

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN**  
**2019 5-Buckle Overshoe Matches – Fired May 4 and 5, 2019**

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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2019 5-Buckle Overshoe matches. We had an excellent turnout for our first event of the 2019 High Power Season again this year. All told we had 57 competitors in the 3 events compared 74 entries last year. So, we dropped a few entries but still a nice turnout – especially for the Long Range event. A big thanks goes out to my match statistician and line helpers - Bob Cunningham and Alton Nitschke (on Saturday). We had a bit of work to do last week to get the pits in order. Sorry about the condition of the target pits, however, they were in much worse shape last week before we fixed all of the target clips on the carriers. Myself, Bob, Tom Headrick, Dale Toman, Mike Dahl, and Rick Pfenning worked over the pits just to get ready for this weekend. Yup – shoveling the last snow bank in Burleigh Country in the pits in May.....the fun never ends when you belong to a club.....

The 2019 North Dakota High Power Season kicked off Saturday morning with our Vintage Rifle Match. Aaron Guliuzza fired an impressive 288-10x in the Vintage Match (using the Unlimited Modern Military Rifle) for the high score and a CMP Silver Modern Military pin. However, the Match Winning bragging rights goes to Don Granlie (again this year) with a 265-4x using the period correct rifle – the M1 Garand. Don's got that Garand figure out – he'll be tough at the State match in July.

We kicked off the long range match at about 1:20 pm with 31 competitors – excellent turnout! The wind wasn't too bad – but it was up and down and switching making the event a challenge. Coby Dalgliesh using his 243 won the sling event firing an excellent score of 589-20x. Eric Johnson took the F-Open Class with a fine score of 564-11x. Roger Nelson had the 308 working again (also like last year) in the F-Target Rifle Class firing a 560-10x. The F/TR guys continue to post scores close to the open guys – the 308 is not giving up much ground to the F/O guys. Thanks to Drew Rutherford and Troy Goltz for the use of their Shot Marker electronic targets. If we get enough of these electronic targets together maybe we'll be able to have an all electronic target match by the time the State-Mid Range rolls around at the end of September in Rolla.

We had a fairly nice day again on Sunday. It was cool again and the wind wasn't too bad. Morgen Dietrich fired a 767-21x for the Over-the-Course match win.

**The next High Power event at our range will be the North Dakota Long Range State Championship the weekend of June 8 and 9. The State event weekend includes a Palma match (and this is for both sling and F-Class competitors) and our 80-shot Long Range State event. I am considering changing the schedule for this year's State Long Range Championship – having the State Championship on Saturday and then the Palma match on Sunday. Both events would start at 9am. This would finish the event earlier on Sunday allowing out of town competitors to get home earlier on Sunday night. However, some competitors would have to stay 2 nights since the State Champ would start on Saturday morning at 9am (instead of 10am as we have done in the past). Also – for us sling shooters – we should be shooting into the sun for most of the day on Sunday. Anyhow – give me your constructive thoughts on this if you like. Don't forget – in order to be eligible as a state champion, you must be a resident of North Dakota, and a member of NDSSA – (our state Association). As always - Non-residents can compete in our State Championship events. We encourage and welcome your participation. Non-residents can be the match winner however; the high overall resident is recognized as the North Dakota State Champion.**

The 2019 Summer High Power season is here. Plan your summer shooting sports schedule **NOW. Summer is short in the northern plains – get planning, get going, get outside and get shooting.** You can check the full calendar for all the shooting events for our state at the NDSSA web site (ndssa.org). Be sure to contact match directors so they know you're coming. In addition, there are events in Montana, Minnesota and South Dakota. Be sure to check their State Association web sites for match information and match director contacts.

**I send out notices for my matches in Bismarck by e-mail. If you know of someone that would like to get on my e-mail list – have them send me an e-mail at [tthompson4895@gmail.com](mailto:tthompson4895@gmail.com) and I will put them on my list.** Thanks again and hope to see all of you at more events this summer.

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