

Marlborough Autumn Championship **Saturday 27th April 2019, Kaituna Rifle Range.**

A fresh warm breeze kept the scores down during the morning with only 2 possibles shot at 300 yards and one at 600 yards. Petone's Vic McMurdo had two of the possibles to be out and clear at lunch time.

Rain set in during lunch but eased off enough to hold the 15 shot match at 900 yards with a delayed start. Everyone got a shower but the rain didn't return until the end of the match. The fresh breeze kept up and with the damp flags it was difficult to get a good read on the wind at times. Top scores for the 900 were three 71s going to local Malcolm Dodson with 5 Vs and Ashburton's John Snowden and Kevin Win from Trentham with 3. Petone's Anita Benbrook shot a 70 in B grade to carry her to the win in the grade with 167.15, and third overall.

John won the championship with 169.11 from Malcolm on 168.13, with Vic third in A grade on 167.12.

Second in B grade was local Clinton Whyte on 163.10 and Kaituna's David Dick third on 159.9. Coby Snowden from Ashburton won uncontested in C grade with 141.4

In FTR, Malvern and Mastertons Geoff Smith took control during the morning to have a 14 point lead at lunch. The FTR scores were close at 900 and with Geoff taking out the trophy with 185.10. Malvern's Peter Carter was second on 175.4

The only F Open shooter was Cheltenham's Ian Hughes with 195.13

Tui Black Inter Association Teams Match **Sunday 28th April, Kaituna Rifle Range.**

The rain had passed through overnight and the morning greeted everyone with a light breeze and sunny conditions and bright glaring targets at 300 yards. Team numbers were down on the usual 8 – 10 with only teams of six from Wellington and Canterbury, and Marlborough only having five. Marlborough would count their lowest score twice to give a six team match.

At 300 Canterbury's Alan White led the scoring with 50.7 and Marlborough's Clinton Whyte and Wellington's Jared McMurdo on 50.5.

Wellington took the early lead posting 292.27 from Marlborough on 288.18 and Canterbury on 285.22.

Alan showed everyone up at 600 with 50.9, getting the bull with his first sighter, he did fire an extra shot to get the 10. Wellington's Graeme Bolland had 50.8 to be close behind.

Wellington stretched their lead by another 2 points at 600 posting 288.22 to Marlborough's 286.18 and Canterbury's 278.25

At 900 yards the wind had swung around to the nor'west and freshened up to be anywhere between 2 and 8 minutes. Clinton had the top score here with 49.6 followed by Jared with 49.3 with the only other 49.

Wellington again extended their lead with 276.16 to Marlborough's 272.18 and Canterbury's 252.6.

Wellington won the Tui Black Shield with a score of 856.65 from Marlborough on 246.54 and Canterbury on 815.53.

The top individual was Clinton with 149.17, Jared was second with 147.13 and John Snowden on 146.9 was third top score.