

SHARPSHOOTER

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POINTS OF INTEREST**December**

2, 9 ODJRL matches – ASB – **0800-1600**

2, 16, 30 Junior Shotgun Program – Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

3, 17 Turkey Shoot – 50 yd. Range – **1300-1630**

10 Flyspeck Benchrest Match – ASB – **1300-1500** during open shooting

16 LGC High/Low Power Rifle Match – 100 yd. Range – **0800-1400**

27, 28 JORC Match, Air and Smallbore rifles – ASB range – **0800-1800**

January

6, 13 ODJRL matches – ASB – **0800-1600**

6, 20 Junior Shotgun Program – Shotgun Range – **0800-1100**

7 Turkey Shoot – 50 yd Range **1300-1600**

13 LGC High/Low Power Rifle Match – 100 yd. Range – **0800-1400**

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

Low Power Matches are shot during the third relay on the 200 yard range. Match fee: \$4.00. Flyspeck Benchrest matches: Match fees: \$2.00 a relay. Match fee for NRA 3-P Matches are \$8.00 a match. The Junior Shotgun Program meets on odd numbered

Choosing the right ammunition for your rifle

Not all rifles shoot equally well with all available ammunitions in the correct caliber. Whether you are planning to shoot a match, go on a hunting trip, or just improve your day-to-day shooting, you need to determine what ammunition to use to achieve the best performance (at the best price). Whatever your purpose, make the decision about ammunition well before the actual use (match or hunting trip). Don't plan to experiment when the choice is critical.

Some things can be assumed before you purchase a lot of different ammunitions.

1) Smallbore rifles always shoot more accurately with low velocity ammunition, especially when shooting outside. (The faster the ammunition, the more wind sensitive it is). 2) Ammunition which is too cheap is probably made with inconsistencies in the loads, which will produce inconsistencies in point of impact.

To select a good ammunition for your purposes, choose and purchase one to two boxes of several different makes of ammunition in the moderate to high price range. Test each ammunition by firing at least five five-shot groups from a rest, at the distance you plan to shoot. Remember, any one shot or one group can be bad just because. Five groups will give you enough information to make a good decision. Measure the size of each group, across the widest part of the group, and subtract the width of the bullet. (If your group shot with a 22LR measures .541" across the widest part, subtract .221" from this and your group size is .320" on centers). Average the five groups shot with each ammunition. Which ammunition gave you the smallest groups?

Now look at your groups. Are they round, showing that the bullets are all headed in the same general direction, or are the groups especially long or tall? Groups that spread only in one direction indicate a problem with the rifle, the wind, or the match between the rifle and the ammunition.

Next, check your gun. Did the ammunition shoot clean or dirty? Ammunition which shoots well on the first few shots, but makes the chamber and barrel very dirty very fast will ruin your shooting before the day has finished, and you don't want to have to clean after every ten shots to maintain accuracy.

Finally, check your choice of ammunition by firing a match or practice session with that ammunition. Are you pleased with your performance? If so, you have found an ammunition your rifle likes. Invest in a good supply of this ammunition so that you will have it when you need it.

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 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.

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

Timothy Rice
Ben Chong

Marksman

Jeff Wheeless
Melinda Anselmo
Morgan Kitchen

Marksman 1st Class

Timothy Rice
John Alan Bimler
Morgan Kitchen

Sharpshooter

James Brewer
Andrew Hernandez
Nicholas Major
Eliabeth Paul
Melinda Anselmo

Bar

Thomas Wheeless – 5
Jeff Mitchell - 7
Jonathan Underwood - 7

Expert

Jonathan Underwood - 8
Matthew Brewer - 8

Distinguished Expert Pending

Matt Black
Joshua Springer – International Air
Willie Teller – International Air
Nathan Switzer – International Air
Dani Foster – International Air

NRA Three Position Smallbore match

Four Juniors fired in the November NRA Three-Position Smallbore Match, with the following results:

| <u>Shooter</u> | <u>Prone</u> | <u>Standing</u> | <u>Kneeling</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Willie Teller | 190 | 179 | 176 | 545 | 90.83 |
| Daniel Cannard | 175 | 163 | 170 | 508 | 84.67 |
| Nathan Switzer | 166 | 152 | 171 | 489 | 81.50 |
| Timmy Teller | 182 | 103 | 135 | 428 | 71.33 |

Willie's scores are in the Sharpshooter Range. Nathan and Jeremy did very well, beating Daniel Cannard (who shoots for the Air Force Academy) in one position each.

Postal matches

During the last two months, Juniors have fired in Postal Matches for the American Legion and the NRA, firing both air and smallbore, both prone and three position. Although we do not have final results back yet, we are very pleased with how well the shooters are doing. However the NRA Three-Position Smallbore Postal Match (a three-by-forty match, or a total of 120 rounds) was viewed by some shooters as more of a test of endurance than of their shooting ability.

ODJRL matches

Lafayette Teams and individual shooters dominated the October and November ODJRL Matches. New team members have been added to the red and white teams, and all shooters continue to improve.

JORC Matches

Lafayette will host JORC (Junior Olympics) matches in air and smallbore on December 27 and 28. These are important matches, and we ask everyone's consideration for those who are practicing and preparing for the matches.

The Junior Rifle Team welcomes new members during the month of November: Erik Bergstrom, Lukas Bergstrom, Lauren Bergstrom, Crys Sparks, Joshua Sparks, Matthew DallaVilla, Zachary Geel, Katie Phillips, Joey Phillips, Matthew Reno, and Matthew Dan.