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Auckland Shooting Report

Swiss Shooting Fun Day

Finally, on 18 January, we gathered for the 2013 Swiss Shooting Fun Day (it was postponed from last year). I was able to welcome 15 people, including some visitors from Switzerland. It was great to meet and catch up with you all. This Event has two parts; the Nominated Point Championship and the Round Robin (Swiss Hunger Games).

Nominated Points Championship

After a lot of deliberation, the 12 shooters submitted their magic number they wanted to score. After the first detail, Selina Storchenegger let us know that last year's scores were all but forgotten and a new beginning was about to commence. Her score was out by one point and the one to beat. Some of us had rather an uphill battle and were taken out sooner rather than later. I did find myself in a situation where I needed 20 points out of the last two shots and ended up being with two points off the mark. It was not until the very last detail that Daniel Wiederkehr managed to challenge Selina, as he too ended up with -1 point. As a result, a shoot-out was requested to determine the winner.

Another five shots were fired and then each shooter had to nominate their scores. After all the calculations were done, Daniel Wiederkehr was declared the winner with -4 points against Selina Storchenegger's -7 points. Lunch as usual was a very social event and took a little bit longer than expected. Don't we all love a good story?

Round Robin

I have renamed this event the "Swiss Hunger Games" due to the fact that the last shooter standing is declared the winner.

Shooters get paired up by drawing names from a hat. Each one tries to outmaneuver the other shooter with a higher score. The winner goes on in the competition. All the losers are then paired up again to shoot the "sudden death" round. The winners out of that go on, whereas the losers usually spend the remainder of the day in the butts.

Due to the fact that in this competition even numbers are required, Melissa was able to come "alive" again in her quest to defend her winning title of last year.

At a later stage, only one winner emerged in a losers' duel between Daniel Wiederkehr and Andre Belami, but both returned to the competition as they had shot the highest losing scores.

Moving on in the competition, shooters drew attention to themselves by returning good scores. I was aware that Daniel and Selina were on "Fire" and were defiantly in the game. But there was always the chance that out of the blue, another shooter could spoil the party.

Shooting this style of competition is different, as one shooter competes against another shooter to make it into the final. It is a mind game, and concentration and nerves can often be the decider.

Semifinal:

- ◇ Melissa beat Andre: 42 to 40
- ◇ Selina beat Ernst: 55 to 54
- ◇ Henry beat Daniel: 56 to 48

When the competitors for the final became clear, I knew I needed to keep it all together and give full concentration to the task at hand, as both other shooters had great ability to score high – Melissa Lanz had got the better of Terry Mason in the final last year and Selina had been scoring very well all day.

The final scores were as follow:

- ◇ Henry Werffeli: 56
- ◇ Selina Storchenegger: 52
- ◇ Melissa Lanz: 50

I would like to thank you all that you have found the time and energy to spend a full day on the range and thank you all for the commitment and help throughout the day.

We will do it all again at the end of the year.

The Riflemaster: Henry Werffeli



Fiona Blaser gives it her all at the Society Games Shooting competition. This was her very first go in a shooting competition: Well done, Fiona!



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