

Rifle Team takes air rifle championship, Atlanta bound

BY SHANA NOE

After a year of outstanding riflery, JROTC's Rifle Team has once again proven just how good they are.

Four members of this year's team, Shannon Bullock, Johnathan Noe, Tami Taylor and Tim Tyler, brought home their second Air Rifle Championship in two years after winning first place at Shelbyville, Kentucky March 17. This gives the team the opportunity to represent Kentucky at nationals in Atlanta, Georgia on June 9-11.

The 2000 nationals were a disappointment when the team placed sixth after a bad first day of firing, partly caused by a malfunction in one of the rifles. This year, however, the confidence levels are already on the rise for the possibility of finally gaining the national championship title.

"This year we have every intention of winning," stated Sergeant

Major Keith Taylor, sponsor of the team. "And based on our performance so far this year, I believe we can."

The overall team score was a career high 2068 points out of 2400 possible. (Rockcastle beat second place winners Mulenburg South High School by forty-five points.) Compared to last year's qualifying match, the team raised the overall score by around thirty points.

"[The team performed] absolutely fantastic. That's the highest we've ever shot," SGM Taylor boasted of the group.

Individually, each member shot proficiently. Johnathan Noe-tenth place-495/600; Shannon Bullock- fourth place-514/600; Tim



Members of the Rifle Team are from left: Jonathan Noe, Shannon Bullock, and Tim Tyler. Not pictured: Tami Taylor.

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Come on spring, give me a break!

BY CASSIE SMITH

Spring is approaching and for many RCHS students, it won't come soon enough. So why does spring excite us so much?

Spring Break of course! However, for many students spring break doesn't offer anything other than a dust rag and an eight hour shift.

"It's gonna be hectic with all the work I have to do," said junior Ronnie Hess. "I would rather be in school than working spring break."

Why would someone say something as drastic as preferring to go to school, rather than having a spring break? The answer is simple. Work, chores, work, more

chores. Need I say more?

Tara Thompson, a junior, said that she would be working a regular job that week while doing some heavy-duty remodeling at home. "I'll be working at Wendys and painting my room."

Students, however, aren't the only ones doomed to a spring break full of things they would rather not do. Teachers feel

our pain as well.

"Half of spring break will be spent doing a few household

projects: remodeling my driveway and painting the baseboards in my house," said social studies teacher, David Vorbeck.

Math teacher Dawn Stallworth, on the other hand, plans to relax. "I hope to enjoy the sun, so spring cleaning may or may not be finished."

So, whether you're spring cleaning with your parents, or putting in extra hours at work this spring break, you're not alone; other people here at RCHS are wondering where is the break in "spring break."



Did you know?

There are only seven weeks of school left after Spring Break!!

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