



ON TARGET

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Cool Cooyal in April (Temperature that is!)

Well, it wasn't Montana and it isn't June yet...but we circled the wagons and managed a very enjoyable 'Mini Quigley' match at Cooyal on the Anzac weekend. Not a mask in sight and the much vaunted, panacea vaccination not deemed compulsory.

I travelled to the match with Paul Radin after he ventured forth from the north coast and arrived via Coolah about 1.30 pm on the Friday to find we

were almost the last to arrive. Container open, fire wood being cut and collected, mowing under way and the generator supplying power. Peter Tooley finished off the three remaining power points and Paul Mc saw to it that hot water was on tap for washing and showers. Pretty darn civilized really!

We managed to locate two of the target position slots and after moving the Quigley targets to the mound, had them set up in short order. The buffalo was raised but not shot until the Sunday. Lifting it did however release one portable radio from hibernation as it had been in its tube under the buff since the last shoot. Worked fine the whole weekend.

Present for the match were myself, Paul McCarthy, Dan MacDonald, Ken Hawes, Paul Radin, Ken Brown, Peter Tooley and Mark Green. The weather was faultless with sunshine and mild daytime temperatures. Once we lost the sun around 4pm or so though we were all reaching for jackets and headwear. A nice, self prepared meal, some movies courtesy of Paul Mc and Peter T and a good nights sleep followed.

We started Saturday morning on the offhand target. The real Quigley bucket is at 350 yds. It is bigger than the silhouette chicken... but its also 120m further away

Top score for the 'awfulhand' was 5 shared between two and two runners up on 4. The bucket then swapped out for the 417 yd rectangle, we moved back and tried again. Two on 7, one 5 and two on 4. Exchanging the 417 target for a larger rectangle we dropped back to 530 yds and called a lunch break. Back on the line and the smoke started again. One 7, two on 6 and one on five.

A few things were clear by now. Namely Dan's mirage tracking on the scope was invaluable and Mark G was having some teething problems with his loads and his new Browning BPCR. Don't think he'll get caught out again though. Incidentally, the winds were not strong but they were there and they changed shot to shot...ever so slightly but enough to take you from centre to a miss. The Quigley winds do the same but they

vary from 10 to 40+ mph. Finally, the octagon or 'stop sign' as its referred to at 600 yds to finish off the first day. Good target to finish on as everyone scored. Three possibles, one 7, one 6, one 5 and two on 3. A little bit of practice and a pistol shoot and the guns went away before happy hour and then to the Cooyal Hotel. Warmly welcomed at the hotel we had quite a respectable meal and exchanged stories before returning to the clubhouse for a round of movies and then some sleep. I forgot my popcorn this time!



Winner this month was (left) Gavin Dignam with Don MacDonald runner up. Perhaps we need a handicap system as they do in golf?





Anzac day dawned a beautiful day with frost again but clear skies all around. Up earlier than I had planned it was easy to be reflective on the significance of the day. With breakfast squared away it was up to the 405 yd, diamond target. Using the 'hanger' rather than the purpose built plate as it was one less to carry up the range. Initially approached with some trepidation, the diamonds are proving to be good targets with most scoring well. One possible, three on 7, one on 6 and one on 5. Finally it was to be the buffalo at 805 yds. Dan showed us the way with 6 and Paul R and myself on 5, three on 3 and Ken H on 1. Mark G didn't shoot the last distance but having scored 7 (out of 8) on the 600...I think he and his rifle have come to an agreement. Watch this space !

After a pack up of targets and tidy of the clubhouse, we had the presentation and everyone was off. The range is looking good although having some sheep cut down the tall grass might be nice.

Thanks to all that helped and thanks to all that came. A good weekend in stupendous weather. Hope to see some or all of you at Nioka next month.

See you when my sights are down.

Gavin



Next Match

Nioka 22/23 May

**Allow ammunition for five Stages of 10
shots + sighters and spares**

Range open from Lunchtime Friday

Details to follow

Self Cater. BBQ available

**Plenty of room to camp. Toilets and
showers on site**

