

LAKE REGION SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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We have just a few people who haven't found time to shoot their November match scores, but we cannot delay closing November any longer. We hope that those of you who have not yet fired your November scores can all find time to get your November and December targets fired, so that we can include you all for the aggregate postal match. Those of you who do not have your November targets fired will still be included with everyone else for the aggregate match in competition with the other shooters in your class. You will simply not be eligible for the November match awards. So, get out of your chair, grab your air gun, and send some pellets down range to score some 10s on your match targets.

We have an outstanding cross section of skill levels in the postal again this year. In fact, we have some great scores fired. Most notably, five Master Air Rifle juniors firing in the 570s and 580s in November. Todd and Travis fired 50s. So, do your best to contribute to the competitive atmosphere that we try our best to foster in this postal competition by getting up to the firing line to shoot your match targets. Also, we will be moving several of you up into the next class based on your excellent scores over these first two months.

We have some very fine scores in each class, and many ties individually. It is great to see that nearly half of our 56 air rifle competitors are competing in Air Rifle Marksman class. That will change over the course of this postal match as these marksmen improve their skills and are moved up to Sharpshooter and Expert to provide even more competition in those classes. Many will move from Sharpshooter to Expert, and we expect to have a few more Masters before long. Those of you shooting on a team need to do your very best to fire your best quality shot each time you send a pellet to the target. You will find many places each month where a single point or center shot separates one shooter from another both individually and in the team aggregates.

We had an excellent weekend hosting the North Dakota and the Minnesota Pistol JOSC here in Devils Lake last weekend. Many of you have received our match report for those matches, and the results are also up on Orion. Congratulations to all of you who competed in the Open Air Rifle Sectional in Bismarck last weekend. Connie and I will conduct the North Dakota State Junior Olympic Rifle Selection Match with the cooperation of the Minot Rifle and Pistol Club in Minot over this next weekend. This should be another great match. We will also be at the NDSSA Annual Meeting in Bismarck on the 28th of January, and we hope to see many of you at one or both of these events. There will be a Precision Pistol Clinic by Jason Turner and Eric Pueppke at the Bis/Man R & P indoor range on Friday, January 27th prior to the NDSSA Annual Meeting, so I hope that all of our pistol shooters find their way there. By the way, you do not need to be an air pistol shooter to attend. Flyer is attached.

We will again hold the Air Rifle State Championship and the Junior Air Rifle Sectional here in Devils Lake on the weekend of March 4th and 5th. Bulletins will be sent soon. So make sure to put these matches on your calendar, if you have not already done so. Again, I challenge you to set aside some time for perfect practice and to enjoy your 10s. I am doing my best to follow my own advice.

Connie and I enjoyed a great time with our children and grandchildren over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I hope that each of you were as fortunate to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

We wish you all the best in 2017.



Rick & Connie