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The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month



The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month is Lauren Thompson from Pennsylvania State University.

Lauren recorded a season high 553 on January 25 @ MIT's BEANPOT Tournament. Then one week later while under the weather battling a severe cold fired an impressive 546 at the NRA/Philadelphia Area Sectionals at The University of the Sciences.

Lauren is a junior majoring in the Industrial Engineering at Penn State, where she excels not only as a student and future engineer, but also as an athlete, a leader, and a coach. Her scholastic achievements with the university are both numerous and impressive. She maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.15 with course loads upwards of 20 credits per semester. Lauren is able to achieve all of this while still dedicating time to her fellow female engineers by tutoring members of both the Women in Engineering Program and the Society of Women Engineers. Her summer internship with BMW in 2014 is indicative of companies already taking notice of this impressive young woman.

Lauren's achievements are not limited in scope to scholastic accomplishments. Over the course of her three years at Penn State, Lauren learned to compete in 3 Position Olympic Style Small-bore Rifle Shooting. As a freshman she was immediately placed on the competition team for Penn State, having never picked up a rifle prior to her freshman year. She has since become the best marksman on the team and helps train future Nittany Lion marksmen.

For Lauren, however, simply achieving success is not enough. She seeks to pass on her wealth of knowledge to others. Lauren has held the position of Vice President and is the current President of the Penn State Rifle Team Club. This is in conjunction with being the captain of the University's competition team. She is solely responsible for all logistical matters related to travel and coordination between all of her fellow coaches in the Mid-Atlantic Rifle Conference. Her leadership and professionalism have helped transition and grow the club to its highest membership in over seven years.



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The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month



The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month is Nick Zsoldos of the University of the Sciences Mixed Rifle Team

Nick recorded two scores in January – the first shooting shoulder-to-shoulder with Navy on Jan 23 recording a 506 and tying his career best from Nov 8 against John Jay. That was followed on the following Saturday shooting shoulder-to-shoulder vs Penn State turning in a 504. Zsoldos is currently the #2 air rifle competitor on the USciences Mixed team and Coach Dalidowicz says “Nick is such a great kid to coach. He listens intently and is a quick learner. He’s starting to understand the mental game and will soon become a force to be reckoned with next season!”

A graduate of Barnegat High School and native of Manahawkin, NJ, Nick is a third year Doctorate of Pharmacy student-athlete. He has been on Dean’s List several times so far in his collegiate academic career. Zsoldos is another one of that long line of students that found out that he had an interest in rifle after taking the three week mandatory physical education marksmanship class. Zsoldos is one of the stalwarts of the USciences Mixed Varsity Rifle Team and can be seen frequently helping out the up and coming shooters.

Nick is far from a two dimensional student-athlete concentrating just on academics and rifle. Amongst his extracurricular, institutional, and community service activities are being part of the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, APhA-ASP (American Pharmacists Assoc- Academy of Student Pharmacists. Nick volunteers annually at the Lighthouse Film Festival in Long Beach Island, NJ and is an avid archer and fly-fisherman.