

The Dec 30, 2007 Shoot

We held an impromptu shoot during the afternoon of Sunday Dec 30. It was the first time we attempted a shoot during the winter. Temperatures were about -8 to -10 however everyone dressed warmly and a good sized bon fire kept everyone comfortable. It was surprising how smoothly most things went considering it was the first time we tried this in the snow. We had 12 shooters out which is as many as we often get in the summer.

We did have some problems with our Pat Trap which did not seem to like the cold weather however our Promatic machines did the job quite nicely. We used 2 of these with one set to throw high birds and the other to throw crossing birds from behind the firing line. Either the target configuration was tough or we were all out of practice but the scores were not all that stellar.

After everyone had a chance to shoot a warm up round we held a 50 bird competition. Shooters name were put in a hat draw one or more times depending on their score for the 50 birds. The prize was a 1.3kg beef tenderloin which was won by Vic Thomas. We also held the Kootenay Kache competition however the gold target was not hit so we added the money to the pool for the next shoot.

We are looking at having at least one shoot a month in the future, so stay tuned. We are going to try one in Jan assuming the weather cooperates.