

Wairarapa Championship 07 Feb 2021

Twelve months on and development of the new range at Longridge is virtually complete, having opened in the weeks before the Covid-19 lockdown. The Spring meet was the dress rehearsal... with the excess water now removed and the ground underfoot (doubling as pseudo concrete) dressed up to look like a dried plant arrangement. No chance of getting stuck on the mud this time. A few early arriving individuals in their 4 x 4 took the opportunity to drive to the butts.

It's all go with the new range, just need to build a suitable club rooms, however establishing the shooting facility is far more important. And that we have now moved back to the Wairarapa from our temporary site at the Trentham shooting complex.

Shooting finally got underway at about 9.45 am after a range safety briefing was delivered by John Mc.

Fish tail winds do require a degree of attention ... and concentration. We were subjected to a north easterly breeze coming in from behind from the right... then behind from the left then the right again all in the space of a couple of minutes... this was repeated for most of the remainder of the day. There was comment from one of the visitors that this was the only range they had shot at where all the wind flags can be pointing in different directions all at the same time.

During the day only 4 possible scores were fired, all at 800 yards, 3 among the TR shooters (Amy, Andre' and Kevin) and one F Class shooter (Craig).

Some shooters also took the opportunity to share their neighbours target... Not quite sure how as only two targets being used, and they were not moving and clearly it was not the wind.

Despite the hot weather and the diabolical fishtail wind everyone enjoyed themselves even if the scores were not what they had been hoping for!

Trophies were available presented (still some missing in action).

Owen, as Club President, undertook the presentations.

FTR Champion badge went to Peter Kynoch (with an H) is first up:



FTR - Classic Champion went to Conal Richardson:



F-PR Champion Badge went to Eric Holmwood:



F-Open Champion The “Bush Cup” and winners badge went to Craig Hunt:



B Grade - the Bidwell Shield and winners badge went to Ian Buick:



B Grade Runner - 2nd Place badge to Barry Scott:

(who had taken to hiding in the shadows ...)



The A Grade Champion (Highest Score TR shooter on a count back) was John McLaren was presented with the Bidwell Belt and A grade Badge. John mentioned that this is the 10th time he has won this trophy in the last 50 years.



A Grade Runner-up went to Amy Hatcher, same score as John, she was presented with the Bouzaid memorial Tray and A grade 2nd Place Badge.



A Grade 3rd Place Badge went to Kevin Win

Aggregates:

A Grade 800/1000 Aggregate - Maunsell Cup went to John McLaren:



B Grade 800/1000 Aggregate – Buchanan Cup (Missing!)

C Grade 800/1000 – WRA Cup – Not Awarded

Nix Memorial Tray – Open to highest Longest Range score – John McLaren



Athol Rhodes Memorial – Highest aggregate score for the Spring Championship & Wairarapa Championship combined went to Amy Hatcher:



Alfredton Bowl 3-year aggregate – John McLaren



The scores...

Target Rifle A Grade

Name		Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
John	McLaren	Masterton	800	V	V	5	4	5	V	5	5	V	X	49.5.1
			900	5	5	4	5	V	X	5	V	5	5	49.3.1
			1000	V	V	X	5	5	5	4	V	5	5	49.4.1
													<u>147.12</u>	
Amy	Hatcher	Cheltenham	800	5	V	X	5	5	5	X	V	5	X	50.5.3
			900	5	5	X	V	V	4	5	5	5	5	49.3.1
			1000	5	X	4	X	5	X	V	5	5	4	48.4.3
													<u>147.12</u>	
Kevin	Win	Trentham	800	5	V	5	X	V	5	5	5	5	V	50.4.1
			900	V	V	5	5	5	5	5	V	4	X	49.4.1
			1000	V	5	4	V	5	X	X	5	4	4	47.4.2
													<u>146.12</u>	
Andre	Doyle	Petone	800	5	X	5	X	X	5	V	V	5	V	50.6.3
			900	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	V	V	5	48.2.0
			1000	V	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	45.1.0
													<u>143.9</u>	
Jared	McMurdo	Masterton	800	5	V	5	4	4	5	5	5	X	5	48.2.1
			900	4	5	5	5	V	5	X	5	5	5	49.2.1
			1000	5	V	5	5	4	3	5	5	5	4	46.1.0
													<u>143.5</u>	
Vic	McMurdo	Masterton	800	V	5	5	X	V	4	5	5	5	5	49.3.1
			900	V	V	4	4	4	V	5	4	5	4	45.3.0
			1000	5	4	V	4	5	4	4	X	5	4	45.2.1
													<u>139.8</u>	

Owen	Whiteman	Masterton	800	X	0	5	4	5	V	5	5	5	X	44.3.2
			900	5	5	5	5	4	5	V	5	4	4	47.1.0
			1000	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	5	X	3	45.1.1
<u>136.5</u>														

Target Rifle B Grade

Name	Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
Ian	Buick	Masterton	800	V	X	5	5	3	4	5	V	5	5	47.3.1
			900	5	4	V	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	42.1.0
			1000	5	5	V	5	5	X	4	4	4	V	47.3.1
<u>136.7</u>														

Barry	Scott	Petone	800	V	5	5	4	5	5	V	5	4	V	48.3.0
			900	5	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	5	5	44.0.0
			1000	5	4	4	4	4	V	4	4	X	X	44.3.2
<u>136.6</u>														

Shaun	Ellis	Cheltenham	800	5	4	4	4	4	5	v	x	v	5	46.3.1
			900	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	v	5	43.1.0
			1000	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	v	4	44.1.0
<u>133.5</u>														

F Class - Precision Rifle

Name	Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
Eric	Holmwood	Masterton	800	6	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	6	6	55.0
			900	5	5	X	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	47.1
			1000	4	4	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	48.0
<u>150.1</u>														

Mike	Savage	Masterton	800	X	X	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	6	48.2
			900	4	4	4	4	X	5	4	6	5	5	47.1
			1000	4	3	6	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	45.0
<u>140.3</u>														

F Class - Open

Name	Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
Craig	Hunt	Karori	800	6	X	X	6	6	X	X	X	X	6	60.6
			900	6	5	5	6	X	5	5	X	6	X	56.3
			1000	6	6	5	5	5	X	X	X	6	5	56.3
<u>172.12</u>														

Frank	Duckett	Masterton	800	5	5	X	5	X	X	X	6	5	6	56.4
			900	X	5	5	6	6	6	X	X	5	5	56.3
			1000	6	5	5	6	6	X	6	X	5	6	57.2
<u>169.9</u>														

Steve	Howel	Cheltenham	800	6	X	6	6	6	6	5	X	6	X	59.3
			900	6	5	5	X	5	6	6	5	5	6	55.1

1000	5	5	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	5	53.0
											<u>167.4</u>

John Mills	Cheltenham	800	X	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	54.1
		900	5	6	6	6	5	6	6	4	X	5	55.1
		1000	5	X	4	4	5	X	4	5	5	X	50.3
												<u>159.5</u>	

Norm Palmer	Masterton	800	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	46.0
		900	X	5	4	X	5	5	6	6	4	4	51.2
		1000	4	5	4	5	X	6	4	4	6	6	50.1
												<u>147.3</u>	

FTR

Name	Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Peter Kynoch	Cheltenham	800	6	4	4	6	5	5	5	6	4	6	51.0
		900	4	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	x	50.1
		1000	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	6	51.0
													<u>152.1</u>

FTR - Classic

Name	Club	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Conal Richardson	Cheltenham	800	4	5	6	X	X	5	4	6	6	6	54.2
		900	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	4	X	5	52.1
		1000	5	5	5	5	X	X	4	5	5	5	51.2
													<u>157.5</u>

Geoff Smith	Malvern	800	5	6	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	X	55.1
		900	5	6	5	6	5	X	6	5	5	6	55.1
		1000	0	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	4	39.0
												<u>149.2</u>	

The "Photo Bomber" award went to ...



John....

The "That Looks Suspicious" award to:



Peter ...

And to cap it all off, Amy did not need to be towed out of the mud! This time ...



Scorers at 800 yards:

Geoff behind the scope and Ian Buick getting ready to shoot with John scoring.



All the green hills now gone after the Spring shoot (from behind the 800 yard firing point)



Not much greener at the 900 yard mound:

