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By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator – March 2007

Hello from your new Section Coordinator and welcome to the 2007 shooting season. This year is shaping up to be a very eventful shooting season. We have everything from the Open/Limited 10 Nationals in Missoula to the Section championships in Billings to multiple 3 guns at most of the clubs. It should be a very exciting season for the NRS.

Please remember to get out and support your local clubs. Your help is what makes the matches and this sport possible. This includes bringing new shooters to a match. Don't limit yourself to your buddy. Bring your wives, girlfriends and kids, too. Most of the clubs have "new shooters shoot for free (or a reduced fee)" policy. Once most people shoot a match for the first time, they will want to do it again.

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, we have two excellent shooting classes in Missoula this year. Max Michel and Travis Tomasi on April 28 & 29 and Manny Bragg on June 25 and 26. There are still some slots open for both these classes. Contact me if you are interested.

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

Calendar

Bozeman

March 3 - Club Match	September 1-Special Classifier
March 10 - Steel Match	October 6 - Club Match
April 7 - Special Classifier	November 3 - Concealed Carry
May 5 - USPSA 3-Gun	
June 2 - Club Match	
July 7 - NRS Slot Match	
August 4 - USPSA 3-Gun	

Billings

March 17 - Club Match	September 15-Club Match
April 21 - Special Classifier	October 20-Club Match
May 20 - Slot Match	
June 16 - 3-Gun	
July 21 - NRS Championship	
August 18 - Pat Goodale Class	
August 19 - Club Match	

Bigfork

April 28 - Club Match	October 27 - Concealed Carry
May 26 - Special Classifier	
June 16 - Club Match	
July 14 -Extreme Match-400 rnds	
July 28 - Slot Match	
Aug 25 - 3-Gun	
Sep 22 - Club Match	

Missoula

March 18 - New Competitor Clinic	July 8-Single Stack Classic
April 1 - Steel match	July 14-15-Glock Factory Match
April 22 - Special Classifier-6 stages	August 12-Special Classifier
April 28-29-Max Michel & Travis Tomasi USPSA class	September 6-Club Match
May 13 - Club Match	October 7-Concealed Carry
June 20 - 24 - Open / L10 Nationals	
June 25-26-Manny Bragg USPSA class	

Club

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Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

Welcome to another year of Practical shooting. We are looking forward to the shooting season. Our first match will be Saturday March 3, 2007. The stages will be posted on the WEB as soon as possible We are going to be starting our practice sessions in March and they will be every Thursday night starting at 6:00 pm., going till 9:00 pm, We welcome anyone out to have some fun and practice with us. If you meet someone who wants to shoot or give USPSA a try, please invite them out to have some fun with us all.

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. Our June match will be on the 2nd. Saturday so we can go to the nationals (and maybe even get to shoot) in Missoula. Our club is still struggling to pull together a "core" group but we have made huge improvements to our program. Please come support us this year. Our first match will have a new shooters safety class and we encourage everyone to bring a "newbie" along by offering all that do so a \$5 discount on match fees. All first time shootersshoot free.

DVC
Bud Larson

MCAS - Billings

We will be kicking off a very full and exciting 2007 season in just a few weeks on Saturday March 17th!
We have lots of exciting news for this year. We will be constructing a new building at the pistol range in the coming months, with a meeting room, more storage, and a covered patio! We are planning 2 Sunday matches this year, to help people shoot, that have to work on Saturdays (May and August). We have a class planned in August with Pat Goodale, AND - we are thrilled to announce that we will be again hosting the Northern Rockies Section Championship! The NRS match will be held in July, and will feature a very nice list of prizes, including several guns to be given away! (all will be by random draw, not match finish) Watch for more information on this exciting match in the near future.

Also, I would like to announce a new program for the Section this year. We are going to expand the Section Slot Series to not only determine the winners of Nationals slots, but to also crown Division champions for the section, based on your performance at the slot matches (1 at each club), and at the Northern Rockies Section Championship (counts double). There will be a page on our website to track the leaders, and the winners will be crowned at the NRS Championship match! More info to follow on this also!

See you all at the range in a few weeks!
Scott Nielsen

BSPSC - Missoula

BSPSC's season will be kicking off on March 18th with our New Competitor Clinic. Our match dates are posted on our web site and the stages will be posted soon. You can find info regarding the Nationals (Open & Limited 10) posted on the USPSA web site under the "Nationals" tab. If you want to help with working the match, you need to submit an application to USPSA. That link is also found on the "Nationals" page.

BSPSC will again host a GSSF match this year on July 14th & 15th.....if ya got a Glock or can borrow one, you should shoot this match. It is a lot of fun and it can be very rewarding.

The BSPSC has designated the May 13th match as our NRS Slot Match.

We also want to congratulate Scott G on his election as our new SC as well as giving Gene P a huge thanks for his dedication & job well done as our previous SC.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this year.....
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.

I would like to hear from all club members their thoughts on the provisional Single Stack Division. Weather you shoot that division or not, 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 again pleased to serve as Deputy Section Coordinator. I am however willing to give my position up to anyone who wants to make a commitment to this years shooting season. It requires no more than a little writing and listening. Having both Section Coordinator and Deputy from one club is not the best situation but until we get a volunteer that is how it will be.

This year has many exciting opportunities for shooting. As mentioned above Missoula will host Open/Limited 10 Nationals. I for one hope to get a slot but will help build the match at the very least. The following email if from Kimberley Williams at USPSA:

“The wait list opens at midnight on the evening of March 28th. Your members may sign up via the link that will be at that time at www.uspsa.org/members. They'll need to fill out the short form there to get on the list. That's midnight eastern time, by the way. So, 10:00 p.m. mountain.”

You will need a credit card to get on the list. Good luck.

I have some goals for this year and they might be similar to yours. I want to get in better shape for shooting and so I can live a long time; I want to practice every week and shoot a lot of matches, but mostly I want to have fun. Competition can lead to frustration and anxiety and I am shooting to get rid of those feelings. I often talk with shooting friends about competing and who we are competing against. I believe, and many do not, that we compete only against our selves. If I shoot a stage to beat Manny Bragg, not only will I not beat him but I will probably not do what I do best.

I will write about what I am doing to meet these goals in the next news letter. Let me hear what you are doing to get better and have more fun. My email is lmartin@bigsky.net .

Deputy Section Coordinator
Nate Martin