



October 2015

The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month



The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month is Gabrielle Miner of Loyola University

Gabby, a sophomore at Loyola University of Maryland, is in her second year of eligibility on the Loyola rifle team and she is progressing well. On October 4th, 2015 at University of the Sciences, Gabby fired a 382 in her very first competitive match. Gabby is steadily improving and recently recorded a 428-3X during a practice match two weeks ago.

Not surprisingly, Gabby struggled when she first started last year as she had never competed in competitive precision rifle shooting prior to joining the Loyola rifle team. However, instead of getting discouraged, in her vigilance she kept practicing and things started to click for her. As a result, her scores are improving every practice.

Gabrielle is involved in the school color guard, Valor, Ultimate Frisbee, intramural soccer, and ROTC. Even though she is involved in these numerous other school activities, she is committed to attending rifle practice and has a great attitude which is infectious.

Gabby is a Biology major from Gettysburg, PA.



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The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month



The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month is Nicholas Paisker of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

As the team captain, Nicholas is entering his third year of collegiate competition and has been an exemplar to the six new inexperienced freshman team members. Well versed in the ways of the Academy, and just as well organized, Nicholas has kept the freshman class of rifle shooters on task on the rifle range and in the classroom. He is keenly aware that good classroom performance is essential for an equally good performance on the range.

While he has shepherded the freshman, he has not neglected his own academic and athletic devotion. Nicholas, who currently holds the school Air Rifle record of 587, has paced the Bears during the first part of the season as the first or second place scorer on the team in each match. On Oct 3rd at USCGA against Canisius and Penn State he shot a 577 and then recorded a 576 on Oct 24th against John Jay and Yale. In each event the school bested its previous team record: two matches-two new school records.

Along the way he tied both the school smallbore individual prone (197) and grand aggregate records (572); records that he set less than ten months ago.

Coast Guard's Head Shooting Coach, Dr. Richard Hawkins, notes that, "Nick is a hard worker who keeps a vigilant eye out for his younger teammates. He contributes to the team with a solid score and just as importantly, as a role model and leader."