

Wind Tests Shooters at North Arm

Strong gusting winds played havoc with scores in a hotly contested rifle shooting event on the Sunshine Coast at the weekend, 24/25 Oct 2009.

Darling Downs competitor Jim Dickensen put in a consistent performance to secure the North Arm Rifle Club Open trophy on Saturday, and shared second place in the Lilley District Association Open on Sunday.

He dropped just 5 points across six ranges from 300 to 600 yards to win the Grand Aggregate. Mr Dickensen lives in Stanthorpe and competes for Pratten Rifle Club which has just celebrated its centenary.

The competition came to an exciting climax with Queensland representative David Brown cool under pressure to snatch the Fred Jones Memorial Trophy for top score in the Lilley Open.

He needed centre bulls for his final three shots to edge out Jim Dickensen and Toowoomba's John Gilliland by a single centre -- 147.13 to 147.12.

Mr Brown was formerly from Nambour and has been a long time member of the North Arm Club. He is now living at Dalby and has just joined the Crows Nest-Goombungee Club.

Other top shooters Shane Abood from Albert Rifle Club and Colin and Karen Cole from North Arm were all in contention with the wind relegating them to minor placings on the final range.

As shooters had trouble putting good scores together on both days Cathy Smith from Brisbane Mariners emerged second on Grand Aggregate with 291.23. Her best result a 147.13 to place fourth in the North Arm Open.

Biloela's Charles Arrowsmith was second in the North Arm Open on 148.13 from Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, on 148.10.

Adrian Mende from Crows Nest-Goombungee won the B Grade North Arm Open and Grand Aggregate.

Southern Downs shooter Jeff Corbett beat a strong F Standard scope class field for the North Arm Open and also took the Grand Aggregate.

The Sommer Family Trophy for champion team was contested over the two 600 yard ranges shot on Sunday. The winning team was from North Arm with a score of 386.30 from Natives 378.29 and Ipswich 373.19

NORTH ARM RESULTS

North Arm Open:

A Grade: 1 Jim Dickensen, Pratten, 148.19, 2 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 148.13, 3 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, 148.10, 4 Cathy Smith, Brisbane Mariners, 147.13, 5 Wayne Latham, Brisbane Natives, 145.16, 6 Andrew Burns, North Arm, 145.11, 7 Lee Robinson, Beaudesert, 144.12, 8 David Phippard, Murwillumbah 144.8, 9 Rod Prayle, Maryborough, 143.13, 10 John Caske, Natives, 143.8.

B Grade: 1 Adrian Mende, Crows Nest-Goombungee 144.7, 2 Kevin Howlett, Natives, 140.7, 3 Ron Bowman, Gatton, 138.8, 4 Daryl Burns, North Arm, 138.7, 5 Grant Larsen, North Arm, 137.5.

C Grade: 1 Chris Reeves, Mariners, 142.6, 2 Steve Smith, Natives, 138.8, 3 Ryan Neilsen, Pacific, 137.9.

F Standard: 1 Jeff Corbett, Southern Downs 165, 2 Clive Sommer, North Arm, 161, 3 Roger Dahl, Qld Police 161, 4 Russ Sommer, North Arm, 160, 5 Emile Daniel, Natives, 159.

F Open: 1 Cameron McEwan, Dalby 279 1, 2 Dennis Brown, North Arm, 268, 3 Julie McEwan, Dalby, 267.

Lilley District Open:

A Grade: 1 David Brown, North Arm, 147.13, 2 John Gilliland, Toowoomba 147.12, 3 Jim Dickensen, Pratten, 147.12, 4 Shane Abood, Albert, 147.10, 5 Colin Cole, North Arm, 147.8, 6 Karen Cole, North Arm, 146.16, 7 Ken Lobwein, Ipswich, 146.15, 8 Ashley Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 145.15, 9 David Gardner, Natives, 145.12, 10 Lee Robinson, Beaudesert, 145.11.

B Grade: 1 John Tomlinson, North Arm, 138.8, 2 Bob Bull, North Arm, 138.7, 3 Adrian Mende, Crows Nest, 138.7, 4 Grant Larsen, North Arm, 137.1, 5 Daryl Burns, North Arm, 136.8.

C Grade: 1 Chris Reeves, Mariners, 138.4, 2 Barney Neilsen, Natives, 138.4, 3 Sean Carroll, North Arm, 134.2.

F Standard: 1 Eric Dudley, Beaudesert, 167, 2 Bruce Talty, Brisbane, 165, 3 Jeff Corbett, Southern Downs 161, 4 Peter Drew, Grafton, 159, 5 Colin Martin, Mariners, 155.

F Open: 1 Cameron McEwan, Dalby, 277, 2 Julie McEwan, Dalby, 269, 3 Kelvin Bell, Brisbane, 266.

Grand Aggregate:

A Grade: 1 Jim Dickensen, Pratten, 295.31, 2 Cathy Smith, Mariners, 291.23, 3 Charles Arrowsmith, Biloela, 290.24, 4 Lee Robinson, Beaudesert, 289.23, 5 Ken Lobwein, Ipswich, 289.22, 6 David Brown, 289.20, 7 Colin Cole, North Arm, 289.14, 8 Wayne Latham, Natives, 288.27, 9 Andrew Burns, North Arm, 288.19, 10 Karen Cole, North Arm, 287.28.

B Grade: 1 Adrian Mends, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 282.14, 2 Daryl Burns, North Arm, 274.15, 3 Bob Bull, 274.13, 4 Grant Larsen, North Arm, 274.6, 5 Kevin Howlett, Natives, 273.16.

C Grade: 1 Chris Reeves, Mariners, 280.10, 2 Sean Carroll, North Arm 270.7, 3 David Williamson, Ipswich, 227.04.

F Standard: 1 Jeff Corbett, Southern Downs, 326, 2 Eric Dudley, Beaudesert, 322, 3 Peter Drew, Grafton, 318, 4 Emile Daniel, Natives, 310, 5 Clive Sommer, North Arm 310.

F Open: 1 Cameron McEwan, Dalby, 556, 2 Julie McEwan, Dalby, 536, 3 Dennis Brown, North Arm, 533.