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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
BISMARCK/MANDAN RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is work in progress to increase our memberships and to give more options for your membership. We have a new member, Cecily Fong to join Bob Johnston as our media relations crew. It will be there job to promote our club and club activity. Hopefully we can show that we have a lot more to offer families and individuals interested in the shooting sports than any public or back door retail store range. As members of BMRPA you have the best opportunity to promote our club to prospective members. Our membership base is the most important part of our club. Without members we could not exist. Make sure you spend time at the outdoor range this summer. We are continually adding more targets and trying to improve your shooting experience. Thank you - Tom Liebel

(Percussive maintenance as a behavior modifier can cure many problems)

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - In case you have not renewed your **2015 Membership** – please do so now. If you are not sure if your 2015 membership is current please contact Al Schirado. Annual memberships run from January 1 to December 31 of the year.

NEW KEYS FOR THE OUTDOOR RANGE – Keys for the outdoor range are issued on an annual basis. Keys for the outdoor range will **not** be mailed - you must pick up your new key in person. Keys are issued at any monthly membership meeting (at the AmVets Club, east Bismarck).

2ND ANNUAL ROUGHRIDER ROUNDUP – The Cowboys will be having their second annual Roughrider Roundup over Labor Day weekend - Thursday, September 3 till Sunday, September 6. This is a Cowboy Action Shoot and all spectators are welcome. They will be shooting a total of nine stages on Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be side matches. Thursday is set up. They expect to have shooters from at least three different states and Canada. **PLEASE NOTE: The OUTDOOR range**

will be closed to all other shooting beginning at NOON on Thursday, Sept 3 till 5PM, Sunday, Sept 6. Hope to see ya'al there. Rod-Iron-Rip

Opportunities for Volunteer Hours – Summer time – or the outdoor season - is a great time to earn your volunteer hours. Every match director in our club can always use some help with their event. Most event directors are at the range the day before their event preparing the range. For example, for my High Power events, I need to mow the grass, whack weeds, prepare the number boards, reface targets and do some work on the target carriers in the pits. I can use help on the day of the event with final set up of the targets, pits and the range. I can always use help running the firing line, checking scores, posting scores, and I can always use a pit officer. Don't worry – we can give anyone some on the job training – we can make anyone a pit boss in about 20 minutes. And same goes for any just about any discipline. Any match director can use help setting up, running the match and taking down equipment once the event is completed. It does not take a lot of effort on the part of the volunteer – just come prepared for the day – bring a lunch and sun screen (for the bright sunny days we get once in a while). If you would like to volunteer for an event, please call the match director. Their phone numbers are listed under Discipline Contacts on Page 2 of this newsletter. The match directors are usually busy the days before the event, so they don't have time to search out volunteers – so take the initiative and give them a call. You'll have a great time, maybe learn some information about the shooting sports, and meet some great people.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR M1 GARAND – The BMRPA is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). If you are interested in purchasing an M1 Garand, you had better hurry. Word is the CMP will be out of M1's in a couple years (or less). The criteria for purchasing an M1 (in addition to other criteria) are you have to be a member of a CMP affiliated club (and BMRPA is) and you have to show some type of marksmanship activity. So take in a match and you will have met the basic criteria (and probably had fun and met some new friends along the way).

The following is a listing of the officers, discipline chairs and other contacts of the Bismarck/Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association.

President	Tom Leibel	663-7149	doubleluckranch@gmail.com
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OUTDOOR RANGE SUMMER SCHEDULE

We're getting close to the outdoor season which means the outdoor range is going to get very busy. Please be aware of disciplines that will start practice in late April or early May at the outdoor range. Highpower practice will be Tuesday nights and Silhouette on Thursdays. There will also be long range practice (1000 yard line) during various Mondays during the summer months. Be sure to check the schedule (in this newsletter and/or on our website) for weekend events and when the 1000 yard range will be open. The main firing line is **open** on silhouette nights, but please be aware that this discipline has the right-of-way. The main firing line is **closed** on Highpower or long range nights since firing is done forward or behind the main firing line. As stated above please be patient and **make sure you check the enclosed schedule and the bmrpa website**. Anyone (and everyone) is welcome to come out to the outdoor range on these nights and participate if you like or just see what's going on – we encourage you to try it out - you might just get involved in shooting sports.

Be SURE to pick up your empty brass and targets after you've completed shooting. We don't want targets to end up on our neighbor's property. We don't have a janitor for the outdoor range or trash cans – so it's up to **YOU** to make sure things are cleaned up and put away after you've completed firing. **This is YOUR RANGE KEEP IT CLEAN - THANKS!**

JUNIOR PROGRAM NOTES – The 2014-15 Junior Marksmanship Program concluded with the Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship on March 28. This year's junior club champion is, once again, Lana Fairbanks. There were some notable achievements from the juniors in our program this year. This year 2 juniors received their NRA Junior Distinguished Marksmanship Award. Those juniors included Number 26 - Brady Fried (Dec 13, 2014), and Number 27, Karsten Klein (Mar 21, 2015). There have now been 27 Junior Distinguished Marksman in our program since it began in 1993. Other notable achievements from matches this past winter included Brady Fried and Lana Fairbanks received invitations to compete at the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Unfortunately, Lana will be attending a program at the University of North Dakota during Junior Olympic Nationals so she will not be able to attend. We have seen some very strong performances from juniors across our State this past season. This year, 15 juniors from North Dakota received invitations to attend the National Junior Olympics.

WEEKENDS AT THE OUTDOOR RANGE – There are a number of weekend events at the outdoor range this summer. Most weekend events conclude by mid-afternoon. Therefore, the outdoor range is usually open late afternoon and evenings on the weekends throughout the summer. Be sure to check the calendar @ **bmrpa.org**.

2015 MULEY DAYS – Muley Days are scheduled for Saturday, July 11. The event is sponsored by the Mule Deer Foundation. It's a great event to get some young people out to enjoy our outdoor range. Please contact Jeff Bourgois – he could use some volunteers for this event - if you're interested in helping please give Jeff a call.

NRA Family Fun Day, July 25 – This is a family event at our outdoor range. The idea is to get the entire family out to the range for a day of fun on the range. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Al Schirado at 355-4118 for details and to sign up.

HIGHPOWER and LONG RANGE CLINIC, Friday, May 1 - Tom Thompson will host a Highpower Clinic at the Johnson Family Marksmanship Center

at 6:30pm on Friday, May 1. All those interested in Highpower, Long Range, and F-Class shooting are invited. There is no charge for the clinic. This year we will put emphasis on long range shooting, long range F-Class and Vintage Rifle Matches (or M1 Garand matches). We will discuss cartridge selection, bullet selection, zeroing at 600 and 1000 yards, as well as other long range topics. We will also discuss range safety, equipment, course of fire, and preparation for long range and over-the-course highpower events. We will have an M1 Vintage Military Rifle Match on Saturday, May 2, followed by a Long Range match. On Sunday, May 3, we will have an 80 shot over-the-course match.

Shooting Sports Schedule for 2015 – NOT enough room here, check our web site – bmrpa.org

Apr 11	Varmint Rifle Benchrest Match	Bismarck	Gary Vennie	701-516-3427
Apr 12	ND Air, Free Pistol State Championship	West Fargo	James Ladwig	701-484-5236
Apr 18	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Apr 19	ND Indoor Pistol State Cham, Standard, Conv.	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Apr 25	USPSA Match	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
Apr 26	Military/Lever Action Silhouette	Bismarck	Jim Volmer	701-226-4156
May 1	Highpower Clinic – issue NDSSA Rifles	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
May 2, 3	Vintage Rifle and Garand (Sat), Long Range (Sat), High Power, X-course (Sun)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
May 9	Varmint Rifle Benchrest Match	Bismarck	Gary Vennie	701-515-3427
May 16	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
May 16, 17	2014 Bruce Alexander Memorial Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
May 16	Bullseye Pistol	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
May 17	Blackpowder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
May 30	USPSA Match	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
May 30	IHMSA Pistol Silhouette	Bismarck	Ray Utter	701-595-1136
May 31	Military/Lever Action Silhouette	Bismarck	Jim Volmer	701-226-4156
May 30, 31	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Prone	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 6	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Jun 6, 7	Military/Lever Action Silhouette	Bismarck	Dave Tokach	701-663-8626
Jun 13, 14	Palma (Sat), ND Long Range State Champ (Sun)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jun 20	IHMSA Pistol Silhouette	Bismarck	Ray Utter	701-595-1136
Jun 20	USPSA Match	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
Jun 21	Pistol Regional w/Leg	Bismarck	Kevin Hertz	701-223-4225
Jun 27, 28	Highpower Regional, 600yd Team, Garand, Leg	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 27	Varmint Rifle Benchrest Match	Bismarck	Gary Vennie	701-515-3427
Jun 28	Highpower Rifle Silhouette	Bismarck	Dave Tokach	701-663-8626
Jul 4, 5	Garand, Long Range (Sat), x-Course (Sun)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Jul 11	Muley Days	Bismarck	Jeff Bourgois	701-426-6966
Jul 11, 12	ND High Power and M1 Garand State Champ	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jul 12	Military/Lever Action Silhouette	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4156

Membership dues schedule follows:

- Individual Membership, \$200/year (\$100 with 8 hours volunteer time)
- Family Membership, \$225/year (\$125 with 8 hours volunteer time)
- Association Membership, \$20/year
- Junior Membership (under 20), \$10/year
- Junior Range Membership (18-20), \$50/year

For members renewing check the date on the mailing label of your newsletter for your expiration date

Name _____ Phone Home (____) _____ Work(____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ @ _____ **NRA Member No.** _____

Please indicate your areas of interest

- Hunting Handgun Silhouette Rifle Silhouette Position Shooting Light Rifle (Smallbore) Combat Pistol
 - Political & RKBA Issues Hipower Competition (National Match Course) Reloading Action Pistol Junior
 - Marksmanship Program Bullseye Pistol Benchrest Airguns Cowboy Action Muzzleloading Blackpowder
 - Cartridge Instructor Coaching I just like to drink coffee and listen to stories w/Leon after Tuesday night shooting.
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