

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2018 Summer Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2018 Summer High Power Matches on August 11 and 12, 2018. We had a nice turnout for our summer matches this year. We had 62 entries in the 3 events including 11 competitors firing Palma rifles in the sling category in the Palma match. I'm fairly certain that this is the most Palma shooters we've ever had in this state. A few years ago we were lucky to have 3 or 4 guys with Palma rifles – so it's nice to see this number of Palma shooters. We had a nice turnout for our EIC "Leg" match. We had 21 competitors with 16 non-Distinguished competitors so the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) should be able to award an 8-point Leg (the hard leg) and a 6 point leg for this event.

A **BIG** thanks goes out to Bob Cunningham. Bob gave up his weekend to help me run the line, post scores, etc., etc. This makes it way easier for me when I have some help to run the line and all the other things that need to get done at an event. Thanks again!

It was hot weekend – but with low humidity (in the teen's and 20's) the heat was tolerable. I fired a match in Red Wing, Minnesota on Memorial Day weekend earlier this summer. We had humidity in the mid-90's and heat in the mid-90's and not a breath of a breeze – that was hot. Saturday was hot with a light breeze from the southeast. It didn't bother the shooters much in the Garand match. We moved on to the Palma match in the afternoon – more heat and a light breeze from the southeast. That southeast breeze always seems to be a challenge at our range. Often the wind flags and mirage will move in opposite directions – making it tough to fire good scores – but we got through it.

Congratulations to our 2018 Bismarck/Mandan M1 Garand Club Champion – Garth Weber from Valley City. Garth fired an impressive 277-3x over the 300 point course. This was good enough for the Club Champ and a CMP Silver Medal. Also to note – Brady Fried fired the high score in the Garand match (295-18x) firing Russ Theurer's 223 match rifle. Brady's been shooting the smallbore rifle game for a number of years but this was his first ever High Power event. Thanks to Neil Jensen for bringing Aaron Hanson to his first event. That's my goal for the Vintage Rifle events – bring your M1 Garand, your Springfield, your current service rifle – your deer rifle – or whatever rifle you have – find somebody new and get them out here and into the game.

Congratulations to our Palma match winners – Morgan Dietrich (439-23x) in Conventional and Kent Jensen (426-11x) in the F-Class. We only had 3 F/TR shooter at the match – so we had to move those competitors in with the F/O class. I also had an "Any Rifle" class for the sling shooters (but not enough competitors for awards). Travis Jorgenson took the Any Rifle class with a 435-16x shooting the 6.5x55 Improved. Brady and Aaron also stayed for the Long Range event and we welcome another new shooter – Jeff Larson from Minneapolis for his first F-Class match at our range. Again - welcome to the new shooters – I hope you guys can make some more events this summer.

We had a great day on Sunday for the Leg match. Hot again but I figured if we could push the match along we could beat the 100 degree heat and the 20 mph winds that would probably hit us by the time we hit the 600 yard line. Things worked out ok - by the time the last rounds went downrange at 600 yards – and the wind had picked up to that 20 mph range – we were done. Morgen Dietrich fired a 478/500 for the Leg match win. As stated above we had 16 Non-Distinguished competitors in the Leg match – so this is the hard to get "8-point Leg" and this should be the final points that Morgen will need for his Distinguished Rifleman's Badge - CONGRATULATIONS MORGEN! Also – Ryan Karrar fired a 473/500 for second place. This is a 6-point Leg and these are the first "Leg" points for Ryan. Thanks to all that turned out for the Leg match including F-Class Shooter Drew Rutherford who drove over from the Fargo area for the day. See – you can cross-shoot in the high power game – more folks otta try it.

The FINAL High Power event at our range this year will be the Northern Great Plains Regional Championship the weekend of September 8 and 9. This event is a 2 day, 100 shots for record, NRA Long Range Regional Event for Conventional, F-Open and the F-Target Rifle Classes. We will shoot 3 – 20 shot matches on Saturday, and 2 – 20 shot matches on Sunday (with unlimited sighters for each match – so make sure you bring enough ammo). All matches will be fired from 1000 yards. Please plan to attend – pass the word and bring a friend along. This is also the weekend of the United Tribes International Powwow in Bismarck – so hotel rooms are tight. Therefore, if you plan to attend this 2 day event – start making your hotel reservations now! I sure would like to give away a lot of Regional Medallions at the Regional event. I need 5 shooters in a category for the Gold, 10 for the Silver and 15 shooters for the Bronze Medallion – so get your shooting buddies lined up and plan to attend.

Like I say every year - summers are short and winters are long in this part of the country (summers are sooo short). We **ONLY** have 5 or 6 more High Power events this **YEAR**. So make your plans and save the dates. The remaining match schedule is listed below. Thanks again and I hope to see everyone at the rest of the events this season.

Tom Thompson

2018 NDSSA Summer High Power Shooting Sports Schedule

(Be sure to call ahead – and it’s best to Pre-register for State Championships and Regional events)

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Aug 18, 19	Mid-Range Prone Regional, Conv. and F-Class	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-749-6959
Aug 25, 26	High Power Regional, Team, and Leg Match	Billings	Matt Waite	406-208-3440
Aug 25, 26	CMP - Vintage, Carbine, Sniper Matches	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Sept 1, 2	North Dakota Precision Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Jim Ladwig	701-541-0509
Sep 8, 9	High Power Long Range Regional	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-255-4601
Sep 28, 29 and 30	- Leg and M1 Garand Match (Friday) - Mid-Range State Champ (convention and F-Class) Saturday - Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power Match (Sunday)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-550-9969
Oct ?????	Frosty Barrel – F-Class and Conventional (3 x 20 shots)	Grand Forks	????	????