

TE PUKE Championships 29-30th Oct 2016

Team Te Puke had been working hard to ensure that the weekend went well with working bees most Saturday afternoons after shooting. And the range looked fabulous. There were several stoppages due to equipment malfunctions, with the mics playing up on our newest target, and a battery fail towards the end due more to a whoops than anything else. The new solar system showing lots of promise.



Saturday arrived and it was a beautiful day, the wind was a bit fickle and changeable, however some good scores were posted. It was great to see Pat Law back shooting in a Championship, Pat won the B grade TR showing that her excellent rifle skills are still with her despite her break from TR.



Pat Law with her trophy and medal, her score was 332.21.

Notable scores for today were Alan Dickson with 50.5 at 300, Pat Law with 73.6 at 600/1 and Mike Collings with 75.5 at 600/2. FTR Steve Moffat with 57.02 at 300, Paul Neilson with 82.7 at 600/1, and also with 87.08 at 600/2. FO Nick Chiew with 59.03 at 300, Iain May with 85.08 at 600/1 and also 85.09 at 600/2.

Sunday and it was cold, Kevin Win, who had his first visit to the Te Puke Championships for 28 years, had to pull out his wet weather pants to stop the wind chill and we had most people keeping their shooting jackets on all day, the wind was steadier and more consistent although the lulls were hard to pick and easily gave you a four. We had a couple of showers go through but otherwise managed to get through the day without getting too drenched. It was good to see a few Wellington people, Kevin, Jaron and Vic and the absolutely steal worthy addition to their crew... Kiwi. Vic shot beautifully and won the C grade TR with a score of 329.21 her grin was almost ear to ear.



Also wonderful to see the big crew from Cleveland Rifle club escaping the Auckland region for the weekend. It was great to see you all.



Notable scores for today were John Ball with 75.4 at 600/1 and Diane Collings with 75.5 at 600/2. FTR Rob Kerridge with an 83.2 at 600/1 and 89.9 at 600/2. FO Iain May with a totally awesome 90.8 at 600/1 which incidentally he topped in the shoot out with a 90.10, Shane Kapene with a 90.9 at 600/2.

We had 36 entries for the weekend and our statistics lady Di Collings kept us busy running cards and checking the calculations. She had the stats calculated out pretty quickly and also managed to fit in a top five shootout, where she was lead shooter going into the shoot, and shot a pretty impressive 75.10 thus taking out the Championship with a score of 418.37.



Te Puke club president Brian Carter presenting TR A grade winner Diane Collings the shield.

Rob Kerridge won the FTR with a final score of 476.22. (He was a bit speedy for a photo).

Iain May won the FO with a score of 497.44. And absolutely fantastic of Iain and the crew coming all the way from Whangarei which is a longer trip due to the 10 K per hour speed limit through Auckland.



Many thanks to John Scobie who is an absolute stalwart who travels to so many of the NRA Championship shoots and quietly gets things done. Also great to see some father daughter competition going on with Steve and Giovanna Mann. Our most distant traveller was Mr Singh from India. The clubs represented at the Camps were Te Puke, Clevedon, Gisborne, Onslow, Otorohanga, Whangarei, Trentham, Petone and Franklin.

Also a very big thank you to Rob Johansen and the Gisborne Club for once again supporting the Te Puke shoot with the loan of their electronic targets.



The Te Puke Championship Champions for 2016. Diane Collings - Te Puke, John Ball - Te Puke, Iain May - Whangarei, Mark Lane - Otorohanga, Rob Kerridge - Te Puke, Pat Law - Te Puke, Alan Dickson - Te Puke, Vic McMurdo - Petone, Steve Mann - Gisborne and Paul Neilson - Gisborne.