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Official Monthly Newsletter of the NRS

By the NRS

for the NRS

From the Section Coordinator

All our clubs are now conducting their last matches and nearing the end of our shooting season. I am also coming to the end of my elected term as your SC. As I have stated and continue to promote for our section, we are comprised of many different people, with many different individual schedules. But there are numerous opportunities to help make this sport successful and your clubs active.

We will be conducting our elections for the 2007 season, most likely in early January to kick off our next season. If anyone is interested in the SC position, please contact your club rep and express that to them to be considered for nomination. All I ask is that you take this position seriously and if you volunteer, take the time to do the job right. Your local shooters depend upon you as a guide and representative of all our clubs as a section.

We need your help and participation. The more help we get the better it is for everyone, the better our clubs become and the better our matches are. No matter what you are able to do, please consider helping out at some level of your sport. Because it is your sport; and it relies on your participation to succeed. Just like stage analysis, the amount of time we actually press the trigger is very short compared to how we got there. These chores need your help so we can all press that trigger just a little bit more.

We need your participation!!

Gene R. Pipinich
NRS SC/06

Calendar

Bozeman

November 4, 2006 - CCW Match

Billings

Check WEB site for possible reschedule of last match.

<http://www.magiccityactionshooters.org/>

Bigfork

No further matches this season

Missoula

No further matches this season

Club

Rep

Advisory

GAS - Bozeman

November 2006 Newsletter Info:

Thank you for everyone who came out and helped us setup then tear down for the 3-gun. Unfortunately we had to cancel our 3-Gun due to very bad weather and the 3 inches of standing water on the ranges. We were not able to move it to another weekend in October due to the heavy use on the range before hunting season.

Our November Match (the 4th) will be a Concealed Carry match, we will NOT require you to be concealed for the classifier stage, but encourage it for the rest of the stages and to qualify for trophies you will need to be concealed, unless you are shooting in OPEN division.

We are going to try practices on Thursday only if the weather permits, we will try and keep you all informed when we are planning to go out; you may want to drop an e-mail to us first if you are going to try and go out for practice.

See you on the range. Nick D. Pipinich

BFGC- Bigfork

No news reported

MCAS - Billings

We have completed another great season of shooting here in Billings. While the winter break can be tough to be away from competing, it also gives our volunteers a great opportunity to recharge their batteries, and prepare for another busy season, which will be upon us in no time!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer match directors / practice night coordinators -- **Dan Hillner, Jason Bednar, Craig Boyd, Trent Wallis, Larry & Suzanne Erpenbach, and Jen & Ty Adams!** You are all such a great, tireless team of people, who donate so much time and effort. We could not begin to produce the quality of matches that we do, without all of your collective efforts! I appreciate you, I salute you, and I thank you so much for all of your efforts!!!

We have introduced many new competitors to the sport this year, and a few junior shooters as well! Next year we will continue to pursue our passion of spreading the word, reaching out to new shooters, and doing all we can to bring junior shooters in to share our sport.

Sincerely,
Scott Nielsen

BSPSC - Missoula

The season is over for the BSPSC darn it. We had a banner year and I want to thank everyone for attending our matches. It is not too early to be thinking about stages for the next season....please use some of the several online stage design programs and create some stages and then send them in to us.

We will post our '07 schedule shortly.

Paul Miner

Tech Notes

At this time I am actively seeking volunteers to submit articles or groups of articles for our Tech Notes section of the newsletter.

If you would like to submit a paragraph or two about issues you have discovered, things we all need to remember, rules that catch us by surprise or practice tips to make us better shooters, we need your help.

Please contact myself or Nate with your articles. We would like to hear from you the membership on issues that have meaning for you related to this area of our newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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!