

LAFAYETTE JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB
SHARPSHOOTER

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POINTS OF INTEREST

November

6 Smallbore Benchrest Match
50 yards **0800-1200**

12 Shotgun Program **0800-1100**

19 LGC High/Low Power Rifle
Match **0800-1600**

26 Shotgun Program **0800-1100**

December

11 Benchrest Flyspeck Match
ASB range – **1200-1500**

17 LGC High/Low Power Rifle
Math – **0800-1500**

31 NRA Three Position Match
ASB range – **0900-1200**

Low Power matches follow the format for high power matches and are shot immediately after the third relay on the 100 yard range. Match fee:\$4.00.

Benchrest matches allow shooters to learn to read wind. Match fees: \$4.00 a relay. Match fee for NRA Prone and Three-Position Matches are \$7.00.

NOTICE

High Power Match Training

Any junior shooter wishing to shoot in a High Power Match must complete Low Power Match training. If you would like additional information regarding the High Power Matches, please see Jim Crawford for details.

WINNERS NEVER QUIT

One of the most difficult things to do in life is to force yourself to finish a project or event when all odds are against you. Why should you keep working on a hopeless project? Ask yourself why you were attracted to the shooting sports. Is it to win? Or is it because you enjoy shooting, the people, the challenge and the opportunity to win?

Most competitors in the shooting sports are recreational shooters who simply enjoy shooting. Yet they all share the challenges that face us in the shooting sports and striving to win is an important of the challenge. We enter the match to make an improvement in our previous efforts and to test ourselves against a common standard, and then against each other. The competition is not as much against other competitors as it is against ourselves.

What if all hope is lost—the match cannot be won and you cannot even better your last performance? There is always something to gain from going on. Rather than getting mad at the world, the range officer, and all of your shooting equipment, work to solve your shooting problems. By continuing, you can usually identify what is causing your poor shooting performance. Perhaps you have lapsed into a bad habit that you can train yourself to overcome. Or maybe your equipment is suddenly not working properly. Quitting immediately will not identify the problem. Keep working to fire each shot as well as possible. Pay attention to what happens when you get a bad shot and try to isolate the symptoms of the problem and the possible sources of the problem.

Another thing to remember is that every shot fired is considered training. Therefore, one bad shot does not mean that the rest of your shots are being wasted. If nothing else, your are training for your next competition.

A pretty strong case can also be made for trying in spite of the odds as a matter of principle. You've invested time and money and personal effort toward becoming a better marksman. Why should you give up this effort in the final stages of any particular match? Worse yet, giving up can set a pattern of quitting early in future matches.

The final things to remember when the odds seem to be against you is that you are not the only one on the firing line who is working to overcome personal challenges, difficulties and bad breaks. Think how pleased you can be with yourself if you do overcome the challenge.

Notices

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 AND PISTOL TEAMS

The Junior Rifle Team 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 by 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 Team meets at 8:00 PM every Friday night. Shooters should already be Rifle Team members before joining the pistol team. The cost is also \$2.00 each time a shooter attends.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SHOOTING

Pro-MarksmanEvan Hamner
Erik Viken**Marksman**

Joshua Lynch – 5

Marksman 1st ClassKelly Viken
Dustin Ramsey
Timmy Teller**Sharpshooter****Bar**

Jeff Mitchell – 3

Expert**Distinguished Expert Pending**

Matthew Black

DEWAR PRONE MATCH

Four Junior shooters participated our first Dewar Prone Match this October, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>50 Yard Score</u>	<u>100 Yard Score</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Joshua Springer	184-3x	184-3x	368-6x	92.00%
William Teller	178-3x	186-2x	364-5x	91.00%
Timmy Teller	159-1x	176-3x	335-4x	83.75%
Andrew Ingell	144-1x	160-0x	304-1x	76.00%

LOW POWER MATCH

Three Juniors participated in the Low Power match in October, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>SFS</u>	<u>RFS</u>	<u>RFP</u>	<u>SFP</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Matthew Black	88-1x	91-1x	91-1x	176-1x	446-4x	89.2%
Joshua Springer	82-0x	67-0x	57-0x	180-2x	386-2x	77.2%
Jamie Balch	60-0x	58-0x	77-0x	158-2x	353-2x	70.6%

NRA PRONE MATCHES

Five Junior Shooters participated in the October NRA Prone Matches, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Iron Sights</u>	<u>Any Sights</u>	<u>Spoter</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Joshua Springer	186-5x	195-6x	185-6x	566-17x	94.33%
Edward Burton	185-4x; 176	180-2x		541-6x	90.16%
William Teller	181-4x	185-3x	181-5x	547-12x	91.16%
Timothy Teller	172-3x; 161-1x	168-1x		501-5x	83.50%
Dustin Ramsey	118-1x; 115	119-1x		352-3x	58.67%

NRA THREE POSITION MATCH

Four Junior Shooters participated in the September NRA Prone Match, with the following results:

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Prone</u>	<u>Standing</u>	<u>Kneeling</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Joshua Springer	188	123	177	488	81.33%
William Teller	177	114	143	434	72.33%
Chris Melochick	182	122	118	422	70.33%
Timmy Teller	160	56	106	322	53.67%

Since this is the same course of fire as the air rifle matches, we expect to start seeing more of the air rifle team members shoot these matches.

ODJRL AIR RIFLE MATCHES

The ODJRL Air Rifle league started up in October. The Lafayette Teams took almost all of the honors during the first series of matches. Matches are fired on the first and second Friday nights of each month, and on the first and second Saturdays. Remember to be courteous (quiet) to match shooter during the Friday matches, and our new, young team progress.

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of October: James Schoenster, Carmen Schoenster, Catherine Schoenster, Louie Roybal, Matthew Jordan, and Travis Hunter. We also welcome back Evan Hamner, J. J. Lafond, and Daniel Moerder.