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Thanks to everyone who participated in our **5th Open 50 yard Indoor NRA Smallbore Regional Championship**. We had 29 competitors this year compared to 34 competitors in 2015 and 31 competitors in 2014. We were down a bit this year – we didn't get the competitors from Minnesota and Montana this year – however, we had a good number of competitors from North and South Dakota. I hope everyone had a good time at the event and I hope to see everyone back next year. Please tell your fellow shooters to put this on their schedule for next year (which will most likely be again in late February, 2017). I sure would like to see us fill 3 relays at this event which would be 48 competitors.

Thanks to all that helped me put on this event. As always, it takes a lot of effort to put on these events. It started on our Thursday Junior night again this year when Dave Hintz and Tim Klein put together the target carriers. Dave, Tina Thompson, Mary Kay Tokach, Melody and Tom Schiwal helped score targets, post scores and run my laptop computer at the match on Saturday and Sunday. I also had help running the line from Dallas Quamme and Steve Martin. The Schiwal's, Tokach's, Hintz's and Thompson's brought chili, bread, chips, fruit, and other food on Saturday. Don and Sally Fairbanks brought cookies up from Rapid City – we were almost in a critical situation on Saturday – it was touch and go for a bit - but we made it through – no body starved (again) and we didn't go hungry. And finally, thanks to the gang that helped break down the range at the end of the match on Sunday including Dave, Steve Martin, Cody Dalgliesh, and Wyatt Gonsallus. It sure helps me get things done and put away when everyone pitches in.

Congratulations to Katie Zaun – our Gold medalist. Katie fired an excellent score of 1190-60x/1200. Katie's Standing Score of 397/400 and the aggregate score of 1190/1200 are new state records. In addition, these are also potential NRA National Records for her age group (Sub-Junior). I'll be sending her targets to NRA this week for final the determination. Congratulations to our Silver Medalist - Karleigh Gause. Karleigh fired an excellent score of 1182-62x. And congratulations to our Bronze Medalist - Brandon Alexander from Devils Lake. Brandon put up an excellent score of 1181-59x with a borrowed rifle from the Minot Club. Sometimes a lot of folks get caught up in the equipment race – well, as Brandon proved, if you get a rifle that fits you - put in some time on the range – and I know being from Devils Lake – he's put some time in with the air rifle – you can fire some very good scores.

Next weekend is the NRA Open Championship in Ayr. Call Rich Butler **NOW** if you intend to fire this event. I know things are going to be busy in Ayr next weekend and most all the relays are nearly full – so call NOW. Then – for us in the Competitive Shooting World – **MARCH MADNESS IS HERE!** The North Dakota Air Rifle State Championship and the NRA Junior Air Sectional Championship (Standing) is in Devils Lake the weekend of March 5 and 6 – call Rick Jorgenson **NOW** – this match has been very full the last years – we have a growing number of air rifle competitors in this state – sign up now.

The 2016 North Dakota Junior 4-Position State and Sectional Championship will be held the weekend of March 12 and 13, in Bismarck – contact me (Tom Thompson) if you plan to attend this event. The North Dakota Open 4-Position State Championship and Sectional will be in Grand Forks on March 19 and 20. We will have the Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship on Thursday, March 24. We moved this off of Saturday, March 26 since this is Easter weekend.

The fun continues on April 2 with a fun air match in Ayr – contact Rand McLeod for this event. Then we have a 3-Position Air Rifle Championship in Buffalo, ND, on April 3. For those of you that do some cross training – the Light Rifle State Championship will be in Bottineau on April 2 and 3. This has always been a great event in our state too. Light Rifle is a sporter 22 rifle event. I suggest you try this out – it's a great cross training event. Finally, the Red River Championship has been moved to Grand Forks (from Halstad, MN) on Saturday, April 9. So get your air gun and your smallbore rifles ready – we are in the heart of the 2016 indoor season and in a few weeks it will be over. Be sure to call the match directors listed below if you intend to attend some of these events – and call early – a lot of events are filling up fast. I may not have some of these dates correct so call the match directors as soon as you can.

Thanks again to all that attended our event – it was great to see so many juniors firing some really great scores. Good shooting and I hope to see everyone back here next year – and bring more of your shooting friends along.

Tom Thompson
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NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2016

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Feb 26, 27, 28	NRA Open 3-Position National Air Champ – Precision, Sporter and Air Pistol	Ayr	Rich Butler	701-261-2431
Mar 5, 6	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 5, 6	Open Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 12, 13	Junior 4P State and Sectional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Mar 18, 19, 20	Open 4P North Dakota State and Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 24	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 2	Fun Match - Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match	Ayr	Rand McLeod	701-668-2214
Apr 3	CMP 3P Air Rifle Championship	Buffalo	Dan Geurts	701-633-5553
Apr 2, 3	Light Rifle State Championship	Bottineau	Gary Siverston	701-243-6413
Apr 9	Red River Valley Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
April	National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship Events	Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado		
Jun 4, 5	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Position and Prone, Open and Junior events	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959