

Junior Rifle Program Ends 48th Year

By Ron Benge

The Junior Rifle Program celebrated the end of the 2007-2008 season Monday night March 24, 2008, and 48 years of teaching firearm safety and rifle marksmanship to juniors. After having pizza from LaRossa's, pop, and ice cream chocolate brownies and cookies for dessert, awards were presented to the outstanding shooters. The season awards were based on the number of targets shot, average target scores and test score. Yes, they do take a test at the end of the year that covers firearm safety, firearms and marksmanship.

SEASON RESULTS

High-Over-All	Ben Mack
1st Standing	Ted Farmiga
1st Kneeling	Nathan McKain
1st Sitting	Garrett Siefer
1st Prone	Nate Mack
2nd Prone	Patrick Ramsey
3rd Prone	Nathan Conley
4th Prone	Jessica Ramsey

Scotty Ballinger Award Ben Mack

Nate Mack shot a perfect 50 sitting, and Brian Wissel shot a perfect 50 prone two times, one of which was in the Jr. vs. Instructor Match, putting their names on the 50 Club list. Many of the junior shooters shot scores in the mid to high 40's most of the year.

37 juniors shot during the year, and they shot approximately 1150 targets and 5,800 rounds of ammunition.

The Scotty Ballinger Award is in honor of Scotty Ballinger who started the Junior Program over 48 years ago. Attitude, scores, demonstration of firearm safety and helping of fellow shooters determines which junior receives the award.

Thanks to the BCSC for supporting the junior rifle program, the instructors that gave their time, the parents that let their children shoot and bringing them to the club every Monday night, to Dale McGee for taking photos at the award banquet, and to all those that served in the military and fought for the freedom that let us have a rifle shooting program.

NRA Certified Instructors: Ron Benge, Gary Schweinfest, Art Balph, Curtis Collins, Larry Christy and Jay Needleman.

Helpers: Bob Mack