

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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William Dixon was at Fort Benning, Georgia, May 11th through the 22nd for the “Open Spring Selection Matches”. This USA Shooting event was used to select team members in the “Open Category” for the World Championship in Spain. What this meant for William is that he would be competing against the best adults in the Country. He competed in men's 10 meter air rifle, 50 meter 3-P smallbore, and 50 meter prone smallbore. He shot very well in all three events, especially the prone match. Each match was three days long, and on the 2nd and 3rd days of prone, he placed within the top eight and shot in the finals for those two days. His final ranking for prone was 9th in the Nation, and that is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations William.

We had a few juniors compete May 24th & 25th in an Open 3-P Smallbore Regional held outdoor at Palmyra. They battled some tricky wind conditions on Saturday, especially during the kneeling position. Amy Fister finished in 2nd and earned the 4th leg she needed to become an NRA distinguish 3-Position Shooter. To earn a “leg” you need to place within the top 10% at regional matches and one leg must be earned at Camp Perry NRA Nationals. Becoming a Distinguished Master in 3-Position Smallbore Rifle is a very honorable achievement. Congratulations Amy.

The Ontelaunee Junior rifle team hosted an NRA Regional Prone 3200 at North End on June 7th & 8th. We had eleven Ontelaunee juniors compete in this two day match consisting of 320 record shots. For some, it was their first time in a match like this, but for others it was a chance to hone their skills of shooting outdoor in the wind. Our juniors placed high within their classification in many of the daily matches. Brenton Riegel shot Expert scores on both days. William Dixon and Zach Strohl were 1st & 2nd overall on day 1. In the grand overall results, William won 1st place and Zach won 3rd place. I need to mention that this was an open match, so there were “master class” adults they were competing against. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who came out and made this match a success. I truly appreciate all the parental support and help.

June 22nd - 29th we will have two juniors competing in the USA Nationals held at Fort Benning, Georgia. I wish the best to Amy Fister and William Dixon as they compete in the air rifle, 3-position smallbore, and prone smallbore matches.

Tom Fister,

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