

## SVRC Juniors Program 2009 Report

The SVRC Juniors program had another successful season which finished up the end of August. The same group of coaches Matt Bell, Kevin Murphy, Brad Kirgan and Jim Leibly enjoyed their 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year helping young shooters improve their marksmanship and handle firearms safely.

There were 26 youth who participated in the program this year most of whom were returning from the previous season. This was the most advanced group we have ever had with two shooters Austin Breneman and Colton Cox getting close to achieving expert, Heather Reed and Mackenzie Burnett got close to achieving distinguished expert-the highest level in the NRA junior achievement awards program.

Heather Reed received the Kyle Nordlinder award for effort and achievement. This is a perpetual trophy that awards outstanding effort and commitment to the juniors program. She is in the later stages of earning the distinguished expert award and was a real leader in our juniors program. Thanks Heather.

Mackenzie Burnett received the award for outstanding marksman this season. She is within just a few qualifying targets of earning the distinguished expert award and is an outstanding marksman in all positions particularly in off-hand.

Colton Cox received the award for most improved marksman. He shot his way through five achievement levels and ended the season one level below expert.

Jerry Olson received the award for best attendance for making it to the range every Thursday evening of the season.

We finished the season with the 14<sup>th</sup> annual SVRC Juniors five position .22 match. There were some excellent targets shot with some competitors shooting their best targets of the season. Everyone that participated was a winner.

This is how the top shooters finished:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bench	Jake Stringfellow 94-2x	Joshua Gibbons 90-1x	Slater Macko
Prone	Michael Heslet 89-2x	Christine Heslet 88-1x	Slater Macko
Sitting	Jerry Olson 89-2x	Andrew Stringfellow 85	Terra Asper 83
Kneeling	Terra Asper 89-1x	Colton Cox	Leah Gendro
Offhand	Austin Breneman 86-2x	Mackenzie Burnett 86-x	Heather Reed 81

Thanks to all the shooters and all the coaches that participated making this another great Juniors season. The 2010 season will start on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM. All youth ages 10 to 18 are eligible to participate regardless of whether or not they are related to an SVRC range member. If you know any youth with an interest in shooting or would like to help a youth get firearm safety training by NRA certified instructors then we encourage you to take advantage of this program. We have all the gear, rifles and ammo. It's a great opportunity for young hunters to get to be better marksmen. This is a chance for our youth to shoot in a safe environment.