

The 2022 Minnesota Air Gun State Championship was held December 3rd at the Anoka American Legion. Since this is an OPEN match, adults as well as juniors competed together (separate age groups). There were 25 competitors in total, 8 Air Pistol, 17 Air Rifle and 1 competitor for both disciplines. Rifle consisted of 1 senior and 16 juniors of which, 6 were precision class and 11 were sporter class. Pistol had no juniors competing- it would be great to see 4H make an appearance as I know they have many air pistol competitors. So please pass the word onto those groups- there is a state title just waiting for them to show up! Using the CMP's latest rulebook, CMP Air Pistol and Air Rifle Program, the MN Centershots hosted the match using ten Megalink electronic scoring targets. This new CMP program closely replicates the ISSF rulebook so the scores were recorded in decimal format. Along with this new program, TWO new Distinguished Badges are introduced: Distinguished Air Pistol and Distinguished Air Rifle. These are not age dependent (like the current JR Distinguished badge is) so EIC points were awarded to the top competitor in pistol and rifle. At this time those points are still being tabulated by the CMP and should be announced soon.

Congratulations to the following competitors:

**Rifle:**

1st Open & 1st Jr: Megan Jaros 604.1 1st:  
2nd Open & 2nd Jr: Tanner Barth 600.4  
3rd Open & 3rd Jr: Nathan Engman 584.7  
1st SR: Lance Swanson: 504.4 1st

**Pistol:**

Brent Hall 576.7  
2nd: Kevin Vacura 567.1  
3rd: Kevin Walker 561.5  
Supported: Scott Morgan 565.3

MN 1200 (Combined rifle & pistol): MN 1200  
Lance Swanson: 1030.6

Junior (Combined Rifle Pistol):  
-NO ENTRIES-

For the 2023 season, this match will be moving to April to better align with the indoor air rifle and air pistol seasons. The actual date for 2023 has not been determined yet as it's pending on the dates of USA Shooting's Junior Olympic Air Rifle/Pistol and to avoid any conflicting local matches. Be sure to look for that match bulletin when it becomes available. The match ran smoothly and it was great to see so many returning competitors and meeting a few new ones as well. I hope 2023 will see more competitors.

