

## Australian rep shooter shines at Goondiwindi

Australian representative rifle shooter Matt Taylor dropped just a single shot in winning the grand aggregate at the strongly contested Goondiwindi Border Championship at the weekend.

Mr Taylor from Warialda, NSW, scored 299 with 36 centre bulls across six ranges from 300 to 600 metres.

He is a member of the Australian 2011 World Championship squad and competed in an international match against New Zealand and the USA in Brisbane last month.

He turned in a consistent performance in fine conditions after rain late last week threatened to disrupt the event for the second year in a row. More than 60 shooters from central Queensland to central NSW took part.

Top honors were evenly spread with five shooters recording possible 150 daily scores.

Southern Downs competitor Rob Bondfield continued his good form this year to beat Matt Taylor in the Cam Ellis Memorial shoot on Saturday with 150 and 20 centre bulls to 150.17. Goondiwindi local Rob Doughty was a close third on 150.16.

Mr Bondfield's 10<sup>th</sup> placing on Sunday was good enough to take second in the Grand Aggregate on 298.36 from Rob Doughty on 298.31.

The second day of competition saw two shooters locked together on possible 150s with 18 centre bulls. Alan Cronk from Murwillumbah won a shoot-off from Jim Dickenson, Pratten with Rob McKay from Dubbo and Matt Taylor both on 149.19.

Ashley Bidgood from Crows Nest placed fourth in the grand aggregate ahead of emerging Brisbane shooter Cathy Smith who shot for the New Zealand team at Belmont last month.

The Arrowsmith clan from Biloela were out in force with Charles filling sixth spot on Grand Aggregate and his sons competing for the University Club in Brisbane. Dale shot in A Grade and Glen won the B Grade grand aggregate.

Grafton shooter Peter Drew won the grand aggregate in the F Open class for scope rifles.

## Goondiwindi shooting results

### Cam Ellis Memorial:

A Grade: 1 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, 150.20, 2 Matt Taylor, Warialda Rocky Dam 150.17, 3 Rob Doughty Goondiwindi, 150.16, 4 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 149.18, 5 Cathy Smith, Brisbane, 149.17, 6 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 149.17. 7 Lee Robinson, Beaudesert, 149.16, 8 Anthony Sultana, University of Qld, 149.12, 9 David Phippard, Murwillumbah, 149.12, 10 Russell Saxby, Goondiwindi, 149.9.

B Grade: 1 Ken Ward, Raglan, 149.17, 2 Glen Arrowsmith, University, 147.13, 3 Nev Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee 145.13.

C Grade: 1 Bruce Rickard, Goondiwindi, 133.07, 2 David Williamson, Ipswich, 119.02.

F Open: 1 Tim Pilcher, Inverell, 276, 2 Florry Zabaks, Inverell, 271, 3 David Reddan, Toowoomba 271,

F Standard: 1 Peter Drew, Grafton, 176, 2 Gordon Smith, Raglan, 174, 3 Eric Dudley, Beaudesert, 172.

Day 2 Aggregate: A Grade: Alan Cronk, Murwillumbah, 150.18, Jim Dickenson, Pratten, 150.18, 3 Rob McKay, Narromine-Dubbo, 149.19, 4 Matt Taylor, Warialda-Rocky Dam, 149.19, 5 Dale Arrowsmith, University, 149.16, 6 Gary Haeusler, Goondiwindi, 149.14, 7 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 149.13, 8 Cathy Smith, Brisbane, 148.18, 9 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 148.17, 10 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, 148.17.

B Grade: 1 Glen Arrowsmith, University 147.14, 2 George Picton, Mungindi, 146.14, 3 Shane Krenske, Goondiwindi, 145.12, 4 Nev Fyles, Raglan, 145.10, 5 Andrew Linton, Goondiwindi, 143.14.

C Grade: 1 Bruce Rickard, Goondiwindi, 139.6, 2 Ken Bowman, Warialda, 127.2, 3 David Campbell, Goondiwindi, 125.5.

F Open: 1 Julie McEwan, Dalby-Tara, 290, 2 Cameron McEwan, Dalby-Tara, 276, 3 Tim Pilcher, Inverell 271.

F Standard: 1 Peter Drew, Grafton, 177, 2 Glen Rush, Ipswich, 174, 3 Lowell Tillack, Goondiwindi, 171.

### Grand Aggregate:

A Grade: 1 Matt Taylor, Warialda Rocky Dam, 299.36, 2 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, 298.36, 3 Rob Doughty, Goondiwindi, 298.31, 4 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 298.30, 5 Cathy Smith, Brisbane, 297.35, 6 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 297.35, 7 Rob McKay, Narromine-Dubbo, 297.32, 8 Gary Haeusler, Goondiwindi, 297.24, 9 Anthony Sultana, University, 295.26, 10 David Phippard, Murwillumbah, 295.25.

B Grade: 1 Glen Arrowsmith, University, 294.27, 2 Ken Ward, Raglan, 292.29, 3 Shane Krenske, Goondiwindi, 290.22, 4 George Picton, Mungindi, 289.25, 5 Andrew Linton, Goondiwindi, 288.24.

C Grade: 1 Bruce Rickard, Goondiwindi, 272.13, 2 David Williamson, Ipswich, 240.4.

F Open: 1 Tim Pilcher, Inverell, 547, 2 Florry Zabaks, Inverell, 537, 3 David Reddan, Toowoomba, 527.

F Standard: 1 Peter Drew, Grafton, 353, 2 Lowell Tillack, Goondiwindi, 342, 3 Eric Dudley, Beaudesert, 341.