

2022 NORTH DAKOTA JUNIOR OLYMPIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RIFLE & PISTOL

January 23, 2022

Since 2005, we have enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of the Minot Rifle and Pistol Club. Their excellent range facility allows us to offer every young rifle shooter a quality opportunity to earn an invitation to compete in the Junior Olympic National Championships. Their support of this match goes back many years before that when we used their old range facility to run this match. We really appreciate their dedication to the Olympic Shooting Sports.

The Minot Rifle and Pistol Club range committee assistance with and support for this match deserves a lot of credit for the success of this match. The most notable efforts were those of Nathan Sutton. Thanks to Jeff Whillock for the food, too.

Our young people fired some great scores this year. This is the first year that 3 of our 30 air rifle shooters were able to fire automatic qualification scores. Congratulations to Katie Zaun for her 594-44, Jordyn Ewine for her 584-33, and Casia Steinhaus for her 581-34. Hannah Vaagen with her 572-22 and Sara Bauman with her 570-20 completed the top 5 overall. This was certainly the girls' year.

Wyatt Rollman fired the air rifle match with us again this year. He was able to put up a 531 with 9 centers as our Paralympic competitor. He is an inspiration to all, young and older.

Rachel Vaagen earned first place as a U15 lady with a 557-20, a full 30 points above her score last year.

Garrett Langerud earned the Men's Air Rifle Gold Medal, followed by Jacob Vaagen who earned the Men's Silver, and Kemper Pearson earned the Bronze.

This year, Dylan Zaun won the Gold Medal in Men's Smallbore. Jacob followed to earn the Silver and Garrett Langerud took the Bronze.

The Women's Smallbore Rifle Gold Medal winner is Katie Zaun with an outstanding 587-26. Casia took the Silver with her 572-16 and Jordyn earned the Bronze Medal with her 563-15.

Our air rifle and smallbore participation was actually higher this year than it was last year. 30 young people fired the air rifle matches. 19 fired the smallbore matches. Looking forward to next year, we really hope to see better weather conditions for all of us who travel many miles to compete in this match. Thanks to all of the parents and coaches who made the trip to allow your child the opportunity.

On January 15th, we hosted the North Dakota Junior Olympic Pistol Championships in Devils Lake, ND.

Emily Yoder took the North Dakota Gold Medal in Sport Pistol with her 548-8 to earn an invitation (this is an automatic qualification score). This is also a new junior women's North Dakota State record. She was followed by Kaitlin Slaubaugh who took the Silver with a score of 499-1 and Kyla Slaubaugh who took the Bronze. Isaak Sailer earned the Gold in the Men's Sport Pistol competition.

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Isaak Sailer is also the North Dakota Men's Air Pistol Champion. He was followed by Cooper Monilaws for the Silver Medal and Derek Jacobs for the Bronze. Emily Yoder fired a 540-3 for the Gold Medal in North Dakota Women's Air Pistol. She was followed by Kaitlin Slaubaugh with her score of 520-3 to earn the Silver Medal. Kyla Slaubaugh took the Bronze.

Congratulations to each one of you who competed in these matches. Some of the scores fired are just a few points lower than the qualifying scores posted by USA Shooting, and it is quite likely that USA Shooting will issue invitations in the first or second round which will include some of you who did not earn automatic invitations in this match. Whether or not you fired a great score, we hope that each one of you enjoyed a great experience at the match and learned something which will help you to shoot better in the future.

Smile when your performance produces a 10 or a high value 9.

We hope to see you all at a match again soon, and we hope that you are smiling.

Connie & Rick Jorgenson



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