

Warwick shooter tops at windy Wondai

Consistent Southern Downs shooter Rob Bondfield broke through for an overdue win in the South Burnett District open prize meeting at Wondai on Sunday. (March 28)

In testing windy conditions, Mr Bondfield took out the Gordon Iszlaub Memorial Trophy, scoring 147 with 11 inner bulls. He narrowly defeated Brisbane Natives shooter Peter Scovell also on 147, but with 9 inner bulls.

Mr Bondfield is a cattle producer at Warwick whose brother David operates the well known Palgrove Charolais Stud.

He has been shooting "on and off" since his days at The Armidale School in the late 1960s.

Mr Bondfield said he got more serious about his shooting when his son James also took up the sport as a TAS student.

Until this weekend, his only other major title was at a prize shoot in Wingham, NSW.

The Wondai 30-shot event over 300, 500 and 600 yards attracted a field of competitors from around south east Queensland with a strong contingent of Brisbane shooters.

A teams event on Saturday was won convincingly by nine points by Brisbane Natives members Peter Scovell, John Caske and Wayne Latham from University of Queensland club members Alex Pettigrew, Matt Cozzebbon and Peter Moy.

Only three possible 50s were scored during the Open shoot, all on the first 300 yard range, by Peter Scovell and Peter Moy and the winning C Grade shooter Colin James from Brisbane Rifle Club.

B Grade was was narrowly won by Ron Bowman of Gatton from Bob Bull, North Arm.

In a strong F Standard scope class Maryborough shooter Greg Gartner was declared with winner from Queensland Rifle Association President John Johnstone of University Club after both shooters shot 167.

In F Class Open Dalby shooter Cameron McEwan was a three point winner over his wife Julie.

For further information, contact Robert Jones on 4162 1639.

South Burnett results.

A Grade: 1 Rob Bondfield, Southern Downs, 147.11; 2 Peter Scovell, Natives, 147.9; 3 Dennis Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 146.17; 4 Wayne Latham, Natives, 146.17; 5 Gordon Duncan, Ipswich 146.15; 6 Peter Moy, University, 146.15; 7 Brian

Long, Ipswich, 146.12; 8 Ray Watson, Bundaberg, 144.12; 9 John Caske, Natives, 144.5; 10 Rodney Prayle, Maryborough, 143.11.

B Grade: 1 Ron Bowman, Gatton, 143.9; 2 Bob Bull, North Arm, 143.8; 3 Nev Bidgood, Crows Nest-Goombungee, 141.8; 4 B Pickles, Natives, 140.6; 5 Colin Greenwood, Gatton, 139.5.

C Grade: 1 Colin Jones, Brisbane, 142.8; 2 Allan Bishop, Maryborough, 137.6; 3 Kate Menzel, Natives, 132.5; 4 Robert Hughes, Wondai, 131.4; David Williamson, Ipswich, 119.3.

City-Country shoot-out April 5

Queensland's best shooters will converge on the Belmont Range in Brisbane this weekend for the annual city-country grudge match.

The country shooters will be out to avenge the city win last year with competition expected to be fierce over ranges from 300 to 1000 yards on Sunday (April 5).

Five teams will go head to head for bragging rights in Open, Veterans, Under 25 and F Open and F Standard scope classes.

Central Qld Championships at Raglan

Shooting action over the Easter weekend will be at Raglan where the Central Queensland Championships will be staged on April 11 and 12.

There will also be a 30 shot Palma match over 800 and 900 metres on Easter Monday, April 13.

Contact Ross Atherton on 4926 1091.

Anzac memorial at North Arm

It's time to drag the old .303 rifles out of the cupboard for the popular Anzac Memorial Shoot being hosted by North Arm Rifle Club at Yandina on Sunday, April 26. Contact Bob Bull on 5442 6091.