

## SHARPSHOOTER

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**POINTS OF INTEREST****April**

**7, 21** Junior Shotgun Program  
– Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

**7** NRA Junior Air Sectionals –  
ASB – **0900-1400**

**15** Smallbore Benchrest Match  
50 yd. **0900-1200**

**15** Turkey Shoot

**21** High/Low Power Matches –  
100 yd. **0900-1400**

**28** NRA Smallbore Prone  
Match – 50 yd. – **080-1200**

**May**

**5, 19** Junior Shotgun Program  
– Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

**6** NRA DeWar Prone Match –  
50 and 100 yds. – **0900-1200**

**19** High/Low Power Matches –  
100 yd. **0900-1400**

**20** Turkey Shoot

**26** NRA Smallbore Prone  
Match – 50 yd. – **080-1200**

**Turkey Shoots will take a  
vacation after May and  
resume in the fall.**

Match fees for Benchrest  
Matches: \$4.00 a relay.

Match fee for NRA Dewar  
Prone Matches are \$8.00 a  
match.

Match fee for NRA Prone  
Matches: \$5.00 a relay.

**The importance of the protest**

Part of learning to fire in competition is learning to file a protest. A protest is a shooter's request that some aspect of a competition needs to be corrected to comply with the rules and make the competition fair. The first thing the shooter needs to know, therefore, is the exact rules under which a match is fired. Protesting something just because you do not like it will not help you if no rule has been broken. So study the rules of the competition before going to the match. This means reading both the rule book and the match program which will list what protest periods and requirements have been established for this match.

Next, you need to know when and how to file a protest. File the protest as early as you know that a problem exists. When the competition involves fixed targets, check your target placement and lighting as you go through the preparation period. If there is a problem, notify a match official before firing starts. Waiting until you have shot poorly and then saying there was a problem just sounds like excuse-making, not like there is a legitimate protest. Also, try to file your protest before a match official has made a ruling on a situation. That way, you save the official from having to admit an error and reverse a ruling. (No one likes to be told they are wrong and to have to admit a mistake.) You are much more likely to win a protest if the referee does not have to publicly reverse a decision. Be prepared to follow your spoken protest with a written explanation.

When filing a protest, cite the exact rule that is being/has been broken. This means that you or your coach needs to keep the match rules, and even the rulebook available during the match.

When questioning a score, be specific about which target/shot you are asking to have reviewed by the scorer or jury. To question a score, it is necessary for a shooter to review the target(s) as soon as they are available. Once you leave the range, it is too late.

Finally, remember to use good manners. Being rude never persuades anyone to see a problem your way. Always thank the official for considering your protest, even if you lose. The larger the match, the more important the protest becomes.

**Notices**

Starting March 1, the Juniors will be selling chances at a Weatherby 300. Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each, with the drawing to be held in June. Only LGC adult members are eligible to buy tickets. See Patty for information or tickets.

Juniors are selling **Lafayette Gun Club patches** at \$12.00 for one patch or \$20.00 for two. Also for sale: breech safety flags for \$2.00 each, and Lafayette Jackets for \$15.00 each. We are raising money to support all the Junior teams attending away matches. See Patty Harris.

**The Junior Rifle, pistol and Shotgun CLUB**

The Junior Rifle Club meets every Friday starting at 6:00 PM. This is a community service of LGC, and parents of interested young people ages 5 – 18 need not to be members of the club. **A new shooter should be accompanied by a parent (Legal Guardian) the first time they attend and should plan to arrive before 6:00 PM that first time.** The first evening is free. After that, Juniors contribute \$2.00 each time they attend, which is used to defray the cost of ammunition and of awards earned by Juniors.

The Junior Pistol Club meets at 6:00 PM every Monday night. Shooters should already be Rifle Club members before joining the pistol club. The cost is also \$2.00 each time a shooter attends.

The Junior Shotgun Program meets on odd numbered Saturdays from **0800-1100**.

**AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SHOOTING****Pro-Marksman**

Lauren Bergstrom

**Marksman**

Alex Best

**Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class**Michelle Kitchen  
Alex Best**Sharpshooter**Curtis Staib  
Michelle Kitchen**Bar**

Celia Pincus – 1

Morgan Kitchen - 1

Curtis Staib - 1

Elisabeth Paul - 2

Erik Bergstrom - 2

Aubrey Wroten – 2

Timothy Rice - 3

Elisabeth Paul - 3

Robin Roston - 3

Morgan Kitchen - 5

Erik Bergstrom - 5

Nick Major - 6

James Brewer - 9

**Expert**

James Brewer

**Distinguished Expert Pending**

James Brewer – 4P Smallbore

Jonathan Underwood – 4P Smallbore

Matthew Brewer – 4P Smallbore

James Brewer – International Air

Chris Melochick – International Air

Braden Owens – International Air

Joshua Springer – International Air

**NRA Prone Match**

In March, six juniors fired the NRA Prone Match, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Iron Sights</u>	<u>Any Sights</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Nathan Switzer	196-1x; 191-6x	193-9x	579-25x	96.5%
Joshua Springer	194-8x; 193-8x	192-7x	579-23x	96.5%
James Brewer	170-1x		179-1x	89.5%
Donna Anselmo	166-1x; 144-0x	174-1x	484-2x	80.67%
Morgan Kitchen	160-1x	164-2x	324-3x	81.0%
Celia Pincus	140-0x; 114-0c	124-0x	378-0x	63.0%

**American Legion matches**

The Sporter Team of Zach Foster, JJ Lafond, Timmy Teller and Emily Stumpf for in the Postal Air Qualification Match in March. They were the only Lafayette Team to make it to this level.

In American Legion Eastern Virginia Regional Air match, the team of Thomas Wheeless, Charlotte Good, Zach Foster, and Matt Brewer placed Third, qualifying this team to travel to Charlottesville for the State Championships. In addition, Chris Melochick qualified as an Individual and will also travel to Charlottesville.

**Benedictine Sporter Air Match**

In the Sporter Air Match, fired in Richmond in March, Matt Brewer to 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prone, Emily Stumpf took 1<sup>st</sup> Place Standing, Charlotte Good took 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kneeling, and Top Shooter overall. The team of Charlotte Good, Matt Brewer, Emily Brewer and Willie Teller took first place.

**NEW Distinguished experts**

During March, Zach Foster completed his Four-Position Smallbore Distinguished Expert, and both Dani Foster and Willie Teller completed their International Air Distinguished Expert targets! Congratulations all!

**Colorado Springs**

Dani Foster and Willie both traveled to Colorado to learn and shoot with others who qualified for the Junior Olympics training. Dani finished with a Bronze medal in International Air at her age! Willie fired both air and smallbore!

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of March: Tyler DiPersio, Alex Best and Curtis Staib.