

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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The Jr Rifle Team won the Lehigh Valley Indoor Prone League for the 6th consecutive year. Last months match at Guthsville was another win, with a team score of 498, 44x. Calista, Jake, and Sarah each had a 100, Jacob and Madilyn shot 99's. Through out the entire season, all of our juniors have had excellent performances.

Our two teams did an awesome job at the CMP Regional Air Rifle Championships. Our top scoring team was Calista, Madilyn, Emma, and Jeanne. They won the two day match at Camp Perry, and placed 2nd among all 3 of the National Regions. Our 2nd team, Sarah, Abbie, Quintin, and Jake, came in 15th place, and 29th Nationally. Calista was ranked 1st after the two days of competition, and Madilyn was 8th. They both moved on to the final top eight shoot off. Calista held her lead in the final, and won the overall gold medal. Madilyn had a solid performance and shot her way right up to the 6th overall position. Several of our juniors fired personal best scores through out both days. This coming June, our top team will be invited to the CMP National Air Rifle Championships, held again at Camp Perry, Ohio. Our 2nd team finished only two places low of an invitation, but still might have a chance for the National match if other top teams decline their invitations. Thank you Larry and Brenda Potterfield of Midway USA, and the CMP for the nice monetary donations to our Midway account.

Our juniors have been hard at work, preparing for their next big match. Later this week Calista, Emma, Madilyn, and Jenn will be in Colorado to compete in the USA Jr Olympics. Calista and Emma will compete in both 3-P smallbore and International air rifle. Madilyn will compete in 3-P smallbore and Jenn in air rifle. We wish them all the very best out there. There's an article in the March edition of the USA Shooting magazine, which talks about this event. On page 34 they list how many tried out, and how many were invited, and so on. The section on that page where it mentions "Women's Smallbore Rifle" is an eye opener. It reads, "Club with most invites: Ontelaunee Jr Rifle (PA)". This is an outstanding statement for how great these juniors have been performing. It's also great advertisement for our club.

We are watching for the results of the 2nd round American Legion match. After scanning the targets with our new ORION scoring system, our team score is 4 points lower than their 1st round. Ontelaunee's 2nd round individual, Calista, scored 3 points lower than her 1st round. If she is able to stay in the top 15, she'll receive an invitation for the National match in Colorado. Thanks again to Tom Isleib for witnessing these matches for us.

Congratulations to Emma Rhode for receiving the PA Rifle & Pistol Association award, for "High Woman" from the Open 4-P State Championship match she shot in earlier this year.

Tom Fister,

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