

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN**  
**2014 NRA OPEN 3-POSITION and AIR RIFLE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONAL MATCHES**  
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2014 Open International Sectional Matches. WOW – great match – we had 46 air rifle competitors and 26 smallbore rifle competitors. 2 years ago we had 31 air rifle competitors – but this attendance blows that one away – and also a great turnout (and a new record) for the smallbore event. I checked the NRA National Results for the Air Rifle Sectional fired in 2013 – there were 357 competitors nationwide – so we've got a pile of air rifle competitors here in this state (and also our friends from South Dakota and Montana) – but the bottom line is – it was a great event with a lot of competitors – thanks to everyone for coming to Bismarck to shoot.

A BIG thanks goes out to our scoring team – Tina Thompson, Mary Kay Tokach (who scored – get this – 5880 bullseyes), and Sandy Fried and Tammy Fairbanks who helped with data entry – THANKS! A BIG thanks also goes out to Dave Tokach – our Range Official – and the many target setters that helped me during the match – and of course – thanks to all the folks that brought food. It takes a LOT of help to put on an event like this – thanks to all that helped me with the match.

Congratulations to our Air Rifle Sectional winners – Gold - Mari Butler 576, Silver - Emily Hagg 571 (by tie breaker) and Bronze – Lana Fairbanks 571. Joe Martin was the top Master with a 570. Megan Tichy won the Expert class with a 561. Madison Marchus fired a 546 to win the Sharpshooter Class, and Rylie Shull fired 569 for the Marksman Class win. The Team winners – Buffalo Sharpshooters Gold – Emily Hagg, Mari Butler and Megan Tichy fired a 1708/1800.

Congratulations to the Smallbore Sectional winners – Gold – Joe Martin 1124, Silver medal and top Sharpshooter was Bennett Christianson with an 1114, and Bronze medalist was Lana Fairbanks with a 1087. The top Marksman was Tyler Linneman with a 1085. The Forks Rifle Club of Joe, Rebecca Martin, Tyler Linneman, and Karleigh Gause were the team winners with a 4264.

A lot of great scores were fired. Mari Butler equaled the State record for a 10 Shot string/air rifle with a perfect 100 – this has now been accomplished 4 times in open competitions in North Dakota. Bennett Christianson fired a new state record for iron sights, kneeling with a 377/400. This previous record was a 376/400 fired by Soren Butler on January 14, 2012.

The smallbore season is upon us. Mark your calendar for the Junior Olympic Shooting Championship (JOSC) matches **scheduled for this weekend (Jan18 and 19) in Minot. Call Rick Jorgenson (701-662-4760) NOW to reserve your shooting time! Relays are filling up fast!**

**We have 3 more events at our range this year including a 50 yard NRA Open Regional Smallbore Rifle Championship on February 22 and 23. This will be a 1 day event – 120 shots for record, any sight match. Please put this on your schedule – this should be fun.** The Junior 4-Position Smallbore Rifle State Championship and Sectional matches will be the weekend of March 8 and 9, 2014. Finally, we will have our Junior Club championship on

Saturday, March 22, 2014. This will be a conventional 4-Position 40-shot event. Awards will be provided to the top shooter, and class winners from the Bismarck/Mandan R&P Association. Juniors from other clubs are invited. Winners from other clubs will be recognized with certificates.

**The North Dakota Shooting Sports Association annual convention is in Bismarck the weekend of February 1 and 2, 2013. We will recognize 2013 state champions and 2013 state records (including Junior competitors) at the Saturday night banquet. North Dakota Attorney General, Wayne Stenehjem will be our guest speaker. The NDSSA annual membership meeting will be Saturday afternoon. There will also be Light Rifle match at the Johnson Family Marksmanship Center (our indoor range in Bismarck) on Sunday. We encourage all competitors and anyone involved in the shooting sports to attend. Contact me (Tom Thompson) at 701-255-4601 for banquet details and Walt Fairbanks at 701-400-8421 for the Light Rifle match details. PLEASE ATTEND!**

A short list of shooting events for smallbore, and air rifle follows. For a complete listing of all shooting events on the NDSSA schedule, please visit our web site at [ndssa.org](http://ndssa.org)  
Tom Thompson

### **NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2014**

<b>Jan 18, 19</b>	<b>Junior Olympics (Air, 3p, Air Pistol, Sport Pistol)</b>	<b>Minot</b>	<b>Rick Jorgenson</b>	<b>701-662-4760</b>
<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>NDSSA State Convention</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Tom Thompson</b>	<b>701-255-4601</b>
Feb 2	Light Rifle Match	Bismarck	Walt Fairbanks	701-400-8421
<b>Feb 8, 9</b>	<b>Junior 3P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Minot</b>	<b>Wes Thomas</b>	<b>701-839-6075</b>
Feb 8, 9	Collegiate Sectional, Rifle and Pistol	West Fargo	Eric Pueppke	701-967-8450
<b>Feb 15, 16</b>	<b>Open 3P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Feb 22, 23	Open 50 Yard Regional SB Match, 3-Position (any sight)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
<b>Mar 1, 2</b>	<b>Junior Air Sectional (Standing)</b>	<b>Devils Lake</b>	<b>Rick Jorgenson</b>	<b>701-662-4760</b>
<b>Mar 1, 2</b>	<b>Open Air Rifle State Championship</b>	<b>Devils Lake</b>	<b>Rick Jorgenson</b>	<b>701-662-4760</b>
<b>Mar 8, 9</b>	<b>Junior 4P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	Tom Thompson	<b>701-255-4601</b>
Mar 15, 16	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Todd Westcott	218-456-2507
Mar 22	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
<b>Mar 29, 30</b>	<b>Open 4P State and Sectional</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
<b>Mar 22, 23</b>	<b>NRA Junior Olympic 3P Air</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Dan Geurts</b>	<b>701-633-5553</b>
<b>May 31, Jun 1</b>	<b>ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champ (position, prone)</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>