

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN**  
**2021 North Dakota Long Range State Championship Matches**  
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**FIRE June 12 and 13, 2021**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2021 North Dakota Long Range State Championship and Palma matches on June 12 and 13. We had 18 competitors fire the state match this year compared to 23 last year. And we had 10 competitors fire the Palma match this year down from 19 competitors last year. Our attendance was down this year dang nab – several folks had family matters going on and we have a couple folks on injured reserve. I hope they will mend quickly and get back into the game before the end of the season. Some of you may not know that Garold Gillies had open heart surgery in Fargo a little more than a week ago. Get well soon Garold and get back in the game. We hope to see you back for the Mid-Range State Champ in Rolla in September or sooner! Take care.

I would like to thank our line officers - Bob Cunningham and Tom Eckroth (Saturday) who ran the line for us. Bob and Tom did a great job of running the line, keeping us in line, posting scores and keeping the match moving along. The **BIG** effort of this past week was re-building the main impact berm. After 20 years of use – it was time to do some re-contouring. A big thanks goes out to Coby Dalgliesh, Troy Goltz, Al Kaufman, Dale Toman, Tom Headrick, Mike Dahl and myself who spent most of last week working on the project. We now have an impact berm that should be able to serve us for years into the future. As always, putting on these events takes a lot of work – thanks to everyone that helped out.

We again used Shot Marker e-targets on Saturday and Sunday. After a slow start getting everything up and running Saturday morning, they ran extremely well this weekend missing one shot (that I can recall) in 1890 shots for record and probably a couple hundred more shots for sighters. Perhaps (like Troy said) all we had to do was rebuild the impact berm. Anyhow, we continue to work out the kinks and we're getting better at each event using e-Targets.

FINALLY – we had one of those spectacular days for a State Championship – very low wind (under 5mph – really!), temps in the low 80's and a clear blue sky. Interesting to note though - some nice scores fired – Aaron Guliuzza fired a 200-12x (sling) in Match No. 2 – but no really big scores fired. Still a tough range to put up a good score even when conditions are favorable. Then of course, “Moffit conditions” showed up on Sunday with winds 15-20mph straight out of the North.... you knew it couldn't last.

Congratulations to our 2021 State Champions – Tom Thompson (Sling) with a score of 773-19x, Mike Dahl (F-Open Class) with a 763-20x and Aaron Carico (F-Target Rifle) firing a 710-10x. As usual we had some out-of-state Match Winners posting the high overall scores. Aaron Guliuzza was match winner in the sling category with an excellent score of 780-30x including the only clean score in the state match with a 200-12x in Match 2. Eric Johnson (from Minnesota) was the match winner of the F/O with an excellent score of 767-22x. On Sunday, Ryan Karrar won the Palma match (Sling) with a score of 425-10x. Brian Suhr won the F/O firing a 439-13x with the only clean score of 150-5x at 800 yards.

Once again, we are in the heart of the High Plains High Power Summer Season. Prone and F-Class shooting are only a small part of the High Power game. In addition to prone events, there are over-the-course events, Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) “Leg” matches and several

M1 Garand, Vintage Military, Vintage Sniper and M1 Carbine events. So, get a rifle and shoot. I highly encourage you to join in with some of the other events. The High Power Regional (course event), EIC Leg match and a Vintage match will be fired the weekend of June 26 and 27 in Grand Forks. Email Denny Coulter now at [denny.brenda@gra.micdo.net](mailto:denny.brenda@gra.micdo.net) to sign up for these events.

Check out the North Dakota Shooting Sports Association's web site ([ndssa.org](http://ndssa.org)). You can go on to the site and register for automatic e-mail updates for all the matches in the State. There are also range locations on the site so you know how to get to the different ranges around the state. The 2021 match schedule list is on the website.

**The next High Power event at our range will be the weekend of July 17 and 18. We will have our Bismarck/Mandan M1 Garand Club Championship match on Saturday morning, July 17. Any CMP Vintage rifle can be used (or any modern service rifle or any rifle) – however, the Club Championship plaque will go to the competitor firing the M1 Garand Rifle. The M1 Club Championship is open to ANYONE. We will also have a Long Range match after the M1 Garand Match. The Long Range match will be a 3 x 20 shots at 1000 yards. Then on Sunday, July 18, we will have a CMP Excellence-In-Competition match also known as a “Leg” match.**

**Finally, mark your calendar for our NRA 1000 yard Long Range Regional match that will be held at our range on September 10, 11 and 12. The Regional Championship will be 5 – 20 shot strings (with unlimited sighters) over 2 days. In addition, we will have an F-Open Team event (1 category – but F/TR guys are welcome too) on Friday, September 10. We've never done a big team event at our Regional Championship – we hope this turns out great and brings in more competitors for the Individual Regional Championship on the weekend. Please pass the word to your shooting buddies and see if you can get them to join us at this event.**

**If interested in these events – be sure to send me an email. Also, if you know of someone that would like to get my match programs and updates – send them my email – [tthompson4895@gmail.com](mailto:tthompson4895@gmail.com)**

Thanks again and hope to see all of you on the firing line.

Tom Thompson