

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Amy Fister and William Dixon competed in the USA Nationals at Fort Benning, Georgia. This was part two of the Jr team selection for the World Championships in Granada, Spain. They both shot very well during the air rifle and smallbore matches and both were almost selected onto the team. Amy was four points shy of being selected for the Jr Women 3-P Smallbore team. The top three were selected and she was fourth. William narrowly missed the Jr Men Smallbore Prone team by also placing fourth in the selection process, but only out by 1 tenth of a point. He did however, win the gold medal in the "A" class for that event. Congratulations to both of them for their efforts.

We held an NRA Regional 3-P smallbore match at North End's outdoor range on Saturday July 5th. We had a good turn out despite the holiday weekend. Six Ontelaunee juniors tackled the tricky wind conditions with some strong gusts, and numerous change ups which could have had something to do with the hurricane off the east coast. This was Calista Smoyer's first outdoor 3-P match and she shot very well. Congratulations to William Dixon who won the match and to Zach Strohl who came in second.

Next week is the start of the NRA Smallbore Nationals. This year it will be held in Bristol, Indiana, instead of Camp Perry, Ohio. Two of our juniors will be competing. Megan Waidelich will be there for week one to compete in the metric and conventional 3-P matches. William Dixon will be competing in the 3-P matches and also the prone matches on week two.

During the month of August, we will not be holding regular practice on Tuesday and Wednesday. Instead, we will be doing range and equipment maintenance.

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