

Nelson Championships, Westport 21-22 March 2015

The annual pilgrimage to the Westport Rifle Range saw 26 competitors take part in a good weekend of competition. A special welcome for the 4 Masterton members that had travelled south. The range had been set up to shoot using electronic targets, these came from the Kaituna and Malvern Clubs. With the target carriers only being used rarely they are not in the best condition so the electronics are a big saving on them. Thanks also to Richard Rowlands who could not shoot but spent the weekend being the range officer.

The weather on Saturday was fine and sunny with light winds and with plenty of mirage to use, many shooters though have got used to not using scopes with electronic targets and when they tried to shoot without scopes here they generally paid the price.

The weather on Sunday was quite a contrast to Saturday with a cool cloudy southerly cross wind greeting the shooters. The wind was up to 5 minutes at 600 yards. By the time shooting finished at 600 there was light rain falling but it was not enough to stop shooting and it was gone by the time the final 700 match concluded. 700 yards is shot on the 5/600 yard target so it is a very tight bull.

The F Open competition was a close tussle with Joey Meldrum finishing 3 points ahead of Rod Fairlie and in the FTR Darren Swaney finished at the head of the field with club mate Erica Alexander 3 points back. Young Daniel Alexander (no relation to Erica) was third, shooting with a 223, including a fine 58.3 at the final 700.

With a top three TR being shot as the final relay the competition was very tight with Owen Whiteman, John Snowden and Malcolm Dodson all on the same points score 5 down and Alan White finished on 7 down.

Scores	300	500	600	700	Day 1	300	600	700	Day 2	Aggregate
<u>FTR</u>										
Darren Swaney	54.1	59.5	59.3	49	221.9	56.4	57.3	54.1	167.8	388.17
Erica Alexander	58.1	58.2	52.2	51	219.5	55	58.4	53.1	166.5	385.10
Daniel Alexander	57.2	54.1	51.2	51.1	213.6	53.3	54.1	58.3	165.7	378.13
Carole Crawford	49.1	55.1	54.3	49	207.5	57.2	53	52.2	162.4	369.9
Kim Saunders-Singer	55.1	54.3	48.1	45.1	202.6	52.1	57.2	49	158.3	360.9
Geof Smith	38	56.2	42	53.2	189.4	47.3	56.3	51	154.6	343.10
Brian Greystone	51.1	53	47.1	33	184.2	52	51.3	37	140.3	324.5

F Open

Joey Meldrum	57.1	59.5	53	59.2	228.8	59.6	59.8	56.2	174.16	402.24
Rob Fairlie	58.3	58.4	55.1	55.2	226.10	58.4	58.3	57.2	173.9	399.19
Chris Brown	58.6	57.4	57.4	48.1	220.15	57.4	55.1	55.1	167.6	387.21

<u>A Grade</u>	300	500	600	700	Day 1	300	600	700	Day 2	Aggregate
Malcolm Dodson	50.8	50.5	50.5	47.3	197.21	50.9	48.6	48.2	146.17	343.38
Alan White	50.6	49.3	49.5	48.2	196.16	50.4	48.3	49.2	147.9	343.25
John Snowden	50.9	49.4	50.3	47.4	196.20	49.5	50.4	47.4	146.13	342.33
Owen Whiteman	50.5	49.5	47.4	49.4	195.18	50.4	50.7	44.1	144.12	339.30
Herman J V Vuuren	49.5	49.4	48.6	46.2	192.17	49.4	49.2	47.2	145.8	337.25
John McLaren	50.8	50.7	48.4	43.1	191.20	47.2	50.2	48.4	145.8	336.28
Darryl Crow	48.3	47.4	49.3	48.3	192.13	47.3	48.5	49.5	144.13	336.26
Chris Kershaw	47.3	49.5	48.4	48.3	192.15	50.5	49.6	44.2	143.13	335.28
Murray Steele	49.6	49.2	45.2	44.1	187.11	48.4	49.2	49.6	146.12	333.23
Karl Valpy	45.1	50.1	47.3	44.2	186.7	49.4	48.4	48.4	145.12	331.19

B Grade

Charlie Ledbrooke	48.4	48.4	46.3	44	186.11	50.4	47.2	49.3	146.9	332.20
Chris Burgess	48.6	49.5	44.3	47.6	188.20	47.3	47.4	47.2	141.9	329.29
Coby Snowden	48.5	48.3	48.1	43.1	187.10	44.2	46.1	44.1	134.4	321.14

C Grade

John Fleming	49.3	49.7	47.2	48.1	193.13	42.5	47.5	44	133.10	326.23
Brian Hawksby	47.1	47.2	46.1	36.1	176.5	48	45.2	45.4	138.6	314.11
Murray Cook	48.3	45.3	43.2	42.1	178.9	43.3	48.4	39.1	130.8	308.17