

Indoor Rifle Program 2017 - 2018

Indoor .22 rifle program will resume on Thursday November 16th 2017 and run thru Thursday March 22^{ed} 2018. The junior program is to encourage marksmanship and teach basic shooting skills and safety to our youth. Prior to shooting, those who are new to the shooting sports are given a safety overview. The overview includes basic gun handling practices, range safety rules and commands. Once the overview is complete the next step is to move into the range. There are three positions used; prone, sitting and off-hand. Prone, being the most stable is taught first. Shooters are positioned on a mat and the proper prone position is taken. Shooters practice 'dry-firing' [shooting without ammunition] {air rifles cannot be 'dry-fired'} a few times to get the feel of the triggers and looking thru the sights. When the instructors are comfortable with the students; live fire begins.

The basic course of fire is: Students slowly fire three shots at the center bulls-eye. When all firing is complete, rifles are made safe and the instructors go forward to check targets. Upon return, the instructors give corrections to the shooters to 'center then up'. The next two stages are ten shots at each of the two targets. Each target has eleven bulls' eyes, but one was used as a sighter. There is a short break between the two stages for rest. When all firing is complete, rifles are made safe and the targets are pulled for score.

All equipment can be provided: If prescription glasses are required, we have safety glasses which can be worn over the Rx glasses. Personal hearing protection is your option. We have foam ear plugs available.

We can cover everything except trigger pullers

Shooting begins at 7PM. If space permits, shooters may shoot a second replay provided all juniors have shot at least once. We make every attempt to complete all juniors firing by 9PM. If adults wish to shoot, they may on the condition there are no juniors waiting to shoot. Parents may come into the shooting range to watch but must have eye and ear protection. Please keep in mind the evening weather conditions. If it is expected to be inclement weather, we will NOT be there.

NOTE: New for 2017 – Air Rifles will be available for use. These are single cocking piston air rifles. Most are equipped with open (aperture sights), four have scopes. As with the .22's, adult supervision is required for the youth when shooting.