

## Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Our Jr Rifle Team swept the Lehigh Valley Prone League, by winning all six matches of the indoor season. The final match was held at Guthsville and our team score was 499-41x. Top juniors were Sarah and Griffin both with 100-10x, Calista 100-9x, Emma 100-6x, and sharing a tied score of 99-6x were Sydney and Cecelia. There will be an outdoor league match in May to conclude the season, followed by an awards ceremony.

The 2019 American Legion 2<sup>nd</sup> round matches are complete. The defending 2018 Team Champions, Ontelaunee Jr Rifle, will settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place this year. We also had two juniors compete in 2<sup>nd</sup> round individual matches, in hope of an invitation to the National Match in Colorado. To earn the invite, one must remain in the top 15. Calista finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place and will receive an invitation. This will be her 2<sup>nd</sup> time to participate in the American Legion National match, for a chance of winning the \$5000 scholarship. Sarah was our other individual and her final placement was 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was some great shooting at the CMP Regional Match in Camp Perry, Ohio. Our top junior was Sarah, who set a new personal best score of 593 out of 600. She out shot all competitors through out the two days of qualification matches. Three Ontelaunee Juniors made it into the top 8 for the final shoot off, where Sarah would finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, Calista 6<sup>th</sup> and Emma 8<sup>th</sup>. Our team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was a first Regional match for teammates Lizzie and Griffin. Cecelia also shot the Regional, in the sporter discipline. Two other regions held matches also, and after all scores were inputted our team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> place nationally. Our juniors will be invited to shoot against those other top teams in the National match held in July, at Camp Perry.

We have four juniors competing this month in the USA Jr Olympics, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In fact, Griffin is there competing right now in the men's International Air Rifle. Earlier this week he competed in the men's 3-Position Smallbore, where he won the silver medal in his age group. Next week Calista, Emma, and Sarah will be out there to compete in the women's events. We wish the best for them all.

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