

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2016 NRA OPEN 3-POSITION METRIC and AIR RIFLE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONAL
MATCHES
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2016 Open International Air Sectional and our Open 3-Position Metric Matches. Once again we had a great match turnout - we had 34 air rifle competitors and 25 smallbore rifle competitors compared to 41 air rifle and 29 smallbore competitors last year – a bit lower than last year but still a good turnout. All in all our attendance continues to be excellent for our air rifle and smallbore rifle events in North Dakota.

A BIG thanks goes out to our scoring and data entry team – Tina Thompson, Mary Kay Tokach, Sandy Fried, Melody Schiwal, and Tom Headrick. I also had help from Pat Headrick, Dave Hintz, Dallas Quamme and Tom Schiwal running the line and changing targets. Dave also made some great chili, hot dogs and brought chips. We also had a lot of snacks donated by Shelli Langerud. And thanks to all the parents that helped changing targets and moving all the action shooting props back across the range at the end of the event.

Finally, I would like to thank Pete Fried. Pete built the new pellet traps. Then Pete, Del Ray Bergan, Dave Hintz, Tim Klein, and Tom Schiwal installed the traps on Monday, December 28. This was always the intent of our range design – that is to someday build and install pellet traps on the east wall so we would be able to have many more competitors on the line at the same time for an air event. That day has finally now arrived! For those that did not attend the event – we had 34 competitors – the entire air rifle entry – all on the line at the same time. This enabled us to finish the entire event early on Saturday (however, a little late due to me). As always – thanks to all that helped me with the match - It takes a LOT of help to put on an event like this.

Congratulations to our Air Rifle Sectional winners – Gold – Katie Zaun 589, Silver - Mari Butler 586, Silver and Bronze - Emily Haag 583. **We had THREE 580+ scores at this event - excellent!** I had to look back a few years – the last time we had a 580+ at this event was Soren Butler with a 589 in 2012. We also had scores of 578 (Maria), 576 (Brady) and 575 (Joe) – also excellent. The Team winners – Buffalo Sharpshooters Gold – Emily, Mari, Katie, and Brett Christianson fired a 2323/2400 – that’s a 580.75 shooter average – also excellent! Last year the Buffalo Sharpshooters team took 3rd in the NATION in this event. This year – their team score is higher – so we’ll have to see how the scores turn out this year at the National level. Again congrats to their coach - Dan Geurts and the Buffalo Sharpshooters!

Katie and Joe Martin fired a 100 possible on a target card which equals the State Record. Katie’s score of 589/600 also equals the State Record of 589 set by Soren Butler on January 16, 2010.

Congratulations to the Smallbore winner – Katie Zaun with a 579. This is another excellent score. There were also several very good scores posted the smallbore match. Scores continue to improve in this event.

The smallbore (and air) season is upon us. Mark your calendar for the Junior Olympic Shooting Championship matches **scheduled for this weekend (Jan 16 and 17) in Minot. Call Rick Jorgenson (701-662-4760) NOW to reserve your shooting time! Relays are filling up fast!**

We have 3 more events at our range this year including a 50 yard NRA Open Regional Smallbore Rifle Championship on February 20 and 21. This is a 120 shot any sight match. The match can be fired on either day. This is a great event – put it on your schedule.

The Junior 4-Position Smallbore Rifle State Championship and Sectional matches will be the weekend of March 12 and 13, 2016. Finally, we will have our Junior Club championship on Saturday, March 26, 2015. This will be a conventional 4-Position 40-shot event. Awards will be provided to the top shooter, and class winners from the Bismarck/Mandan R&P Association. Juniors from other clubs are invited. Winners from other clubs will be recognized with certificates.

The North Dakota Shooting Sports Association annual convention is in Fargo the weekend of January 30, 2016, at the Avalon Event Center. We will recognize 2015 state champions and 2015 state records (including Junior competitors) at the Saturday night banquet. The NDSSA annual membership meeting will be Saturday afternoon. There will also be an Air Pistol Sectional match at the Red River Center in West Fargo on Sunday. We encourage all competitors and anyone involved in the shooting sports to attend. Contact Mitch Godbout (701-388-3075) for banquet details and ticket information. Our guest speaker is Jeff McClure from the MidwayUSA Foundation. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity working to sustain the shooting sports industry by providing long-term funding to youth shooting teams. PLEASE ATTEND!

A short list of shooting events for smallbore, and air rifle follows. For a complete listing of all shooting events on the NDSSA schedule, please visit our web site at ndssa.org. Thanks again to everyone who attended our events this weekend – I hope to see everyone at our 50 Yard Indoor Regional on February 20 and 21.

Tom Thompson

NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2016

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| Jan 16, 17 | Junior Olympics (Air, 3P Smallbore Rifle) | Minot | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Jan 16, 17 | Pistol Sectional Match (Standard and Free) | West Fargo | James Ladwig | 701-484-5236 |
| Jan 17 | Approved Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match | West Fargo | Theresa Simon | 701-200-0725 |
| Jan 23, 24 | Light Rifle Sectional Championship | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-746-6959 |
| Jan 30 | NDSSA State Convention | Fargo | Rich Butler | 701-261-2431 |
| Jan 31 | Air Pistol Sectional | West Fargo | James Ladwig | 701-484-5236 |
| Feb 6, 7 | Junior 3P State and Sectional | Minot | Wes Thomas | 701-839-6075 |
| Feb 6, 7 | Collegiate Sectional, Rifle and Pistol | West Fargo | Eric Pueppke | 701-967-8450 |
| Feb 13, 14 | Open 3P State and Sectional | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-746-6959 |
| Feb 20, 21 | Open 50 Yard Regional SB Match, 3-Position (any sight) | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-255-4601 |
| Feb 21 | Approved Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match | West Fargo | Theresa Simon | 701-200-0725 |
| Feb 27 | Approved Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match | Ayr | Rand McLoed | 701-668-2214 |
| 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 |

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| Mar 18, 19, 20 | Open 4P State and Sectional | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-746-6959 |
| Mar 20 | Approved Air Rifle and Air Pistol Match | West Fargo | Theresa Simon | 701-200-0725 |
| Mar 26 | Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship | Bismarck | Tom Thompson | 701-255-4601 |
| Apr 2, 3 | Light Rifle State Championship | Bottineau | Gary Siverston | 701-243-6413 |
| Apr 2 | Fun Match - Air Rifle/Air Pistol | Ayr | Rand McLoed | 701-668-2214 |
| Apr 3 | CMP/USA Junior Olympic 3P Air Rifle Qualifier Match | Buffalo | Dan Geurts | 701-633-5553 |
| Apr 9 | Red River Valley Championship | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter | 701-756-6959 |