

Top shot masters fickle Crows Nest range

Australian representative shooter Kim O'Loghlen mastered a fickle breeze to win the Crows Nest Goombungee Rifle Club open prize shoot on Sunday.

Mr O'Loghlen of Natives Rifle Club in Brisbane was the only competitor not to drop a shot, scoring 150 with 19 inner bulls in an excellent display of marksmanship.

The 30-shot event over 500 and 600 yards drew a big field of 75 competitors from Central Queensland to Northern NSW.

Mr O'Loghlen was in the Australian team which competed in the Spirit of America international competition in the USA last year and has just returned from shooting in the Oceania Games in New Zealand.

He beat Peter Scovell, a fellow Natives club member from Bribie Island, who shot 149.8 with Charles Arrowsmith from Biloela and David Brown from North Arm Rifle Club both scoring 148.16.

A 15 shot sweepstakes event on Saturday was a home club affair with one of Australia's top young shooters Dean Smith scoring 74.8 to beat club secretary Ashley Bidgood with 74.7 and his father Max, the club president on 74.6.

The weekend was a family reunion for the Bidgood clan with Max's brothers Dennis and Nev also competing.

David Brown from North Arm posted the best two day aggregate score.

Results:

Annual Prize Shoot aggregate:

A Grade: 1 Kim O'Loghlen, Brisbane Natives, 150.19, 2 Peter Scovell, Natives, 149.8, 3 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 148.16, 4 David Brown, North Arm, 148.16, 5 Geoff Grosskreutz, Brisbane, 148.14, 6 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 147.12, 7 John Caske, Brisbane Natives, 147.12, 8 David Phippard, Murwillumbah, 146.12, 9 Isaac Francis, Darling Downs, 146.12, 10 Rodney Prayle, Maryborough, 146.11.

B Grade: 1 Bob Abood, Albert District, 145.1, 2 Wendy Latham, Natives, 145.11, 3 Des Voght, North Arm, 144.14, 4 Kevin Howlett, Natives, 144.3, 5 Glenn Ellis, Toowoomba, 143.11.

C Grade: 1 Peter Craib, Maryborough, 142.10, 2 Wayne Gills, Kingsthorpe, 140.4, 3 Lester Robinson, Ipswich, 134.7.

F Class Open: 1 Chris Bell, Brisbane, 276, 2 Dennis Brown, North Arm, 274, 3 Cameron McEwan, Dalby, 272.

F Class Standard: 1 Dick Blocksidge, Albert District, 168, 2 Darby Matthews, Darling Downs, 167, 3 Roger Dalh, Qld Police Rifle Club, 166.

15 Shot Sweepstakes:

A Grade: 1 Dean Smith, Crows Nest, 74.8, 2 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest, 74.7, 3 Max Bidgood, Crows Nest, 74.6, 4 David Brown, North Arm, 73.5, 5 Russell Saxby, Goondiwindi 72.5.

B Grade: 1 Dennis Bidgood, Crows Nest, 72.4, 2 Nev Bidgood, Crows Nest, 72.4, 3 Glenn Ellis, Toowoomba, 72.4.

C Grade: 1 Peter Craib, Maryborough, 72.5, 2 Darryl Mills, Toowoomba, 68.4, 3 David Williamson, Ipswich, 68.3.

F Class Open: 1 Dennis Brown, North Arm, 80, 2 David Reddan, Toowoomba, 75.

F Class Standard: 1 Ted Long, Pittsworth, 80, 2 Greg Balderson, Albert District, 76.