

Ontario Outdoor Rifle Championships
Lou Anderson Shooting Centre, Cookstown
July 1, 2023

Competition Report

The Ontario Outdoor Rifle Championships were held Canada Day weekend at the Lou Anderson Shooting Centre, Cookstown, Ontario. The morning events included ISSF Prone and 3 Position while the afternoon was filled with domestic events, Sporting Rifle Prone and Hunting Rifle Prone.

The morning started at 10am rather than the normal 9am start time. The air was still with a slight tint of remnant northern fires smoke. Temperatures were in the low 20's making the morning very comfortable for competition. The first event, ISSF Prone was won by Kitchner's Greg Sych with an Ontario Record 623.9. Utopia's Shannon Westlake came 2nd with 619.5 followed by London's Michal Dugovic 616.3. Ontario's top junior was Kitchener's Lucas Loftin.

ISSF Prone was followed by the ISSF 3 Position event. The winds remained very calm with temperatures rising into the mid 20's. Greg Sych followed his prone performance with another new Ontario Record in the 3 Position event. Finishing with a 99/100 in the standing position, 586/600 !! The Women's Championship was won by Shannon Westlake who also set a new Ontario Record with a score of 580/600. Michal Dugovic followed Greg with a 568 while Maple, Ontario native Cindy Luk came 2nd in the Women's event with a 562. The top International Jr was won by young Ethan Luk.

In the afternoon the Championships continued with Sporting Rifle Prone and the Hunting Rifle Prone event. The wind started to pick up with temperatures rising to near 30. Shooting under the covered firing point kept most competitors, range staff and spectators comfortable.

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The Sporting Rifle event is different from the ISSF Prone event because competitors “tough it out” shooting prone with NO SLING ! The event is broken down into 3 strings of 20 shots with a short break in between each string of 20. The Ontario Championship was won by one of the elder statewomen Sufei Xu with a fine 592.32x. Sufei was closely followed by soon to be Expert Tatiana Mitkova 591.30x. Elder statesman George Sawicki finished 3rd with 585.18. The top Jr was Annika Culhane and top Cdn Jr's with each a 547 shared by Burlington Club Robert Willis and Eric Vickers.

The final event of the day was the Hunting Rifle Prone event. This event is similar to the Sporting Rifle Prone event with the major difference being, Hunting Rifle allows a low powered scope to be mounted on the rifle instead of iron sights. The Sporting Rifle paper targets are used for the competition. Winds were again gusting to almost 10mph with temperature humidex in the low 30's. Since Covid the Hunting Rifle event has ballooned from 3 competitors to 16 this year. Markham's Tatiana Mitkova won the Provincial Championship with 591.35x followed by Sufei Xu 589.29x. Richard Mitchell finished 3rd by x's over Rob Birch. The Ontario Jr top score was by Eric Vickers 546.6 over Victoria Willis 511.7.

Our thanks go out to the Toronto International Rifle and Pistol Club (TIRP) for allowing the events to be held at their ranges. A big thanks to Pat, Richard, Margus, Dennis, Ian and Barb for getting the range ready for the competition. Special thanks to the crew Sharon, Cindy, Shannon for assisting in range scoring and range activities. Thanks to our CRO Rob Jones and Jury Chief Maureen Spinney for keeping the range and rules in order. Thanks to all the spectators who attempted the “shooting wave” and supporting the competition.

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ISSF Prone

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Greg Sych	103.9	102.9	104.7	104.0	104.7	104.6	623.9	Prov Champ
Shannon Westlake	102.1	104.6	102.0	104.9	102.1	103.1	619.5	1 st M
Michal Dugovic	99.6	102.7	103.2	104.3	102.0	104.5	616.3	2 nd M
Glynn Loftin	102.3	102.2	103.4	101.0	101.3	101.5	611.7	3 rd M
Cindy Luk	100.9	101.0	102.9	99.6	100.7	103.5	608.6	
Kirill Nesterenko	98.9	101.6	101.7	100.1	101.3	101.7	605.3	
Lucas Loftin	100.4	101.6	101.7	100.1	101.3	101.7	605.3	1 st Ex
Patrick Champagne	100.8	100.0	101.7	100.3	100.2	102.7	605.1	
Angel Ceballos	92.8	92.0	92.7	89.4	86.9	90.4	544.2	1 st SS
Ethan Luk	98.4	100.6	98.3	90.0	95.5	86.5	569.3	1 st IJ
Glynn Loftin	102.3	102.2	103.4	101.0	101.3	101.5	611.7	1 st VT

ISSF 3 Position Male

Greg Sych	97	99	98	100	93	99	586	* Prov Cham
Michal Dugovic	94	97	98	98	89	92	568	1 st M
Ethan Luk	90	89	96	93	79	90	537	1 st IJ

ISSF 3 Position Women

Shannon Westlake	94	96	98	100	96	96	580	* Prov Cham
Cindy Luk	90	92	99	99	93	89	562	1 st M
Sharon Bowes	91	94	94	92	91	90	552	
Angel Ceballos	80	70	93	86	78	64	471	1 st SS

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Hunting Rifle Prone

Tatiana Mitkova	196.10	199.11	196.13	591.35	Prov Champ
Sufei Xu	197.13	196.7	196.9	589.29	1 st
Richard Mitchell	193.7	198.8	194.9	585.24	2 nd
Rob Birch	192.6	196.4	197.8	585.18	3 rd
George Lee	194.4	194.6	194.5	582.15	
Shawn Smedmor	196.7	190.5	195.9	581.21	
Jay Brasil	195.5	193.4	193.7	581.16	
Thomas Yeung	193.9	189.5	194.7	576.21	
Peter Sheridan	188.2	192.7	191.5	571.14	
Kris Watten	193.4	191.7	184.2	568.13	
George Sawicki	180.3	188.3	187.5	555.11	
James Desroches	174.3	183.6	178.4	535.13	
Philip Gray				DNS	
Eric Vickers	188.3	179.2	179.1	546.6	1 st Cdn Jr
Victoria Willis	149.2	175.3	187.2	511.7	2 nd Cdn Jr
Robert Willis	166.1	152.0	163.2	481.3	
Sufei Xu	197.13	196.7	196.9	589.29	1 st VT
Rob Birch	192.6	196.4	197.8	585.18	2 nd VT
George Lee	194.4	194.6	194.5	582.15	3 rd VT
Thomas Yeung	193.9	189.5	194.7	576.21	
George Sawicki	180.3	188.3	187.5	555.11	