

## Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Our Jr Rifle Team won the 4<sup>th</sup> LV prone match held last month at North End. Calista, Emma, and Sarah were our top shooters each with a perfect 100. Also making up the team score was Josh with a 99 and Jenn with a 98. This past Monday our 5<sup>th</sup> match was held at Palmerton and again our team came out on top with another great score of 497. Jenn & Calista shot 100's followed by William & Sarah with 99's, Kaitlyn, Madilyn, and Quintin each with a 98.

About 300 competitors participated in the Palmyra Invitational including nine of our juniors. Amy, Calista, Sarah, and Jenn were members of our top scoring team, and they placed 12<sup>th</sup> in air rifle and 10<sup>th</sup> in smallbore. Our second team was Megan, Kaitlyn, Emma, and Quintin, and they also had solid performances in both disciplines. This is always a fun match to attend with tough competition, plus you get to shoot on an electronic target system which shows your score instantly.

We held the 3-P air rifle postal matches last month. The four person team members for these matches, are determined by the scores they fired. In the CMP Postal Match, the team is Kaitlyn, Calista, Sarah, and Jenn. They placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the Nation out of 64 teams, and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Northeast Region. This teams high placement will bring an invitation to shoot in the Regional Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio. If they place well in that match, they will earn an invitation to shoot in the National Championships. For the American Legion Postal Match, the team members are Calista, Kaitlyn, Emma, and Jenn. This team has placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Nation and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State. They will receive additional postal target sets to shoot for the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualification round. From this second round, the top 15 Juniors in precision air rifle are invited to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, for the National Championships. The winner of the National Championship receives a \$5000.00 college scholarship. Congratulation to all our juniors for a great performance.

This past Sunday we hosted the South Eastern Air Rifle league and had a total of 14 shooters. Madilyn Riegel was a little nervous shooting this match which was very understandable. It was only the third time she shot an air rifle but she did quite well shooting a 553. Jenn fired a new personal best 568 in this match.

The results for the Jr Olympic Regional Championships are posted and we have some juniors who placed well within the state. Calista finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> for J2 category & 6<sup>th</sup> overall in air rifle, and 2<sup>nd</sup> J2 in smallbore. Sarah finished in 1<sup>st</sup> J3 in both air rifle and smallbore. Our top team, Calista, Jenn, and Sarah placed 5<sup>th</sup> in air rifle and 7<sup>th</sup> in smallbore. The first round of Jr Olympic invitations have arrived. Calista, Sarah and Jenn will attend the National Jr Olympics for air rifle, held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the Olympic Training Center. This has been a goal for each of them and we are all proud of their accomplishment.

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