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Official Monthly Newsletter of the NRS

By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator

Hello to all.

Big Fork club is back on the circuit again and holding matches. Contact: William D. Zerwekh, wzerwekh@centurytel.net for details. Support Bill and the BF club however you can. Good job Bill and crew.

So far our season is going well and hope to see you out on the range. Many great events are still pending and our NRS championship in Billings is just around the corner.

I hope many of you can make it to our NRS match. This is as much a celebration of all your efforts in the NRS as well as a great local and challenging match

Remember to invite a new shooter out to the range when you can. It is a great experience and you may find you have a new club member before you know it.

We have an illuminating local shooter story in our Tech section and continued Member Feedback section. This is a great read and an educational experience for all of us.

I hope to see more submissions from local shooters.

Welcome to your NRS newsletter –Gene R. Pipinich/SC

Calendar

Bozeman

August 6, 3-Gun Match

September 3, Special Classifier

Billings

July 16th - Big Sky State Games

August 20th - SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

Bigfork

See BF area of the newsletter for details.

Missoula

July 31 - MT Single Stack Classic

August 14 - Special Classifier

Club

Rep

Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

Hope summer is going well for everyone. We have been having regular, scheduled practices and introducing quite a few new competitors into the fun and exciting world of practical shooting. If you see these competitors out on the range or at the matches please welcome them and assist them with any questions or problems. Our next match will be in August on the 6'th. It is our second 3-Gun and looks like it is going to be a lot of fun. For those of you that do not have all of the weapons, please don't be hesitant on asking to borrow someone else gun to try the match. Please remember that if you are going to borrow someone's weapon to make plans in advance so that you have the right ammo and enough of it for the match. See you all on the range. Nick

BFGC- Bigfork

We now have a plan for the rest of the year. At our recent match, we had 5 stages, 115 rounds minimum, 22 shooters. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We will continue to have matches on the fourth Saturday of each month (Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22), we may have to reschedule November since it conflicts with Thanksgiving and December since it conflicts with Christmas. December, Jan, and Feb may not make it if the snow gets too deep or if it gets too cold. We are not going to award trophies since there are only one or two shooters in each class/division, so I intend to have a little lunch (hamburgers, chicken, etc) after the matches while we wait for the scoring to be completed. Nothing too elaborate, I only have between 2 and 3 \$ per shooter. At least we will try that in Aug to see how the shooters like it. DVC-----Bill

MCAS - Billings

Our Big Sky State Games match went very well, with 36 shooters in attendance, and lots of special 20th Anniversary Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals given out!

We are working hard preparing for our first time hosting the **Northern Rockies Section Championship!** It will be on **August 20th!** Please go to our website and get the match application form, and pre-register. The embroidered match hats are only guaranteed to the first 48 registered. We will be giving away some really nice trophies for this match, and will include class winners as well!

Keep an eye on our website for more details, stage descriptions, etc.

Also - there are some other exciting events taking place in Billings that same weekend. The World of Outlaws sprint cars are in town Friday and Saturday night (<http://www.bmpracer.com/>), and the NHRA Divisional drag races are here that weekend also! (<http://www.raceimsp.com/>). Plus!! - that will be the final weekend for the MontanaFair also!

(<http://www.montanafair.com/>)

Scott

BSPSC - Missoula

- **July 31, 2005 at the Deer Creek Shooting Center, Missoula, MT**
- **6 stages - 150 rounds minimum**
- **Match Fee \$20.00**
- **Registration: 9:00 AM**
- **Shooting starts: 9:30 AM**
- **See 1911 Society rules.**
- **We will use your current USPSA Limited or Limited 10 classification**
- **Trophies awarded in each class**
- **THIS IS NOT A USPSA SANCTIONED EVENT**

Joel

Tech Notes

A story worth everyone reading~~~

I went to Libby for the Montana Stock Gun Championships (July 17, 2005) and had an important experience. I was shooting my friend Scott's Para as my gun was away getting some work done. I had just finished shooting Stage 7, a run and gun kick the door and shoot as fast as you can stage, and was given the "unload and show clear" command. I looked down to see the gun was not quite in battery and showed Scott who was the RO on the stage. Wow, how lucky can you get, a failure to feed AFTER your done shooting. I dropped the mag, put my hand at the back of the slide and tried to eject the round and it was in pretty tight. I moved my hand to the front cocking serrations and hit the grip with my shooting hand and it did start to extract the round, unfortunately it pulled the round into the extended ejector and the round went off. Frank was score keeper and ask me to "show him my hands", well my hands were fine BECAUSE they were away from the ejection port, if they had not been I would be short some fingers today. Scott took a pretty good piece to his chest (and ruined his 2004 Nats shirt) and I dug some brass out of my leg but that was the extent of the damage. It could have been much-much worse. This brings up a few important points

~~Continued in Members feedback~~~

Member Feedback

1. Keep your hand away from the ejection port.
2. If you load your rounds long, make sure they completely clear the barrel and ejection port when ejecting a loaded round.
3. Buy good safety glasses!
4. Ask your gun smith about the length and shape of your ejector
5. Go easy when ejecting a stuck round.
Least important, know that a detonation is not a DQ. I gave myself the boot and none of us knew a detonation is not a DQ. I don't know if I could have kept shooting anyway. Nate

NRS SC/05~~~~

This experience can happen to any of us. This is a story to learn from and share with others. Shoot well and shoot safe!!