

Ontelaunee Jr Rifle Report

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Break is over and we are back on our regular training schedule.

Emma Rhode took part in the West Virginia University rifle camp last month. She had a great time while receiving coaching tips from one of the best college coaches in the Nation. She will be returning to WVU later this month, along with Cecelia Ossi. They both will be shooting 3-Position smallbore and standing air rifle in the Mountaineer Open.

This past weekend, North End hosted the PA State Prone Championship. This was the largest prone match in PA for the year. Out of a total of 48 competitors, Ontelaunee was represented by nine juniors and two coaches. Day 1 brought some tricky conditions to shoot in, with the wind gusting and changing directions quite often. Day 2 consisted of a steadier wind from the west, but there were times when the wind flags were showing an opposite condition, than what was truly happening. This was very noticeable during the 100 yard match, which cost points even for the master shooters. Emma Rhode was able to read the conditions and get her shots off at the right time. She shot so well that in the grand overall she ended up in 4th place, winning the High Woman Trophy, and the High Jr Trophy. Congratulations Emma! Congratulations to all our juniors who participated, they all shot very good matches.

The raffle we held in conjunction with the Midway Foundation was very successful. All winners were present for the drawing at the Club Picnic, and have received their prizes. The money raised will be added to the winnings from our 2nd place team at the CMP Regional, and a donation from the Tamaqua American Legion, Post 173. This will all be deposited into our Midway account. Last month we were granted \$3282.00 from our Midway account, plus \$400.00 travel expense from the Friends of the NRA Grant. From time to time the treasurer has reported paying out travel expense to the Jr Rifle Team. The grant money received this year has covered our travel expense and also helped with match fees.

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