

JR Rifle: Practice every Tuesday and Wednesday 6PM to 9PM

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

10/09/2013

I want to give a special thank you to Jeff Derr, who regretfully needed to step away from the junior rifle program due to overwhelming circumstances. He has put so much of himself into this program to build it up to where we are now, and I thank him very much for that and his friendship.

The first weekend of September, the team held a two day outdoor prone match at North End Rod & Gun Club. Several of our juniors competed and shot very well. William Dixon, who recently advanced to the master class in NRA prone, found himself up against some stiff competition within his classification. Megan Waidelich won 1st place Marksman with Gage Hunsicker taking 2nd Marksman. We also had Kerry Kerschner, Quintin Lawley, and Sarah Frantz, shoot and fine tune their skills.

Later in the month we made the two hour drive to Seitzland Gun Club for another two day prone match. Again we had great shooting by our juniors. Megan who is currently classified as a Marksman shot Expert scores both days and won the combined Sharpshooter/Marksman Class. Gage also turned it up and fired scores higher than his class. William was unable to compete both days which made some of the other Masters happy he couldn't. He did shoot on Sunday and won the overall for that day dropping only 4 points out of 1600.

This past Sunday we held an Air Rifle League match here at Ontelaunee. This was an open match but was comprised mainly of juniors. We had eight competitors from Ontelaunee and a total of 15 for this 60 shot offhand match. This was a first air rifle match for Kaitlyn and Sarah Frantz.

The NRA has begun to recognize this year's match winners and our International Air Rifle Team of Amy Fister, William Dixon, and Zach Strohl, received an award and the title "2013 Air Rifle National Junior Indoor Champions".

The Lehigh Valley Prone League will begin October 16th at Guthsville. We have some very good prone shooters who we will be counting on to defend our 1st place title.

Tom Fister,
Ontelaunee Jr Rifle