



# MOUNTAIN ECHO

Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA November 2022



Go Hunting! You know you need to.....



*Photo: Wellington & Porirua HUNTS Course 2021*

Come see Pete Henderson's HUNTS presentation @ Club Night – note date, time and venue!

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# Editorial

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Hi All,



Where to begin!?

There have been several shooting events at our Range which still functions well despite the storm damage. These events cover everything from championship to less formal, rimfire and centrefire! All the results and activities further below.

In the first week of November we had opportunity (along with Golden Bay Branch) to meet with Peter Baird (Police Operations Manager - Arms Safety and Control) regarding our ranges and upcoming approval, registration and certification requirements. As a shooting club and range operator this is obviously of great importance for us but we can happily say we are well placed to work through the looming processes. Our team includes Shooting Range Inspectors (e.g. Bill, Greg, Brian) and so we have the capacity to get ourselves through the system and support other range operators in region with their applications as need be. It is well worth reading the latest NZ Police Firearms Panui via this link [Panui](#)

It was great to see NZDA National with heaps of supports from the Branches at the Sika Show in Hamilton at the end of October. This year, finally!!, after two false starts due to Covid, we are having a stand at the A&P show in Richmond to show the public what we are all about! Early shout out to Carina for taking the lead on this! So, please come by and support us when you are there. Pete Henderson will be supporting us on these days too! Fingers crossed for good weather as usual!

Pete Henderson (NZDA SI HUNTS Assessor) is visiting Marlborough, Golden Bay and Nelson Branches later in November to present on how courses for HUNTS instructors can be arranged. More information below on this important topic but keep the evening of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November free if you have an interest in HUNTS in general and especially if you think you might be a candidate to be an Instructor (or do the HUNTS course) soon or in further into the future.

Great to see the Matiri goat “reduction operation” organised hunt coming up, keeping these critters in check in our forests is a good thing and I hear that the goat sausages presented by Rikki at last Club Night were pronounced “as good as any I have eaten”...there’s a hint. See more here [Get Your Goat Matiri](#)

Of course, it’s close to the end of the year so planning is afoot to have our annual break up BBQ for members and families. So, keep Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December clear in your diary to ensure a good feed and good time!

As our CE was away at the Sika Show, I attended the Mountain Safety Council AGM on behalf of NZDA. Their annual report is worth a read [MSC Annual Report 21-22](#) with an emphasis on statistics to understand where risks in the outdoors exist and are (or are not) improving. Safety tips and information on many outdoor pursuits easily available [MSC Safety Information - All Activities](#)

Finally, in November DOC is holding an all-day meeting regarding management strategies for Molesworth and with Marlborough Branch on point, supported by other NZDA delegates, we will be representing your interest in the good management of, and access to hunting in this key area.

Good Hunting & Safe Shooting - **Richard Wells**

# Nelson NZDA @ A and P Show in November!

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NZDA had a great stand at the Sika Show this year!

Come along to your local Branch stand at the **A&P Show in Richmond!**



Nelson  
**NZDA**  
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

# HUNTS – Pete Henderson – South Island Assessor Presents @ Club Night

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## HUNTS Instructor Assessment and more....

Fish and Game Meeting Room Champion Rd, Richmond  
7 pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Doors open 6.30pm,

If you have an interest in HUNTS and especially in becoming a qualified instructor, then come to this presentation!



**Pete Henderson** from Otago is the NZDA HUNTS Assessor for the South Island. Funding secured by NZDA from Government to increase hunter training has allowed for the resourcing of an assessor, both North and South, to assist and support Branches and existing HUNTS teams to increase the number of qualified instructors and therefore in the future new entrant trainees.

Pete is travelling through Marlborough, Nelson and Golden Bay giving his presentation to the Branches.

HUNTS is the key initiative to futureproof our sport and organisation, and the funding has a limited lifespan.

**All members and those interested in HUNTS are welcome to attend what will be an interesting presentation.**

See more on HUNTS here [NZDA HUNTS Information Centre](#) and [HUNTS Survey Report](#)

# Range Matters – Centrefire Championship

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All Packers Creek Range users note that this Range is once again open as usual but always check our website and your email for important updates plus shooting events schedule [Nelson Ranges - Information and Updates](#)



“Please fly straight and true....!” Ian Owen reloading. And they did.....



“Please fly straight and true!”.....Part II. Greg on the bench.

Packers Creek Range was the venue for the South Island Champs held over Labour Weekend. The features of the event were a small entry, but top quality, a new South Island small group record and weather, though fine and nice temperatures, wind conditions were tricky. Normally the wind on the range is up the valley or down the valley. However, this weekend the conditions were an unusual easterly which made for some interesting decisions when was the right time to shoot.

After a little practise on the Saturday morning, the event got underway with the 100-yard Light Varmint. Dunedin shooter Ian Owen was straight out of the blocks with a .169 and that set the pattern for the weekend. At the end of the 100 yards Ian was well clear with a good aggregate of .2680.

Sunday was the day for 200-yard groups, Light Varmint in the morning, Heavy Varmint in the afternoon. The highlight of the morning was Ian Owen's new 200-yard Small Group record of .232. Yes, that is 5 shots under a ¼ inch at 200 yards. (see attached photo). Ian took the Light Varmint Aggregate followed by Nelsons Graeme Smith and Carina Jackson. The afternoon brought even more wind with all shooters but Ian shooting a “big one” and ruining a good aggregate.

Monday morning saw the final stage of the event, back to 100 yards for Heavy Varmint. Again, the wind was up bright and early making things a challenge however President Greg Couper came good to win the morning including 2 x.206 groups the stole the show. When all was done, and dusted Ian Owen took home the valued 2 gun aggregate followed by Greg Couper and Graeme Smith. Another learning experience in the bag.

See full results at the end of The Echo

*Graeme Smith*



Now that's some shooting – Ian Owen's 5 shots under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " at 200 yards!

## Portraits of Winners!

Ian Owen takes out all classes so worth the drive from Dunedin Ian!



**Light Varmint** – L-R Graeme Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Owen 1<sup>st</sup>, Carina Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Heavy Varmint** – L-R Greg Couper 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Owen 1<sup>st</sup>, Carina Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup>





**Two Guns** – L-R Greg Couper 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Owen 1<sup>st</sup>, Graeme Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Results Summer Series Rimfire – 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**50m Rimfire Hunter Class  
Target**

**16.10.2022**

	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	Target 4	Target 5	TOTAL
1 Carina Jackson	50.02	50.05	50.02	50.03	50.01	<b>250.13</b>
2 Greg Couper	50.01	50.04	50.02	50.01	50.02	<b>250.10</b>
3 Graeme Smith	50.03	50.00	49.01	50.03	49.00	<b>248.07</b>
4 John Ronaldson	47.02	48.02	50.00	49.01	50.00	<b>244.05</b>
5 Anne Marie Kidson	48.00	46.01	49.01	47.00	49.00	<b>239.02</b>
6 Michael Kidson	48.00	46.00	46.01	46.00	45.01	<b>231.02</b>

**Standings after Round 2 of Summer Series 2022-23**

	11- Sep	16- Oct	13- Nov	18- Dec	15- Jan	12- Feb	12- Mar	16- Apr	7- May	Total
Carina Jackson	7	6								13
Greg Couper	6	5								11
Graeme Smith	5	4								9
John Ronaldson	3.5	3								6.5
Jude Peacock	3.5									3.5
Michael Kidson	2	1								3
Anne Marie Kidson	1	2								3

## Spring Centrefire Shoot Out

On 15th October we held a fun shoot at the Packers Creek Range where we shot running boar silhouettes at 100m

The disciplines were:

- Prone with a rest
- Prone without a rest
- Sitting
- Standing

This fun shoot was a great challenge to test your skills in other shooting positions and not being reliant on using a rest (as we know out in the bush these are not always available!).

Results (possible 100):

Malanie Bartlett 81

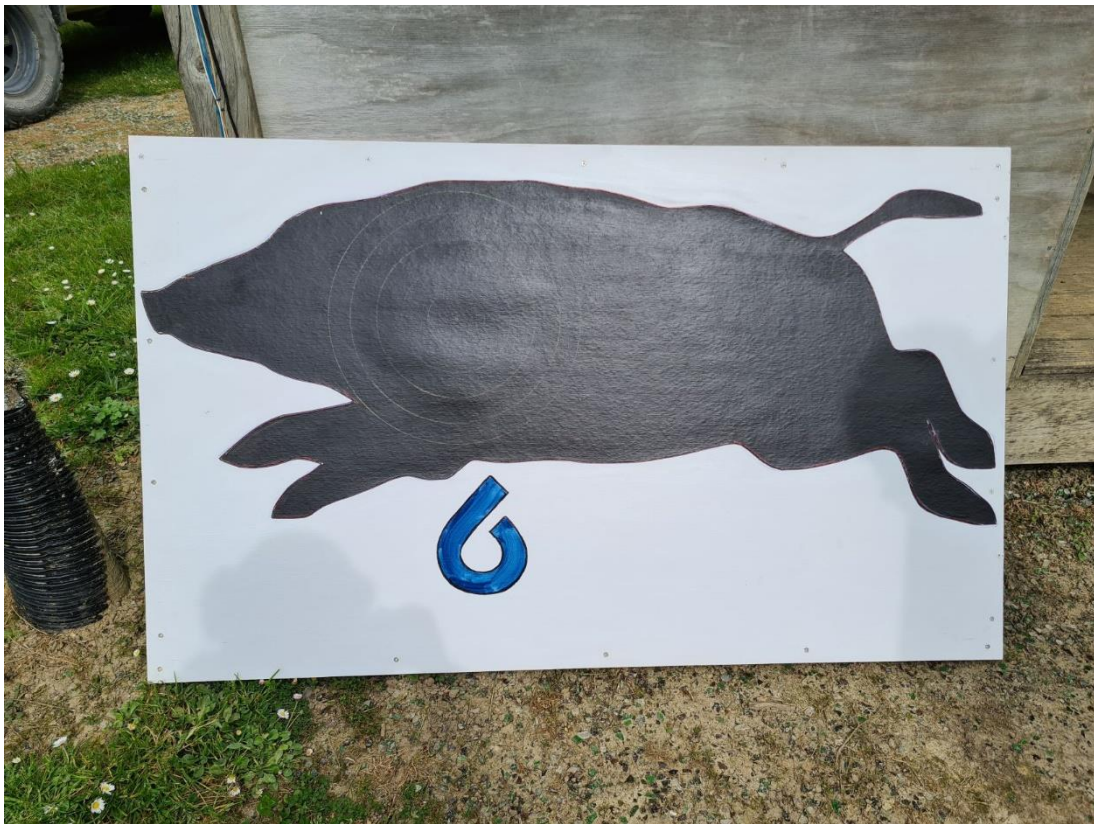
Graeme Ching 77

Alister Ching 74

Callum McLeod 72

We hope to run more of these friendly shooting events to help sharpen your skills and get you more confident with shooting in other positions - keep an eye out for the next one, don't be shy!

*Malanie Bartlett & Graeme Ching*



Shoot event target



Pigs at a distance!

If anybody out there is interested to try our sport you will be made most welcome. Give us a message on [lvhvbr@gmail.com](mailto:lvhvbr@gmail.com) Graeme Smith

## October Club Night – Thanks Rikki!

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Rikki gives the lowdown on maximizing the delish-ishness of your game meat.

# End of Year BBQ!! – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Small Bore Clubrooms

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Talking of sausages! We are happy to announce our end of year BBQ will be on at 4:30pm, 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Small Bore Clubrooms at Saxton Oval with the usual tasty meats all cooked with kind support of BBQ Chill!

So, bring the family and enjoy yourselves at this great event!



# BBQ CHILL

BBQ & Chiller Trailer Hire

## EVENTS

- Work Functions
- Birthdays
- Sport Events
- Family Beach Day

## FEATURES

- New Trailer
- 6 Burner BBQ
- Massive Chilly Bin
- Bluetooth Sound System



021 212 3113 - [www.BBQchill.nz](http://www.BBQchill.nz)

Thanks! BBQChill for keeping our meat cool till needed and then cooked to perfection!

## Trapped

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Tui in Jimmy Lee Creek

The Editor recently had the pleasure of an invite from Will Rickerby (long term member and dedicated, and award winning, conservationist) to have a look at Wills Gully (where else indeed!) which loops into Jimmy Lee above Hill Street West. It was great to walk and talk with Will about the changes in the area which they have been regenerating...and the support they now get when once no-one cared much!

Each area looked after becomes an oasis which gives the bird and plant species more resilience and more ability to spread out. So, it's NO to rats and stoats, passionfruit and old man's beard....The hard working volunteers in this area have had some major slip damage to contend with but battle on planting trees, enhancing walking tracks and trapping pests.

This sort of work is occurring all around Nelson both coastal and in the foothills surrounding the city and suburbs (Hira to Richmond etc) and those keen to support can contact their local Council.

[Tasman Biodiversity Links](#)

[Nelson Biodiversity Links](#)



## Nov Club Night – Guest Speaker Pete Henderson on HUNTS & Updates/Q&A on Club Goat Hunt in Matiri

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**HUNTS presentation by Pete Henderson!** NZ National Programme, becoming an Instructor and the benefits of HUNTS



*"Excellent effort by the organisers, very well run. Their passion for the craft of hunting and focus on safety was obvious to notice."*

**Followed by:** Final updates plus any last Q&A on Matiri Goat Hunt – Mike DeGray - See more here [Get Your Goat Matiri](#)



**Bring a friend or anyone interested in HUNTS** and come check out what a club night looks like and learn about your local NZDA!!

## **Time and Date:**

**Doors Open 6.30 pm** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Venue:** Fish and Game Clubrooms, Champion Road, Richmond

## **Last Call! Golden Bay .303 Shoot**

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Here's a chance to show your prowess with the "old Three-Oh". Note OPEN SIGHTS ONLY!



Will be fun!

Golden Bay's annual event is on November 13th and there is some space for Nelson members to attend!

As the range is limited to shooter numbers those wishing to participate need to put their names and contacts forward (and in good faith to attend not just placeholders please!).

Entry fee \$\$ all for a good cause  
[www.nzdanelson.co.nz](http://www.nzdanelson.co.nz)





**Please email Richard Wells of your intention to attend** (he will keep Golden Bay informed of numbers) or phone the contacts provided on the flyer attached for more info on the event!

In Association with Telegraph Hotel and  
Golden Bay NZDA

**Takaka Mounted Rifles .303 Shoot**  
9.00am Sunday 13 November 2022

NZDA Range, Balck Road, Pupu Valley

\$30 per shooter

Enter at the Telegraph or Takaka Fuels and Fishing

- Open sight .303 rifles only
- No target rifles
- 20 rounds, limited to 40 shooters
- Lunch provided
- Range will be open for practice Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

For info ring Colin 0210 239 2339 or Doug 027 525 8304

**Proceeds to the Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter**

# Fish and Game News

## NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME REPORT



**BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES MONITORING + COMPLIANCE:** This season we are ramping up our compliance efforts on certain backcountry rivers. The purpose behind this is to gain a more accurate picture of angler use within these rivers, in light of non-resident anglers returning to our country. The information we gain this season will be used to assess whether certain rivers may come under a new management regime next season, which could see more controls on non-resident anglers.

**MILL CREEK RIPARIAN PLANTING:** Fish & Game assisted landowner, Jamie Timms, with some riparian planting of Mill Creek in Marlborough. A small amount of the flow from Mill Creek is directed to the Fish & Game hatchery, where it runs through the fish farm, then through a wetland and a series of freshwater crayfish (koura) races, before re-entering Mill Stream cleaner than at the entry point (thanks to the filtering benefits of the wetland + koura races).

**FISHING SEASON OFF TO A GOOD START:** The 2022-23 trout season is off to a good start, thanks to the very settled October we have had. Clear water, warm temperatures and ideal river flows have meant sight fishing for trout has been excellent, with some great fish being caught and mostly all in very good condition.

**ACCESS TRACKS:** Fish & Game staff have been busy getting around most of the 200 regional fishing access points, keeping tracks clear with spraying and plant removal, and in some cases bringing in new access arrangements (as landowners and rivers change over time).



Weesang Paaka (inset is his daughter Kaiva) are getting some great fish on the Motueka this season.



Planting day at Mill Stream

# Member Benefits – Don't Miss Out

Remind yourself of NZDA membership benefits and supplier discounts by clicking here: [Benefits and Discounts](#) and NZDA Benefits APP as per email from NZDA HQ on 17 Se

## NZDA MEMBERSHIP & DISCOUNTS APP

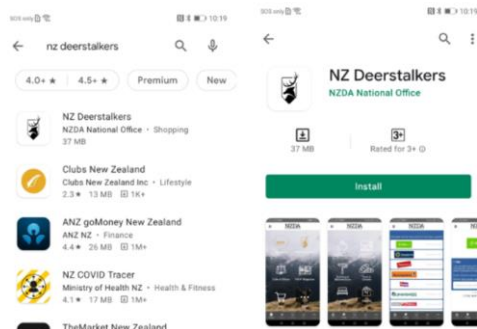
Available Now!



We are excited to announce the NZDA Membership App is now live and can be downloaded today!

## How to download the app

1) Go to Google play or the Apple store and search for **NZ Deerstalkers**. Select **Install** or **GET**.



## Exclusive NZDA discounts:

- Interisland Ferry group booking discount (contact us for the code)
- [Go Native](#) outdoor meals and snacks, 25% discount
- [SWAZI Pro Deal](#), sign-up with your valid NZDA membership
- [Napier of London](#) shooting and hunting goods, 15% discount
- [AJ Productions](#) - electronic game caller and trail cameras, 15% discount
- [Kilwell Sports](#) hunting supplies, 15% discounts on website orders
- Hunting with [Huntahr Guiding](#), 10% discount
- Heli Sika, 10% discount on helicopter flights to hunting blocks
- [Murchison Heli Tours](#), 10% off your flights
- [NZ Taxidermy Ltd](#), 10% discount on mounts
- [Bullivant Taxidermy](#), 10% discount on mounts
- 10% discount of Department of Conservation annual [Backcountry Hut Pass](#) or 'Hut Pass'. [See the DOC website for more details](#)



Supporters of Nelson NZDA HUNTS Courses and Kai Rescue **More info here:** [Meat Solutions](#)

## Red Deer Lodge

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Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti [Red Deer Lodge](#)

Contact for Accom: [info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz](mailto:info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz)

**Always remember to advise you are a Nelson member.**

## 2022 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

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All details can be found on our refreshed website: [Nelson Branch Committee](#)

Website [Nelson Branch NZDA](#)

Facebook [Facebook Nelson NZDA](#)

## Other Key Links - click on the blue

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NZDA National Association [NZDA](#)

DOC Hunting Portal [Hunting Conservation Land](#)

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Ballots

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Mountain Safety Council [MSC](#)

MSC Videos on everything safety and hunting [Watch Videos](#)

Avalanche Advisory [Avalanche Advisory Site](#)

NZ Police (Firearms Law) [Firearms](#)

Also see here for firearms storage and carriage: [NZ Police Guide to Lawful Storage and Carriage of Firearms](#)

# Labour Weekend Centrefire Championship Results

Date : 22/10/2022		S.I.		Title: 2022 South Island						
Range: Nelson				Class: Light Benchrest - I						
Name		W	A	B	C	D	E	Agg	GAgg	PN
Ian Owen	S.I. 100 2004 200		.169	.292	.322	.237	.320	.2680	1	
			.413	.554	.603	.659	.232	.2461	1	.2571 1
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100 2013 200		.230	.306	.499	.282	.332	.3298	2	
			.443	.704	.323	.596	.721	.2787	2	.3043 2
Carina Jackson	S.I. 100 2103 200		.445	.485	.392	.212	.275	.3618	3	
			.671	.458	.697	.577	.736	.3139	3	.3378 3
Greg Couper	S.I. 100 1001 200		.437	.319	.264	.357	.466	.3686	4	
			.763	.573	.615	.748	.653	.3352	4	.3519 4
Tony Titheridge	S.I. 100 2012 200		.381	.425	.549	.302	.429	.4172	6	
			.577	.595	.346	.904	1.037	.3459	5	.3816 5
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100 2106 200		.370	.327	.325	.774	.248	.4088	5	
			1.371	.716	.697	1.057	.873	.4714	6	.4401 6
Best Scores 100				Best Scores 200						
A	I Owen		.169				A	I Owen		.413
B	I Owen		.292				B	C Jackson		.458
C	G Couper		.264				C	G Smith		.323
D	C Jackson		.212				D	C Jackson		.577
E	M Kidson		.248				E	I Owen		.232
SG	I Owen		.169 (Rec .065)				SG	I Owen		.232 (Rec .133)
Agg	I Owen		.2680 (Rec .1812)				Agg	I Owen		.2461 (Rec .1978)

Date : 23/10/2022		S.I.		Title: 2022 South Island						
Range: Nelson				Class: Heavy Benchrest - I						
Name		W	A	B	C	D	E	Agg	GAgg	PN
Ian Owen	S.I. 100 2004 200		.299	.269	.616	.315	.157	.3312	1	
			.834	.555	.487	.579	.935	.3390	2	.3351 1
Greg Couper	S.I. 100 1001 200		.206	.373	.534	.206	.628	.3894	3	
			1.264	.612	.291	.569	.386	.3122	1	.3508 2
Carina Jackson	S.I. 100 2103 200		.456	.242	.774	.410	.139	.4042	4	
			1.107	.549	.737	.862	.599	.3854	3	.3948 3
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100 2013 200		.391	.287	.413	.304	.493	.3776	2	
			.671	.790	1.200	.968	.681	.4310	5	.4043 4
Tony Titheridge	S.I. 100 2012 200		.365	.490	.457	.420	.495	.4454	5	
			.905	1.150	.692	.738	.614	.4099	4	.4277 5
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100 2106 200		.413	.475	.470	.571	.523	.4904	6	
			1.468	.948	1.122	.875	1.789	.6202	6	.5553 6
Best Scores 100				Best Scores 200						
A	G Couper		.206				A	G Smith		.671
B	C Jackson		.242				B	C Jackson		.549
C	G Smith		.413				C	G Couper		.291
D	G Couper		.206				D	G Couper		.569
E	C Jackson		.139				E	G Couper		.386
SG	C Jackson		.139 (Rec .068)				SG	G Couper		.291 (Rec .203)
Agg	I Owen		.3312 (Rec .1622)				Agg	G Couper		.3122 (Rec .1819)

## MULTI GUN RESULTS (Group) - 2022 South Island Benchrest 2 Gun

		22/10/22	23/10/22	2 Gun
		LBI	HBI	
1	Ian Owen	0.2571	0.3351	0.2961
2	Greg Couper	0.3519	0.3508	0.3513
3	Graeme Smith	0.3043	0.4043	0.3543
4	Carina Jackson	0.3378	0.3948	0.3663
5	Tony Titheridge	0.3816	0.4276	0.4046
6	Michael Kidson	0.4401	0.5553	0.4977