

Marlborough Autumn Championship, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The day got underway under heavy cloud cover and a forecast for rain later in the day. The flags were having a day off and the promise was for high scores. A feature of the day was the number of Under 25 shooters with 8 competing.

The day started at 300 and Karl Valpy showed everyone how to do it shooting 50.9. Mike Chui nailed 60.6 in F Open. Best in B was David Dick with 49.5, Herman Jansen van Vuuren in C with 49.5 and FTR Murray Cook with 59.6.

Back to 600 and the flags stayed very lazy and the high scoring continued with Karl shooting 50.8. Top in B was Chris Burgess with 50.2, in C, 17 year old Jacob Morriss with 49.3, in FTR Murray had 58.2 and in F Open Mike had 58.5.

The programme was to shoot 15 shots at 900, but with the forecast and the conditions getting more threatening, it was changed to a 10 shot match. Murray Steele and Owen Whiteman both had the top score of 50.6, Chris again topped B with 49.5. Jacob and Herman both had 49.5 in C grade. In FTR it was again Murray with 59.6 and F Open Mike Chui with 55.4.

As it turned out the rain held off at 900 and the opportunity was taken by many to have another practise shoot at 900 in good conditions.

Karl won the day with a total of 149.22 from Helen, Malcolm Dodson and Vic McMurdo who all also had 149.

David took out B shooting 3 x 49s for a 2 point win from Rob May and Chris who both had 145. In C Herman was a comfortable winner with 146.16 from Jacob on 142.10 and Sam Kershaw on 141.8.

Murray Cook was the runaway winner of FTR with 176.14 from Mark Alexander on 170.6 and Darryl May on 158.4.

Mike Chui shot well with no competition to score 173.15.

Tui Black Shield Match, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The annual inter association teams match between Wellington, Canterbury and Marlborough got a late start with heavy rain falling during the night and on until 10 am.

More showers were forecast and with the late start to the day, the 300 yard match was not held and shooting started with 10 shots at 600 yards.

At the end of 600 the score spread was 2 points and 3 centres across the 8 shooter teams, with Wellington a point in front.

No stopping for lunch and back to 900 yards while the weather held off.

The locals took control at 900 with 4 of their 8 posting possibles.

It was a father and son battle within the Marlborough team during the day as father Herman shot a score, 50.3 at 600, and 50.7 at 900, only for son Jody to shoot 50.5 and 50.8 to top him at each range and top score the day with 100.13.

Canterbury's Megan Snowden also shot a fine 50.8 at 900, and Wellington's Jonno Phillipps 50.7. Second top on the day was Jonno on 100.11 and Herman and Alan White tied for third on 100.10