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Official Monthly Newsletter of the NRS

By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator

Hello from the SC. Our clubs are all very busy kicking off the shooting seasons.

We are of course in the middle of a Rocky Mountain springtime, which essentially means wait 5 minutes and the weather will change.

Remind your new club members of you experiences if they travel or when they head out to a match. Mornings are cold, early afternoons hot and late afternoons rainy.

Many folks can show up unprepared and end up having a lousy match. A bit of advice and preplanning can make all the difference if those folks having a good match. Please take time to share your experiences and you will most likely find a more consistent and well prepared competitor at the next match

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

Welcome to your NRS newsletter
Gene R. Pipinich NRS/SC 06

Calendar

Bozeman

- May 6, 2006 - USPSA 3 - Gun
- June 3, 2006 - Club Match
- July 1, 2006 - NRS Slot Match

Billings

- May 20th - (man-on-man after the match)
- June 17th - 3 Gun
- July 15th - Big Sky State Games
- Aug. 19th - plus long gun side stage

Bigfork

Matches are always scheduled on the 4th Saturday of each month
March thru October

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| May 27 | Jun 24 | | |
| Jul 22 | Aug 26 | Sep 23 | Oct 28 |

Present format for all matches is 5 stages, 100 to 120 rounds total, with one stage being a classifier submitted to USPSA

Missoula

- May 14 - NRS Slot match w/ 1 classifier and 4 club stages
- June 11 - Club match w/ 1 classifier and 4 club stages
- July 9 - 5th Annual MT Single Stack Classic w/ 6 club stages

Club

Rep

Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

We have a great season shaping up again this year. Are next match is our 3-Gun match, with a lot of fun and challenging stages. Take a look at our webpage for the match stage designs. We hope to see everyone come out and enjoy the fun and exciting match.

Look for our Section championship application coming really soon. We are just trying to finish everything up for the stages and layout and then we will get the application out to everyone. That match is going to be held in August.

Remember for everyone that our practices are every Thursday evening from 6 to 9. 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.

Nick D. Pipinich

BFGC- Bigfork

Our first match of the season went well with 11 competitors. We hope to continue our rebuilding process and have so me good fun as we go.

Matches will be set up on Friday afternoon preceding the Saturday match. Cardboard targets will be added Saturday morning starting at 8:00 am, with the shooter briefing and walkthrough at 9:30 am. Shooting will begin at 10:00 am.

As with last year, we will have a lunch (included with match fee) for all participants while the scoring is completed. Fees this year will again be \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Volunteers for the Friday setup are always welcome. With more help, we can have more complex props yielding more interesting stages.

This year USPSA is recognizing single stack 1911s as a provisional division. Call Bill Zerwekh at 257- 0652 if you are interested.

MCAS - Billings

We are off to such a great start in 2006! We had great turnout in March, completed our first-ever Level 1 Range Officer Class April 8th-9th, and just set a new attendance record of 47 at our April match - the most shooters we have ever had!!

Remember that this is a volunteer sport - and thank the new R.O.'s that just volunteered their weekend, and money, to get certified - we can't do it without them! Don't forget to look for their names in the next Front Sight magazine! Thanks Guys and GALS!! That's right - 3 of the new R.O.'s are ladies - WAY TO GO!!

Our upcoming match in May will be our 'Slot Match' - so we hope you will all come out for that. June will be our 3-Gun, and of course the Big Sky State Games in July! We look forward to seeing you all at the range!

Scott

BSPSC - Missoula

The BSPSC season is heating up with a very successful 49 competitors at our Steel Match.

May 14th will be our NRS Slot Match. June 11th will be a 5 stage match to warm up before Area 1/06 in Portland OR.

Also, on June 24th & 25th we are sponsoring our 1st GSSF (Glock factory match)...bring your Glocks and have some fun. July 9th will be our annual Single Stack Classic and the provisional USPSA SS rules will apply.

Please come and join us in the fun.

Paul

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.

Our new DSC (Deputy Section Coordinator) Nate Marten has written and extended article which you will find as the last page of our newsletter. Take time to check this out and let Nate and I know your thoughts. We are working hard together to help represent you and provide usable information to all section members.

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!

Nate Marten DSC

Classifiers are often a mystery and frustration to shooters both new and experienced. I often hear speculation about where a classifier will score on the USPSA system and unless there is a top flight GM shooting the match and he has a good run on the stage there is really no way to know. Recently the Ohio Section put a classifier calculator on its web sight. Please read the disclaimer before using this site.

http://www.ohiouspsa.com/calculator_scripts/percentage.php .

There are also some other very useful calculators on this page including: [Power Factor Calculator](#) , [Muzzle Energy Calculator](#) , [Hit Factor Calculator](#) , [Reloads Cost Calculator](#) .

After shooting with a few top GM's and taking a few classes I can report that the message on shooting classifiers is universal. For your top score you must shoot at least 95% of the available points. On a 60 point stage you need 57 points; 2 D's and your done. I try to accomplish the basics on classifiers:

- Make a smooth draw with a good index on the first target and array
- Have a clear sight picture on each shot
- Make *fast* transitions between targets
- Make smooth reloads if they are needed.

There are some classifiers that fall in a little different category. Strong/Weak shooting on most Classifier stages is pushed almost out of reach by the top GM's. I did a little research from some of our local matches and did not find one person who had a strong weak classifier that scored towards their classification. If you have one let me know. The 40 to 50 yard stages also seem to be in this group.

On a different note USPSA will put you in your top classification when you shoot Single Stack. If you are B in limited and C in Production, you are a B class Single Stack shooter. Also I have heard some clubs have decided to no longer allow reshooting stages with other guns for classification purposes. I don't know why, but it may be due to the amount of time it takes before you can tear down the stages. I wonder if shooter would be willing to loose the non classifier stage for a chance to reshoot one stage with a different gun. I would probably fall into the group that wants five stages. What do you think.

The last thing I wanted to mention was that our section does not coordinate classifiers. It seems each year that we shoot that same classifier at two or three of the sections clubs. Do you like this, as you get a chance to try again on a particular stage? Or do you want a different classifier at every match. Some classifier selection is a matter of convenience. If there are four big stages to set up a short setup classifier may be a necessity.

Remember that each club is independent and can do what it wants but you can have some input. Let me know what you think. See you soon.

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