympic competition. Through programs offered by USA Shooting and its partner organizations, our youth are able to access the training necessary to become Olympic athletes.

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