

## **Nelson Championships, Westport, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.**

The championship was fired in ideal conditions with a light cloud cover and light breezes on the first day. The second day was bright and sunny but the breeze had a bit more of a say in things particularly at the final 700 yards.

At the first three ranges, 2 x 300 yards and 600 yards, the TR charge was led by Andre Du Toit with an aggregate of 150.25 chased by Malcolm Dodson on 150.21. 700 yards decided the day with Malcolm finishing on 199.26, Andre on 198.29 followed by Chris Kershaw on 195.20.

The F Open was dominated by Les Grimsey starting with a 60.9 at the first 300 and then shooting 3 consecutive 60.6's to end the day on 240.27 with Murray Cook in second on 237.18.

Sharon Grimsey was making no race of it FTR Classic starting with a 60.7 and only dropping 6 points over the next 3 ranges for 234.17, with Athol Henderson in second on 228.16.

Dylan Mathieson ended the day 10 points clear in B grade on 194.10 from Barry Brown on 184.9.

Kaituna clubmates Ian Woods and Karl Eggers were having a good tussle in FPR with Ian ending the day with 211.12 from Karl on 207.4.

Andre Doyle was well in control with his 303 totaling 172.4 from Jonno Phillipps on 158.1.

The second day course of fire was 500, 600 and 700 yards. Malcolm and Andre kept up the pace with both firing 50.10 at 500. All eight A graders fired possibles at 500. Andre shot the only possible at 600 with 50.8 to regain the lead. His was the only TR possible in the shifty wind. After 700 Malcolm finished the day with 148.16 from Martin Fleming on 148.14, and Andre on 147.22. The championship going to Malcolm on 347.42 from Andre on 345.51, Chris was third on 342.35 and Martin in fourth on 342.34.

In F Open Les continued to dominate only slipping one point at 600 to total 179.17 from Murray on 176.12. Les taking out the championship one down for the weekend with 419.44 from Murray on 413.30 and Mike Chui in third on 402.30.

Sharon continued to dominate FTR Classic topping the day with 169.9 from Athol on 166.10. Sharon took out the championship on 403.26 from Athol on 394.26 and Chris Burgess on 384.19.

In FPR both Ian and Karl had 168 with Karl having 8 X's and Ian 4. Ian being the overall winner on 379.16 and Karl on 375.12.

B Grader Barry had a very good second day scoring 147.11 but it wasn't enough to overhaul the lead that Dylan had on the first day. Dylan's total being 335.18 to Barry's 331.20.

Andre Doyle was again ahead of Jonno with the 303 scoring 132.6 to Jonno's 127.3. Andre's overall winning score was 304.10 to Jonno's 285.4.

Phil Gardiner was uncontested in FTR scoring 398.22 for the weekend.

Mandy Mathieson was also uncontested in C grade to total 304.12.