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The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month



The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month is Jeremy Bolden of Virginia Military Institute.

Cadet Bolden is a VMI 1st Classmen (Senior) and has posted a 560 small bore average. This smallbore average is the 2nd highest average amongst nearly 100 competitors in the Mid Atlantic Rifle Conference. On November 8th at the University of North Georgia, Jeremy recorded a 573 in smallbore; and also shot a 575 Air Rifle score at Morehead State on November 15th.

Jeremy is a Physics Major with a minor in applied mathematics. He is the top shot on the Virginia Military Institute Rifle Team and has been instrumental in the VMI Mixed team leading the Expert Division over rivals MIT and U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He has been invaluable in coaching and training new cadets on the rifle team. Jeremy is a native of Powhatan, VA.

Jeremy has carried above a 2.77 grade point average throughout his rigorous cadetship and extremely demanding physics program here at VMI. He also represents VMI during numerous parades and drill competitions.

Jeremy participates in the Army ROTC and leadership training programs and plans to attend Optometry school upon graduation.



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The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month



The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month is Lindsey Crister from the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Lindsey, a freshman Mechanical Engineering student, is from Henderson, Kentucky where she shot sporter air rifle with the Henderson County High School JROTC Rifle Team.

While still a novice rifleman, Lindsey has proven to be enthusiastic in her pursuit of shooting excellence. She is a quick and attentive learner with a strong work ethic who shows great composure on the line, particularly in the face of adverse conditions.

Lindsey began the year slowly with a 505 and then climbed to a 536 in her second match. She was continuing to do well in training and had every expectation of continuing to improve when she suffered a horrific setback. It turns out her air rifle went sour during a match against service academy rivals, resulting in a disastrous score of 483.

A week and a half later, when the cause of her low score was discovered Lindsey was issued a new air rifle and, undaunted by the mechanical failure, she instantly put the disaster behind her, mentally regrouped, and returned to training as if nothing had happened. Two days later she confidently shot a 565 in the Admiral's Cup.

Lindsey is mentally tough, very coachable and a team player. She contributes with her eagerness to do whatever necessary to help the team succeed; from putting forth her best effort on each shot, to pitching in to prepare the range before each event, insuring that food is always available at the matches, and policing the range when all firing is complete.

She is successfully carrying a full academic load heavy in mathematics and science, while dealing with the added military and physical training requirements of a service academy which place severe restrictions on her training time. Her great potential and progress, as she builds upon her high school experience, is clearly exhibited by that fact that Lindsey is obviously undeterred by misfortune and able to productively use every minute of scarce practice time to clearly focus on performance as she seeks excellence.