

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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The USA Jr Olympics was held last month in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and our juniors performed very well. William Dixon was 26th in air rifle & 26th in smallbore. Zach Strohl was 54th in air rifle & 31st in smallbore. Amy Fister came in 20th in air rifle, but in smallbore, she found herself in a place that normally would have earned a gold medal, and an appointment to the USA Jr National Development Team. Due to a new selection process for creating a Junior Team to participate in the World Championships this summer in Spain, the method of winning the Jr. Olympics was changed. Even though she had the highest smallbore score on day 2, and won 1st place in the final, her overall placement was 5th. They used the total of the two days and added points earned from the final (8 points for 1st down to 1 point for 8th) and that is how the overall match was won. The 2nd part of the team selection will take place in Fort Benning, Georgia, this summer.

We had more great shooting this month while participating in the PA State 3-P Air Rifle Jr Olympics at Palmyra. Like reported in previous months, there were numerous personal best scores fired by several of our juniors.

The Lehigh Valley Prone League concluded Saturday May 3rd with an outdoor match in which Brenton Riegel won 1st place and Gage Hunsicker won 3rd. An award ceremony followed, and the winners from the indoor matches were recognized. Brenton won the overall indoor championship and Sarah Frantz won 3rd overall. All together, Ontelaunee juniors won eight trophies. This was the 3rd year in a row that Ontelaunee won the championship, and with doing that, the grand overall trophy is now retired to Ontelaunee Gun Club.

Tom Fister,

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