

## Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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We kicked off the outdoor smallbore season with six of our juniors competing in a metric 3-P match held at Palmyra. This match was a lot of fun and a great learning experience for shooting in some very tricky wind conditions, which consisted of direction changes and gusts.

The National results have been posted by the NRA for the indoor junior sectionals. Sub-junior Sarah Frantz who won the 4-P sectional that was held here, has placed extremely well Nationally. In the overall category, she finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 525 competitors, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the sub-junior age group. What an accomplishment for this 12 year old junior! A big congratulations to Sarah!

Registration and travel arraignments have been made for our air rifle team going to Anniston, Alabama. Our five person team will have training on June 21<sup>st</sup> and compete in two 3-P air rifle matches, one on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The results of these matches will be available "live" online so we can watch our juniors from at home. Our team will be on relay "B" and if you want to watch, use this website link and click where it says "live target images" and it should get you there: <http://thecmp.org/air/national-three-position-air-rifle-championships/>

After finishing the air rifle match in Anniston, Megan Waidelich will be traveling to Fort Benning, Georgia. There she will meet up with Amy Fister and both will be competing in the USA Shooting National Matches. Their competitions will include, woman's 10 meter international air rifle, 50 meter smallbore 3-P, and 50 meter smallbore prone matches.

June 6th & 7th we hosted an NRA Prone 3200 Regional match at North End outdoor range. A total of 41 shooters participated, including eight Ontelaunee juniors. There were 4 matches per day totaling 320 record shots for the weekend. Out of the eight Ontelaunee Jr's, six of them either won a match or came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in a match, within their classification. Calista Smoyer, currently ranked as a marksman, dominated her classification and at times shot scores that challenged the experts and some masters. Great job Calista! With numerous changes in direction and velocity, the wind on Saturday could be described as very frustrating. The top master on Saturday was down 7 points, as compared to Sunday's top was down only 2 points. I'm proud of our juniors for not giving up and pushing to do their very best even in unfavorable conditions.

The newspaper article about the junior rifle team, which was published by the Times News Last month, is hanging up on the wall near the club entrance if anyone would like to read it.

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