

First Annual Inter-Club Invitational Trap Challenge, Fernie, B.C.

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Sunlight interrupted June's rain as 32 competitors from Alberta and B.C. gathered at the Fernie Rod & Gun Club's trap range. Up for grabs in this Invitational Challenge was a classic trophy, donated by match sponsor GearHub Sports of Fernie.

All the planning and set-up work by FRGC volunteers was rewarded when our guests [Oldman River G.C. (AB), Crownsnest Pass T.C. (AB), Kimberley T. & S. Club (BC)] filled the gun racks. Amenities included guest parking, a registration desk and food concession run by the Temple & Glover families, awnings, and a stats trailer and sound system MC'd by GearHub Sports' Jonathan Levesque.

The invitational was Fernie's way of reaching out to regional trap clubs who'd provided insights into the building of our new range. If you're considering a similar project...the #1 tip is to have perfect traphouse drainage! Just as important is access, which Oldman River wheelchair user Dan Kuftinoff tells us we aced.

We kept the match format simple -25 trap targets and 12 rabbit pairs- with squads simultaneously cycling through the trap and rabbit ranges. Kimberley—who provided the rabbit thrower- ran a 22-shooter Annie Oakley while Fernie's Randy Cooke tabulated the scores.

By 3pm the shoot-offs were done and the competitors – including 2 youths and 4 women – gathered for awards and prizes.

Individual High Over All prizes went to Aiden Levesque (Junior) and Cheryl

Tracy-Gould (Lady). Randy Cooke snared Rabbit HOA in a shoot-off with Kimberley's Sandy Williams. Trap HOA went to Rick Byram of Kimberley. Fernie Trap Director Tyler Temple took Match HOA in a shoot-off with Randy Cooke and Sandy Williams.

With a mere 27 targets separating the four clubs, Fernie looks forward to defending the trophy when our friends return next year.

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Fernie Trap Club Interclub Champions

A pregnant Dakoda Kuftinoff from Oldman River Club shooting rabbits.



Competitors line up