

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2018 5-Buckle Overshoe Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2018 5-Buckle Overshoe matches on May 5 and 6, 2018. We had an excellent turnout for our first event of the 2018 High Power Season again this year. All told we had 74 competitors in the 3 events compared 65 entries last year – this was a nice turnout! A big thanks goes out to my match statistician and line helpers - Bob Cunningham and John Hoflen (on Saturday). Bob and John didn't pull a trigger this weekend – but helped out running things and posting scores for me. We had a fairly nice weekend this year – warm weather – but always the challenging winds – I guess this keeps your scope or iron sights knobs exercised.

The 2018 North Dakota High Power Season kicked off Saturday morning with our Vintage Rifle Match. Neil Jensen fired an impressive 292-14x in the Vintage Match (using the Modern Military Rifle) for the high score and a CMP Gold Modern Military pin. However, the Match Winning bragging rights goes to Don Granlie with a 269-5x using the period correct rifle – the M1 Garand (sorry Pryce Pinney – I went through the score sheets and realized that Don had the high M1 score).

We kicked off the long range match at about 12:30pm – we had 33 competitors for the long range event – again this was an excellent turnout. The 15 – 20 mph up and down and switchy winds made the long range event a challenge. Coby Dalglish firing his 243 won the sling event with a 577-23x. Kent Jensen has the 7RSAUM (I think) working and took the F-Open Class with a 552-12x. And Roger Nelson had the 308 working in the F-Target Rifle Class firing a 545-5x for the win including an overall high 20 shot string of 189-3x (high for both the F/TR AND the F/O rifles). We had a nice day again on Sunday. It was warm and the wind was not too bad. Morgen Dietrich fired a 766-15x for the Over-the-Course match win. We had 21 competitors in the course match – another nice turnout.

The next High Power event at our range will be the North Dakota Long Range State Championship the weekend of June 9 and 10. We will have a Palma match on Saturday, June 9. Then on Sunday, June 10 we will have the ND Long Range State Championship. This is 4x20 shot strings (plus sighters) all at 1000 yards. Please plan to attend – pass the word and bring a friend along. Don't forget – in order to be eligible as a state champion, you must be a resident of North Dakota, and a member of NDSSA – another reason to join. As always - Non-residents can compete in our State Championship events. We encourage and welcome your participation. Non-residents can be the match winner however; the high overall resident is recognized as the North Dakota State Champion.

The 2018 Summer High Power season is here. Plan your summer shooting sports schedule **NOW**. **Summer is short in the northern Great Plains – so get going, get outside and shoot.** Don't wait – if you do the summer will be over and you'll have to wait until next year to “get going”. You can check the calendar for all the shooting events for our state at the NDSSA web site (ndssa.org). Be sure to contact match directors so they know your coming and get a copy of the match program. In addition, there are events in Montana and Minnesota. Be sure to check their State Association web sites for match information and match director contacts.

I send out match notices for my matches in Bismarck by e-mail. If you know of someone that would like to get on my e-mail list – have them send me an e-mail at tnt@bis.midco.net and I will put them on my list. Thanks again and hope to see all of you at more events this summer.

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