

Blackwater Two Day Shoot

A very good weekend of shooting was enjoyed by all. The targets were good and competitive shooters were showing their skills in breaking clays under cloudy at times skies with changing light conditions and very warm temperatures for this time of the year.

There were a number of shoot offs to determine winners and some very high scores recorded. Peter Watts this year won the Handicap event with a perfect 25/25 and gained another metre handicap so will now shoot off 23 metres. Quite a few shooters were only one target behind and husband and wife team Candy and Robbie Cross had to battle out second and third place for the money. Candy came out on top of this shoot-off. The Double Rise event was won by one of our own members with a great result of 28/30 for Lionel Selke to claim the overall.



Peter Watts, Handicap winner, OA HG



*Alex Dallas
OA Coalfields 100*

The main event on the program is the 100 target Coalfields 100 Championship which was won by Alex Dallas 99/100 and only 1 target in front of four shooters on 98/100. This was the 31st year of this event being shot and has been very hotly contested over the years. It was the first 100 target event in our area and has been a very hard event to win. The weather was nice to us on Sunday with clear blue skies and no changing light to deal with.

The visiting shooters were catered for by our members in the kitchen producing some outstanding dishes as usual. We have a fantastic kitchen now after Community Grants via the C.H.R.C. council helped us to replace the former facilities after the floods in 2010/11 for

which we are very grateful and are the envy of our neighbouring clubs. We have received two grants since the floods and have replaced our former kitchen, which the white ants made a meal of where we couldn't see them, to all stainless steel. That will give them toothache should they try that again. And the last grant enabled us to purchase a new gas stove, stainless steel two door very large refrigerator and freezer and a new convection large microwave. We are all happy now in the kitchen.



Stephen Vale



Candy Cross



Peter Brandt



Lil Brandt



Don Morris



Josh Walsh

Over the last few years we have put in a lot of upgrades including shower and toilet amenities plus our own power. Recently the shooting complex which comprises five clubs on the site was fortunate to now own the land on which we reside. Our landowner transferred the 100 acres to the complex and met all the costs involved. As per his instructions the clay target club members and a couple from other clubs on site fenced off the land and now we have a permanent ground. We share the complex with the Pistol Club, S.S.A.A. Archers club and a Rifle Club.

The clubs concerned are so appreciative of this huge and generous event and it is a fantastic outcome for our sport. There is no other site around our area which we could have relocated all the clubs to if we had to all move after the property was sold.

A big thanks to our sponsors, helpers and shooters and families for the fantastic weekend. Our next shoot will be on the 22nd of June commencing at 9am and all are welcome.