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

Hey, membership is slowly growing again. I want to welcome all of the newest members to our club. I would like to invite all members who don't shoot any competition to try it. We have a lot of disciplines to choose - from .22 at 50 feet to high power rifle at 1000 yards. Any of our match directors would welcome you to a shoot and guide you through the process. Check them out on the web site and give it a try.....Tom Liebel
("Never kick a cow chip on a hot day")

2015 Public Sight-In Days – Oct 3 and 4 –
Our club will be open to the public for Sight-In Days on October 3 and 4. We'll be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday (Oct 3) and 9am to 2pm on Sunday (Oct 4). This is a public event where we try to show case our range to the public. **Volunteers are needed and this is a great way to earn your volunteer hours.** We'll also need help on Friday, Oct 2 to set up and spruce up the range for the event. Please contact Sam May (400-4509) or Tom Thompson (255-4601) for details and to sign up.

Handicap Access Ramp – A big THANKS goes out to Brady Fried (one of our Junior Marksman). The Handicap Access Ramp project at our outdoor range was Brady's Boy Scout Eagle project. The ramp is now completed! Brady spent many hours planning and then working on the project – ya just gotta go out and see it. Brady incorporated a switch-back in the design of the ramp. By doing so – we don't have a ramp that stretches across our parking lot. Rather, the ramp is nestled up against our existing elevated main firing berm. This will make it much easier for those that are physically challenged to get up on the firing berm – THANKS to Brady and all that helped out with the project!

The FFMC is electrified! Another project completed at the outdoor range this summer – we now have electricity! A big thanks goes out to Mike Ripplinger (who spearheaded this project) and MANY others that worked on this project this summer. We now have

electricity in the club house, garage, breeze way and also there are electrical outlets under the main firing line canopy. **We thank the North Dakota Game and Fish Department!!** – 75 percent of the project funding was provided by a grant through the Game and Fish Department. Thanks again to all that helped out with this project!

Gravel on the Road, Parking Areas and Silhouette Berms. The news just keeps getting better and better. Gary Hertz of Stur-D Products provided a semi-truck with a side dump trailer for hauling gravel to our range. Jim Vollmer did the driving and Doug Magnus from Strata Corporation lined up several tons of recycled concrete. The recycled concrete was placed on the road, parking areas, and under the silhouette rails (so the silhouettes fall on the concrete rather than getting stuck in the mud when it happens to rain). Anyhow – thanks to Gary, Jim and Doug for getting this project organized and completed.

THE FALL ADVANCED JUNIOR MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM – The sign-up session for the 2015 Fall Advanced Junior Marksmanship Program will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 24. The program runs from September 24 - December 3, 2015. Participants should be prepared to fire at least 100 shots (or more) per Thursday session. All air rifle shooting will be standing (and maybe some position). All smallbore shooting will be international style - prone, offhand, and kneeling. We will fire on the USA-50 targets for smallbore (not the NRA A-17 target). This goal of this program is to up your game and prepare juniors for the upcoming 2015-16 indoor season and especially prepare for the Junior Olympic Qualification event that will be held in Minot in January, 2016. This program is for advanced Juniors that have previously participated in a junior marksmanship program. If you haven't participated in a junior marksmanship program – please wait for our regular junior program that begins in December (the sign up session will be Thursday, December 3 for the regular Junior Program). Contact Tom Thompson at 701-255-4601 for details.

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

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OUTDOOR RANGE FALL SCHEDULE

We're getting close to the end of the outdoor season, however, there are several events during September and a couple events in October. Please make sure you check the schedule on the web site before you venture to the outdoor range. **Be SURE to pick up ALL 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!**

The HOW-TO GUIDE for Volunteer Hours –

At the end of the year we always have questions on how to volunteer or what activities are there for volunteers. Every match director in our club can always use help with their event. Most event directors are at the range the day before (or the week before) their event preparing the range. However, there are plenty of other ways to earn volunteer hours. We have several club members that have volunteered in sort of unique ways. For example, Kelly Landis has built trophies for several of the silhouette events – these are great works of art to take home (if you happen to be the fortunate winner of the event). Delray Bergan has put his construction skills to work repairing shingles on the indoor range that blew off this summer during one of our "Micro-bursts". Delray has also adjusted the

door on the indoor range many times due to frost heave from the great winters we all enjoy here in the North land. If you ventured to the outdoor range in late August you may have noticed that the 100 and 200 yard backboards were all re-constructed thanks to Kent Kaufman. Sight-in-days the first weekend of October are coming – we need help. The Friends of NRA banquet is coming in Mandan – they can use a LOT of help with the event. We could use some folks to frame pictures and hang them up at the indoor range, water trees, take care of the weeds – we could use an individual to work on the outdoor and indoor ranges in the summer (and fall) doing maintenance as a general grounds keeper. If you see something that needs some work – or if you have an idea – please contact a Board member or come to a monthly meeting – THANKS!

FRIENDS OF NRA FOUNDATION EVENT –

The next Friends of NRA event will be 5:30PM, Thursday, September 24, at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Mandan. Contact Janet Langlie at 701-390-4919 for ticket information. In addition, these folks need help running the event – and the club has approved this event for volunteer hours – so if you need some volunteer hours give Janet a call and help them out with the event. The Friends of NRA Foundation has been very generous to our club over the years – give them a hand.

WINTER SHOOTING LEAGUES – It's getting to that time of year to start thinking about some fall and then winter indoor activities. Why not get involved in a winter shooting league. Just coming out on Tuesday, Wednesday nights or Thursday afternoons and poking holes in paper can get a bit old. So try out a postal league. It's no big deal but it's a lot of fun. There are leagues for just about anything you might have in the closet - pistol, light rifle, silhouette rifle, 4-Position smallbore, air pistol and air rifle. The Light Rifle league is run out of the Bottineau Club. All you need is your gopher gun – any .22 caliber rifle (less than 8.5 pounds) and a trigger more than 2 pounds. They send you the targets – you shoot them and send them back for scoring. Contact Gary Sivertson at 701-243-6413. The Gateway Club from Fargo runs a pistol league that you can fire on our range. Contact Tom Thompson for details. Smallbore 4-Position – club members shoot in the Red River River League sponsored by the Forks Rifle Club. This league has been around since 1939. Call Tom Thompson for details. Air – the Lake Region Shooting Sports Association (Devils Lake) has had this league going for many years now – they usually have about 60 shooters in air rifle and about another 40 shooters

that compete in air pistol – contact Tom Thompson for details. Finally, Dave Tokach has been heading up an indoor paper silhouette rifle league. This league has about 50 shooters. We fire and score the targets at our range and send the results to the league secretary in Wyoming. There is a lot of fall and winter activities going on in the indoor range – so get out there and **Just do it!**

INDOOR RANGE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

We are now getting close to the fall/winter indoor season. Activities will start to pick up at the indoor range in October – so keep tabs on our web site. The schedule will be about the same as past years. The basic indoor range schedule follows:
 Tuesdays – Rifle or pistol – rimfire only (NO centerfire), 6:30-8:30pm, Wednesdays – Pistol night - centerfire or rimfire, 6:30-8:30pm, Thursday afternoon – centerfire or rimfire, 3:00-5:30pm, Thursday night, Junior program, 6:00 – 8:30pm. There will also be a couple Monday events a month starting in late October or early November for air rifle/pistol. As stated, keep checking the schedule on our web site and get off that couch and come out and enjoy our fantastic indoor facility.

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

Sep 19	USPSA Match (indoor)	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
Sep 19, 20	BPCR - Silhouette State Champ	Bismarck	Ken Heier	701-255-0675
Sep 26	Varmint Rifle Benchrest Match	Bismarck	Gary Vennie	701-516-3427
Sep 26, 27	Mid-Range State Champ (convention and F-Class) and Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-477-6687
Sep 27	Military/Lever Action Silhouette	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Oct 3	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Oct 3, 4	Bismarck 16th Annual Sighting Inn Days	Bismarck	Sam May	701-400-5409
Oct 17	USPSA Match (indoor)	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
Oct 24	Military/Lever Rifle Silhouette Match	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Oct 25	Ladies Handgun Class	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Nov 1	Military/Lever Rifle Silhouette Match	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Nov 15	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Nov 21	USPSA Match (indoor)	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194
Nov 29	Ladies Handgun Class	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Dec 5	Military/Lever Rifle Silhouette Match	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Dec 6	Cowboy Action	Bismarck	Mike Ripplinger	701-223-3085
Dec 12	Approved 4-Position Smallbore Match	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Dec 13	Open Air Rifle/Pistol Matches	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Dec 13	Ladies Handgun Class	Bismarck	Jim Vollmer	701-226-4151
Dec 19	USPSA Match (indoor)	Bismarck	Delmer Dyk	701-222-4194

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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