

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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We hosted two smallbore NRA Jr Sectionals here at Ontelaunee last month. In the 4-position sectional, Ontelaunee junior Sarah Frantz won the match with a fabulous 398 out of a possible 400 points. Scores from every sectional across the country will be compiled to form a national ranking. Sarah's 398 score, very well could be the #1 overall. In the 3-position sectional, Ontelaunee junior Calista Smoyer took top honors, with a score of 570 out of 600.

Palmyra hosted the final match of the Southeastern Air Rifle League. This consisted of a 60 shot match in the standing position, followed by a final of only the top 8 competitors. Finals are structured to eliminate competitors after a set # of shots. This creates a lot of pressure for them to shoot good which a lot of times ends up as poor shots. In the end, Calista finished 1st and Emma finished 4th.

Last Friday, while at Colombia Fish & Game for the ICRL 3-Position match, Calista set a new personal best score of 581 out of 600 possible points. To put this in perspective, her 581 score would have been good enough for 13th in the recent 2019 NCAA Rifle Championship.

Newcomer, Cecelia Ossi of New Jersey, has been jumping up the ladder of success in 3-position smallbore. After being with us for only 3 months, she has a total of four 3-P matches to date. Her 1st one was below the 500 mark, but since that she scored a 506, then a 533, and most recently a 543. It's nice to see her determination paying off so quickly.

Our team shot a 2nd round match last night for the American Legion 3-position air rifle. I will share those results in next months report.

Tonight the team is at Guthsville for the final indoor match of the Lehigh Valley Prone League.

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