

UAF shooters dominate in Russia

Staff reports

Five present and former University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle shooters captured the majority of the medals in Tamara Lopatjuk Rifle Tournament in Khabarovsk, Russia.

Melissa Mulloy, Kelly Mansfield and Dan Jordan are current members of the UAF team while former Nanooks Neil Wright and Oleg Seleznev also competed in the tournament.

"I am very pleased with the performance of our UAF student-athletes," UAF rifle coach and interim athletic director Randy Pitney said in a press release issued by the school. "They have been very focused on doing well even though the conditions are very different here."

Mulloy won her first international gold medal in the women's prone shooting competition with a score of 580. China's Hy Xu took second with a 578 and Mansfield was third at 577.

Mansfield captured the gold in the women's smallbore event with a 573.

Mansfield and Mulloy took second and third, respectively, in

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the women's air rifle event with scores of 488.2 and 485.3, respectively. China's Xu won the event at 490.2.

Seleznev, competing for his home country of Russia after a brilliant four-year career at UAF, won the men's prone shooting competition with a 587. Jordan took second at 585 and Wright, who completed his eligibility last year, was third at 580.

Seleznev also won the smallbore event with a score of 1247.5. Jordan was second at 1235.8 and Wright was third at 1229.9.

"I am also happy that two of our former athletes are doing well in the tournament," Pitney said.