

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Last month, eight Ontelaunee Juniors shot in one of the most important qualifying matches of the year, the Jr Olympic Regional Championships. They competed in 3-P smallbore and international air rifle. From those eight, we have two juniors who will be receiving invitations for the National Junior Olympics, held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In air rifle, sub-junior Sarah Frantz fired the necessary automatic invite score, and is guaranteed an invitation. This is her second year in a row to make it for air rifle. Also in air rifle, intermediate junior Calista Smoyer who was one point under her automatic score, should definitely be invited too. There were a couple other juniors with close scores but we won't know until all the invitations are sent out. During the 1st round of invites they normally lower the score total by several points to try and fill up the range.

After a holiday break, we are back in action with the ICRL 3-P smallbore league. This continues to help our juniors by taking their training and putting it to the test with a weekly match.

Tomorrow night, North End will be hosting the 4th LV Prone League match of the season. With the outstanding performance of our junior team, we are hoping to continue our winning streak and make it four in a row.

Starting this Saturday and through out the month of January, most of our juniors will be competing in the Palmyra Invitational. The Invitational consists of 3-P smallbore and international air rifle matches and usually takes in more than 300 competitors including college teams.

Next week during our practice nights, we will be conducting the 3-P air rifle postal matches for the CMP and the American Legion. Last year we had a team qualify for the CMP Regional Match through this and from there to the National Match held in Alabama.

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