

Canterbury Spring Championship 2025

The 1st day of the CRA Spring started with a forecast of afternoon rain (more later). It wasn't cold, nor warm at 300 yards. The sighting wasn't easy for TR shooters with Andre being the sole possible. F-Class shooters didn't find it much easier with their scopes as only Charlie and Les scored possibles. A counting shot on the wrong target didn't help one shooter.

Fine conditions at 500 yards saw 6 possibles for the TR shooters with only 3 possibles for the F-Class shooters.

With the forecast for rain in the afternoon the decision was made to continue to the double 600 yards without a lunch break.

Blue skies greeted the shooters for the first shoot at 600 yards. 3 possibles for the TR shooters and 2 for the F-Class shooters.

It was noticeably cooler with darkening skies as the second shoot at 600 began. Some found the sighting harder but not all as there were 4 possibles by the TR shooters and 4 by the F-Class shooters.

At the completion of shooting the rain, with hail, thunder and lightning arrived. A great call to shoot through finishing at 1.30 pm as the forecast storm arrived.

After the previous afternoon's storm day2 was a much nicer looking day as shooters gathered for the second day of the Canterbury Spring Champs shooting the longs – 800 & 2x 900 yards.

The wind was light, but a fickle changeable northeasterly fishtail blowing down the range from the butts. Three target rifle shooters managed possibles at 800 yards – well done John, Chris and Andre. F-Open shooters Charlie and Mike dropped a single point at 800 yards.

The wind for first 900 yards was a little stronger and more variable proving a bigger challenge. Jacob and Andre managed possible in TR, no possibles for F-Class shooters.

For the second and final 900 yards the top four in each class (FTR & FTRC combined) would shoot "shoulder to shoulder" at the same time. Those who didn't make the top 4 in each class shot first.

TR finalists were Andre, John Snowden, Chris and Jacob, F-Open Murray, Les, Mike and Charlie, FTR Sharon, Athol, John Miller and Phil Gardner.

No-one, in any class, shot a possible in the final round as the wind had become more variable with quick drop offs and pick-ups. In the time taken to put your head down to shoot the wind could and did change for every shooter.

Andre dropped 2 points in the final – the only points he dropped for the weekend. A fine display of shooting with John Snowden 3 points further back and Chris Kershaw a further 4 points behind John.

It was close in F-Open with Mike Chui beating Murray Cook by 4 centrals. Les Grimsey was 3 points back in third by 7 centrals from Charlie Ledbrook.

Sharon Grimsey was the clear winning in FTR (FTRC) by 6 points from Athol Henderson (FTRC) with Phil Gardner (FTR) a further 4 points back.

Mandy Mathieson being coached by Jacob won TR C grade.

Thanks were expressed to all who had travelled to attend the meeting, to Sam Riddle for being secretary and scorekeeper for the weekend and to Mark Alexander for being the Range Officer for the weekend.

Here are the results:

CANTERBURY SPRING CHAMPS													
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			300	500	600	600	Shorts	800	900	900	Longs	Total	
A	Du Toit	A	50.06	50.09	50.07	50.08	200.30	50.05	50.06	48.03	148.14	348.44	1
	Snowden	J	49.09	50.09	50.04	50.05	199.27	50.07	49.02	47.02	146.11	345.38	2
	Kershaw	C	48.06	50.03	49.03	50.04	197.16	50.10	47.05	47.04	144.19	341.35	3
	Fleming	M	49.06	49.04	48.01	50.03	196.14	47.03	46.02	48.02	141.07	337.21	
	Mathieson	D	49.04	50.03	48.02	48.00	195.09	46.03	47.03	49.05	142.11	337.20	
	Morriss	J	47.01	49.05	47.02	47.04	190.12	49.05	50.04	46.01	145.10	335.22	
	Rowlands	R	46.04	49.05	46.01	49.02	190.12	48.03	47	46.01	141.04	331.16	
	Dodson	M	45.03	50.08	46.03	49.04	190.18	43.04	48.04	46.03	137.11	327.29	
	Alexander	D	48.04	50.04	50.04	44.01	192.13	48.02	37	43.01	128.03	320.16	
B	Coached						0.00				0.00	0.00	
C	Mathieson	M	38.00	46.00	41	42	167.00	44	44.01	44	132.01	299.01	
FO	Chui	M	59.05	59.07	57.05	60.06	235.23	59.05	59.02	59.02	177.09	412.32	1
	Cook	M	60.07	60.04	60.02	60.05	240.18	57.05	58.04	57.01	172.10	412.28	2
	Grimsey	L	59.07	60.04	58.05	60.04	237.20	58.06	59.03	55.02	172.11	409.31	3
	Ledbrook	C	60.05	0.00	59.02	59.05	178.12	59.01	56.03	57.03	172.07	350.19	
	Roundhill	W	58.04	0.00	59.00	57.01	174.05	54.01	58.04	55.03	167.08	341.13	
FTRC	Grimsey	S	58.04	60.08	60.04	60.06	238.22	57.02	48.00	53.01	158.03	396.25	1
	Henderson	A	58.02	57.04	58.05	59.03	232.14	53.03	57.02	48.00	158.05	390.19	2
	Miller	J	58.04	57.03	56.02	55.04	226.13	57.04	53.01	49.01	159.06	385.19	3
	Ufton	G	54.02	53.00	50.01	47.01	204.04	54.02	51.02	51.02	156.06	360.10	
FTR	Gardner	P	58.03	55.04	54.04	56.03	223.14	58.05	54.01	51.00	163.06	386.20	1
	Pearce	J	59.04	58.04	57.03	51.02	225.13	56.04	54.02	49.02	159.08	384.21	