

LAFAYETTE JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB
SHARPSHOOTER

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POINTS OF INTEREST

February

2, 9 ODJRL – ASB – **0800-1600**

2, 16 Junior Shotgun Program – Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

10 Smallbore Benchrest Flyspeck Match – ASB - **1200-1500**

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

13, 17 NRA 3-P Precision Air Match – ASB (see Brooke)

17 Turkey Shoot – 50 yd. range – **1300-1630**

23 NRA Smallbore 3-P – ASB – **0900-1400**

March

1, 8 ODJRL & Va. State Air Championship Match – ASB – **0800-1600**

1, 15, 29 Junior Shotgun Program – Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

9 Smallbore Benchrest Flyspeck Match – ASB - **1200-1500**

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

12, 16 NRA 3-P Precision Air Match – ASB (see Brooke)

16 Turkey Shoot – 50 yd. range – **1300-1630**

22 NRA Conventional Prone – 50 yd. Range – **0800-1200**

29 NRA Smallbore 3-P – ASB – **0900-1400**

Notes from the range officers

Range officers have two responsibilities: 1) to maintain range safety at all times, and 2) during competition, to ensure that the competition is conducted safely, fairly, and according to the rules of the certifying body (NRA, CMP, or USA Shooting). To fulfill these responsibilities, the range officers must have the cooperation and compliance of all persons on or near the range.

Everyone must obey the commands of a range promptly and completely. This is especially true when the range officer calls a “cease fire” and makes the range cold. The command “No handling of firearms on the firing line” applies to everyone. No one may touch, move, adjust or otherwise handle a firearm on the firearm while the line is cold. No one includes coaches, parents, and all shooters.

The range officer needs quiet on and near the firing line so that shooters can hear the commands and so that the range officer can hear any question or request from a shooter. This means no talking, except quietly by coaches to shooters, on the firing line. Behind the ready line, talking should be very quiet, so that neither the range officer nor the shooters can hear it or be distracted by it. This also means shooters may not wear sound devices (Ipods, etc.) in front of the ready line.

The range officer and shooters also need a distraction-free place to shoot. This means no unnecessary movement behind the firing line or behind the ready area. This especially means no running, pushing, etc.

Finally, the range officer needs to be able to move freely behind the firing line within the ready area. For this to be possible, shooters must be careful to stack (pile, distribute) their gear as close behind them as possible, where their “stuff” is not in the way of the range officer or other shooters. Also, when moving range equipment, such as scope stands, set it securely out of everyone’s way.

If everyone is mindful of these rules, the range will be a safe, pleasant and productive place to shoot.

Notices

Juniors are selling **Lafayette Gun Club** large patches at \$12.00 for one patch or \$20.00 for two; small patches \$5.00 each. Also for sale: breech safety flags for \$2.00 each, Lafayette Lapel Pins at \$3.00 each and Lafayette Jackets for \$15.00 each. 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**

Caleb Myers
Sarah Osborn
Lailen Richey

Marksman

Elijah Myers
Renee Vaughan

Marksman 1st Class

Kailen Richey

Sharpshooter

Renee Vaughan

Bar

Shane Holladay– 3
Max Denton - 5
Nick Anselmo – 5
Nick Anselmo - 6

Morgan Kitchen– 6
Morgan Kitchen - 7
Morgan Kitchen – 9

Expert**Distinguished Expert Pending**

Jonathan Underwood – 4P Smallbore
Joshua Springer – International Air
Chris Melochick – International Air
Braden Owens – International Air
Matt Brewer – International Air
Thomas Wheelless – International Air
Matt Black – 4P Smallbore
Matt Maples - Shotgun

NRA Three-position indoor match

Three Juniors fired in the January NRA Indoor Three-Position Match (20 rounds in each position), with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Prone</u>	<u>Kneeling</u>	<u>Standing</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Matt Brewer	185	174	181	540	90.00%
Wesley Nicholas	119	70	126	315	52.50%
Jessica Schmidt	122	94	75	291	48.50%

Wesley shot this match once before, a year ago, and Jessica has never shot either this match or the rifle she used!

Nice shooting by everyone!

High Power Match

One Junior fired in the January High Power match with the following results:

<u>HP Shooter</u>	<u>SFS</u>	<u>RFS</u>	<u>RFP</u>	<u>SFP</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Matt Brewer	90-0x	92-1x	92-1x	175-4x	449-4x	89.8%

future Matches

There are several important matches coming up soon. From now through March 15 the Army Postal Matches will be fired by those who have signed up. Each shooter is on his/her own to choose the date they will fire this match, and fire it according to the rules. See Jim for more information.

The March ODJRL Matches will double as the Virginia Air Rifle Championships. Please respect the practice time of all our shooters involved in ODJRL as they will want to practice and do very well the first two weekends in March.

Finally, on March 30 and April 19, Lafayette will host the Smallbore and Air Junior Sectionals. Sign up sheets are posted in the ASB. Good luck to everyone involved in these matches.

Other matches

In the American Legion Individual Air Postal Matches, Lafayette Juniors scored as follows:

<u>Spoter</u>				<u>Precision</u>	
Zachary Foster	540	Jonathan Underwood	489	Will Teller	586
Matthew Brewer	538	Hannah Black	485	Dani Foster	575
Thomas Wheelless	525	Jeremy Teller	439	Nathan Switzer	574
Charlotte Good	511	Morgan kitchen	386	Braden Owens	567
Tim Teller	495	Zachary Sowell	292	James Brewer	549

Results of the team matches are not yet available, nor do we know if any shooters need to fire shoot-offs to qualify to move up.

Also in January, Will Teller, Dani and Zack Foster, Braden Owens, Nathan Switzer, Josh Springer, Chris Melochick, and Matt and James Brewer fired the air and smallbore matches at the Palmyra Invitational. This is a month-long match, so final results are still pending.

The Junior Rifle Club welcomes new members during the month of January: Connor Brown, Alex Brown, Michael Quitko, Katherine Pinos, Alexis Pinos, Henry Singleton, Sarah Osborn, and Christopher Osborn.