

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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The Jr Olympic Regional Championship concluded with a total of 79 competitors in smallbore, and 88 for air rifle. Out of the 47 girls who competed in smallbore, Ontelaunee juniors earned 3 of the top 7 places with Madilyn 4th, Jenn 5th, and Calista 7th. In the girls age categories, Madilyn was the top intermediate junior and Emma was top sub-junior. In the overall women's air rifle, Calista was 5th, Jenn 6th, and Sarah 11th. Calista was top intermediate junior for girls air rifle and Emma was top sub-junior. Jake finished well among the men's intermediate class taking 2nd in smallbore, and 4th in air rifle. Also competing in this event was Abby, Jeanne, Kaitlyn, and Quintin. The team was able to enjoy Saturday night together, including having fun playing laser tag. The 1st round of invitations to the National Jr Olympics, should be sent out later this month.

We had 8 juniors participate in the American Legion postal match, and 10 for the CMP postal match, both of which are 3-P air rifle matches. There were some very good targets shot by our juniors, all of which have been sent back to the CMP for scoring on the ORION system. The current National results for the CMP Postal shows and our top team of four in 5th place and 3rd place for our Region. With the top 20 teams scheduled to receive an invitation to compete in the Regional Match held at Camp Perry, Ohio, we are definitely expecting to be invited and possibly for our 1st time, have a second team invited.

The results of the American Legion Postal match presently have Calista in 5th place Nationally. The top 25 individuals from this postal match will shoot a 2nd round match with the goal of making the top 15. Those top 15 will receive invitations to Colorado to compete against each other for a \$5000 scholarship. Calista is in line to be one of those top 25 and shoot the 2nd round. Also, the top 10 teams are entered into a 2nd round match to determine who is 1st in the Nation. When last checked, our team was in 5th and will receive 2nd round postal targets to shoot. Both 2nd round matches will require a witness from our affiliated Tamaqua American Legion Post.

We had 7 juniors participate in the Palmyra Invitational which attracted 341 competitors. This is both 3-P smallbore and International air rifle matches, which are shot on electronic targets. As we've frequently seen at other recent matches, several of them set new personal best scores and received certificates for their accomplishment.

The Ontelaunee Junior Rifle Team continues to dominate the Lehigh Valley Prone League. January's match brought another win and another perfect team score of 500. Our top shooters were Calista 100-10X, Madilyn 100-9X, Sarah & Jake 100-8X, and Jeanne 100-7X.

This past Friday during the 3-P smallbore league match, Jeanne added another point to her personal best score.

We hosted the South Eastern Air Rifle League this past Sunday and had a total of 14 competitors. Congratulations to our match winner, Calista Smoyer, who shot a 584 out of 600.

This coming weekend we will be hosting the NRA Jr 3-P Smallbore Sectional, and on Sunday the 19th we are hosting the 4-P Jr Sectional.

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