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### RURAL LIVING

Theodore Roosevelt said that "Conservation and rural-life policies are really two sides of the same policy; and at the bottom this policy rests upon the fundamental law that neither man nor nation can prosper unless, in dealing with the present, thought is steadily taken for the future."

We have all heard of or experienced the unintended negative consequences of actions that at face value, would seem most likely to produce a positive or at least neutral public result. I think that Roosevelt was extremely good at applying this principal throughout his life. Did you know that he slept with a large caliber revolver by his pillow during his presidency?

Roosevelt had a lot of good to say about rural life. He feared that urbanization of America was creating men who were no longer self-reliant. Roosevelt believed that American democracy was sustained by those self-reliant members of our society willing to work hard to support themselves, their families and American industry, upon which democracy was supported. He was convinced that American democracy was dependent on the hard work and participation of self-reliant citizens committed to the growth of the United States.

He was further convinced that truly self-reliant citizens could not be developed within cities. He obviously looked at his own life and recognized the value he had received from his time spent living in rural America and in the pursuit of wild game by hunting in rural and wilderness areas. He felt that it was absolutely imperative that these opportunities for access to wilderness areas and hunting be available to not only those members of our society who happen to be wealthy. Throughout his presidency, he promoted legislation that would serve to preserve large tracks of wilderness and to preserve wild game so that it would be available for everyone whether they were rich or poor. Even back in his time, over 100 years ago now, there were already large areas of New Hampshire and the Adirondacks that had been purchased by wealthy individuals for their own private purpose.

Roosevelt was convinced that people developed self-reliance, a commitment to hard work and courage by close contact with rural America. He felt that these qualities of self-reliance, hard work and courage were absolutely necessary to our nation. In fact, he often said that no nation can rise to greatness without self-reliant hard-working and courageous citizens. He felt that hunting and wilderness recreation provided the best school for the development of these characteristics. This belief and commitment to the ideal that the opportunity for hunting wild game should be available for rich and poor alike is now being challenged in the State of North Dakota in almost every area of the state. Individuals and groups of individuals are purchasing land for the sole purpose of creating a private preserve for only their use in hunting wild game. In doing so, they are removing or at least severely restricting that opportunity to hunt wild game by those in North Dakota who are less economically fortunate.

The often unintended consequence of that move toward further privatization of hunting can only negatively affect those rural values of self-reliance that Roosevelt felt could only properly be developed through close contact of our nation's citizens with rural America.

Many of the people who reside in North Dakota could easily find an opportunity in another state to make a living at least as good as they enjoy here economically. Almost all of them choose to live in North Dakota for those reasons that Theodore Roosevelt considered during his stay in our state.

The commercial value of hunting is not a measure of its true value to the citizens of our State. Theodore Roosevelt was a wealthy man. He did not pursue the development of our national parks and conservationism as a democratic movement for his own benefit. He felt they were essential to the strength of America in their development of rural values in our citizens. The further restriction of hunting and outdoor recreational opportunities to the citizens of North Dakota does nothing to further the value of rural life, and it certainly is not a positive public or private policy. I have to admit that I am one of those people who would find it hard to stay in North Dakota, if public access to the outdoor recreation (including outdoor shooting ranges) and hunting that I am used to was no longer available. I am not alone.

Those of you are students of Theodore Roosevelt's life, can most likely recall or even recite additional examples from his life to further illustrate the concern I have outlined above. For those of you who are not very familiar with his life and the lives of his close advisors Gifford Pinchot, head of the United States Forest Service during Roosevelt's presidency, and George Bird Grinnell, editor of **Forest and Stream**, can certainly find a great deal of well-written material about these men in any library or bookstore. There are Internet websites that have a wealth of material for your consideration as well.

I hope that you will all take time to think about the value of rural life and what you can do to preserve it. Our state legislature and our nation's Congress are constantly addressing issues that affect these values. Stay informed and be sure to make your rural values heard with at least a semblance of the self-reliance and courage that Theodore Roosevelt brought to these issues throughout his life.

Rick Jorgenson

## Editorially Speaking

Last month, I included an article about the relative costs of competition with highpower rifle, bullseye pistol, smallbore rifle and air gun. The older I get, the more obvious it is to me that the only real clear path to bringing a new young shooter into the sport of competitive shooting is the path that starts with an air gun. It is unfortunate that the capital investment for the air gun is so high that most beginning shooters, their parents and many clubs are stopped before they can even begin. That capital investment is rapidly increasing with the rising value of European currency compared to the US dollar. Our NDSSA airguns and individual club airguns are allowing many junior shooters, who otherwise would never have the opportunity, to enjoy the benefits of the competitive shooting sports. The rising level of competition with airguns is being lead by those junior shooters who started shooting with a club or NDSSA loaner air rifle or air pistol. I sincerely hope that we can continue to make that original capital investment for the many other young shooters out there who have not yet started shooting. Our coaches continue to do a great job, and they deserve good equipment to get the best out of their pupils.

The indoor shooting season is in full swing. We have enjoyed some great matches this winter already. If you have not yet found your way to a match this winter, get that rifle or pistol and come on out to join us. I am sure that you will enjoy yourself, and the match directors need your support in their efforts to provide a good competitive atmosphere at their matches.

Those of you who no longer shoot competitively can really help the sport of competitive shooting by getting involved to help one of our state's successful coaches deliver that coach's successful program to interested youth in a city near you. Do not wait for that coach to ask for your help. Volunteer. If you cannot find a coach to help in your home area, get together with some of your friends to start a youth shooting program to support youth shooting in your area. You will be amazed how effective one or two committed people can be at producing a valuable result in your community. If you have a 33-foot shooting distance in a building in your hometown, you can produce a successful youth program using air pistols and/or air rifles without the substantial cost of travel or an indoor range facility necessary for a program using rimfire firearms.

I am still looking for articles to include in this newsletter, so you have to put up with more from me this issue than I would like. If you have something for our membership, write it up and send it to me for our next issue. Do it now. Don't wait for someone else to write it for you. If you can submit your article electronically, that would be great. If you have to scribble it on a napkin, that is ok.

I was reading some real interesting figures, obtained from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, that reveal that murder victims in New York State are at least twice more likely to be clubbed to death than shot dead by an attacker wielding one of the semi-automatic rifles previously covered by a federal government ban that expired in 2004.

The most recent New York State statistics from 2002 show that murdered New Yorkers are at least five times more likely to be stabbed to death with a knife than they are to be shot with an assault rifle.

The figures show that of 893 murders committed in New York State in 2002, just 22, or slightly over 2 percent, were carried out using some form of rifle, including assault rifles.

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.**

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We thank our most recent life member, Mr. David A. Sheppard of Susanville, CA and soon to be moving to somewhere near Dickinson, ND for his confidence in our organization.

## Politics

At our fall 2004 board meeting, it was decided that we would pursue an effort at making the names and addresses of those concealed weapon permit holders in North Dakota private. In North Dakota, this information has been considered public in the past, and there have been occasions when these names and addresses have been published in local newspapers. I contacted BCI to see what their position is regarding a public request for identification of concealed weapon holders in North Dakota. I learned that the identity of any law enforcement officer with a concealed carry permit is held private. However, the identity of any other North Dakota citizen with a concealed carry permit is a matter of public record.

In response to a written request for identification of any concealed carry permit holder, the BCI would release the name of that permit holder and his or her city of residence.

Every citizen of North Dakota applying for a concealed carry permit expects that their name, address, fingerprints, and background will be fully available to law enforcement. However, they would be surprised and disappointed to find out that their identity is also a matter of public record.

To all of us on the NDSSA board, this seems to conflict with the intent of the law. The permit is for concealed carry, and it is hard to see how the identity of such a concealed carry permit holder should be a matter of public record. I can't see any public purpose in providing the concealed carry holder's identity to the general public.

I reviewed this with Senator Jack Traynor and he agreed to review the matter with the North Dakota Attorney General's Office. After securing their agreement, Jack talked with Senator John Syverson of Fargo, ND and John agreed to press this matter forward introducing the bill as Senate Bill #2219. Jack and John are chairman and vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee.

The hearing on this bill was scheduled for January 24, 2005 at 11:15, and I drove down to that hearing. I testified in favor of the bill. There was also testimony from Sandi Tabor of the Attorney General's office asking for an amendment that would allow governmental agencies and courts access to the information identifying concealed weapon holders for a law enforcement purpose. That amendment that was offered by the Attorney General's office was eventually attached to the bill after further review by the Committee. There was testimony against the bill and that was provided by the North Dakota newspaper lobby.

The bill came out of the committee with a do pass recommendation and on the floor of the Senate, it received a unanimous vote of passage to the House. You might like to thank Senators John Syverson, Stanley W. Lyson and Jack Traynor as well as the House sponsors of the bill who are Representatives Bernstein, Froelich, and Porter for sponsoring and pressing the bill forward. The House Judiciary Committee reviewed the bill and recommended passage to the House with an amendment to further clarify the language. The House has also unanimously passed the bill back to the Senate for their final review of the bill as amended. The Senators and House Representatives e-mail addresses are available at the North Dakota Legislative Assembly website which can be reached through the link: <http://discovernd.com/>.

There was also a House bill that we felt we should follow. That is House Bill #1205 that would remove the requirement for concealed weapon testing. That bill had passed through the House and was in the Senate Judiciary Committee before we could develop an Association position on the bill. The North Dakota Shooting Sports Association's Annual Meeting included substantial discussion on this bill. As Executive Officer of the

Association, I was charged to contact the committee to voice the Association's concerns about the effect of this Bill. While we certainly see the merits of the bill, we were very concerned about effects of completely removing all testing requirements.

First, we are concerned that the removal of testing from North Dakota's CCW law will cause other states that now recognize and honor North Dakota's CCW permits to change their position. Many states that require testing of their citizens might find it hard, if not impossible, to offer reciprocity to our permit holders who would not be tested. The current status where many states across the USA honor North Dakota's CCW permits is of substantial value to North Dakota's CCW permit holders. We would much rather see that North Dakota's CCW permits were recognized and honored by all of the states in the USA than see a reduction in the number of states that provide such recognition. Second, the current North Dakota CCW testing requires that each permit applicant take an open book written test to show their knowledge of North Dakota's laws including the use of lethal force and those locations where concealed carry is prohibited. The Association and this writer are concerned that a permitting process that does not include this written test will allow permits to many people who will not know the laws under which the permit holder must operate. We feel that this may eventually involve these untested permit holders in unintended violations of law. These violations would reflect poorly on our state and its other law-abiding CCW permit holders.

North Dakota's current CCW holders are some of the most law-abiding citizens in our state. The current written testing requirements are not designed to bar any North Dakotan from obtaining a CCW permit. The written testing simply insures that the CCW permit applicant has a current knowledge of North Dakota law allowing the CCW permit holder to carry and use a firearm in self defense.

I was not able to provide testimony on this bill in person and did so by letter. Many of our other members offered their concerns by e-mail and letter as well as personal contact and phone.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has amended the bill to continue to include the written test requirements. The Senate has voted in favor of the amended bill and sent it back to the House for their further consideration. Again, we thank our North Dakota elected officials for their careful consideration of our concerns.

Our US Congress is again considering legislation to bar the many nuisance and frivolous lawsuits that have been brought against firearm manufacturers in the last few years. We encourage you to remind our Congressman and Senators that North Dakota law speaks clearly in support of such a bar to frivolous lawsuits. Write them a note or give them a call to voice your concerns. If you have an opportunity to see them at a town meeting or otherwise, voice your concern to support this legislation.

There are always many more bills considered by our North Dakota Legislature than many of us can successfully track.

Here are a few other bills on which you may have wished to provide comment:

HB 1062	Deer Proof Hay Yard support restrictions
HB 1276	hunting guide and outfitter restrictions
HCR 3002	Federal definitions of waterfowl baiting
SB 2290	Regulation of Hunting Preserves

There are many more, and many of us find it difficult to find the time to be involved. Still, if we are not involved, we must live with results that could have been very different had we found the passion and time to voice our concerns about the issues to our local representatives.

Rick Jorgenson

## 2005 North Dakota Junior Olympic State Championship

Congratulations to all the parents, shooters and coaches who ignored the weatherman and found their way across the State of North Dakota to Minot Rifle & Pistol Club's new range for the Junior Olympic Selection Match January 15 & 16, 2005. We particularly congratulate the shooter's parents, their coaches and the volunteers from the Minot Rifle & Pistol Club for giving up their weekend to support this junior match and the junior shooters. We enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the Minot Rifle & Pistol Club in the form of Marlin Newman and Wes Thomas. We certainly thank each of them for giving up their weekend to support the junior match, and we really appreciate the opportunity to hold this match in their excellent facility.

We had 20 shooters competing in this match and have great results to report.

In Women's Air Rifle we had 3 women firing scores that exceeded the state qualifying requirements for their age groups. **As a group, these 3 girls have produced the best results we've ever had at the Junior Women's Air Rifle Olympic selection match.** Two of them earned an invitation to the Junior Olympic Nationals. **Kaylee Kuntz** fired the high score of 371 which is 16 points higher than the required J2 qualifying score of 355. Kelsey Carlsrud shot a fine score of 359 in the J2 category. However, we can only send one state qualifier, and Kelsey's score fell short of the open qualifying score requirement.

**Kelsey Hansen** fired a 362 which would also be a state qualifying score. However, she earned an invitation as an open at large qualifier in the J3 category, as that 362 is 2 points higher than the open qualifying score for her age group.

Kaylee fired a single card score of **99/100** which **ties the junior state air rifle record for a single card.**

Our Men's Air Pistol event was fired by 3 young men, and the shortest of those three fired a 500 to win the event. All of these young men struggled to do their best and we hope they can take what they learned from this match to improve themselves for next year. **Matthew Pueppke's** gold medal performance earned him an opportunity to shoot in the Junior Olympic air pistol match as a state qualifier. All three of our air pistol shooters fired the state qualifying score as set by USA Shooting. Matthew cannot attend the air pistol match in addition to the Air Rifle match for which he has qualified.

After everything has been considered, the junior qualifiers for the Junior Olympic National Championship are:

Women's Air Rifle:	State Qualifier - Kaylee Kuntz, age 16, Bismarck, ND	371/400
	At large qualifier - Kelsey Hansen, age 13, Minot, ND	362/400
Men's Air Rifle:	At large qualifier Matthew Pueppke, age 13, Amenia, ND	562/600
	Open Invitation Levi Geurts, age 18, Buffalo, ND	573/600
	Open Invitation Soren Butler, age 10, Casselton, ND	542/600
Men's Air Pistol:	Open Invitation Kyle Faught, age 18, Amenia, ND	498/600
Men's Small Bore Rifle:	State qualifier Levi Geurts, age 18, Buffalo, ND	569/600
	Open Invitation Matthew Pueppke, age 13, Amenia, ND	528/600

Rick & Connie Jorgenson

In our Men's Smallbore match, we had 7 competitors. **Levi Geurts' 569** is a state qualifying score. Matthew Pueppke shot a 528, even after forgetting to shoot one shot for score, to earn the silver medal and Darren Dyk fired a 521 for the bronze medal.

Levi Geurts won the Men's Air Rifle match with a score of 573. Unfortunately, that is 2 points below the current state qualifying J1 requirement. That state qualifying requirement has gone up every year for the last few years. The quality of junior air rifle scores has really risen in the last few years. Only a few years ago, a score of 575 was a requirement for the US Olympic Team members before they could travel to matches outside the United States. Now we find that score as the requirement before a J1 junior, age 18-20, can even go to the Junior Olympics.

**Matthew Pueppke** fired a 562 for the silver medal and this is an open qualifying score for a J3 shooter. Matthew will get an invitation to go to the Junior Olympic Nationals again this year as an open qualifier. Finally, Ryan Carlsrud fired a 548 for the bronze medal.

If we look at the 2004 match results to illustrate how significantly many of the scores have improved over last year, we see the most improved is obviously Kelsey Hansen followed closely by Loren Vogt. Certainly, improvement is harder at the top of a class, and these results have to be considered along with other match results to see a trend. Still, it is obvious that the overall level of competition is improving at a good pace. All of our juniors can take pride in their accomplishments.

We hope all of our junior shooters can put forth enough effort at perfect practice over the next few months to continue to improve. We again commend the parents and coaches for their efforts.

Since the match, USA Shooting has reviewed the scores from around the nation, and they have issued open invitations to those shooters who show exceptional skill in comparison to those other shooters. Ten year old Soren Butler's score of 542 with his air rifle got their attention, and he has received an open invitation to the Jr. Olympic National Championships. Levi's 573 with his air rifle also got their attention, and he has received an open invitation for air rifle. Kyle Faught also earned an open invitation from USA Shooting, and will shoot the Air Pistol match in place of Matthew. Finally, Matthew received an open invitation to shoot in the Smallbore match.

### Schedule of Opportunities

<b>Apr 2, 3</b>	<b>Indoor Pistol State Championship</b>	<b>Valley City</b>	<b>Brian Kiefert</b>	<b>701-845-0501</b>
Apr 1, 2, 3	Red River Valley Championship	Halstad, MN	Dan Duklet	218-456-2312
<b>Apr 2, 3</b>	<b>Light Rifle State Championship</b>	<b>Bottineau</b>	<b>Gary Siverston</b>	<b>701-243-6413</b>
Apr 24	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Apr 29	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Apr 30, May 1	Highpower, X-course and 1000 yard matches	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
May 14	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
May 15	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
May 15	IHMSA	Williston	Ray Utter	<a href="mailto:rutter@nccray.net">rutter@nccray.net</a>
May 21	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
May 22	Silhouette Pistol	Bismarck	Brent Cusey	701-667-2990
<b>Jun 4, 5</b>	<b>ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Prn</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Jun 4	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
Jun 11, 12	Highpower, X-course and Palma	Bismarck	Leon Nesja	701-663-8818
June 12	IHMSA	Williston	Ray Utter	<a href="mailto:rutter@nccray.net">rutter@nccray.net</a>
Jun 18	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Pistol Regional w/Leg</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Kevin Hertz</b>	<b>701-223-4225</b>
<b>Jun 25, 26</b>	<b>Highpower Regional w/Leg, Team</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
Jul 9, 10	State Games	Minot		
July 10	IHMSA	Williston	Ray Utter	<a href="mailto:rutter@nccray.net">rutter@nccray.net</a>
Jul 16	Silhouette Rifle Match	Bismarck	Tim Frank	701-663-3856
Jul 16, 17	Highpower, X-course and 600 yard matches	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Jul 24	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
<b>Jul 23, 24</b>	<b>ND Highpower State Champ w/Leg, Team</b>	<b>Grand Forks</b>	<b>Denny Coulter</b>	<b>701-746-6959</b>
August 6	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
August 14	IHMSA	Williston	Ray Utter	<a href="mailto:rutter@nccray.net">rutter@nccray.net</a>
<b>Aug 20, 21</b>	<b>ND Silhouette State Champs</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Tim Frank</b>	<b>701-663-3856</b>
Aug 27	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle – Target	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Sep 10	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Vern Hoggarth	701-663-2454
<b>Sept. 10, 11</b>	<b>IHMSA North Dakota State Championship</b>	<b>Williston</b>	<b>Ray Utter</b>	<b><a href="mailto:rutter@nccray.net">rutter@nccray.net</a></b>
<b>Sep 17, 18</b>	<b>Highpower Long Range Regional</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Leon Nesja</b>	<b>701-663-8818</b>
Sep 24, 25	Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
<b>Sep 24, 25</b>	<b>Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle State Champ</b>	<b>Bismarck</b>	<b>Ken Heier</b>	<b>701-255-0675</b>

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5 Year....\$60.00      Junior.....\$5.00      Club 5 Yr..... \$60.00

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### Spring Highpower Clinic – April 29, 2005

Once again, the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle & Pistol Association will host a highpower clinic at the ND Game and Fish headquarters in Bismarck on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will start at 6:30pm. All facets of highpower competition will be covered at the clinic. New shooters as well as experienced shooters are encouraged to attend. The goal of the clinic is to introduce new shooters to the sport to help get them through their first match. We will also discuss the new F-Class competition. NDSSA leased firearms will be inspected issued and/or re-issued at the clinic. These NDSSA firearms are available for lease to individuals interested in highpower competition. If you are interested in leasing a firearm, contact Dennis Coulter (Grand Forks) at 701-746-6959. The clinic will be followed by a cross-the-course match on Saturday, April 30, and then a long range match on Sunday, May 1. Contact Leon Nesja at 701-663-8818 or Tom Thompson at 701-255-4601 for additional details on the clinic or the match.

### NRA Junior Air Rifle Sectional and North Dakota State Open Air Rifle Championship

A record 21 juniors shoot in the Sectional, and a record 22 shooters in the State Air Rifle Championship over the weekend of March 5 & 6, 2005. It wasn't too many years ago that these matches were fired by less than 10 competitors. The level of competition continues to rise. Many of our competitors fired new personal bests in these matches.

The combined age of our top three finishers (Levi Geurts 581, Matthew Pueppke 574, and Soren Butler 565) in the State Championship is only 40 years. Obviously, they have a lot of time ahead of them in which to improve and have fun with this sport of air rifle competition. All three of them together with Kaylee Kuntz and Kelsey Hansen are going to the Junior Olympic National Championships later this month. We wish them all a rewarding and fun experience in Colorado Springs.

Our 2005 North Dakota State Champion found out just how important it is to have friends to support him. When Levi's rifle decided to blow a seal before he could fire even one record shot, Tom Thompson offered his rifle. Tom and Levi were able to meld the stock and trigger group from Levi's rifle with the barrel and other action components from Tom's rifle to put Levi back on the line where he fired a very fine score to win the championship. This is just another example of Tom's dedication to junior shooters. It is also a great example of the value of developing an intimate knowledge of your firearm so that you can be prepared to recognize and deal with a problem like this one. We can always depend on Murphy's Law to throw a problem like this at us at a time when it is most difficult to handle. Tom and Levi did a great job to work through the problem quickly and decisively. May we all be so fortunate.

Rick Jorgenson

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