

LAFAYETTE JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB
SHARPSHOOTER

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POINTS OF INTEREST

March

4, 11 VA Air Rifle
Championships – ASB Range -
0800-1700

5 Turkey Shoot **1300-1630**

12 Smallbore Benchrest Match
50 yd. Range- **0800-1200**

18 LGC High/Low Power Rifle
Match – **0800-1500**

19 Turkey Shoot **1300-1630**

25 NRA Smallbore Prone
Match – 50 yd. Range – **0800-
1200**

April

1, 8 ODJRL Matches – ASB
Range

2 Smallbore Benchrest Match -
50 yd. Range- **0800-1200**

15 LGC High/Low Power Rifle
Match – **0800-1500**

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

29 NRA Smallbore 3-Position
Match – ASB Range – **0800-
1400**

Low Power matches follow the format for high power matches and are shot during the third relay on the 100 yard range. Match fee: \$4.00. Benchrest matches allow shooters to practice sight alignment and trigger control. Match fees: \$4.00 a relay. Match fee for NRA Three-Position Matches are \$8.00. The fee for NRA Prone Matches is \$7.00 a relay.

The Junior Shotgun Program meets every Saturday from **0800-1100**. The team is preparing for competition.

GO BACK TO THE BASICS!

Many shooters who are experienced competitors have found that they have a sudden drop off in scores in a position or type of shooting at which they feel competent and in which they expect to excel. This often happens in a position such as the prone position which the shooter knows he/she has mastered, and therefore does not devote any time to real practice. What should you do if this happens to you. **Go back to the basics!**

Start by checking out your rifle. Is it really clean (including the bolt, extractor, chamber, and muzzle)? The best way to be sure is to give the gun a thorough cleaning. Make sure that all the screws are tight, including screws holding the sights in place and the screws holding the stock to the barrel. These screws can work loose and will cause very erratic shots.

Then sight in the rifle all over again. Don't just "be sure" that you are correctly sighted in. Use the ammunition you will use in a match and bench the gun to check for a good center sight. Then put on your jacket, glove, and sling, and check the sights while in position.

Next, review the fundamentals of firing the shot. Remind yourself to monitor sight alignment, sight picture, breathing, trigger control and follow-through. In fact, practice dry-firing in the "problem" position to be sure that you can always break the trigger smoothly while the sight picture and sight alignment are good, and that you hold the position for at least five seconds after you have fired the shot.

Then, review the position. Look at the pictures of how the body is placed with respect to the target, how the rifle is held and balanced to provide the greatest support with the least effort. If the position is one requiring a sling, check that your sling is correctly adjusted to provide a good tight support without completely cutting off all blood flow to your support hand. Have someone stand behind you to check your position and watch you dry fire. A good position is one you can maintain without undue muscle strain that allows you to use your natural point of aim correctly. Check your natural point of aim, and then practice some more dry firing to develop muscle memory of how to put the sequence together.

Now, practice the position with live ammunition and the correct target, stopping after every ten shots to mentally that you are still following all the basics.

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-Marksman

Zack Sowell

MarksmanDaniel McIlhanev
Jonathan Underwood
Zack Sowell**Marksman 1st Class**Nathan Walls
Zack Sowell
Jonathan Underwood
Marisol Negron-Cruz**Sharpshooter**

Nathan Switzer

Bar

Jeremy Teller – 2

Nathan Switzer – 7
Nathan Switzer – 8
Chris Melochick - 9**Expert****Distinguished Expert Pending**Matt Black
Joshua Springer – International Air
Willie Teller

NEW DISTINGUISHED EXPERT

Dani Foster completed all the targets required for her NRA Distinguished Expert in Four-Position Smallbore Rifle. She probably completed the ten required targets more rapidly than any previous Lafayette Junior. Congratulations, Dani!

FLYSPECK MATCH

Three Juniors fired the Benchrest Flyspeck Match in February. Willie Teller fired both an Iron Sight Target, with a score of 100-3x, and a Scoped Rifle Target, with a score of 100-4x. Firing a scoped rifle, Timmy Teller had a score of 92-3x, and Jeremy Teller had a score of 86-1x.

NRA THREE-POSITION MATCH

Nine Juniors, fired the NRA Three-Position Match on February 25, with the following results:

| Shooter | Classification | Prone | Standing | Kneeling | Total | Percent |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| Danielle Foster | MU | 178 | 161 | 181 | 520 | 86.67% |
| Jennifer Medeiros | MU | 177 | 172 | 164 | 513 | 85.50% |
| Joshua Springer | MK | 189 | 152 | 153 | 494 | 82.33% |
| Zachary Foster | MU | 175 | 131 | 129 | 435 | 72.50% |
| Edward Burton | MK | 172 | 92 | 134 | 398 | 66.33% |
| Timmy Teller | MU | 162 | 90 | 126 | 378 | 63.00% |
| J. J. Lafond | MU | 160 | 75 | 126 | 361 | 60.17% |
| Jeremy Woodard | MU | 151 | 72 | 127 | 350 | 58.33% |
| Nathan Switzer | MU | 153 | 79 | 102 | 334 | 55.67% |

ODJRL AIR RIFLE MATCHES

The Lafayette Blue Air Rifle Team again took all three first place team medals in February, and the Lafayette White Air Rifle Team came in fourth in the Sporter Match. Individually, shooting in class in Sporter Rifle, Willie Teller took a 2nd place, Timmy Teller took a 1st, and Zack Foster took a 1st. In 3-Position Precision, shooting in class, Danielle Foster and Timmy Teller each took a 1st, and Dani moves up to the next class. Shooting in class in the International match, Dani Foster took another 1st. This was a big month for Dani!

STATE MATCHES

In February, the Air Rifle Teams fired in the National Guard Postal Matches. This could lead to an invitation to National Matches.

In March, the Virginia State Air Matches will be held at Lafayette Gun Club, to run simultaneously with the March ODJRL Matches. Again, we wish our shooters the best of luck, as this could also lead to another invitation to a National Match.

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of January: Cameron Winkler, Cody Winkler, Amanda Winkler, Michael Brooks, Joey Votoril, Brianna Underwood, and Jeremy Woodard.