

OFFICIAL BULLETIN
2026 NRA OPEN 3-POSITION REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP and Light Rifle Match
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Thanks to everyone who participated in our **14th Annual 50-yard Indoor NRA Open Smallbore Regional Championship**. We had 16 competitors attending the 3-Position Smallbore Rifle match this year – up from 10 competitors last year. In addition, we had 11 competitors fire the Light Rifle match – up from 9 competitors last year. So, the line was nearly full with the 2 relays that we had. Let's get a few more folks out there for next year's events.

Thanks to all that helped out with the event again this year. Our Thursday Junior night crew of parents got the target boxes set up. The scoring and posting scores duties included Tina and Rachel Weigel and Walt Fairbanks and Mary Kay Tokach took care of the Light Rifle scoring. It's always nice to have a little potluck lunch to help us get through the day. Thanks goes out to all that donated the items for lunch (which was mighty fine I might add). Finally, thanks to the guys that helped me set up and break down the range after the event including Walt, Ren, Rick Ziegler, Jacob Vaagen and any others I may have missed. As always, it takes a lot of effort to put on these events and I really appreciate the help!

Some GREAT scores were fired again this year! Congratulations to Brad Yliniemi (Minnesota) - Gold medalist firing an 1185-66x. Our Silver medalist was Tio Brody (Montana) with an 1184-66x and the Bronze went to Jacob Vaagen with an 1182-64x. Yup – those out-of-staters took our Gold and Silver and left! There were some pretty good scores this year including 4 shooters with scores of higher than 1180. Jacob remarked that this is the first time he remembers 4 shooters with scores over 1180.

Jacob Vaagen was the Match Winner in the Light Rifle match with a 900/1000. As I have stated in the past, the 50-Yard Light Rifle target is way more challenging than the 50-foot target. I encourage the Light Rifle shooters to take in this match which I will probably host again next year. Thanks for coming to the Light Rifle event this year.

As you all know - **MARCH MADNESS IS HERE!** The 2026 North Dakota Air Rifle State Championship and NRA Junior Air Sectional Championship (Standing) is in Devils Lake this coming weekend (February 28, March 1) – call Rick Jorgenson **NOW for your relay times (701-662-4760)**. This match has been very full the last few years – the number of air rifle competitors in our state continues to grow – so sign up and shoot.

For you Light Rifle folks – the 2026 State Championship will be the weekend of April 4 and 5 at the Minot Rifle and Pistol Clubs indoor range. Contact for this event is Georgette Bradley **(701-240-6227)**. For you position rifle shooters – Light Rifle is a great crossover sport. I highly suggest trying out the game.

The rest of the 2026 North Dakota Indoor and Outdoor Smallbore Rifle and Air rifle events follow. Check the schedule below and make plans to take in some or all of these events. Get your air gun and your smallbore rifle and your light rifle ready. Be sure to call the match directors listed below to confirm dates and your relay times if you are going to attend some of these events.

Thanks again to all that attended our event. As always, it was great to see so many juniors firing some really great scores. Good shooting and I hope to see everyone back here next year – and bring more of your shooting friends along.

Tom Thompson
701-220-4601

If you would like to get on my e-mail list for upcoming events, matches, results, etc. – please e-mail me at: tthompson4895@gmail.com

Also – be sure to check on the **NEW LOOK ON THE ORION RESULTS PAGE** – looks pretty cool! (the link follows)

<https://results.scopos.tech/match/1.3279.2026021913324252.0/>

Remaining NDSSA Winter Shooting Sports Schedule for 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Feb 28, Mar 1	Junior Air Sectional (Standing)	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Feb 28, Mar 1	Open Air Rifle State Championship	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Mar 7	Junior 4P State and Sectional (Sat ONLY!!)	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-220-4601
Mar 13, 14, 15	Open 4P North Dakota State Championship and Open 4P Sectional	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Mar 21	Bismarck/Mandan Junior Club Championship	Bismarck	Tom Thompson	701-220-4601
??	CMP/USA Junior Olympic 3P Air Rifle Qualifier Match	Devils Lake	Rick Jorgenson	701-662-4760
Apr 4, 5	Light Rifle State Championship	Minot	Georgette Bradley	701-240-6227
Apr 11	Red River Valley Championship	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959
Jun 6, 7	ND Outdoor Smallbore State Champs, Position, Prone and 200 Yard Match, Open and Junior events	Grand Forks	Denny Coulter	701-746-6959

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Competitor	Prone		Stand		Kneel		Match Aggregate	
Master/Unclassified	Agg		Agg		Agg		Score	
Yliniemi, Brad	400 - 30		388 - 14		397 - 22		1185 - 66	Gold
Brody, Tio	400 - 26		387 - 9		397 - 31	MW	1184 - 66	Silver
Vaagen, Jacob	400 - 32	MW*	389 - 13	MW	393 - 19		1182 - 64	Bronze
Hintz, Amanda	397 - 19		388 - 15		396 - 18		1181 - 52	

Expert/Sharpshooter

Koller, Piper	397 - 23		383 - 11	1st	391 - 11	1st	1171 - 45	1st EX/SS
Malmedal, Cady	400 - 32	1st	379 - 11		389 - 16		1168 - 59	
McCann, Jake	400 - 22		382 - 14		384 - 10		1166 - 46	
Wahl, Adisyn	398 - 25		367 - 4		389 - 9		1154 - 38	
Thomas, Jeremy	395 - 17		358 - 6		385 - 13		1138 - 36	

Marksman

Klebe, Taryn	393 - 20		374 - 9		392 - 11	1st	1159 - 40	1st MK
Neva, Remington	395 - 14	1st	368 - 1		388 - 12		1151 - 27	
Anton, Tessa	390 - 14		374 - 6		379 - 9		1143 - 29	
Whillock, Kiley	385 - 12		380 - 9	1st	368 - 10		1133 - 31	
Harper, Travis	388 - 9		360 - 7		378 - 7		1126 - 23	
Winters, Taysen	368 - 4		354 - 3		331 - 0		1053 - 7	
McCann, Luke	384 - 11		297 - 1		370 - 9		1051 - 21	

The number following the "dash" indicate the number of center shots

Notes: Competitors were combined upwards until there were at least 5 in a class.

Experts and Sharpshooters were combined.

For the Prone Match - MW* - Tie broken by Rule 15.7.2 (a) 3

2026 Northern Great Plains 50 Yard Light Rifle Match - Bismarck, ND

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Competitor	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4	Stage 5	Total	
All Classes Combined										
Jacob Vaagen	173		185		182		173	187	900	Match Winner
Jon Sivertson	174		177		181		179	182	893	1st Place
Sheldon Bradley	170		173		176		175	172	866	2nd Place
Jeremy Thomas	171		172		172		175	170	860	
Tim Frank	174		161		164		165	168	832	
Black McCann	152		164		168		154	170	808	
Matt Weigel	147		151		159		161	160	778	
Jim Budeau	122		160		149		166	154	751	
Ren Anton	149		147		162		143	121	722	
Dave Hintz	156		108		169		161	123	717	
Jay Kohls	92		96		82		86	99	455	

The Light Rifle match was fired for score only