

NM Tech Rifle Team Scores at the New Mexico State Conventional Prone .22 Rifle Championship

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Seventeen smallbore rifle competitors from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas gathered in Capitan, NM for the New Mexico State Conventional Prone .22 Rifle Championship. Smallbore rifles are .22 caliber and competitors shoot in the prone position at distances of 50 yd, 50 m, and 100 yd; iron sights one day and scope the second day. More information can be found at <http://arizona-rifleshooting.com/smallbore.htm>. The course of fire is the Dewar (20 shots at 50 yd, 20 shots at 100 yd), 100 yd (40 shots), 50 meters (40 shots), and 50 yd (40 shots) in the prone position, for a total of 1600 points and is repeated on the 2nd day for an aggregate total of 3200 points.

Patrick Ward improved his shooting skills from last spring to earn High Junior. David Best won 1st Sharpshooter class. Brian Sun also competed and Austin Mier assisted with scoring and is eager to shoot in the next competition. Coach McLemore is the NM State Champion, outshooting the 2nd place competitor by 4 points. Coach McLemore also competed in the 2012 National Metric Prone Smallbore Rifle Championship in Bristol, Indiana July 16-17, 2012, where she won High Intermediate Senior (6th overall). The Intermediate Senior class is comprised of competitors ages 55 to 64. McLemore won a championship belt buckle. McLemore then traveled to Camp Perry, Ohio for the National Smallbore Rifle Championships, where she placed 3rd Intermediate Senior and 31st overall (nearly 320 competitors). Coach McLemore then attended the NRA/USA Shooting Sports Association Collegiate Coaches Conference August 3, 2012 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, where she attended sessions to improve coaching skills and fundraising.

The NM Rifle Team is currently preparing for the .22 Rifle Clinic Oct. 12-14, 2012 also in Capitan, and additional championships during the winter and spring. New members of the New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club are welcome and encouraged to attend the rifle clinic in October. The club has regular practice at the New Mexico Tech Gym Classroom every Monday at 5-7 PM during the fall and spring semesters. Contact Jim McLemore (5409) or Virginia McLemore (5521) for more information.