

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2025 Summer Matches
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BISMARCK/MANDAN RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION
FIRE: July 5 and 6, 2025

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2025 Summer High Power Matches on July 5 and 6, 2025. We had a nice turnout for the events with 40 entries for the 4 matches. It's always tough for some folks so get away on a holiday weekend – I always like to attend someone else's event on holiday weekends (I'm not as excited to host events on holiday weekends) – but hey – it's for the Shooting Sports.

Like at our summer match last year – we again had one of those rare nice weather weekends – you should have been here. Great weather, not too hot, not too much wind, but always a challenge at the 1000-yard line (and it was a bit tricky at the 600-yard line on Saturday too).

The 2025 Bismarck/Mandan R&P M1 Garand Club Championship was first on the match lineup. Top shooter in the event was Jess Bush firing a very nice 264/300 with the M1 Garand. There were also a few shooters using the "Unlimited Modern Military Rifle" (current CMP style AR-15 Service Rifle). The top shooter in the category was Jacob Vaagen with a nice score of 285-7x.

We tried out a new event – the M4 Carbine Match (AR-15 with a short barrel). We tried this out to try and get a few of those AR guys out to the range to shoot a match. No shooting jacket required and you can shoot off your magazine in the prone position. Well, only Tom Headrick fired the match – but we'll try again next year to see if we can get a few of those guys out to a match.

Next up the Civilian Marksmanship Program's EIC Leg match. We had 10 shooters in the Leg match – 9 of which were non-Distinguished so we were able to award a 6-point leg. The match winner was Jason Wambolt with a 461-8x. Jason receives the 6-point leg for the match. Jacob Vaagen fired a 457-9x for second and first leather.

We have a few guys now starting to earn some "Leg" points. You need 30 points to be awarded the Civilian Marksmanship Programs "Distinguished Rifleman Badge". The first Distinguished Rifleman Badges were awarded by the U.S. Army in 1887. This marked the beginning of a program to recognize excellence in rifle marksmanship within the military. The Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge was introduced later, in 1903. Civilians were first allowed to compete for "Distinguished" status in 1926. Since the inception program, only 8518 rifle distinguished badges have been awarded and only 5289 for pistol. It's quite the honor for a competitor to be awarded the rifle or the pistol badge.

One of the challenges we have these days is to get enough competitors to compete in a Leg match so we can award "Leg Points". You only need 6 "non-distinguished" competitors to award a 6-point Leg. However, in order to get the Distinguished Rifleman's badge, you need a "Hard Leg". This is an 8 or a 10-point Leg. In order to award an 8-point Leg – we need to have at least 15 non-distinguished shooters fire a Leg match. Seems to me there are enough folks shooting at high power matches – we just need some more of them to pick up an AR and shoot with a sling. So, let's see if we can get more shooters to the 2025 North Dakota State High Power Championship weekend August 23 and 24 in Grand Forks. There will be a Leg match on the State Championship weekend. Of course – there's always the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. This year's National Trophy Individual Rifle Match (the "Leg" match) will be Tuesday, July 29, 2025. If a civilian "Legs" at Camp Perry – this is an automatic 10-point Leg. The National matches at Camp Perry area always a great event – I encourage all competitors to put this on your bucket list.

On to Sunday and the Long-Range event. Again, just about as nice of day as one could hope for. We had a light southwest up and down breeze that did make things very challenging. We continue to improve our efficiency in shooting long range matches on e-Targets. This time we started at about 9:30am and the last shot went down range at about 12:49pm – so just over 3 hours to fire 90 record

shots in 5 matches on 2 relays. Not too bad. We had a bit of a delay while Scott Kyle set up the Shot Markers in Pair Firing mode otherwise, we would have finished sooner (and thanks for the help on this Scott). Pair firing is where 2 competitors shoot together and alternate the string of fire, so you can't just hold off and rattle the shots down range as fast as you can. This forces the shooter to keep a watch on wind conditions since it will be a little longer before you can fire your next shot.

Neil Jensen was the high sling shooter with an 876-38x (possible 900). Kent Jensen took the F/Open category with an 864-20x (again 900 possible). Scott Kyle was tops in the F-Target Rifle category firing an 861-19x. Good shooting Scott!

Our FINAL High-Power event at our range this year will be the Northern Great Plains Regional Championship the weekend of September 5, 6 and 7. The Double-Palma match will be on Friday (90 record shots) and then the NRA Long Range Regional Event on Saturday and Sunday (100 record shots – 60 shots Saturday and 40 shots Sunday). The matches are for Conventional, F-Open and the F-Target Rifle Classes. The Friday side-match (Double Palma) will count for a V2-Point series matches.

Regional Championships are OPEN events – so anyone can compete and win this event.

HOWEVER - SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE REGIONAL EVENT:

Well – since we are able to complete long range events so fast using e-Targets – I am considering changing up the format for the Long-Range Regional Championship. Seems it's not much of a problem to fire 100 record shots in one day on the e-Targets. I could run the entire Long Range Regional Championship on Saturday (100 shots for record) and then have the "Double Palma" on Sunday. Therefore, folks that only want to shoot the Regional Championship could fire the entire event on Saturday. If you have any thoughts on this – please let me know (e-mail, txt, whatever).

I hope to see everyone back here in September and bring some shooting buddies along.

Thanks!

Tom Thompson

2025 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
Jul 11, 12, 13	Perry on the Prairie	Rolla	Coby Dalgliesh	701-370-0634
Jul 19, 20	Approved Prone Matches	Grand Forks	Fred Martinez	701-212-3383
Jul 26	CMP State Vintage Military Rifle and CMP Sniper State Championships	Grand Forks	Tom Reiten	701-775-0008
Aug 9, 10	Mid-Range Prone Regional, Conv. and F-Class	Rolla	Coby Dalgliesh	701-370-0634
Aug 23, 24	High Power State Championship, Leg Match and M1 Garand State Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-749-6959
Aug 30, 31	North Dakota Bullseye Pistol State Championship	Valley City	Jim Ladwig	701-541-0509
Sep 5, 6, 7	High-Power Long-Range Regional – with double Palma match on Friday, Sept 5 (see note above)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-220-4601
Sep 27, 28	- Mid-Range State Champ (conventional and F-Class) Saturday - Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power Match (Sunday)	Rolla	Coby Dalgliesh	701-370-0634
Oct 4, 5	Frosty Barrel – F-Class and Conventional	Grand Forks	Fred Martinez	701-212-3382

This is only a partial list of the remaining high power events this season in our State – go to ndssa.org to see the entire list of events.

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Excellence-In-Competition "Leg" Match - Saturday, July 5, 2025

Competitor		200 YD SF Stand	200 YD RF Sit	300 YD RF Prone	600 YD SF Prone	Match Total	
Jason	Wambolt	84.01	97.01	100.05	180.01	461.08	Match Winner
Jacob	Vaagen	88.01	93.02	92.01	184.05	457.09	
Craig	Dockter	84.00	88.00	95.00	188.03	455.03	
Jess	Bush	84.00	97.01	96.03	177.04	454.08	
Phillip	Fortenberry	87.00	96.03	95.01	176.02	454.06	
Coby	Dalglish*	66.01	82.01	98.06	185.04	431.12	
Walt	Fairbanks	72.00	88.02	75.01	151.01	386.04	
Kent	Jensen	48.00	64.00	77.00	154.03	343.03	
Don	Granlie	58.00	36.00	52.00	106.00	252.00	
Eric	Triplet	46.00	11.00	7.00	0.00	64.00	

Notes: Decimals denote center shots (or X's)

* - Distinguished Shooter

Scores necessary for CMP Achievement Pins: (EIC Match) Gold 486 and above, Silver: 478 - 485, Bronze: 465 - 477

John C. Garand Match - Saturday, July 5, 2025
2025 Bismarck/Mandan M1 Garand Championship

Competitor		Rifle	200 YD SF Prone	200 YD RF Prone	200 YD SF Stand	Match Total	
Jacob	Vaagen	Modern Mil	100.06	98.01	87.00	285.07	Silver Pin
Phillip	Fortenberry	Modern Mil	89.03	96.04	81.01	266.08	Bronze Pin
Jess	Bush	M1 Garand	95.00	91.00	78.00	264.00	2025 M1 Garand Club Champion - Bronze Pin
Coby	Dalglish	M1 Garand	93.01	91.02	78.00	262.03	Bronze Pin
Don	Granlie	M1 Garand	90.01	87.01	78.00	255.02	
Craig	Dockter	M1 Garand	89.01	84.00	68.00	241.01	
Victor	Ludwig	Modern Mil	92.00	91.00	56.00	239.00	
Walt	Fairbanks	M1 Garand	78.00	76.00	45.00	199.00	
Kent	Jensen	M1 Garand	88.00	64.00	42.00	194.00	
Eric	Triplet	M1 Garand	33.00	6.00	28.00	67.00	

Jess Bush wins the 2025 Bismarck/Mandan M1 Garand Club Championship. Jess used the period correct rifle (the M1 Garand rifle).

The M4 Carbine Match

Tom	Headrick	M4 Carbine	99.07	97.02	75.01	271.10
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Since there are so many folks out there that have an M4 Carbine (or something similar) we thought we would try out an M4 Carbine match. You can support the rifle with the magazine in the prone phases - no shooting jacket for offhand. Lets see if we can get a few more folks to try this out next year.

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Long Range Match - Sunday, July 6, 2025

Conventional High Power Competitors - All Classes Combined

		Match 1		Match 2		Match 3		Match 4		Match 5		Aggregate	
Neil	Jensen	199.08	MW	199.10	MW	196.09		141.05	MW	141.06		876.38	Sling Match Winner
Coby	Dagliesh	196.05		195.07		197.07	MW	141.01		144.04	MW	873.24	

F-Open Class Competitors - All Classes Combined

		Match 1		Match 2		Match 3		Match 4		Match 5		Aggregate	
Kent	Jensen	195.09	MW	194.03		196.05	MW	139.01		139.02	MW	863.20	F/O Match Winner
Tim	Morrell	196.05		197.09	MW	192.07		122.02		136.03		843.26	
Clint	Dunwoody	193.07		191.05		187.02		131.01		137.02		839.17	
Cody	Fettig	191.06		194.04		195.08		130.00		126.02		836.20	
Art	Duppong	192.02		187.06		179.01		141.01	MW	136.03		835.13	
Kara	Duppong	183.05		189.04		173.00		128.00		130.00		803.09	
Garald	Gillies	192.06		197.09		192.09		98.05		122.00		801.29	
Evan	Tweed	191.00		197.07		192.06		93.00		89.00		762.13	
Troy	Goltz	195.06		185.06		174.03		dnf		dnf		554.15	

F/TR Class Competitors - All Classes Combined

		Match 1		Match 2		Match 3		Match 4		Match 5		Aggregate	
Scott	Kyle	193.05		193.04		194.06	MW	139.01	MW	142.03	MW	861.19	F/TR Match Winner
David	Rohrich	194.07	MW	195.02	MW	193.04		128.00		132.01		842.14	
Dean	Rohrich	191.05		193.07		188.02		133.01		123.04		828.19	
David	Fettig	193.05		193.05		188.02		125.00		128.01		827.13	
Anderson	Buchanan	188.03		191.03		189.03		129.01		121.01		818.11	
Craig	Dockter	187.02		181.04		174.00		122.00		130.00		794.06	
Walt	Fairbanks	185.01		178.02		177.01		128.02		124.03		792.09	
Candra	Dunwoody	182.05		180.04		178.02		114.00		112.00		766.11	

Notes: Decimals denote x's

Match No.'s 4 and 5 were 15 record shots, pair fired with convertible sighters

There were no awards for this event. Fired for score only.

Since this match was fired for score - I didn't breakout classes. I usually combine classes until there are at least 5 shooters in a class.