

## Marlborough Championships Labour Weekend 2019

The Kaituna Range turned on its usual mix of weather which at times was very testing, the only saving grace was it was nice and warm. On Saturday the wind was a bit tricky but there were possible shots at the four ranges. Sunday turned up with a building nor'wester which was into double figures on the wind scales at 800 and 900, with buffeting being an issue for the TR shooters. The scores reflected the conditions with a top score at 800 of 45.3 in TR and 51.4 for FTR. Monday was lighter conditions with a switching frontal breeze, but still tricky.

Vic McMurdo was the master of the conditions taking out the championship. She was top equal with Allan White for the 300 yard aggregate with 100.10 and went on to lead at the end of the first day recording 3 possibles. At the end of the second day she had extended the lead, but at 800 on Monday morning she let John Snowden take the lead ahead of the final shoulder to shoulder match at 900. Vic's 49.6 in the final gave her the win with 474.36, a 3 point gap back to John on 471.44, and Andre Doyle in third on 470.32.

B Grade featured the tightest competition with four members of the U21 and U25 teams from the LRWC being the top four. Jack Cavanagh won with 460.37, with Daniel Alexander on 460.33, Clinton Whyte on 460.30 and Megan Snowden on 455.21.

FTR was keenly contested with Murray Cook successfully defending his title finishing with 522.25, Geoff Smith was next with 519.24 and Mark Alexander on 517.10. Geoff was left to rue an early range where he had a tablet that did not auto rotate and was upside down, showing low shots as being high. He finished up top scoring or top equal on points at 7 of the 10 ranges.

Mike Chui had an uncontested win in F Open shooting three 60's and two 59's over the first 5 ranges, in his total of 562.33.

C grade went to Jacob Morriss on 431.17 by default with his only competition retiring before the last range.

The 4 shooter x 15 shot inter club coached teams match at 900 went to Malvern with 277.13 from Cheltenham on 273.17, Kaituna on 265.14 and Ashburton with 264.14. The top scorer was Amy Hatcher with 73.5, from Megan Snowden with 72.6 and Bevan Mehrtens on 71.2.

### Teams Results

#### Malvern Rifle Club

Chris Kershaw	69.2
Charlotte Flanagan	70.5
Allan White	67.4
Bevan Mehrtens	71.2
	277.13

#### Cheltenham Rifle Club

Amy Hatcher	73.5
Jack Cavanagh	68.8
Jonno Phillipps	67.2
Helen Freiman	65.2
	273.17

#### Kaituna Rifle Club

David Dick	64.2
Herman Jansen Van Vuuren	67.3
Jacob Morriss	67.6
Clinton Whyte	67.3
	265.14

#### Ashburton Rifle Club

John Snowden	57.4
Daniel Alexander	70.4
Mike Chui	65.0
Megan Snowden	72.6
	264.14