

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN**  
**2018 NRA OPEN 3-POSITION METRIC and AIR RIFLE INTERNATIONAL SECTIONAL MATCHES**  
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2018 Open NRA Air Sectional and our Open 3-Position Metric Matches. Once again we had a great match turnout this year. We had 31 air rifle competitors and 19 smallbore rifle competitors compared to 41 air rifle and 28 smallbore competitors last year. Our best year for this event was 2015 when we had 41 air rifle and 29 smallbore competitors. We were a bit down in attendance, but overall attendance continues to be excellent for our air rifle and smallbore rifle events in North Dakota.

Well – it sure is nice having our large range in Bismarck. This range saved us about 3 hours on Saturday since we are able to run so many air rifle competitors on the big air relay. Thanks goes out, once again, to Pete Fried (Brady Fried's dad). Pete built the air traps 3 years ago for us. This allows us to turn the range 90 degrees and shoot against our east wall. We can have up to 43 shooters at a time for an air event (either air rifle or air pistol). We have now added our own Orion Scoring Machine. This saves our scoring crew a LOT of time scoring targets. This weekend they would have scored exactly 3000 bullseyes – everyone one of them by hand and one at a time. But the Orion scoring machine can score a relay of targets in a matter of minutes (and does it extremely accurately). This is a great improvement to scoring the targets and getting the results posted.

Thanks to our scoring and data entry team this year including Tina, Mary Kay Tokach, and Melody Schiwal. I also had help the running line, setting up targets and overall set up from Dave Hintz, Dallas Quamme, Tom Schiwal, Walt Fairbanks and Dave Tokach (our range officer). Dave Hintz made a great chicken and wild rice soup and Tina made some great chili. You have to attend the event on Saturday to get in on the food. And finally thanks again to all the parents that helped changing targets.

Congratulations to our Air Rifle Sectional winners – Gold – Katie Zaun with a 585, Silver – Megan Hardy - 579, and our Bronze Medalist was Brandon Alexander with a 575. The Buffalo Sharpshooters team of Katie, Brett Christianson, Jordyn Ewine, and Alex Flores fired a 2262/2400 for the team win. And finally congratulations to the Smallbore winner – Katie Zaun with an outstanding 580. Overall, there were several very good scores posted in the matches again this year and the scores continue to improve. As usual, the tough competition in this northern country brings up everyone's scores.

The smallbore (and air) season is upon us. Mark your calendar for the Junior Olympic Shooting Championship matches **scheduled for this coming weekend (Jan 20 and 21) 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 our 50 yard NRA Open Regional Smallbore Rifle Championship on February 24 and 25. 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 North Dakota Junior 4-Position Smallbore Rifle State Championship and NRA Junior Sectional matches will be at our range the weekend of March 10 and 11, 2018. Anyone can fire in our State Championship, however, the high North Dakota resident will be recognized as the State Champion. Finally, we will have our Junior Club championship on Saturday, March 24. 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 (NDSSA) annual convention is in Grand Forks the weekend of January 27 and 28, 2018. We will recognize 2017 state champions and 2017 state records (including Junior competitors) at the Saturday night banquet. The NDSSA annual membership meeting will be Saturday afternoon. Contact Denny Coulter (701) 746-6959 for further information and tickets for**

the Saturday night banquet. There will also be an NRA Light Rifle Sectional Championship on this weekend in Grand Forks. So, bring your sporter 22 rifle along and shoot the match. Contact Denny for match details.

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](http://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 24 and 25.

As stated, this event was scored using the Orion system – you can go online to view all scores and shot groups on the Orion web site. The results from this event can be found at <http://www.orionresults.com/bismarckmandanrpa>.

Tom Thompson

### NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2018

|             |   |             |                |              |
|-------------|---|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Jan 20, 21  | Junior Olympics (Air, 3P Smallbore Rifle)   | Minot       | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Jan 27      | NDSSA State Convention  | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-746-6959 |
| Jan 27      | Light Rifle Sectional Match   | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-746-6959 |
| Feb 3, 4    | Collegiate Sectional, Rifle and Pistol  | West Fargo  | Eric Pueppke   | 701-967-8450 |
| Feb 10, 11  | Junior 3P State and Sectional   | Minot       | Paul Oster     | 701 240-2815 |
| Feb 17, 18  | Open 3P State and Sectional   | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-746-6959 |
| Feb 24, 25  | Open 50 Yard Regional SB Match, 3-Position (any sight)  | Bismarck    | Tom Thompson   | 701-255-4601 |
| Mar 3, 4    | Junior Air Sectional (Standing)   | Devils Lake | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Mar 3, 4    | Open Air Rifle State Championship   | Devils Lake | Rick Jorgenson | 701-662-4760 |
| Mar 10, 11  | Junior 4P State and Sectional   | Bismarck    | Tom Thompson   | 701-255-4601 |
| Mar16,17,18 | Open 4P State and Sectional   | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-746-6959 |
| Mar 24      | Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship  | Bismarck    | Tom Thompson   | 701-255-4601 |
| Mar 24, 25  | CMP/USA Junior Olympic 3P Air Rifle Qualifier Match   | Buffalo     | Dan Geurts     | 701-633-5553 |
| Apr 7, 8    | Light Rifle State Championship  | Bottineau   | Gary Siverston | 701-243-6413 |
| Apr 14      | Red River Valley Championship   | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-756-6959 |
| Jun 2, 3    | North Dakota Outdoor Smallbore State Championships, Position, Prone, 200 yard, (Junior and Adult) | Grand Forks | Denny Coulter  | 701-756-6959 |