RRC End of Summer 2023 Newsletter

Fall League & program start dates at RRC

Wed 9/06/2023 4:30-7:30pm Community Pistol League (CPL) begins

Thurs 9/14/23 5-8pm **Sporterifle** season (adult league) begins

Sun 9/17/2023 2-4pm RYMP-**Junior Sporterifle** season begins

Sun 9/17/2023 5-7pm **Basic Rifle Class Series** begins (contact juniors@rochesterrifleclub.org

or call 585-233-8541 (This is a 7 week class for youth and adults. Pre-registration required.)

Sun., 10/01/2023 7-9pm RYMP-Junior **Precision** program practice begins.

Mon. 12/4/2023 Rochester Prone Series (Monthly Smallbore match) begins. (relays at 6pm and 8pm) email Mike Benson at rochesterriflecompetitions@gmail.com.

Rochester Rifle Club Competitions

This past year there were many highlights for our Junior and Senior members competing both locally and on the national stage. Here are the highlights:

Rochester Youth Marksmanship Program- Once again this year we have graduated another

RYMP (formerly known as RRC Junior) team member to the ranks of college athlete. Our own **Tyler DeKruger** will be competing for the **NCAA 11th ranked University of Akron**. He will follow in the footsteps of NCAA All American, **Andre Gross** and, last year's RJMP graduate, **Rachel Paddock**.

For the second year in a row, our State
Champion 3 Position Air Rifle Junior team
represented well at the Northern regionals, at
Camp Perry, where they qualified for the
National Junior Olympic Championship. Team
members Tyler DeKruger, Ryan DeKruger,
Dominic Baliva, Alex Galka and Katelyn Green
all put in personal bests at these competitions.
Tyler DeKruger had an exceptional performance
as he finished 6th out of 259 entries only 6
points out of a national championship. Tyler's
exceptional score was a blistering 594-45x out
of a possible 600.

The National Matches Camp Perry-Rochester Rifle Club had 8 members competing in the Smallbore Prone Nationals this year. Our 4-man team of Abigail Donovan 399-30x, Andre Gross 399-28x, Joe Hahn 398 29x, and Ed Hahn 395 21x were Overall High Club Team, finishing second overall by only 1 point and out "x-ing" the winners by 108 to 99.

Smallbore Prone 6400 Aggregate results had Andre Gross finishing 3rd with Abigail Donovan 6th and High Woman, Ed and Joe Hahn finishing 14th and 15th. No other state or club came close to representing their area as well as the RRC.

Traveling to the Nationals were: Andre Gross, Samantha Shultz, Abigail and Adrian Donovan, Ed and Joe Hahn, Mike Benson and Jeff Lagendyk. Results for our team can be found on The CMP Competition Tracker at TheCMP.org.



<u>Pictured above at the 2023 CMP Nationals:</u> Joe, Abby, Adrian, Mike, Ed, Andre and Samantha. Missing from attached picture: Jeff Lagendyk.

<u>Rochester Prone Series</u>- We started a new smallbore rifle competition series at the RRC, The Rochester Prone Series. We shoot the first Monday of the month **starting December** and finishing in May. This competition is open to everyone, members and non-members alike. If you would like to compete or need some more information, email Mike Benson at <u>rochesterriflecompetitions@gmail.com</u>.

This past years Prone Series Award winners were: Ben Clark F-class, Abigail Donovan Optical Class and Alex Galka Metallic Sights.



Community Pistol League

Come join us at CPL on Wednesday nights. The range opens at 4:30pm till 7:30pm. Relaxed atmosphere, friendly group. We shoot National Gallery Course. All are welcome to join us. You don't have to be a RRC member to shoot.

So, if you know someone that enjoys shooting let them know. The CPL league starts with a meet and greet / practice on **Wed Sept. 6, 2023**. Match #1 begins the following Wednesday, Sept. 13th.



Sporterifle Youth Wanted

Rochester Rifle Club is inviting juniors between the **ages of 12 and 19** to participate in our junior Sporterifle program. Sporterifle is a great way to introduce a youngster to safe firearms use.

What is Sporterifle? NYS Sporterifle is a 0.22 rimfire rifle competition with hundreds of competitors across New York State. It is a postal league competition with all participants firing their targets at their local sportsman's club. There are about 40 locations across NYS and northern PA. Junior competitors are placed in a junior-only league and compete with other juniors for awards.

The position used in Sporterifle is "off-hand standing" with a light rimfire rifle weighing 7.5 lbs or less. Targets are at 50 feet. Slings, palm rests, and other forms of extra support are *not* used.

Sporterifle has both team and individual awards. Junior scores contribute to the adult team scores but individual awards are based on competitions only with other juniors in the junior league. There are 6 classes based on competitor averages. Top of class awards are available for each class along with several other individual category awards.

To participate in Sporterifle at Rochester Rifle Club, youth need only join the RRC Junior Club which is a one-time annual fee of only \$10. All needed equipment and ammunition is supplied by RRC; there are no other additional fees for junior competitors. Interested juniors may join the program at any time during our active season from middle of September to the end of February. Simply visit the club with a parent or adult during one of our Junior Sporterifle matches on Sunday afternoons, 2-4pm and our rifle instructors will instruct on firearm safety and teach the shooting position at the first visit.

Often Sporterifle juniors are firing their first match the following week. Adults and older siblings are welcome to also participate with juniors if space and equipment permit. Our junior season starts Sunday, 9/17/2023.

More information about NYS Sporterifle at the RRC can be found on our website at: http://sporterifle.org

For questions contact Jerry or Dave on our contact page at https://www.sporterifle.org/sporterifle/contacts.php