

Advanced Junior Rifle Report - September 2025



Yes we are at it again:

M1 GARAND RAFFLE - The advanced junior rifle team is raffling off another M1 Garand. The M1 comes directly from the CMP. Tickets will Cost \$20.00 each 400 tickets to be sold

****BUT if 300 + are SOLD by December 21st we will end the raffle and pull the winning ticket after practice that day. What a great Christmas gift this would be!**

Otherwise - The winning ticket will be drawn after all the tickets are sold.

Status of ticket sales will be posted on Readings Facebook Page.

You can purchase tickets from Maureen Trickett at the club on Wednesday nights 5 to 9 or Sundays 1 to 4 in September. Also you can purchase a ticket if you have VENMO. Please send to: Maureen-Trickett-Coach and then I will send you back your raffle ticket numbers and a photo.

Please make sure you include your phone number so we can txt a photo of your raffle ticket and more importantly, if your name is pulled, we can contact you.

Questions send an email to Maureen at mrmtrcktt@aol.com

Opening Season Meeting: Wednesday September 10th, 6pm in the air range - This is for returning and new members. Both the junior and at least one parent are to attend the meeting. Questions, contact Maureen before the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS not for the Beginner Rifle Program that runs on Monday nights. Returning Juniors will practice after the completion of the meeting till 9pm****



Practice: Advanced juniors will practice on Wednesday nights 5 to 9 and Sundays 1 to 4. We may be adding an additional practice day depending on interest on Friday after school.



Matches: A tentative match schedule is posted on the readinghighpower.com website. There is a junior page and on the page is a list of matches and links to signup genius for matches requiring local signups. We may be adding one more match for the winter season and then additional outdoor matches in the spring.

Coaches clinic: I will be running a coaches clinic on October 25th and 26th. The class is a 2 day program. The cost is \$250.00 per person. If you want to help out with the juniors, this is the class you will want to attend. If you have questions about the class, please contact Maureen. To register for the class - the link is on the junior page of readinghighpower.com.

“New” Junior “Advanced” Rifle Members:

We are always looking for new members to come and join us for instruction and competition. Team members are 12 to 20 and have some experience in shooting, but if you are 14+ and have little to no experience we will work with you if your desire is to get into competitive shooting and you are willing to put the time in to learn and excel. We have limited clothing and air rifles for you to use while learning. We practice Wed nights 5 to 9 and Sundays 1 to 4. We compete and we travel.

Fundraising:



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Midway Foundation is another way for club members to donate to the team. Our Advanced Rifle team has a MidwayUSA Foundation Team Endowment, and every donation we receive for that endowment is matched! You can donate right to our team through their website, and 100% of your donation benefits our team and will be matched 1 to 1 from Midway. Spread the word that the MidwayUSA Foundation will match donations! Donations are tax deductible. Link directly to our

endowment page: <https://www.midwayusafoundation.org/team-profile/?id=R4243>

Summer Competition 2025

Last season’s practice may have ended in June, but it was only the beginning of our travel and competition time at the National Matches held at Camp Perry in Ohio.



4 members of the team headed out to Camp Perry July 6th for the air and small-bore portion of the National Matches. Seasoned competitors Jack and Amelia Daniels were joined with teammates Lingyun Xu-Sun and Neico Marino. This was Lingyun’s first time out at Perry and Neico’s second. They all did a great job and we were very proud of all of them.

Small-bore was next and now with shooting on electronic targets it makes the day move quicker and more entertaining for the audience to watch. You can actually watch all the events air, small-bore and live with the links CMP has on their website.

One unusual event that did happen during the rifle phase was the unexpected arrival of the Goodyear Blimp that was blown over the ranges (Very high winds) and a cease fire was called.

Small-bore and Air Nationals were complete and juniors heading home only to pass by our junior high-power shooters who were on their way. Julia MacKenzie and Shane Bardol shot for Reading this year, enduring high heat, rain and of course wind to add to the challenge of shooting across the course. Julia for her first time out, did amazing and will certainly be a person to watch in future years. Shane, with prior experience, showed his skill while keeping everyone relaxed during the team matches. We are very lucky to have him for one more year before he crosses over from being a junior.



Re-Cap of Last Season June 2025

Another Season is almost over and unfortunately when seasons end we almost always have to say goodbye to some of the team members who are heading off to college.

This year we say goodbye to 2 of our members, Neilan Fahey and Alexandra Olive. Neilan will be attending West Point and will also be a member of their air and small-bore team. Neilan was also the Salutatorian for his graduating class at



Xaverian Brothers High School. He was also awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship from the CMP.

Alexandra Olive will be leaving us and going on to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. She will not only be leaving our air and small-bore team, but she was an active part of our Junior High-power team that went out to Camp Perry last year. Both will be truly missed next year.

We have had a truly exciting year, with the opening of the new air range and our exposure to Collegiate Shooting at our club. We were able to welcome M.I.T., Norwich back again this year. Next year we will not only have them back, we will be adding Ohio State, Akron and The Coast Guard and hopefully more to our Collegiate experience. The juniors are looking forward to showing off their marksmanship skills against them.



The team traveled out to Camp Perry several times this year, qualifying for The Camp Perry Open, Sectionals, Regionals and The National Matches. We placed 3rd at the Camp Perry Open in 3p air and 5th at Regionals.

The junior program will be expanding again next year with the addition of 10 more electronic targets to be used for Small-bore. The additional 10 targets will allow us to use both ranges at the same time. Competitors will now be able to come and shoot two matches in one day, opposed to having to shoot one match and then come back and shoot another on a separate day.



We were able to acquire the additional 10 targets due to grants we received from Midway Foundation, Mass Shooters Foundation and the M1 Grand Raffle we run. Both organizations support Junior shooting in every way they can. Also the continued support of all the club members and non-members who purchased raffle tickets. We could not have done this without all of you.



Thanks to John, John and Bubba and all the guys at trap the junior had a night at the trap range to learn and show their skills. A couple of parents also took a turn. The first round they were a little hesitant, but you could tell the juniors who had a little experience and those who did not!!! Julia who had never shot a shotgun before

had one hit her first try. But with great instruction and encouragement, by her 3rd round she was up to 17 hits. (No she is not allowed to shoot trap again lol). Her dad and sister were also brave and took a turn, I think we will see them back. Joining her were teammates Neico, Lingyun and Pauline who also had no experience and improved drastically. Ringers Jack and Neilan showed off their skills from start to finish. The weather was perfect and they had a lot of fun.
Thank you

We would like to thank the board and the club members for all the support you give to the junior programs, we would not be able to exist without you.