

VICTORIAN RIMFIRE BENCHREST NATIONAL

This National was conducted in Victoria at the Melbourne International Shooting Club (MISC) with practice on the 29th November, 2012, followed by 25m Benchrest Air on the 30th November, 50m Sporter and Class 1 on the 1st December and the premier 50m Class 3 on 2nd December.

A well-attended event, it was a highlight of Benchrest shooting in Victoria for 2012. It was the first time that three and four gun competitions have been run anywhere in Australia combining both Rimfire and Air. Attendees came from New South Wales, country and city Victoria.

The wind conditions varied. Being a baffled range, wind coming from the east over a backstop caused circulation and rapid moves of left to right wind. This required shooters to be on the ball and ready to fire immediately that their selected wind conditions were recognised.

The range at MISC is a specialist Benchrest range with brick bases and concrete tops. On competition days the range was a sea of flags, propellers and other various forms of wind indicators.

Day 1 – Air (3 targets)

The 25 metre Benchrest Air was won by Richard Lightfoot with a score of 726 and 16 centres, followed by Matthew Brough with a score of 724 and 16 centres and Max Joiner with a score of 722 and 17 centres. The remaining top ten shooters in order of score were Annette Rowe, Rob Austin, Chris Nocente, Bill Collaros, Brett Wilson, Harry Fuller and David Cominie.

Day 2 – 50m Sporter (2 targets)

New South Wales shooters Rob Austin with a score of 495 and 20 centres, Bill Collaros with 491 and 18 centres and Brett Wilson with 490 and 22 centres made up the successful top three. They were followed in the top ten by Glen Seaman, Richard Lightfoot, Annette Rowe, Chris Nocente, Max Joiner, Matthew Brough and Patrick Wolfe.

Day 2 - Class 1 (2 targets)

This event was won by Bill Collaros using his Sporter (Croc) with a higher powered scope. His score of 494 with 18 centres was a really top effort using a small gun. Bill was followed in the top ten by Rob Austin, Brett Wilson, Richard Lightfoot, Max Joiner, Glen Seaman, Chris Nocente, Matthew Brough, Annette Rowe and Patrick Wolfe. The Seaman girls from NSW shot well and are up and coming Juniors.

Day 3 - Class 3 (3 targets)

The premier event was the Class 3 on the Sunday which was won by Chris Nocente with a score of 744 and 37 centres. This was a top score for such changing conditions and also included his first 250. The remaining top ten were Brett Wilson with 741, Bill Collaros with 739, Max Joiner, Annette Rowe, Richard Lightfoot, Scot Kiddle, Rob Austin, David Cominie and Harry Fuller. In this event there were twenty-seven shooters of which three were Juniors. A second 250 for the day was shot by Annette Rowe.

In the three gun competition, Bill Collaros' good score in the Class 1 gave him a win ahead of Rob Austin and Brett Wilson.

In the four gun competition, the places were reversed and the value of Rob Austin's good shoot in Air gave him the win at 2440, narrowly beating Bill Collaros at 2436 and again Brett Wilson at 2428. The full scores of this event can be seen on the TRV website.

The wash up of this 4 day event highlighted the enthusiasm of shooters to travel long distances and try different disciplines.

It is anticipated that Air 25 metres is a shooting discipline that will expand as it is considerably cheaper than Rimfire. It has its own difficulties with wind at 25 metres and as it is shot on the same 25 metre target as Rimfire, is directly comparable in difficulty.

We were fortunate to have Harry Fuller, a very well-known Air shooter, attend this event. Harry provided great insight into the checking of pellets and in particular the determining of the best quality pellets to achieve and maintain good scores.

The competition was dominated by the three principal shooters from New South Wales, namely Rob Austin, Brett Wilson and Bill Collaros. The top Victorian shooter was Richard Lightfoot who although scoring a 249 and a 248 in the 50m Class 3 was reminded of his luck, bad luck or inability to judge wind conditions by shooting a 238 on his third card. Again all shooters were reminded of that classic statement "the wind is not your friend!"

No competition would be possible without the hard work of those who so kindly volunteered their time to assist. In particular, thanks must go to Val & Reg McCready, Peter Males, Patrick Wolfe and Annette Rowe.

Further matches at MISC range will be held in 2013 leading up to the first selection trials for the 2015 Third World Rimfire and Air Benchrest Competition to be held in Brisbane. The selection trials will be held in Sydney in September 2013, Melbourne in 2014 and Brisbane in early 2015. As a lead up to the 2015 event, an Australian team will be going to the European Titles, World Cup in Pizen in the Czech Republic in 2013.

With the rise in acceptance of Air rifle shooting benchrest style as a competitive form of shooting, it is now necessary to consider monthly shoots on the same basis as the Warren Potent to help raise the standards further and ensure that Australia succeeds in 2015.

If any Benchrest, Rimfire or Air shooter wants further information please check the WRABF website or contact Richard Lightfoot at rmlightfoot@yahoo.com.au.

Surname	First Name	Air	Spoter	LV	HV	4 Gun	3 gun RF
COLLARIOS	Bill	712.12	491.18	494.18	739.039	2436	1724
AUSTIN	Rob	720.1	495.2	492.22	733.033	2440	1720
WILSON	Brett	710.14	490.22	487.18	741.04	2428	1718
LIGHTFOOT	Richard	726.16	476.11	481.1	735.035	2418	1692
JOINER	Max	722.17	465.08	476.13	738.027	2401	1679
SEAMAN	Glen	0	476.18	471.13	726.027	1673	1673
NOCENTE	Chris	715.08	467.11	448.05	744.037	2374	1659
BROUGH	Matthew	724.16	433.08	481.16	720.018	2358	1634
HOWE	Annette	720.2	472.08	414.03	736.041	2342	1622
WOLFE	Patrick	681.09	404.05	445.07	718.021	2248	1567
SEAMAN	Hannah	0	363.03	477.14	725.024	1565	1565
SEAMAN	Emily	0	330.05	449.09	665.006	1444	1444
FULLER	Harry	700.11	0	461.11	731.035	1892	1192
COMINIE	David	700.09	0	0	733.032	1433	733
KIDDLE	Scotty	0	0	0	733.041	733	733
OZAKSOY	Hughsey	0	0	0	721.013	721	721
MALES	Peter	0	0	0	720.025	720	720
MAGNIN	Brendan	0	0	0	715.018	715	715
LEE	Martin	0	0	0	714.022	714	714
HARMAN	Colin	0	0	0	712.022	712	712
DIPASQUALE	Vito	0	0	0	707.021	707	707
NITSIS	Angelo	0	0	0	702.015	702	702
MAGNIN	William	0	0	0	701.021	701	701
GARVEY	Syd	0	0	0	698.02	698	698
BROOKS	Rodger	0	271	403.04	0	674	674
MCLAY	David	0	0	0	0	0	0

50m HV 2/12/12

50m Bench Scratch Results

Surname	First Name	Club	Cat	TRV Reg	Bay No.	Grade	1st 25	2nd 25	3rd 25	Total			
NOCENTE	Chris	NSW	0	7		0.00	247	10	250	18	247	9	744.017
WILSON	Brett	NSW	0	4		0.00	247	11	249	16	245	13	741.040
COLLARDOS	Bill	NSW	0	2		0.00	248	16	246	11	245	13	739.039
JOHNS	Max	VIC	0	1		0.00	249	9	249	13	240	5	738.027
ROWE	Annette	VIC	0	9		0.00	241	16	250	13	245	12	736.041
LIGHTFOOT	Richard	VIC	0	5		0.00	249	13	248	12	238	10	735.035
KIDDLE	Scotty	VIC	0	21		0.00	247	15	239	10	247	16	733.041
AUSTIN	Rob	NSW	0	6		0.00	242	5	243	12	248	16	733.033
COMINI	David	VIC	0	10		0.00	247	11	246	12	240	9	733.032
FULLER	Harry	NSW	0	3		0.00	243	10	244	12	244	13	731.035
SEAMAN	Glen	NSW	0	14		0.00	238	8	247	12	246	7	726.027
SEAMAN	Hannah	NSW	0	15		0.00	245	11	246	7	234	5	725.024
DEARSON	Hughway	VIC	0	25		0.00	244	5	235	5	242	3	721.013
MALES	Peter	VIC	0	18		0.00	244	12	236	6	240	7	720.025
BROUGH	Matthew	NSW	0	8		0.00	245	6	235	6	240	6	720.018
WOLFE	Patrick	VIC	0	11		0.00	244	9	243	7	231	5	718.021
MAGNIN	Brendan	VIC	0	22		0.00	238	6	237	3	242	9	715.018
LEE	Martin	VIC	0	13		0.00	241	9	242	9	231	4	714.022
HARMAN	Colin	VIC	0	26		0.00	237	5	240	9	235	8	712.022
DIPASQUALE	Vito	VIC	0	24		0.00	238	9	244	9	225	3	707.021
RITTS	Angelo	VIC	0	27		0.00	235	1	237	5	240	9	702.035
MAGNIN	William	VIC	0	28		0.00	234	9	232	5	235	7	701.021
GARYCEY	Syd	VIC	0	20		0.00	239	6	235	9	224	5	698.020
SEAMAN	Emily	NSW	0	16		0.00	206	0	233	4	226	2	669.006
BROOKS	Rodger	VIC	0	12		0.00							
MCLAY	David	VIC	0	19		0.00							