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By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator – March 2007

Welcome to the second edition of the 2007 NRS newsletter. The first couple of matches this year have had great turnouts. Missoula had over 50 people for their new shooter match! Bozeman and Billings, likewise, had great turnouts for their first matches.

This year we receive 4 slots for Nationals from USPSA headquarters. Congratulations to the following slot winners:

Bud Larson – L10; Al Pingrey – Open, Frank Cook – Production and Scott Giesick – Limited.

These competitors will be attending the 2007 National Matches.

This year, the slot points for all section competitors will be calculated and displayed on the Billings' club website along with a copy of the NRS bylaws for you, the competitors', information. Shooters interested in going to 2008 Nationals can keep track of their standing on the website. Slot reservations will then be able to be awarded at the end of the Section Championship. See www.magiccityactionshooters.org for further information.

Again, please remember to get out and support your local clubs with set-up, recruiting, etc. Your help is what makes the matches and this sport possible. Bring your co-worker, wives, girlfriends and/or kids. Once they come, YOU know they will have a great time.

We will continue to have a member feedback section where we will publish articles from you, the local shooters, about your shooting experiences or ideas. You can Email me at sdgiesick@msn.com with any of your stories or ideas pertinent to our clubs and the section.

Lastly, there are still some slots open for the Manny Bragg class on June 26. Contact me if you are interested.

See you on the range...
Scott Giesick NRS/SC 07

Calendar

Bozeman

~~March 3 – Club Match~~
~~March 10 – Steel Match~~
April 7 - Special Classifier
May 5 - USPSA 3-Gun
June 2 - Club Match
July 7 - NRS Slot Match
August 4 - USPSA 3-Gun

September 1-Special Classifier
October 6 - Club Match
November 3 - Concealed Carry

Billings

~~March 17 – Club Match~~
April 21 - Special Classifier
May 20 - Slot Match
June 16 - 3-Gun
July 21 - NRS Championship
August 18 - Pat Goodale Class
August 19 - Club Match

September 15-Club Match
October 20-Club Match

Bigfork

April 14 - Club Match (Date changed from April 28)
May 26 - Special Classifier
June 16 - Slot Match
July 14 -Extreme Match-400 rnds
July 28 - Club Match
Aug 25 - 3-Gun
Sep 22 - Club Match

October 27-Concealed Carry

Missoula

~~March 18 – New Competitor Clinic~~
~~April 1 – Steel match~~
April 22 - Special Classifier-6 stages
April 28-29-Max Michel & Travis
Tomasi USPSA class
May 13 - Slot Match
June 20 – 24 - Open / L10 Nationals
June 25-26-Manny Bragg USPSA class

July 8-Single Stack Classic
July 14-15-Glock Factory Match
August 12-Special Classifier
September 6-Club Match
October 7-Concealed Carry

Club

Rep

Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

Welcome to another year of Practical shooting. We are looking forward to the shooting season. Our first match was Saturday March 3, and was a fun match. The April Special Classifier Match stages are now posted on our Web Site.

We are continuing our practice sessions on Thursday nights starting at 6:00 pm. till 9:00 pm, We welcome anyone out to have some fun and practice with us.

Also remember that our matches are the first Saturday of every month and setup is that Friday before the matches, for everyone who would like to come out and help. See you on the range.

I hope to see all of you this year out shooting and having fun at the range.

Good Shooting.
Nick D. Pipinich

BFGC- Bigfork

Greetings fellow shooters, Our club has a full U.S.P.S.A. season planned for 07' with all but 2 of our matches landing on the 4th Saturday of each month from April - October.

Spring is finally here and our range has been a bit of a mud bog. The nice weather over the last couple weeks has helped a lot and it is drying up nicely. By April 14, our first match, the range will be in great shape. Hope to see you all out there.

DVC
Bud Larson

MCAS - Billings

Our March match went very well, 36 shooters, and a gorgeous weather day! Plans continue to form for the Northern Rockies Section match. The match application is now posted on the Northern Rockies page of our website! The match is limited to the first 75 shooters - and I received the first two registrations today! At present count, we have 5 guns to give away - and are still working on number 6, as well as lots of other goodies! We hope you will all join us.

We also broke ground on our new building this week - so by the next time you visit us, the structure should be complete, although finish work will continue for some time - what an exciting time for our club!

We are also promoting the NRS Slot Series this year. We hope you will try to make as many 'Slot Matches' as you can this year, and work towards being a Section Champion!

April will be our Special Classifier match, stages are posted.

Scott Nielsen

BSPSC - Missoula

Our season has gotten off to a great start with a fantastic New Competitor Clinic. We will hold another Clinic on April 15th. Get in touch with me if you have someone that would like to attend.

April 1st is our annual Steel Match and our first USPSA Special Classifier will be on April 22nd. Our annual Single Stack Classic on July 8th will honor our friend George Thompson and will be named the "George Thompson Memorial Single Stack Classic". Please join us in all of our matches.

Paul Miner

Tech Notes

Please take time, early this season to review your rulebook and brush up on things again. It is a great way to break up the Montana cabin fever. You might even surprise yourself and find a rule that you forgot about from last season.

Talk to your shooting buddies. This makes us all better, safer and more competitive shooters. Have fun and get some range time with a friend.

Please send us your opinions so that we can get this feedback to the USPSA. Your voices, opinions and the divisions you compete in are important to the NRS and the USPSA.

Please let us know your thoughts?

Member Feedback

With all the new people joining our clubs, remember to stop and take time to introduce yourself and make these new folks feel welcome. They are the future members of your clubs and your crews at your matches. Listen to what they have to say about our sport.

Share the sport with them and then submit an article on how it went. We need to hear what they have to say.

Practical Shooting can be a great experience to share with a friend or family member. Tell us how it went and what the experience was like. Tell us your story and share the experience!

We all got started in this game somehow—tell us your story!

Deputy Section Coordinator Notes and Tech Bulletin:

I am on the waiting list for Nationals here in Missoula and hope you got on also. I may not make it in the match but will hold out hope and enjoy helping set up and watching. I have enjoyed a couple of matches so far this year and found that even though I have worked hard at getting better that I still have quite a bit of rust to deal with when the gun goes bang.

I wrote about goals and improvement last news letter and I want to continue in that vein this month. In the fall I decided to break my winter work into small sections. After years of watching my weight and physical conditioning go opposite directions my doctor convinced me to get on the track this winter. I bought a treadmill and spent a lot of time on it. This thing was invented by the devil. I must admit that with a little exercise and a bit of self control it is nice to be able to see my shoes and hope to live long enough to be burden to my children. My hope is that improved physical conditioning will also affect the part of my shooting that is not so great, movement. Now that it is nice I will also head into the yard with my timer for some box to box movement (without my gun of course).

Next I followed Manny Bragg's suggestion and bought an Air Soft. What a Blast. The gun cycles like a regular automatic with about ¼ of the recoil. I set up five 1/3 size partials and no shoot covered targets in my basement and worked target transition paying special attention to the front sight. I also used some of the mini popper trophies for steel work. As a note, the 6mm pellets will penetrate cardboard and dent dry-wall. The also hurt if they hit your flesh, right Scott? I ended up not even using pellets and just gassed it up and tried to follow the sights. It was also helpful in strong and weak practice. This is always important as the top shooters really pull away in a strong a weak stage.

I also decided to get most of my reloading done this winter. Wow have bullets, primers and powder gone through the roof. I was just glad to be able to get bullets and I have been all over to get my primers. I would rather not deal with shipping that kind of thing but I think that is in my future. I didn't load enough for the whole year but I have enough **case gauged** (this has to happen to have reliable ammo) for local matches and for the class I am taking from Travis T and Max M. in April. Scott Giesick has gone to a lot of trouble to bring in the top trainers over the last couple of years and it has been very beneficial to me. I hope that if you have the opportunity and means that you take advantage of a class soon.

I will now try to put all these things together for the year and see if I can move my classifier percentage up a couple of points. More important is I will again enjoy shooting with all of you and being outside trying to soak up the great place we live. I usually have to shoot through matches in Missoula as I work Sundays and can only take a couple of hours off without having to work until too late in the day, but you can always call and give section or any other kind of input any time. My home phone is 549-4167 and my email is lmartin@bigsky.net. The offer to have my job remains open to any one who wants it, especially if you are in Billings or Bozeman. Either way I will continue to enjoy writing for the section news and seeing all of you on match day. Don't forget Bozeman on 4-7-07 and Bigfork on the 14th.

Thanks! Nate Martin
Deputy Section Coordinator

Member Feedback: (Letter from Diane Rotering - edited for length)

Although I am new at shooting competitively, I have found some good habits that make shooting a pleasure and a joy. Here are seven suggestions:

1. Pack the best equipment you can find. Safe, reliable, clean guns will produce the best results. Learning to reload your own ammunition will also keep you connected to your commitment to shoot well consistently. It never hurts to practice dry-firing a lot to get accustomed to handling, holstering and aiming your equipment.
2. Have a hero or two. Hang around great shooters who have put in their time to develop skills we seek. New shooters can meet top shooters locally who will show you methods and tips to guide you. You will see the difference it makes in your level of commitment and focus.
3. Start eating sirloin, if you haven't already. You need the strength to persevere in such a fast-moving and exciting sport. Besides, performance is enhanced by a higher level of nutrition. Be done with lesser things.
4. Trade "A's". Addiction to sweets, shopping, toxic substances and other non-essentials can be transformed budget-wise into ammunition. Have enough ammo to shoot everyday, if you want to. Besides, you'll feel better having made a commitment to something that helps you succeed instead of hindering your progress. You'll be amazed at how much money you now have to spend on your development as a "World Class Shooter."
5. Feed the brain complex carbohydrates. Shooting sports are a lot of fun, but require quick thinking and adaptation to the situation. Simple sugars (like pop, candy, etc.) don't have the staying capacity of good clean meat, vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts and seeds. (Recipes available.) Your reflexes will tell it all.
6. Be a winner. All past failures and losses are merely good examples of how not to do it. This shot is my best shot! Function in the here and now. Carry a number around in your (head) pocket signifying your place on the next match results. "You know who" will be first place, so be realistic and put into practice what you have already learned from great shooters, the videos you are watching, the books and articles you are reading, the classes you are attending.
7. Relax and enjoy the fun. Any other attitude just isn't YOU!

NRS For Sale Area:

This space will be used as a free classified section for USPSA shooting merchandise. If you have anything for sale, send me the info and I will post it here.