

# NRA OPEN METRIC POSITION SMALLBORE RIFLE SECTIONAL

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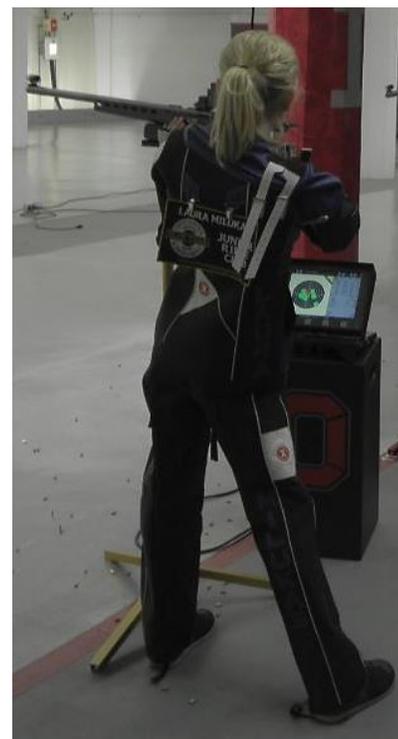


Ten x's determined the difference between the gold and silver medal in the recent NRA Open Metric Position Smallbore Rifle Sectional, hosted by Blue Trail Range, in Wallingford, CT. It was a match, however, where the top shooter wasn't even being watched as his performance was just "steady" and his posted scores were not even at the top of the list throughout the day. Instead, his teammate, Middlefield Rifle Club's Dylan Lorence (left photo) opened the match in prone with the match winning score of 396. Nipping at his heels, were Blue Trail Range junior Jacob Lagace and Middlefield's Michael Acampora with scores of 394 (1<sup>st</sup> Markman) and 392 [1<sup>st</sup> Expert(EX)/Sharpshooter(SS)], respectively.

At the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> match of the day, Cos Cob Rifle Club--from the southern end of the state--produced the most "talked about" event of the day. Laura Milukas proved that each match should be treated as a separate match, and putting her mediocre prone score of 366 out of her mind, she settled down and posted a personal best and impressive match winning standing score of 361 (right photo). Dylan fired a 357 for 1<sup>st</sup> Ex/SS, and Cos Cob Kaitlyn Kutz posted a 354 for 1<sup>st</sup> Marksman.

Finally, the kneeling position, and this is where the match winner made his appearance know by posting a phenomenal and personal best score of 390 for a grand aggregate of 1126-39x, Middlefield's Josh Lindgren. This is Josh's first open gold sectional medallion, but I'm sure it won't be his last. Senior veteran Len Remaly posted the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest kneeling score of 378 for 1<sup>st</sup> EX/SS and Kaitlyn took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Marksman class with her 375. Dylan settled for his first open silver medal, ten x's behind Josh, and the bronze medallion went to Kaitlyn Kutz. All three juniors, and all three making history in their diary for first-time open medals.

Also a first, was the arrival of a Middlefield Rifle Club returnee. Robert Keane, who began his shooting career with the Blue Trail Range many moons ago, found his way back to the range with his daughter, Emily. Both competed in the unclassified master division, with dad capturing 1<sup>st</sup> Unclassified Master in all three separate position matches as well as the aggregate with a final 1098. The story proves that our sport is a "life-long" sport, and that you can return after a break while raising a family. Welcome back Robert!



Last, shooting on their home range, the Middlefield Rifle Club team, comprised of veteran Len Remaly and joined by three of the junior team members (Dylan Lorence, Michael Acampora & Match Winner Josh Lindgren) posted a 4431 for Team Match Winner. 2<sup>nd</sup> place were the Cos Cob “Riders” with a 4267, and Blue Trail Range’s juniors settled for 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 4213.

The staff at Blue Trail Range thanks the competitors for their participation. These complete results can be viewed on the Blue Trail Range website at <http://bluetrailrange.com/match-results/>



Josh Lindgren “holding court” on a recent trip to The Ohio State University “OSU”, sitting on the lap of OSU’s Buckeye. As you can tell, he never takes things too seriously, so was able to just go about his business of shooting tens and surprising everyone with his Gold Medal performance. Standing Champion Laura Milukas is to his left in the same sweatshirt as Josh. (Credit for Photos: Mr. Callahan)

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