

# LAFAYETTE JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB

# SHARPSHOOTER

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

### March

**3, 10** ODJRL matches, and Virginia State Championship Air Matches – ASB – **0800-1600**

**3, 17, 31** Junior Shotgun Program – Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

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

**17** American Legion State Air Championships – ASB – **0800-1400**

**18** Turkey Shoot

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

**31** NRA Smallbore 3-P Match – ASB – **0800-1300**

**31** Benedictine Invitational Air Match

### April

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

**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**

Match fees for Benchrest Matches: \$4.00 a relay. Match fee for NRA 3-P Matches are \$8.00 a match. Match fee for NRA Prone Matches: \$5.00 a match.

## DON't fidget on the line

Some of us seem to need to move constantly, and to touch, handle, manipulate things around us. These activities can cause problems for you and other shooters if not controlled and directed usefully.

First, if you are always moving yourself, wiggling and jiggling on the line, you keep getting out of position and losing your natural point of aim. You also probably get into a less stable position, which makes your gun move when you are trying to hold steady and pull the trigger. Additionally, your wiggling is distracting to those who are shooting near you, which is a discourtesy. One control is to do some stretching and limbering exercises before going to the line. This allows you to burn off some energy so you can settle in and be still while you are shooting.

Second, if you are always moving your mouth (talking), you are definitely distracting yourself and others. Focus your thoughts on the shot you are getting ready to take. A break in your concentration will ruin your shot. A break in your neighbor's concentration will ruin their shot, and your friendship. Socialize later.

Third, if you fiddle with things around you, you may put something you need where you cannot reach it from your position. You may wind up disassembling a piece of equipment that you need and cannot reassemble. You may even lose crucial parts of your gun, scope, or sights by fiddling and disassembling things on the line. The cure is, when you go to the line, set your equipment up where you need it (scope where you can see through it, ammunition where you can reach it, glove, sling, eye and ear protection ready to put on). When finished, put everything away where it belongs immediately.

Breaking the tendency to fidget will make you a better shooter and a more welcome shooter on the line.

## 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**

Aubrey Wroten  
Michelle Kitchen  
Emily Rice (Air)

**Marksman**

Wesley Nicholas  
Michelle Kitchen

**Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class****Expert**

Matthew Brewer

**Sharpshooter**

Daniel Brewer  
Wesley Nicholas  
Robin Roston

**Distinguished Expert Pending**

Zack Foster – 4P Smallbore  
Jonathan Underwood – 4P Smallbore  
Matthew Brewer – 4P Smallbore  
Willie Teller – International Air  
Chris Melochick – International Air  
Dani Foster – International Air  
Braden Owens – International Air  
Joshua Springer – International Air

**Bar**

Robin Roston - 1  
Morgan Kitchen - 2  
Nick Major - 2  
Morgan Kitchen - 3

**High power match**

One Junior fired in the February High Power Match, with the following results:

Shooter	SFS	RFS	RFP	SFP	Total	Percent
Timmy Teller	82-0x	86-1x	81-0x	144-0x	393-1x	78.6%

This is a very good first match!

**Palmyra Results**

Seven Juniors fired in the January Palmyra Invitational, with the following results:

Air Rifle Shooter	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Dani Foster	92	95	94	100	93	93	567	1 <sup>st</sup> Sub Junior
Willie Teller	93	95	91	98	91	96	564	
Chris Melochick	89	91	96	88	88	89	541	
Josh Springer	87	87	93	95	90	88	540	
Braden Owens	90	88	90	87	91	88	534	
Nathan Switzer	85	86	88	85	85	79	508	
Zack Foster	69	69	79	82	70	79	448	
Smallbore Shooter	P1	P2	S1	S2	K1	K2	Total	
Willie Teller	98	97	85	88	93	85	546	
Braden Owens	94	97	79	81	87	87	525	
Josh Springer	94	92	81	78	90	89	524	
Dani Foster	97	93	87	86	76	84	523	
Chris Melochick	93	96	75	74	82	91	511	
Nathan Switzer	89	95	67	65	80	83	479	
Zack Foster	86	88	66	60	69	85	454	

The Lafayette Intermediate Junior Team (Willie, Dani, Braden, and Nathan) took 1<sup>st</sup> in class in Air Rifle and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class in Smallbore!

**NRA Three-position match**

Three Juniors participated in the NRA Three-Position match held in February, with the following results:

Shooter	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Total	Percent
Willie Teller	196	172	184	552	92.00
Josh Springer	185	156	170	511	85.17
Timmy Teller	177	129	161	467	77.80

**American Legion Nationals, Round one**

The Lafayette White Sporter Team, competing in the American Legion Postals, qualified in Round One to go on to Round Two. The White Team shot as follows: Zack Foster: 516; Timmy Teller: 477; Emily Stumpf: 470; and J. J. Lafond: 435, for a total team score of 1898. Congratulations!

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of February: Connor Kincaid and Brandon Nall.