

## THE GUN ONES

# Best of the Belt

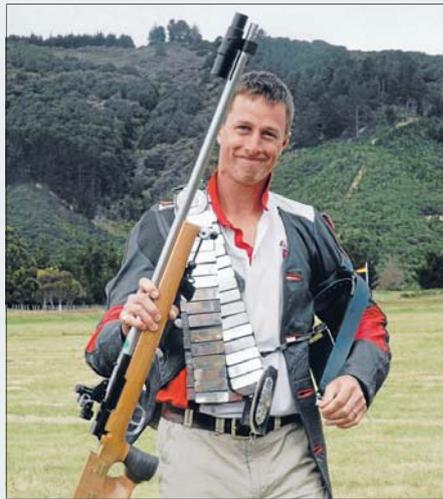
The Queens Final shoot on Saturday at Trentham's Seddon Range was the culmination of the Ballinger Belt competition, a four-day national event that always attracts plenty of media attention.

Great Britain, who won a separate international match earlier in the week, delivered the best of individual results with Jon Cload taking the prestigious Belt and five of his team-mates also finishing in the top 10.

Otorohanga's Ross Geange, a two-time Belt winner, finished as the best Kiwi, in second place.

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Photos: COLIN WILLIAMS



**Winner:** New champion Jon Cload tries the Ballinger Belt for size.



**Relaxed:** Great Britain's Sandy Walker favours barefeet for his shooting, despite Trentham's less than welcoming weather. The 22-year-old finished in 20th place.



**Local king:** Lindsay Arthur in Queens Final action. The experienced Upper Hutt marksman finished 18th.



**Line up:** The Queens Final shoot, for the top 25 shooting second, begins.



**Prepared:** This shooting official came well prepared for the vagaries of the Wellington summer.



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# Valley's inline medal haul

## Skaters break seven records

Four Valley inline skating representatives have been selected to the New Zealand side for the Oceania Champs in April.

Ollie Jones, Stephanie Challis, Jared Iraia and Antony Nalder will wear the silver fern after standout performances at the national road and flat track champs in Palmerston North.

Valley's team of nine skaters, coached by Gary Challis, won 35 medals, including nine

gold and nine silver. The locals also broke six national age grade records and a New Zealand mens' open record along the way.

Ollie Jones was a standout. The 13-year-old dominated the junior boys' under-15 individual racing, with six golds, a silver, four national age grade records and the New Zealand men's open record.

He then took another gold, and another national record, in the under-17 5000-metre points race.

Stephanie Challis, 15, was the leading local female skater at the champs.

She is recognised as a formidable long distance skater, but also demonstrated her sprinting by taking a gold, three silvers and a bronze from the road and indoor sprints in intermediate under-17 racing.

In the female open grade events, Challis was third in the 5000m points road races and an unlucky fourth in the 10-kilometre competition.

In the indoor open races, she attacked throughout to finish third-place in the 3000m and 5000m races.

Antony Nalder enjoyed a successful return to competitive racing, immediately placing fourth in the senior men 200m road time trial, finishing behind three world medallists.

Although known as a sprinter, Nalder placed well in all the men's open distance races. He anchored the Valley inline team in the men's 5000m road relay team and, with Jones and Antony Hazelwood, earned a silver. He added an individual bronze from the 800m senior men's indoor.

Nalder secured bronze in both the men's 3000m team relay, with Hazelwood and Kieran Phillips, and the 1200m mixed pairs relay with Michelle Koot.

Valley's senior mixed 3200m relay team, of Hazelwood, Nalder, Koot and Challis, claimed silver in a race marked with tight line tactics and falls.

Valley inline's last gold medal went to Jared Iraia and Jones in the junior boys 1200m pairs relay indoors, who made a new national record.

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# Shooter happy with Ballinger Belt

By COLIN WILLIAMS

The British may have come and conquered but local marksman Casey Goldsmith was more than satisfied with his efforts in the Ballinger Belt, on Saturday at Trentham's Seddon Range.

Goldsmith qualified for the Belt's final shoot, the high profile Queens Final, for his first time after six attempts.

He shot accurately in the typically tough Trentham conditions, edging his way past several shooters.

He finished a respectable 36th overall after four days of the Belt's full-bore competition.

"I was very happy with that shoot. I achieved some of my goals.

"I got into a flow and felt like I

was getting a good rhythm. It was only my last couple of shots that let me down," the 32-year old glazier says.

"Building up to the Belt was really what I was working on throughout the year. I was trying out different things, testing out bullets and loads and that sort of thing.

"While I knew that I could have been doing better I'd also see how everyone else was doing," Goldsmith says.

"The conditions were very tough. Trentham is seen as the hardest range in the southern hemisphere because its winds are so variable."

Goldsmith's introduction to the sport started from a visit to a military and gun show at St Pat's Silverstream.

"The National Rifle Association had a stall and I got talking to them and they encouraged me to come along to the range. They were very positive and able to get me trying things out."

Goldsmith tries to shoot competitively, representing the Upper Hutt club, most weekends.

A small-bore competitor in the shooting off-season, he acknowledges shooting is struggling to attract younger converts.

"Yes, unfortunately I believe I'm the youngest active member we have."

**On the up:** Upper Hutt's Casey Goldsmith, acting as a scorer after completing his first Ballinger Belt Queens Final.



**It's in the bag:** A lone piper leads a chair-lifted Jon Cload from the Seddon Range after the 35-year-old Englishman won the Ballinger Belt on Saturday. Cload's final round shoot of 72.05 (and total 547.49) was enough to head off two-time winner, Ross Geange of Otorohanga, who was two shots behind. Cload's win confirmed what was a feature of the National Rifle Association's premier week – the dominance of the Great Britain side, both individually and as a team. Three of the first five finishers (and six of the first 10) were from the British team. All but one of their 21 shooters qualified through to the prestigious Queens' Final 50 on Saturday while, the day after, the crack British team beat New Zealand again, for the Mini Palma team's match in a warm up event for next year's world champs in Australia. Photos: COLIN WILLIAMS

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