

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2018 Northern Great Plains Regional Championship
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2018 Northern Great Plains Long Range Regional Championship on September 8 and 9. This year we had 19 competitors compared to 25 in 2017 and we had 35 competitors in 2016. So we're down a bit. A few of the F-Class guys attended the Northwest F-Class match in Missoula, Montana this past weekend – so we lost a few guys there. As always, talk with your shooting buddies and get them out to shoot. There are a couple more events this year including the 2018 North Dakota Mid-Range State Championship on September 29 in Rolla and the Frosty Barrel match in Grand Forks in October – check the match schedule at the end of this bulletin.

Thanks to Bob Cunningham and John Hoflen for running the firing line and posting our scores again this year. Thanks also to Alton Nitschke who came out and helped score on Saturday and Sunday. As always – I really appreciate their help – otherwise I wouldn't be able to shoot this event – **THANKS AGAIN!**

We had our usual windy weekend – can't we EVER get a break. Even so there were some impressive scores fired in the wind. The winds were tough on Saturday and not too bad on Sunday. I always love this – everyone hit the road at about 12:30 – 1pm on Sunday and, of course the wind dropped to just about ZERO at the range. Of course just about everyone had gone home – so no one will ever believe me.

Congratulations to our 2018 Northern Great Plains Regional Match Winners, Tom Thompson (Bismarck). Tom fired a 964-32x for the Conventional match win. We only had 9 shooters in the sling category this year so I won't be able to award a Silver Medalist. First in the combined sling category was Morgen Dietrich with a 962-27x.

Well, since we didn't get enough F/TR shooters again this year – I had to combine all the F-Class Shooters. Come on now – I know we have a few more F/TR guys out there – get yer 308 and shoot. Anyhow - Match winner in the F-Class was Eric Johnson with a 976-32x. The silver medal went to Kent Jensen with a 968-26x. The top Sharpshooter/Marksman class was Todd Zaun with a 954-20x

There were no State Records fired this year. However, Eric Johnson's 200-9x clean fired on Match No. 4 Sunday morning was impressive. Also – Eric's 976-32x is a new range record by 2 points (it would be a state record but ya gotta be a ND resident). None the less tho – firing a 976-32x with the conditions we had on Saturday was impressive. Drew Rutherford informed me after the match that there has only been 4 F-Class 20-shot cleans fired at 1000 yards at this range. Drew fired one last year. Brian Shur fired one on 9/11/2016 and Eric has 2 of them – not too shabby (one also on 9/11/2016 and this year Sunday, 9/9/2018).

Well – I can't believe it - the 2018 High Power season is once again coming to an end. There are 2 more weekend events on the calendar this year. **The Turtle Mountain Rifle Club will host an M1 Garand match starting at 10am (Friday, September 28). Then at 12 Noon they will have a "Leg" match.** They started this event last year - so take Friday off - get up early - go to Rolla and shoot the Garand match to get your zero's – then shoot the Leg match. Then on **Saturday, September 29, the Turtle Mountain Rifle Club will host the 2018 North Dakota Mid-Range State Championship.** This will be for Conventional, F-Open and F/TR Classes. As always – non-Residents are invited to our State Championships and they can be Match Winners – however, the State Championship trophy goes to the High North Dakota resident. **Finally, on Sunday, September 30, they will have the annual Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power match (80 shot over-the-course).** Call Andy Johnson as soon as possible to reserve your firing point. Rolla has ONE motel - the Bilmar. So make your reservations soon if you would like to stay in Rolla. If you have never fired at the David Disrud Range in Rolla, you've got to shoot there. Finally, The Frosty Barrel match (F-Open, F/TR and Conventional) will be held in Grand Forks on October 6. Contact Fred Martinez for details.

The next High Power event at our range will be the 2019 5-Buckel Overshoe Match the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019 (that would be next year). I hope to see all of you, and get some more new shooters on the firing line next year. Thanks!

Tom Thompson

2018 NDSSA Remaining High Power Shooting Sports Schedule (it's almost over)
(Be sure to call ahead – and it's best to Pre-register for State Championships and Regional events)

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Sept 28	M1 Garand and Leg Match	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-550-9969
Sept 29	Mid-Range State Champ (Convention, Open F-Class and FTR Class)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-550-9969
Sept 30	Bruce Alexander Memorial Highpower Match (Sun)	Rolla	Andy Johnson	701-550-9969
Oct 6	2018 Frosty Barrel (F-Class and Conventional Matches – also Potluck Dinner!)	Grand Forks	Fred Martinez	701-212-3383