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Great Results at the 2004 Junior Olympic National Championship Matches

This year's match results are not final as we prepare this issue for publication. However, we do have some Air Rifle and Pistol results for you. This match is the toughest match that any young shooter will attend in the USA. The competition is intense. Only those shooters who are fully prepared will rise to the top to shoot their best or even their average practice and match scores. Just securing an invitation to the Championships is a significant achievement and a sign of excellent potential. Kaylee, Chris, Matthew and Levi can all hold their heads up high. They each worked hard to fire each shot to the best of their ability, and they all learned again that the value of perfect and regular practice cannot be overstated.

Eric has offered to submit a more complete article of the Junior Olympic matches for our next issue, and we look forward to that. The results are available at USA Shooting's <http://www.usashooting.com/results/Results.cfm> website. We recommend that you all check them to see just how well our USA junior shooters can shoot in a high caliber match like this one. The level of competition is much higher each year. The results for our shooters are as follows:

Women's Air Rifle - Kaylee Kuntz fired a 359 the first day followed by a 361 the second day for a total of 1120 and an average of 90%.

Men's Air Pistol - Chris Pueppke fired a 502 the first day followed by a 513 the next day for a total of 1015 and an average of 84.6%.

Men's Air Rifle - Levi Geurts fired a fine 583 the first day followed by a personal best of 587 the second day for a total of 1170 (97.5%). This aggregate placed Levi in the Final 8 where Levi fired a 101.9 to close out in 6th place overall.

Matthew Pueppke fired a personal best of 570 the first day followed by a fine 563 on the second day for a total of 1133 (94.4%). This Aggregate won the Silver Medal for Matthew as a J3 shooter.

The Smallbore matches follow for Levi, so he still has another few days to enjoy the matches. When you next see these young people, extend your congratulations.

Rick Jorgenson - March 26, 2004

The Values of Competitive Shooting

Scott Pilkington wrote a great article in the January/February issue of the USA Shooting News about the benefits competitive shooting offers to young people around the nation. For those of you who do not subscribe to USA Shooting News, I rephrase some of his points here as follows:

1. Because successful competitive shooters must learn self discipline, self management, problem solving and emotional control, they are well on the way to being adults.
2. The shooting sports offer equal opportunity to young and old of large or small stature. Young men and women compete together equally. Young people, who do not have the stature required in other sports, often excel in the shooting sports. Children, their parents and often their grandparents compete on an equal footing.
3. Air rifle shooting is one of the fastest growing youth sports. High schools in 45 states offer air rifle as a varsity sport. Many high school air rifle shooters are eligible for NCAA scholarships at 56 colleges around the USA. Additionally, 78 colleges have rifle, pistol or shotgun shooting as an intramural club sport.
4. A motivated team can go places. Dan Geurts and his Buffalo, ND junior BB gun and air rifle shooters are a perfect example of the opportunities available for team travel around the USA. Those young people who shoot well enough to make the US Shooting Team will compete around the world.
5. The shooting sports offer young people with low self-esteem the opportunity to discover their own self worth.
6. When Nancy Johnson won the Olympic Gold Medal in the Games of 2000, the whole world was watching and people across the USA were cheering her accomplishment.
7. The CMP tracks data from over 2000 high school teams and 1000 junior clubs to find that there is not a single injury that involved a shooting accident. This means that shooting is one of, if not THE safest of school sports.

Rick Jorgenson

Editorially Speaking

For years now, any effort to expand or develop new opportunities in the shooting sports has been restricted by an ever diminishing number and quality of indoor ranges in North Dakota. Our local clubs in Minot and Grand Forks have made substantial progress to improve this situation.

I was extremely impressed with the progress of the Minot Rifle and Pistol Club's new indoor range project. We were able to tour the range while we were at the NDSSA Annual Meeting in Minot. Their members have made a real commitment to the future of the shooting sports in North Dakota. Their construction efforts as well as their original effort to secure the Pitman Robertson funds that make the entire project economically feasible, involved a great deal of innovative thought and planning. I look forward to seeing the completed range facility. This facility will offer their members the opportunity to develop an even more positive image for the shooting sports in the Minot area and for North Dakota.

The Forks Rifle Club has undertaken the construction of a new indoor range at their outdoor range location, and the first shots have been fired at this new facility. I hope that both clubs will find it possible to improve their junior programs and expand their club membership. If these clubs can offer the educational programs they are planning to provide, we will all benefit.

Personally, I look forward to shooting or helping with a match at each of these clubs in the years ahead. The challenge of building these facilities is only a first step to their success. The clubs will need a continued commitment from their members to volunteer their time as range officers and janitors and educators over the years ahead in order to realize the potential these facilities offer to their local communities and to the State of North Dakota.

I have not received any short or long examples of assertive statements to rebut the anti-gun argument that gun control laws prevent childhood deaths. In fact, I have no response to my challenge at all. I will continue this challenge until our next issue to see if we receive anything to print. If you have a good assertive statement or response to the many routine assertions by the gun control groups, send them to me in 25 words or less, and I will publish the best of them.

Our Association's **Annual Meeting and Recognition Banquet held January 24, 2004, at the Minot International Inn** was a success. We offer many thanks to Dean Hildebrand and Jim Carter of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for their participation. Thanks to Willie and Walt for stepping forward to serve as our organization's President and Vice-president. I enjoyed the opportunity to support the induction of Tom Reiten and Sam May into the North Dakota Marksmanship Hall of Fame. Those of you who were unable to attend missed a great time. I hope to see you at the Annual meeting in 2005.

The following is still my favorite assertive statement:

If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words, and guns kill people just like spoons have made Rosie O'Donnell fat.

Thanks to each of you who contributed articles to this issue of the Target. Those of you who have an idea for an article to run in our next issue, need to put some words on paper or into your word processor and get them to me as soon as possible. Don't wait until the next deadline. We are always looking for fresh viewpoints and insights.

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Junior Olympic Selection Match 2004

The North Dakota State Junior Olympic Selection Match held at the Lake Region Shooting Sports Association range in Devils Lake on January 11, 2004 was another success. Our match winners have each fired scores that exceed USA Shooting requirements for invitation to the 2004 Junior Olympic National Championships. ***Thanks again to all of you who competed in the match.*** A match like this one requires a great deal of time and effort by volunteers from our state's shooting clubs as well as the shooters' parents and the coaches. I believe that each of these volunteers find reward for their efforts to be the generally excellent effort put forth by the competitors themselves. It is a great pleasure to any volunteer to see their efforts produce a good result, and we certainly have good results to report here again this year.

We congratulate our winners for some very fine scores. Levi's air rifle score of 577 is a hard 2 points better than his 2003 qualifying score. Matthew Pueppke once again fired an Open Qualifying J3 score with his air rifle. Ryan added 9 points to his 497 from last year for a 506 and the bronze medal.

The Junior Women's Air Rifle performance is also an improvement over last year's. Kaylee Kuntz fired a 356 last year and added 8 points for a 364 this year. Kelsey Carlrud added a full 100 points to her score last year for a 334 this year!

The Smallbore results are a real improvement as well and quite impressive. The most obvious improvement is in the women's category where Kaylee Kuntz added a full **59 points** to her last year's score with her gold medal performance of 517. Levi's 580 is a full 38 points better than his last year's score. Darren Dyk added 102 points to his 2003 score to take the bronze medal. Our other returning shooters from last year's JOSOC similarly improved their performances.

Our winners received an invitation from USA Shooting to participate in the 2004 Junior Olympic National Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Good luck to:

1. Smallbore Rifle-State Qualifier-Levi Geurts
2. Air Pistol-State Qualifier-Chris Pueppke
3. Air Rifle-Men's State Qualifier-Levi Geurts
Men's Open Qualifier-Matthew Pueppke
Women's State Qualifier-Kaylee Kuntz.

We congratulate the efforts of these young people and their coaches.

Rick Jorgenson

March 15, 2004 Smallbore Rifle

Great junior 4P matches this past weekend. Levi Guerts fired a 100-9x standing (100-10x possible) in the North Dakota State Championship match on Saturday. Needless to say this is a new state record and will probably be one for many years to come. By the way - he did set a record in standing last year with a 99/100. He finished with a 393/400 in the state match -

not bad - but he needs to work a bit on that sitting (dropped 5 points).

The Sectional was fired on Sunday - Kaylee Kuntz fired a 390/400 - to put a little heat on Levi. She closed out the match with a 100-8x kneeling score. Needless to say that is also a new state record besting Greg Erickson's (I believe from Minot) 100-6x set way back in April, 1987. Also she pounded out the score in about 5 minutes with about 7 or 8 sighters. When you're in the middle in kneeling - go for it. However, it almost didn't stand when Levi fired a 99-9x in kneeling on the next relay. Levi took the gold in the Sectional with a 394/400. Good score and it should place him fairly high in the national tournament - but someone always shoots a 399 or 400 in this match. Those kids can shoot.

Overall it was a good tournament - need a few more shooters from Grand Forks and Minot - which I sure will be coming with the new ranges going up.

Tom T

Air Rifle State and Jr. Sectional Results

The North Dakota State Junior Sectional & the Open State Championship Matches held at the Lake Region Shooting Sports Association range in Devils Lake on March 6 & 7 were record-setting in many ways. Levi set new records in both matches. I am proud to see the State records held by a current North Dakota citizen and I get a real kick out of the fact that Levi is still a junior shooter. The Open State Championship is owned by our junior shooters. The juniors won each class, and the Carlstruds filled the first 3 places in the Marksmen class.

Thanks again to all of you who traveled our winter highways to compete in the matches. Match results like these are a direct result of a great deal of time and effort by volunteers from our state's shooting clubs as well as the shooters' parents and the coaches. I thank and congratulate each one of you. I most sincerely congratulate those shooters who have made time to practice and make the best of those opportunities made available to them by their parents, coaches and club volunteers. It is a great pleasure for any volunteer to see their efforts produce a good result, and we are certainly reporting a good result here again this year.

We congratulate our winners in each classification for some very fine scores. Levi's State Open air rifle score of 585 is a hard 2 points better than the previous North Dakota Open State record. He bumped his junior record by 1 point over his record last year. We wish him and Kaylee and Matthew the best in their trip to the Junior Olympic National Championships.

Congratulations to Walt for his personal best with a strong finish on his last 2 cards.

Until we see each one of you again, remember to take enough time to enjoy your success during the match. You only control one shot at a time, so put your best effort into that individual shot to shoot one 10 at a time. When you do shoot that 10, be sure to pause long enough to savor it for a little while before going on to shoot the next one.

Rick Jorgenson

2003 Camp Perry Report (Highpower phase)

The 95th year of the National Matches is in the books and it was a record setting year. This years contingent of North Dakotan's included yours truly - Tom Thompson (Bismarck), Dennis Coulter, William O'Connell, Tom Reiten and Charlie Christenson (all from Grand Forks), Coby Dalgliesh (Sarles), Andy Johnson (Rolla) and we were also joined by Tony Kozojed from Thief River Falls, MN. Dan Marquart from Bismarck also fired with the All Guard Team in the Service Rifle portion of the National Matches this year; however, he was unable to fire in the NRA Championship. Dan did post a great score in the National Trophy Individual Match or Leg Match firing a 491-20x (500 possible); good enough for 15th place of 1280 shooters.

There has been quite a feeling of nostalgia at the matches over the past few years, and as a result, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has added a couple of fun matches. The first of which was the Garand Match, added in 1998 in honor of John C. Garand - inventor of the M1 Garand rifle. In 2002 the CMP added the Springfield Match. By the way, Jim Barner (Emerado, ND - not with us this year) was the winner of the inaugural Springfield Match fired last year. Jim fired a score of 293 over the 300 point course. These matches also seem to have a side benefit in that they may have increased the attendance at the Service Rifle matches.

Format for these matches is simple - 5 sighters prone, then 30 shots for record, 10 prone, 10 rapid fire prone (10 shots in 70 seconds) and 10 shots standing. All firing is from the 200 yard line, and all shots are taken in succession - once you're on the line - you fire the complete course. Awards are predetermined based on score and everyone that fires the match receives a t-shirt. Ammunition is also supplied. The Garand match, as the name implies, can be fired with the M1 Garand. However, any U.S. military arm before the Garand can also be used (i.e. Springfield, Carbine, Enfield, etc. - no not the 1873 trapdoor Springfield). In the Springfield Match, any military bolt action arm can be used.

The Springfield Match was fired on Friday, August 8. Coby, Andy and Tony fired the Springfield Match this year. Coby was the top shooter from North Dakota firing a 277-4x, good enough for 34th out of 540 competitors in the match. The John Garand Match was fired on Saturday, August 9. This year 1236 competitors fired the match. This "nostalgia" match has grown to be one of the most popular matches during the National Matches. Coby, Andy, Tony and Tom Thompson fired the Garand Match. Tom was the high NoDaker firing a 285-7x, which was good enough for 15th place.

On Sunday, we fired the Rumbold Team Match which consists of 4 firing members and 50 shots for record for each shooter. Well, Team Roughriders and Team Easyriders will have to wait till next year to make their mark. We fired well, but didn't finish in the money.

Monday, August 11, 2003, was the start of the National Championship Match. The course of fire for the Individual National Championship matches is 240 shots for record over 4 days for a 2400 point possible score. The weather was the usual for August in Ohio. If you've ever been to Ohio - you know what I mean; hot days with lots of humidity. We didn't have the wind like last year (on days 2 and 3). However, we did have intermittent rain and wind on Day 2. On Day 2 this year, the wind was up as the first 2 relays fired their offhand. But the wind laid down just enough for the High Master relay to post some respectable scores. By the end of Day 2, it was becoming obvious that some spectacular final scores would be posted - if the conditions held. By the end of Day 3 - the perennial Champion David Tubb was down only 10 points. Right behind

him was Norman Houle (West Warwick, RI) who was down 11 points. Day 4 - Tubb turned on the heat and Houle faded (if one could say that). Tubb fired a 799-50x to set a new national record for the final aggregate match, dropping only 1 point in the final offhand match. Houle fired a 793-41x in the final aggregate. Tubb won his 11th National Highpower Championship dropping only 11 points for an incredible 2389-138x (that's an average better than a 796 per 80 shot match!) This is the new national match record surpassing the 2385-101x set in 1992 by Carl Bernosky of Ashland, PA. Houle fired a 2385-117x for second place (this score would have also been a new national match record). Third went to John Harrison (Westminster, MD) with a 2377-95x.

There were no big scores posted by the North Dakota team this year. However, Tony Kozojed did fire a 199-13x which was High Senior in the Appreciation Cup (200 yard rapid fire match). Someone always seems to post at least one notable score. James Fox, a junior from White City, OR, fired a 200-8x clean in the Members Trophy Match. This is the first **OFFHAND** match of the championship. Then there's the junior champion, Scott Roberts from Honey Brook, PA, who fired a 2362-105x good enough for 14th place overall in the championship. This is a huge score for a kid that isn't even 20 years old yet. However, then there's Scott's little brother, Calvin Roberts, who won the Intermediate Junior championship with a score of..... (Are you ready for this)... 2372-113x and good enough for 8th place overall. This kid's not even 17 years old yet.

The 2003 Long Range Championship began on Friday, August 15. The first day of Long Range is 3x600 yard matches. The weather was good in the morning, but rain cancelled the last 600 yard match. Michelle Gallagher fired a 200-17x for the win in Match No. 1, and Michelle Maxberry hammered a 200-18x for the top spot in match No. 2.

Day 2 of the Long Range event is the Leech Cup. Nancy Tompkins-Gallagher fired a 199-14x and then a 97-4x in the shoot-off for the win. Day 3 of long range is the Wimbledon Cup match. Norman Crawford fired a 200-11x and then a 99-5x in the shoot off for the win. The final day of the National Long Range Championship is the Palma Match. Nancy prevailed again firing a 448-28x for first place. Nancy won the 2003 National Long Range Championship firing a 1241-76x of a possible 1250.

It's always interesting to see the new and innovative equipment shooters are using at the national matches. AR-15's have just about totally replaced the venerable M14 in the Service Rifle class and space guns (highly modified AR's) have just about replaced the bolt guns. The .223 is becoming a very popular cartridge for this game. And with the advent of the heavy VLD bullets, such as the 80 grain Sierra Match King, this cartridge stays very close to the bigger calibers at the 600 yard line and just about out shoots everything at the 200 and 300 yard lines. To make things even more interesting, JLK (Jimmy Knox) has developed a 90 grain bullet for the little .223. Shooters are firing this bullet in 3 grooves, 6.5 inch twist PacNor barrels. During the match I was shooting next to German (pronounced Herman) Salazar from Florida. In one 600 yard match, German was inside my wind by 1 ½ minutes (I was using 4 minutes of wind to his 2 ½ minutes - interesting).

Tubb is into his 3rd year with the Tubb 2000 rifle. This is a bolt action rifle. However, similarities to a standard bolt action rifle stop here. The rifle is all aluminum and steel (no wood). The action is situated low in the stock so that the bolt can run below the shooter's cheek, making it possible for the shooter to keep his cheek on the stock during rapid fire strings.

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Schedule of Opportunities

Apr 25	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Apr 30	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
May 1, 2	Highpower, X-course and 1000 yard matches	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
May 15	1800 Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
May 15, 16	Highpower, X-course and 600 yard matches	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
May 22	Silhouette Pistol	Bismarck	Blaine Erikson	701-223-4358
May 23	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jun 5	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
Jun 5, 6	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Prone	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 5, 6	Deadwater Cowboy Action	Devils Lake	Larry McIntyre	701-395-4330
Jun 6	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Jun 12, 13	Highpower, X-course and Palma	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
Jun 19	Silhouette Pistol	Bismarck	Blaine Erikson	701-223-4358
Jun 20	Bullseye Pistol Regional w/Leg	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jun 26	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jun 26, 27	Highpower Regional w/Leg, Team	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jul 10, 11	State Games	Grand Forks		
Jul 13-18	National Matches – Pistol	Camp Perry		
Jul 17, 18	Highpower, X-course and 600 yard matches	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Jul 24, 25	ND Highpower State Champ w/Leg, Team	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
Aug 1	North Dakota State Outdoor Bullseye	Valley City	Bill Brackin	701-282-7158
Aug 1	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Aug 3 – 16	National Matches – Rifle	Camp Perry		
Aug 21, 22	ND Rifle Silhouette State Champs	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Aug 29	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle – Target	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Sep 11, 12	Bismarck 5th Annual Sighting In Days	Bismarck	Sam May	701-258-2360
Sep 12	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Sep 18, 19	Highpower Long Range Regional	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
Sep 25, 26	Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Sep 25, 26	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle State Champ	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
Oct 3	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454

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2003 Camp Perry (cont. from Pg. 4)

If interested, this rifle will run you around \$3000. There was also a Tubb alternative being developed by several shooters from Indiana. This firearm uses your Remington medium action glued into a steel and aluminum tube. Check out MAK Enterprises on the internet. Currently, they have a single shot model and they are in development of a repeater. Cost is in the \$650 range. The concept is the same as the Tubb gun - mount the action low so the bolt runs below the shooter's cheek.

This game has seemed to center on the 6mm caliber, and various wildcats in 6mm continue to show up on the range. Last year Tubb was using the 6x which can be made using a standard .243 reamer and then hold the reamer 0.130" short while chambering. Cases for the 6X can be fire formed from .22-250 cases. This year Tubb was back with an improved 6X which included a 30 degree shoulder - hence the 6XC. Randy Gregory from Medford, Wisconsin, has also developed a popular wildcat round. His development is the 240NMC which is also fire formed from .22-250 cases. Several shooters from the cheese state and also Minnesota were focused on that round. The chase for the accurate caliber and firearm never ends.

Well, that's it for Perry 2003 and yes, we are planning to take a full team to Perry for 2004. After all, we have to keep going back until everyone (or someone) gets it right. If interested, give us Highpower shooters a call and we'll make room for you on the 2004 team.

Tom Thompson

2003 Bruce Alexander

The 2003 Bruce Alexander Memorial Fall Marksmanship Classic started out a little soggy on Saturday. The John C. Garand match was delayed, starting at about 10am. When the smoke cleared, Tony Kozojed had won with a score of 261-0x. Andy Johnson was 2nd with a 260-1x, followed by Don Granlie in 3rd with 256-1x and Tom Thompson in 4th at 249-1x. Coby Dalgliesh and Leon Nesja fired scores of 284-4x and 256-4x respectfully, but disqualified themselves as they fired match rifles.

The long range matches were fired between and during rain showers and finally cut short to 2 matches with the agreement of 9 cold and soggy shooters. Denny Coulter came out on top with a score of 388-0x, Dave Kringlie was 2nd at 385-9x and Leon Nesja posted a 383-13x for 3rd.

Sunday brought clear skies, favorable winds and 11 shooters to the firing line for the 38th annual fall match. There was tight competition in the Marksman class with Arron Dalgliesh and Don Granlie battling on each other's heels throughout the match, with Arron holding on at 600yds for a 4pt. win and the marksman class title. The Expert class was all Tony Kozojed {National Appreciation Cup Senior Champ}. Tony posted a very respectable score of 771-23x for the class win. Dave Kringlie took top honors in the Master class with a score of 769-12x. Denny Coulter shot a 767-20x for 1st High Master and Tom Thompson, with a very respectable 784-31x, won the 38th annual fall match and was awarded the David Disrud Memorial Trophy and the 2003 Bruce Alexander Memorial Fall Marksmanship Classic Crown. Congratulations to Tom and thanks to everyone for their support of the shooting sports.

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