



Spalding County 4-H Precision Air Rifle Team  
From left to right: Michael Matthews, Tiffany Potter, Melissa Quarterone, Matt Branyon, Jackson Bailey (not pictured)

#### 4-H Members Compete in Shooting Sports

Members of the Spalding County 4-H Shooting Sports (Project S.A.F.E.) program competed at several events at the 2009 Georgia 4-H State Championship Match, known as "Target Challenge" weekend at Rock Eagle on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spalding County Athletes competed in several events including BB, Sporter Air Rifle, Precision Air Rifle, and Rimfire Sporter (.22 Rifle).

For the fifth consecutive year, the Spalding County 4-H Precision Air Rifle team took first place honors at the 4H State Championship. This years winning Precision team members included Michael Matthews (583), Tiffany Potter (565), Melissa Quarterone (572), Matt Branyon (575), and Jackson Bailey (565) 31 points ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place Madison County. Team members Michael Mathews was the first place individual and fellow team members, Matt Branyon, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Melissa Quarterone was 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Individual competition. In very tight competition, seven points separated the second thru seventh places. Precision Air Rifle Coach Angela Branyon was very pleased with the Teams performance. This match and the teams performance helps prepare the team for the NRA National Championship and 3P Junior Olympics in July at Camp Perry Ohio.

Rimfire Sporter team (open class) members included Jackson Bailey (25<sup>th</sup>), Matt Branyon (29<sup>th</sup>), Michael Matthews (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Melissa Quarterone (23<sup>rd</sup>) out of nearly 100 total competitors.

Sporter Air Rifle competitors Erin Kelley (7<sup>th</sup>), Grace McLean (1<sup>st</sup>), and Kacie Veal (5<sup>th</sup>) competed in the Junior category. The Sporter team is coached by Chuck McLean. The Sporter team is looking forward to National competition in July along with the Precision team.

This years BB Rifle team was Coached by Lisa Kelley and composed of Steven Jones (100 on his safety test), Erin Kelley, Grace McLean, Kyli Settles, Parker Settles, and Kacie Veal.

The Next opportunity for competition will be the Georgia VFW State Championship at The Ole Mill Range in Griffin on Friday and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

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