

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Last month the Lehigh Valley Prone League was hosted by North End. The match results were again too close for comfort. Our team brought home the win with a score of 497-40X but that was only 5 X's over Guthsville's score. Sarah and Griffin both shot 100's followed by three 99's shot by Calista, Lizzie, and Emma. This months match was in Palmerton and it marked our 5th consecutive win. Our score of 498-42x was only 1 point and 12 X's over Guthsville, and 2 points over Kutztown. Emma, Sarah, Griffin, and Calista each shot 100's followed by 12 year old Sean with a 98.

Calista set another personal best in 3-Position smallbore during the ICRL match on 1/11. Her new high is an awesome 580 out of 600. Although Calista holds the years highest average in offhand and aggregate scores, Emma just raised the bar in offhand by shooting a stunning 191 out of 200.

Our juniors had a great time at the Frazier Simplex Rifle Club, for the Jr Olympic qualifiers. Calista scored a 570 in 3-P smallbore, and placed 2nd in the match. Emma put up a 558 for 8th place. They both went on to shoot tie scores of 580 in the air rifle match, placing them in 3rd and 4th. That 580 air rifle score is a new personal best for Emma, and for her age group it means an automatic invitation to Colorado. Sydney Utt set new personal bests in both matches, Chad Grafe for 3-P, Griffin Lake and Lizzie Cacace in air rifle. This was Francisco's first offhand air rifle match. Invitations to the National Jr Olympics are sent out later this month from USA Shooting.

We had six of our juniors shoot in the 3-Position air rifle postal matches. Similar to last year, they have excellent results. In the CMP postal match, the Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Team is ranked #1 for the Northeast Region. The team will be invited to compete in Ohio at the Regional Championship. In round 1 of the American Legion postal match, we are 2nd Nationally. The team will shoot an additional round 2 match against the other top 10 teams to determine the National Team Champions. Last year we won 1st place. The top 25 individuals from the Legion round 1 will shoot a 2nd round individual match. Those who make the top 15 will receive an invitation to compete in Colorado, where top prize is a \$5000 scholarship. Calista is currently 3rd and Sarah 14th after the round 1 match.

Griffin had a great 3-P smallbore match last month during the Palmyra Invitational. He fired a 551 out of 600 to set a new personal best. This score also adds him to the "Ontelaunee 550 Club".

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