

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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The January league match was our 4th win in a row and an extension of our 1st place lead to 19 points. Top shooters, Sarah Frantz 100.9x, Brenton Riegel 100.9x, Gage Hunsicker 100.7x, William Dixon 99.9x, and Luke Chromiak 98.4x. We settled for 3rd place in our February match which was this past Monday. Top shooters, Brenton 100.7x, Sarah 99.8x, Luke 99.6x, Kaitlyn Frantz 97.6x, and Josh Collo 93.3x. With one more indoor match left, Ontelaunee still holds the overall lead by 14 points.

January 11th we entered two teams in the 15th annual Palmyra Invitational, which is a 3-Position smallbore match and an International air rifle match. Sarah Frantz set new personal best scores in both air rifle and smallbore. Gage Hunsicker and Kerry Kerschner set personal bests in smallbore. Megan Waidelich set a new personal best in air rifle.

William Dixon traveled to Camp Perry, Ohio to compete in the open 3-P air & International air rifle matches. He set new personal best scores and made it into the final shoot off. The team that he was a member of, took 1st place overall. This week he is back in Colorado to compete in the Rocky Mountain Championships. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him up high on the scoreboard.

The results of the PA Jr Olympic Regional Championship are in and we had three juniors win 5 medals.

Air Rifle: Amy Fister, State Champion & Gold Medal

Zach Strohl, 2nd place & Silver Medal

William Dixon 3rd place & Bronze Medal

Smallbore: Zach Strohl, State Champion & Gold Medal

William Dixon, 3rd place & Bronze Medal

From the three teams we entered, Ontelaunee has the State Championship Team for both disciplines. The team of Amy, William, and Zach took 1st place in air rifle by 13 points and 1st place in smallbore by 25 points. The three of them just received their invitations to the USA National Junior Olympics in Colorado, for both smallbore and air rifle championships.

Nine of our juniors competed in the American Legion 3-P air rifle match and in the CMP 3-P air rifle match held at Ontelaunee. These are national postal matches and the targets are mailed back for scoring and ranking. The teams are automatically selected with our top 4 shooters, and it looks like we have a team that should be receiving an invitation for the CMP Regional Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Our 4-Position smallbore NRA Sectional started this past Sunday and seven Ontelaunee juniors participated. Their scores will be ranked among the rest of the country. New shooter Calista Smoyer, made good use of an open point to get some extra prone practice in and learn how a match is run.

Tom Fister,

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