



## A Few Surprises at the 2017 JORC

By Debbie Lyman, CSRRA Junior Director

“Home of Championship Shooters” is the logo painted on the 15-passenger van panels and walls of the Blue Trail Range Junior Rifle Club, and the written word proves to be correct as they captured fifty percent of the medals in the smallbore and air rifle events. Amongst all the visible advertising, however, a marksman resides minding his own business, coming to and from the range to practice and local matches, as silent as a snake, and just as stealthily posting personal best (PB) after PB scores, with little fanfare from anyone or visible signs of exultation from him. I think the silence is about to end—let’s introduce John “Johnny” Lesica. This is a kid that has never won a match, probably doesn’t even have a full box of shooting trophies in his room, and doesn’t even own his own air rifle. And, yet, he just won the Gold Medal in the Men’s Air Rifle event with an incredible PB score of 576, using a borrowed air rifle (provided by the Friends of NRA grants). And, I can’t forget to mention that he just started the search for a college with shooting and wants to be a gunsmith. This score also grants him a “state champion” invite to the National Matches at the USA Shooting Center in Colorado Springs so he can add a “national championship” score to his shooting resume. Congratulations Johnny and best of luck in Colorado in April at your first national match event and with your college search!

Six points behind Johnny with a 570 for the Silver was Cos Cob’s Kyle Kutz. Kyle has had quite an illustrious career as a well-known Sub-Junior and does not show any signs of slowing down as he advances into the J2 category. Firing a 569 for the Bronze was Blue Trail’s Michael Acampora, who also captains for the Xavier HS Rifle Team. Completing the men’s air rifle event were:

Condo	Scott	J1	568
Glynn	Tyler	J1	563
Wesson	Daniel	J2	554
Fowler	Tucker	J2	552
Callahan	Harrison	J2	549
Lagace	Jacob	J1	538

Lorence	Dylan	J1	537
Horn	Ryan	J2	527
Tyler	Benjamin	J1	514
Hawke	Brandon	J2	492
Stuart	Brendon	J1	482
Kohanski	David	J2	453

In the Men’s Smallbore event, the scores were very close. Mike Acampora captured the Gold and state invite with a 558. Kyle captured his 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver with a 554, and Blue Trail’s Scott Condo won the bronze with a 553. He is also the captain of Vinal Tech’s rifle team and is also at the tail end of his college search with riflery as a sport. Tyler Glynn, returning home from the Maine Maritime Academy (with no practice), fired a 550. Other participants/scores in the Men’s Smallbore event were:

Wesson	Daniel	J2	549
Lesica	John	J1	540
Fowler	Tucker	J2	537
Lagace	Jacob	J1	536
Lorence	Dylan	J1	534.016
Lombard	Joseph	J1	534.012
Callahan	Harrison	J2	530.016
Collins	Kevin	J2	530.007
McConnell	Ryan	J1	526
Horn	Ryan	J2	521
Hawke	Brandon	J2	499
Lu	Feng	J1	485
Ahn	Junyeop	J1	477
Sayyah	Preston	J1	475
Snyder	Joshua	J1	467

Weisz	Zackary	J2	463
Stuart	Brendon	J1	453
Park	Jungwoo	J1	431
Kohanski	David	J2	425
Richards	Sean	J2	422
Reller	Wyatt	J2	417
Cho	Seongwoon	J1	416
Du	Qinyang	J2	412
Kulowski	Donnie	J2	411
Zhou	Jiupeng	J1	386
Saragganonda	Chadwick	J3	371
Li	Xihe	J2	368
Johnson	Matthew	J2	353
Leung	Brendan	J2	341
Zuo	Bainian	J2	294
Lee	Ho Young	J2	199

In the men's air pistol event, US Coast Guard Academy's Cadet Kevin Bennett fired the high score of 556 to compete as an "at large" competitor. John Marrinan captured Gold & State Champ invite with his score of 539. Cadet Bennett also stepped up to the line to fire a 544 in the Men's Sporter Pistol, again competing in the "at large" category.

Then, we come to the Women's events; I saved the best for last. The only competitor to fire an "automatic invite score" to the National event in Colorado was Blue Trail's Laura Milukas (photo in the right being congratulated by her mom). Gaining solid roots from the Cos Cob Rifle Club, she has come a long way in a short amount of time. Her dedication to the sport is quite evident on the range. She fired a PB 385 in the state JORC for the Gold and State Champ Invite in the Women's Air Rifle Events. Two weeks later she goes to Palmyra and fires a PB score of 582 (in a 60-shot match vs 40 for this match). Two back-to-back, incredible PB performances in two very prestigious matches for this new J2 shooter—these matches are generally won by J1 or "home for the holidays" collegiate shooters! Some college coaches are going to be on her radar. Teammate, Kaitlyn Kutz captured the Silver, just two x's behind Laura. These two girls provided quite a bit of excitement to the spectators as they were firing their match on the same relay. Firing a 381 for the Bronze was Stratford PAL's Hope Kavulich. The girls traded medals for the Women's smallbore events. Kaitlyn - Gold & State Champ Invite (569), Hope - Silver (561), and Laura - Bronze (549). Remaining scores for the women's events follow:



### Women's Air Rifle

Pasko	Kayley	J2	376
Cuozzo	Sophia	J1	372.013
Reynolds	Rose	J2	372.009
Allan	Stephanie	J2	371
Gorlo	Katherine	J1	369
Czechoski	Lauren	J2	368.015
Riordan	Gillian	J2	368.013

Wilcoxson	Megan	J1	367
Ulmer	Kiera	J2	360
Tregaron	Goodnight	J2	353
Allen	Jessamyn	J2	331
Reynolds	Haley	J2	330
Sendlein	Rebecca	J2	326
Hawke	Sydney	J3	325

### Women's Smallbore Rifle

Gorlo	Katherine	J1	545
Cuozzo	Sophia	J1	541
Riordan	Gillian	J2	538.012
Wilcoxson	Megan	J1	538.011
Reynolds	Rose	J2	536
Czechoski	Lauren	J2	535
Allan	Stephanie	J2	532.010

Pasko	Kayley	J2	532.007
Reynolds	Haley	J2	516
Hooker	Christiana	J1	488
Hawke	Sydney	J3	482
Sendlein	Rebecca	J2	478
Greeno	Lilly	J2	243

Rhode Island also fired their JORC at the USCGA; a very cordial group to have around. Rebecca Green was the top gun for her state. Firing a 384 in air and 563 in smallbore, she easily captured the Gold in both events. Connecticut was happy to host both events so that Rhode Island could have a place to shoot and compete for RI state medals in invites. We thank the new CMP Rhode Island Director Brenda Jacob for her coordination and support.

As a reminder, this match is fired under USA Shooting rules, which states that residents (*which is defined as to where the competitor holds a current and valid driver's license or where the competitor's parents / guardians reside*) only are eligible for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place USA Shooting State Champion medallions but may compete for invitations to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships (NJOSC) in the "at large" category. This year's state event was sponsored by both the CSRRA and Bridgeport Rifle Club (BRC), and fired on two ranges (USCGA & BRC). Scores from both venues have been combined and are attached. Consolidate results from all states will count for national invitations to the JNOSC in Colorado Springs held in April; selected attendees will be announced by USA Shooting at a time to be determined by the Competitions Division. CT and RI have separate medals which will be awarded shortly by the CSRRA.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, the CSRRA was extremely pleased that the USCGA was able to offer their range as one of the host sites for Connecticut, due to the efforts of Head Shooting Sports Coach Richard Hawkins and Assistant Rifle Coach Hap Rocketto. 83 entries out of the 109 (up 21 entries from 2016) competed at the USCGA. Electronic targets make competitions more efficient, spectator friendly, and allows for precise scoring without the human element involved of plugging a shot, making judgment calls, and eliminating mathematical

errors. Most importantly, it provides these shooters the best of conditions for an ultimate performance. The CSRRA is happy that we were finally able to play a small part in showcasing this facility to Connecticut's best athletes and presenting it is an option for furthering their education and shooting at the collegiate level. Any interested shooters can contact Head Shooting Sports Coach Richard Hawkins at [Richard.N.Hawkins@uscg.mil](mailto:Richard.N.Hawkins@uscg.mil).

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the CSRRA, we would like to express our gratitude to the USCGA staff for putting in the long weekend hours required for this match to run: Assistant Rifle Coaches Hap Rocketto & Bill Simpson, GM2 Brent Craemer, GM2 Nick Dracon, MUI Joe D'Aleo, Gunner Paul Lahah, GM1 Charlie Petrotto; and, Assistant Pistol Coaches Will Hart, Coach Wayne Gronlund & Chuck Griffin. All of these gentlemen made the coaches, parents, and athletes feel welcome. Special thanks to the coaches that gave up their time to bring the athletes to the match in blizzard conditions (Michele has learned that, what she terms as her "sexy" car is better saved for summer days as it had to be flatbedded and driven around by a tow truck to and from the range); and everyone for your cooperation throughout the registration, firing, and posting of results. Remember, patience is a virtue; and, you are dealing with volunteers. Although it is an electronic scoring range, results and paperwork and writing articles remain a manual chore (I don't work any faster when you send emails asking me if everything is done ☺; this match has to be consolidated with other match directors and these things take time). Finally, congratulations in advance to our Connecticut and Rhode Island athletes that secure an invite to the nationals. For those that are able to accept the invitation, we wish you the best of luck! Any questions, contact me (Deborah Lyman) at [nra.cmp@gmail.com](mailto:nra.cmp@gmail.com).

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# 2016-17 State Junior Olympic Match

## Connecticut Results - Women

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Gold & State Champ Invite

Silver

Bronze

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Milukas	Laura	J2	X		385.023
Kutz	Kaitlyn	J1	X		385.021
Kavulich	Hope	J2	X		381
Pasko	Kayley	J2	X		376
Cuozzo	Sophia	J1	X		372.013
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Kutz	Kyle	J2	X	554
Condo	Scott	J1	X	553
Glynn	Tyler	J1	X	550
Wesson	Daniel	J2		X 549
Lesica	John	J1	X	540
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Glynn	Tyler	J1	X	563
Wesson	Daniel	J2		X 554
Fowler	Tucker	J2	X	552
Callahan	Harrison	J2	X	549
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MEN'S AIR PISTOL		Res	Non Res	Score
Bennett	Kevin	J1		X 556
Marrinan	John	J1	X	539

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MEN'S SPORTER PISTOL		Res	Non Res	Score
Bennett	Kevin	J1		X 544

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Bresette	Alexis	J1	X	541
Foley	Emily	J1	X	518
Makucevich	Danielle	J1	X	515
Andrukiewicz	Madison	J1	X	486
Foley	Grace	J3	X	421
KUKIO	Laura	J1	X	392

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Head	Sydnee	J3	X	342

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MENS SMALLBORE		Res	Non Res	Score
Titus	DJ	J1	X	507
Klensch	Charles	J1	X	462
O'Rourke	Brendon	J2	X	402

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MENS AIR RIFLE		Res	Non Res	Score
Mojica	Marcus	J2	X	561

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