

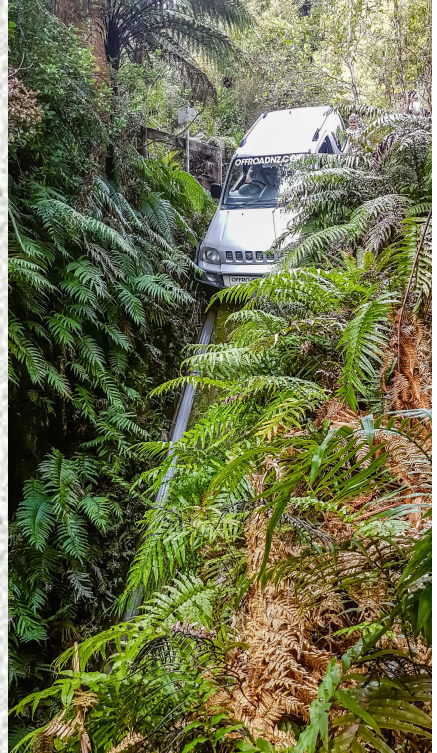
Offroad New Zealand

By Noel Harris

A disappointing turnout from our club for this event but with a few ring-ins from the Waikato Jaguar club the numbers were there to make the event worthwhile.

A small group met in Tauranga for the trip over the Kaimais and on to Mamaku to meet up with the rest of us that made our own way there.

A quick cuppa and hellos all round then registration for the events. It all happened quite quickly and before we knew it, the 5 of us doing the off-roading were on the track. It took nearly an hour to complete. One of the obstacles, called "the luge" was a drop of 7 meters at an 80-degree angle. A bit like driving off a cliff. A good bit of fun which tested the nerves on a few occasions especially Helen's from the Waikato club. She said she closed her eyes several times (not while driving).



When we got back it was straight into the karting. I was going to man the BBQ but Wendy took control of that.

By this time, new member Joseph Eparara arrived and joined the karting as well. We didn't know who he was at this stage. Just thought he was a member of the public. Wendy knew early on who he was as on arrival he offered to help on the BBQ. He ended up with the fastest karting lap time.

While the group had been doing the off-roading, others had been trying their hand at clay bird shooting and archery. Joseph did pretty good at the archery and was best male in the shooting. Alan Judd and Murray Jamison don't want me to mention their shooting scores but I can tell you their wives George Judd and Corrie Jamison were the winners.



Team Talk



Alan Judd raring to go

Corrie shooting 3 birds. Pretty damn good for a first time. George Judd top scored in the archery to make a win for the women in both events.



George at Archery

Overall, a lot of fun was had in all events. Great to see people trying something new.

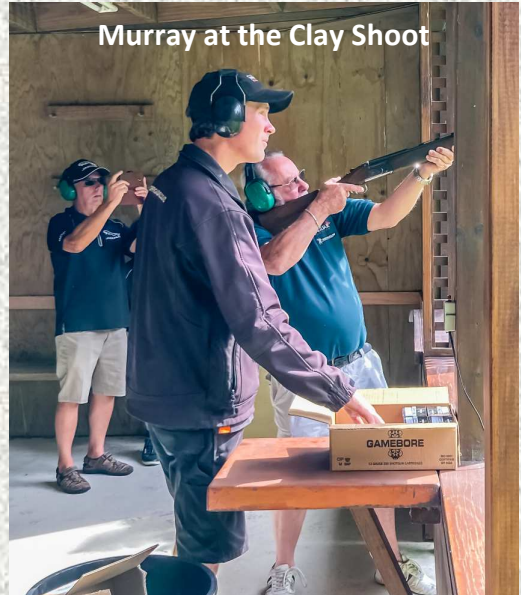
There were members at this event that just came to watch and catch up with friends and that, in the end, is what most of it is about.

Thanks to Wendy for doing the BBQ and setting up for lunch which went down very well. Thanks also to everyone else that helped out in some way to make the day a success.

Noel



Corrie at the Clay Shoot



Murray at the Clay Shoot