

ARKANSAS STATE CHAMPIONS

CMP/AMERICAN LEGION 3-PAR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Even though the weather was cold outside, the competition was HOT inside!!! On Saturday January 13, 2024, over 110 young rifle enthusiasts braved 20 + degree weather to compete at the Civilian Marksmanship Program/American Legion Three Position Air Rifle Championship in White Hall, Arkansas. Twenty three teams representing 10 Clubs/Schools representing CMP Clubs, NRA Teams, and JROTC participated in the match.

Three-Position Air Rifle competition, as the name implies has the athletes competing in the Prone, Standing, and Kneeling Positions. Each competitor shoots 20 shots at in each position targets at 10 meters(32 feet 9.7 inches). The “center” of the target, known as the “X” is scarcely larger than a pen dot (.). Each shot is worth a maximum of 10 points. Athletes compete in two divisions-Sporter Division in which athletes use standardized air rifles and equipment, and Precision Division in which the athlete uses highly specialized air rifles and equipment. Youth compete for individual scores as well as team scores.

THE WINNERS

SPORTER DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Prone Position: 1st Place-Breanna Yates, Saline County Blue Team- Score 191, with 9 X.

Standing Position: 1st Place-Victoria Bellish, Central Arkansas Hawkeyes-Score 174, with 3 X

Kneeling Position: 1st Place- Dominic Legaria, Ft. Smith Northside JROTC- Score 177, with 4 X

OVERALL(SCORE OF ALL 3 POSITIONS):

1ST Place- Breanna Yates Saline County Blue Team-Score 536, with 16 X.

2nd Place-Victoria Bellish, Central Arkansas Hawkeyes-Score 518, with 13 X.*

3rd Place-Noah Dawson, Saline County Blue Team, Score 509, with 10X.

TEAM SCORE

1st Place-Saline County Blue Team, Breanna Yates, Noah Dawson, Lucas Hankins, Jake Cox coached by Logan Yates. Score 2000, with 38 X. *

2nd Place-Ft. Smith Northside JROTC, Eduardo Ochoa, Apolonio Arredondo, Dominic Legaria, Lucy Buster, coached by Thomas Johnson. Score 1864, with 22 X.

3rd Place-Central Arkansas Hawkeyes, Victoria Bellish, Nikulas Bellish, Colt Jones, Ethan Bellish coached by Ryan Bellish. Score 1805, with 28 X.

PRECISION DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Prone Position: Sanskruti Ghanti, Ft. Smith Northside JROTC-Score 193, with 9 X.

Standing Position: Chloe Parish, Central Arkansas Hawkeyes-Score 183, with 8 X.

Kneeling Position: Chloe Parish, Central Arkansas Hawkeyes-Score 188, with 8 X.

OVERALL (SCORE OF ALL 3 POSITIONS)

1ST Place-Chloe Parish, Central Arkansas Hawkeyes- Score 562, with 21 X.*

2nd Place-Audrene Hays, Ft. Smith Northside JROTC-Score 551, with 15 X.

3rd Place-Sanskruti Ghanti, Ft. Smith Northside JROTC-Score 541, with 19 X.

TEAM SCORE

1st Place- Central Arkansas Hawkeyes- Chloe Parish, Kaitlyn Edwards, Kylie Watson, Charleigh Herberger coached by Bryan Herberger. Score 2071, with 53 X.

2nd Place-Newport Precision Team-Lily Jungers, Quiana Johnson, Blaine Shannon, Audra King coached by Jim Johnson. Score 1905, with 34 X

RECOGNITIONS

In addition to Medals, the 1st Place Sporter Team(Saline County Blue) was awarded a Crosman Challenger Competition Sporter Air Rifle by Velocity/Crosman Regional Sales Manager Jeff Meisenzahl. Meisenzahl also presented the 1st Place "OVERALL" Sporter winner(Breanna Yates) and 1st Place "OVERALL" Precision winner(Chloe Parish) with a Crosman MAG-Fire Mission 1300 FPS Air Rifle.

***Saline County Blue Team (Sporter Division) with a score of 2000 will qualify to advance to the CMP Nationals Match at Camp Perry Ohio. As per CMP Rules the highest scoring individual not on the 1st Place Team, with a score of 500 or more will also qualify. Victoria Bellish of the Central Arkansas Hawkeyes with a score of 518 will also qualify. Precision Division Individual winner Chloe Parish, also with the Central Arkansas Hawkeyes with a score of 562 will also qualify to advance to the Nationals.**

Sponsors of this event were the CMP, Arkansas Department of American Legion, Velocity/Crosman, Velocity Air Guns, Arkansas Rifle and Pistol Association, and Arkansas Gun and Cartridge Collectors Club. Range Safety Officers were, Chief Range Officer-Allan Beurman, assisted by Line Officers, Kim Rowlett, Bryan Elliot, and Ralph Sims. Capt.(R) Bryan Hutchinson of the White Hall JROTC was Chief Statistician in charge of scoring.

For a list of all competitors and scores go to Orion Results Center. Scroll down to Air Rifle. Click on 2024 01 13 Arkansas State Championship to find all scores for individuals and teams in both the "Sporter" and "Precision" Divisions.