

## **Top Woman Shooter in Narrow Toowoomba Victory**

Brisbane shooter Carol Solomon mastered the challenging wind to snatch the narrowest of victories in the Darling Downs Rifle Club Open Prize Shoot in Toowoomba on Sunday.

Ms Solomon dropped just one shot in a consistent display to score 149 out of 150 in the 30 shot competition over 300, 500 and 600 yards.

She was one of three shooters to finish the day locked on 149 and won with 15 centre bulls to the 14 bulls recorded by Albert District Rifle Club member Shane Abood and Jim Dickenson from Pratten Rifle Club.

Ms Solomon and her husband Len moved to Brisbane from Mount Isa in 2008 and both are members of Natives Rifle Club. A consistent A Grade shooter for many years, this was her first Open Prize Competition win.

The Darling Downs Open attracted a strong field of 78 shooters from northern NSW to far north Queensland with two visiting shooters from the Atherton Tableland competing.

There were 13 possibles recorded on the first two ranges, but the gusty wind took its toll on the final range with only two 50s.

In a strong B Grade competition, Bob Haskins of Cannon Hill and Alan Moore, Crows Nest-Goombungee were locked together on 144 with seven centre bulls.

Charles Stening from Southern Downs won C Grade with 141.10. Bruce Talty, Brisbane won F Standard scope class with 170.07 and Cameron McEwan, Dalby-Tara won F Open, scoring 287.

A teams event for the AS Perrin Shield was won by the strong contingent from the Natives Rifle Club in Brisbane – Carol Solomon, Don Thompson, Alistair Fitzmaurice and Peter Scovell.

## **Rifle shooting to celebrate 150 years**

The Queensland Rifle Association was founded in 1861 and is one of the oldest sporting bodies in the State.

The Association is planning a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to coincide with the World Long Range Shooting Championships to be held at the Belmont Shooting Complex in Brisbane in October 2011.

An official history of the Association is being compiled and a new museum will also be opened at Belmont.

Historical documents and memorabilia from rifle clubs around Queensland is now being collected for inclusion in these projects. Contact Bill Casey or John Johnstone at the Queensland Rifle Association on 3398 4309 or email [gra@qldrifle.com](mailto:gra@qldrifle.com)

## Darling Downs Results 29 Nov 2009

### A Grade:

1 Carol Solomon, Natives, 149.15, 2 Shane Abood, Albert District 149.14, 3 Jim Dickenson, Pratten 149.14, 4 John Hislop, Ipswich, 148.16, 5 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs 148.14, 6 John Gilliland, Toowoomba, 148.12, 7 Alistair Fitzmaurice, Natives, 148.11, 8 Peter Scovell, Natives, 147.17, 9 Rob McMaster, Darling Downs, 147.12, 10 Tony Sultana, University, 146.14.

### B Grade:

1 Bob Haskins, Cannon Hill, 144.07, 2 Alan Moore, Crows Nest-Goombungee 144.07, 3 Gary Thompson, Darling Downs, 142.12, 4 Kev Howlett, Natives, 142.9, 5 Trev Matthews, Gold Coast, 141.11, 6 Bob Bull, North Arm, 141.11, 7 Maurie Irwin, Bundaberg 141.11, 8 Nev Kapernick, Wondai, 140.09, 9 Bob McNeil, Toowoomba 140.7, 10 Col Greenwood, Gatton 139.9.

### C Grade:

1 Charles Stening, Southern Downs 141.10, 2 Steve Smith, Natives, 137.08, 3 Sean Carroll, North Arm, 137.06, 4 Cathy Donpon, Darling Downs 137.06, 5 Terry Pearce, Darling Downs, 137.05.

### F Standard:

1 Bruce Talty, Brisbane 170.7, 2 Glenn Rush, Ipswich, 170.4, 3 Glenn Gunn, Brisbane 169.03, 4 Peter Drew, Grafton, 167.10, 5 Barb Moritz, Armidale, 167.9.

### F Open:

1 Cameron McEwan, Dalby-Tara, 287, 2 David Reddan Toowoomba, 281, 3 Kelvin Bell, Brisbane, 281.