OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2026 North Dakota Long Range State Championship Matches
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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2026 North Dakota Long Range State Championship and Palma matches on September 12 and 13, 2026. We had 24 competitors fire the state match this year compared to 33 last year. We had 15 competitors fire the Palma match this year, down from 17 competitors last year. So, we had 41 total entries for the 2 days of matches – down a bit from last year but a pretty good turnout for the NoDak high power group (and a couple out-of-staters – thanks for attending Anderson and Dale).

We had some pretty good weather – cool and a bit breezy on Saturday and just about perfect on Sunday. But even with the excellent conditions on Sunday, it was still quite a challenge. The wind was light out of the east-south east – then in a moment it would change to straight out of the south and take you nearly off the target (or for some guys – off the target).

I would like to thank our line officer Bob Cunningham. Bob keeps us moving as best he can to keep the match moving along. Thanks for giving up your weekend to help keep us in line - I really appreciate your help.

Congratulations to our 2026 State Champions – Tom Thompson (Sling) with a score of 777-19x. Troy Goltz took the F-Open Class (F/O) with a 785-36x. State Champion of the F-Target Rifle (F/TR) was Drew Rutherford with a 747-13x. However, the Match Winner of the F/TR category was Dale Lucy (from Michigan) with an excellent score of 765-21x. On Sunday, Neil Jensen won the “Double” Palma match (Sling) with a score of 866-31x. Troy Goltz repeated as the top in the F/O with an 884-48x and Dale Lucy took the F/TR class again with an 877-35x.

The State Championship row… rolls on. Two weeks ago was the High Power Course Championship in Grand Forks. Last weekend was the Bullseye Pistol State Championships in Valley City. This weekend was the Long Range State Championship. This coming weekend will be the 2026 Black Powder Cartridge Rifle (BPCR) State Championship in Bismarck and in 2 weeks will be the Mid-Range High Power State Championship (Saturday) in Rolla along with the Annual Bruce Alexander Memorial High Power match in Rolla (Sunday).

That’s it for the season from Bismarck. Our next High Power events will be the 5-Buckle Overshoe matches on May 1 and 2, 2027 (so make your plans now).

Don’t forget to contact Coby Dalgliesh (cobykdalgliesh@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend the matches in Rolla on September 26 (Mid-Range State) and/or the Bruce Alexander Memorial match September 27.

As always, if you know of someone that would like to get my match programs and updates – have them send me an email at my address – tthompson4895@gmail.com

Thanks again and hope to see all of you on the firing line.

Tom Thompson

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2026 North Dakota Long Range State Championship

Fired: Septenber 12, 2026

		1000YD		1000 YD		1000 YD		1000 YD		ND LR State Champ	
		Match 1		Match 2		Match 3		Match 4		Match 5	
		Any Sight		Any Sight		Iron Sight		Iron Sight		Match Total	
Conventional Competitors											
All Classes Combined											
Tom	Thompson	193.03		193.05		**195.04**	**MW**	196.07		**777.19**	**State Champ - Sling**
Neil	Jensen	186.03		**194.10**	**MW**	190.05		**197.06**	**MW**	767.24	
Kent	Jensen	**193.06**	**MW**	194.09		187.05		179.03		753.23	
Dale	Toman	190.07		184.04		174.03		178.02		726.16	
F/Open Class											
High Master/Master											
Troy	Goltz	**197.10**	**MW**	**196.09**	**MW**	**199.10**	**MW**	193.07		**785.36**	**State Champ - F/O**
Arvid	Michaels	194.06		193.05		187.00		198.04		772.15	
Tim	Morrell	189.03		185.01		189.01		186.06		749.11	
Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman											
Art	Duppong	**193.03**	**1st**	**193.06**	**1st**	**197.07**	**1st**	**198.08**	**MW**	**781.24**	**1st Ex/SS/Mk**
Cody	Fettig	185.02		186.00		193.02		**197.06**	**1st**	**761.10**	**2nd Ex/SS/Mk**
Cline	Dunwoody	**185.03**	**2nd**	189.01		**193.05**	**2nd**	**193.04**	**2nd**	760.13	
Garold	Gillies	183.02		187.05		188.07		192.02		750.16	
Wayne	Backes	180.00		**190.03**	**2nd**	189.02		186.04		745.09	
Jeremy	Dockter	180.02		180.03		187.04		182.02		729.11	
Wesley	Meidinger	182.02		188.03		177.02		180.02		727.09	
Harvey	Carico	174.01		184.02		170.02		177.02		705.07	
F/Target Rifle Class											
Master											
Dale	Lucy	**195.09**	**MW**	**189.03**	**MW**	188.03		**193.06**	**MW**	**765.21**	**Match Winner - F/TR**
Drew	Rutherford	190.06		189.01		**188.04**	**MW**	180.02		**747.13**	**State Champ - F/TR**
Sharpshooter/Marksman											
Anderson	Buchanan	**188.04**	**2nd**	**188.05**	**1st**	**174.01**	**2nd**	**184.03**	**1st**	**734.13**	**1st SS/Mk**
Candra	Dunwoody	185.03		**187.02**	**2nd**	**186.03**	**1st**	**174.01**	**2nd**	**732.09**	**2nd SS/Mk**
David	Fettig	**189.04**	**1st**	186.01		179.01		169.02		723.08	
Craig	Dockter	183.03		172.01		169.01		173.02		697.07	
Aaron	Carico	172.03		167.00		172.01		169.01		680.05	
Travis	Carico	167.01		179.02		171.00		159.00		676.03	
Walt	Fairbanks	162.00		178.02		160.01		164.00		664.03	
Decimals denote center shots											

Competitors were combined upwards until there were at least 5 to form a class.

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2026 North Dakota "Double" Palma Championship Match

Fired: September 13, 2026

		800 YD	900 YD	1000 YD	Palma	
Sling Competitors					**Agg**	
Neil Jensen	**Match 7**	149.05	147.06	141.05	437.16	**Match Winner - Sling**
	Match 8	150.09	141.03	138.03	429.15	
	Agg				**866.31**	
Tom Thompson	**Match 7**	147.05	147.10	138.03	432.18	
	Match 8	148.04	145.01	138.02	431.07	
	Agg				863.25	
Jess Bush	**Match 7**	148.02	142.01	124.00	414.03	
	Match 8	142.01	143.04	120.00	405.05	
	Agg				819.08	
Kent Jensen	**Match 7**	140.02	138.02	141.04	419.08	
	Match 8	137.02	128.01	132.01	397.04	
	Agg				816.12	
F/O Competitors					**Palma**	
All Classes Combined					**Agg**	
Troy Goltz	**Match 7**	150.13	150.12	148.05	448.30	**Match Winner - F/O**
	Match 8	150.13	145.03	141.02	436.18	
	Agg				**884.48**	
Arvid Micheals	**Match 7**	148.06	147.08	140.01	435.15	
	Match 8	149.07	146.06	145.05	440.18	
	Agg				875.33	
Art Duppong	**Match 7**	149.07	148.07	146.04	443.18	
	Match 8	147.03	141.03	142.01	430.07	
	Agg				873.25	
Cody Fettig	**Match 7**	150.07	148.08	138.02	436.17	
	Match 8	150.10	145.05	138.03	433.18	
	Agg				869.35	
Garald Gillies	**Match 7**	148.09	147.04	140.01	435.14	
	Match 8	150.08	139.01	139.02	428.11	
	Agg				863.25	
F/Target Rifle Class					**Palma**	
All Classes Combined					**Agg**	
Dale Lucy	**Match 7**	150.11	149.07	144.04	443.22	**Match Winner - F/TR**
	Match 8	149.07	146.04	139.02	434.13	
	Agg				**877.35**	
Drew Rutherford	**Match 7**	147.03	142.06	136.01	425.10	
	Match 8	149.04	143.05	124.00	416.09	
	Agg				841.19	
David Fettig	**Match 7**	148.04	141.03	137.01	426.08	
	Match 8	142.01	138.04	135.03	415.08	
	Agg				841.16	
Craig Dockter	**Match 7**	144.04	142.04	125.01	411.09	
	Match 8	142.03	134.00	128.01	404.04	
	Agg				815.13	
Walt Fairbanks	**Match 7**	142.05	133.01	124.01	399.07	
	Match 8	143.04	136.03	108.01	387.08	
	Agg				786.15	
Paul Metz	**Match 7**	138.02	130.01	115.01	383.04	
	Match 8	137.00	112.00	104.01	353.01	
	Agg				736.05	
Decimals denote center shots						

V-Cup Match Aggregate for F-Class Shooters

FPS Points for 2026 V2 Final for F-Class Shooters

		State Match	V-Cup Match	V-Cup Match Aggregate	
Competitor					
F/Open Class		**Match No. 5**	**Match No. 6**	**V-Cup Match Aggregate**	
Troy	Goltz	785.36	138.04	923.40	**V-Cup Match Winner F/O**
Art	Duppong	781.24	141.04	922.28	
Clint	Dunwoody	760.12	133.00	893.12	
Cody	Fettig	761.10	132.01	893.11	
Garald	Gillies	750.16	133.02	883.18	
Jeremy	Dockter	729.11	130.00	859.11	
F/Target Rifle Class					
Dale	Lucy	765.21	133.02	898.23	**V-Cup Match Winner F/TR**
Drew	Rutherford	747.13	136.01	883.14	
Anderson	Buchanan	734.13	130.01	864.14	
Candra	Dunwoody	732.09	129.01	861.10	
David	Fettig	723.08	124.00	847.08	
Craig	Dockter	697.07	122.00	819.07	

This V-Cup match was an aggregate of the State Match Scores and a 20-shot "Paired Fired" match. The 20-shot Paired Fired match was fired after the conclusion of the State Match on Saturday.