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By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator – May 2007

Welcome to the May edition of the 2007 NRS newsletter. The matches so far have had great turnouts and have been excellent matches.

The slot matches are coming up in the May & June and the section championship is right around the corner in July. 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. I urge everyone that can to try to make it to Billings for the section championship. Mr. Nielsen and the MCAS shooters have put a lot of effort into creating a premier match for competitors and I think everyone will be pleased.

Again, please remember to get out and support your local clubs with set-up, recruiting, etc. There has been excellent turn-out at the matches. With the increase in shooters, the clubs are going to need more people helping, so please help where you can.

Lastly, there are still some slots open for the Manny Bragg class on June 26. Contact me if you are interested. The class with Max & Travis was amazing. These top-notch shooters have a ton of useful information. They are well worth the time & money.

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

Email me at sdgiesick@msn.com with any of your stories or ideas pertinent to our clubs and the section.

Calendar

Bozeman

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

~~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

Billings

September 15-Club Match
October 20-Club Match

~~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

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

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

~~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

Club

Rep

Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

Our April Match went well and a special thanks for everyone who helped out and ran the match. Our next match is our 3-Gun and it is on May 5. The stages are posted on our website. It is going to be a fun and challenging match. We look forward to see you all out on the range.

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. The weather is getting better and the light is staying longer so that practice sessions are going well.

This is a good place to ask questions and bring out a friend to introduce them to our wonderful sport.

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.

Good Shooting.
Nick D. Pipinich

BFGC- Bigfork

Thanks to everyone who came to our April match!! Our club greatly appreciates your support! We had 26 shooters! and the match ran pretty smoothly. This was my first go at M.D. and I learned alot and had a good time. I would like to give special THANKS to our stats gals. Heidi Kaibel and my wife Karen. They did an awesome job! It was their first match and they literally figured it out by themselves!! Thanks also to Bill Z., Zach C.,Tom K. and ALL of you for your help in setting up/tearing down the match.

Our next match is May 26 hope to see you out there!
Bud

DVC
Bud Larson

MCAS - Billings

The major part of our building construction is complete! (finish work will follow) We hope you will all come and check it out at our matches!

Slot Match this month - **NOTE: SUNDAY - May 20th - NOT SATURDAY LIKE USUAL!** June will be the 3-Gun, also Pat Goodale is putting on a tactical rifle class in June. Preparations and pre-registrations continue for the NRS match in July - don't miss out!

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!

Scott Nielsen

BSPSC - Missoula

The BSPSC had a fantastic Speciaal Classifier match on 4/22.....51 competitors. Thank you to all that participated. Another match on May 13th and then the Open/Limited 10 Nats in June. July will bring 3 Missoula events....our annual Single Stack Classic on July 8th and our 2nd GSSF (Glock) match on July 14th & 15th.

Also, MSSA will have their annual Bowling Pin Match on July 22nd.

Please come and join us.

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:

Like many of you I will shoot the Nationals here in Missoula in about a month. It is very exciting and everyone wants to shoot their best. I will go to the range and shoot as many rounds as possible and try to be prepared, but there is a good deal of work that can be done at home. I like having a plan and I will share my plan with you. Shooting a stage requires combining a series of skills. I like to work on as many of those skills at home as possible. To work on my home plan I need the following:

- Gun, holster rig and a few empty mags
- A timer
- Targets (I use 1/3 size cardboard painted in all partial combinations with a few white ones for no shoots).
- Copies of the stages for the match (now available on-line under the Nationals tab on the USPSA site).

I will break each stage down into what I know and what I think. What I know is the draw position. There are many variations on the draw this year and it is important to work on each one. I make a list that includes hand, foot and body position as well as whether I will shoot from the draw or move. If I move I list the direction. I will also want to draw to the first target I anticipate shooting. Work through the variables for hand positions; hands flat on X's could be low on the wall or high on the wall, try many variations.

Next I will try and anticipate the order in which I think I might shoot the targets. This definitely falls under the "what I think" portion of my plan. You will have to decide when you see the stage how to shoot it but thinking through your options now can only help. If you have a shooting buddy ask them their plan and then give them your plan and see what they think. The order in which you engage will also dictate where you reload. For open guys there are many fewer decisions but for us L10 folks there are many options and you have to consider the risks. Will you try to shoot two positions without a reload if there are 9 shots including two pieces of steel? Lots to think about.

Next I want to look for memory stages. The stages as posted are intentionally vague (I assume) in description to allow for flexibility within the walk through instructions once the stage is constructed. If you see a memory stage it can be beneficial to see others shoot it. Pick a plan and carry it out. If the shooter right before you comes up with a great plan you will be ahead to shoot your plan. Changing plans on the fly is often disastrous. I am not a fan of memory stages but they are a reality so get a plan.

After I work through all this I will find I have skills that need work. Reloads from your third or even fourth mag holder, moving backwards with a gun, bad shooting positions are all easy to work on at home. Also once the range is open to inspection you should go and look the stages over. This is a huge advantage for the local shooter. As many of us will work building one stage you will at least get a feel for that stage.

In preparation for the match I will clean my gun, case gauge my ammo, chrono it to make sure it makes major and clean my mags, and keep cleaning them every time they end up in the dirt. This includes single stack mags. Did I mention that you should chrono your ammo? As someone who had 165.2 power factor ammo at an area match I can speak from almost terrible experience. Last, I always try to remember that I am there to have fun. I probably won't win a gun or a pile of cash so I can do my best to compete against the only person that counts, me. If you shoot a match that you are happy with you win. Go watch the super squad, they are serious but seem to have fun and support each other. Good luck.

Thanks! Nate Martin
Deputy Section Coordinator

Member Feedback:

For all of you who are scoring the matches, please be sure that every time you sent up your match or the day before your matches, check the USPSA website for program updates and for the classifier & Classification updates. I know this may sound very tedious for you to have to do, but if you don't it can turn around and bite you in the butt. I wanted to pass this onto you all because of the situation that I ran into on our last match. It was our first time running a six stage classifier match and I did not get the latest update to the program 2.29 and when I submitted the match results to the USPSA it did not submit the correct results and the amount of money owed to the USPSA. I had to do a lot of finagling with the USPSA to get it corrected and it was a simple issue of me not updating the program the day before the match. I checked for the updates 1 week prior and the updates were not there at that time. A lesson learned for me is that a little time right before the match makes up for a lot of time after the match. Good scoring to everyone.

Nick D. Pipinich
Gallatin Action Shooters.

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.