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ON TARGET: Ladies champion Janelle Rossiter.

Rossiter revels in hi-tech contest

CAPALABA'S Janelle Rossiter became the new women's champion when the Queensland small bore shooting titles were contested at Belmont on November 29-29.

The occasion was the first time a major rimfire championship was shot on hi-tech electronic targets, which had just been installed on the 50m Jim Smith Range.

A member of the Commercial club at Belmont, the new champion took in her stride the trappings of success, highlighting more the competitive nature of the sport and the high level of enjoyment she and fellow shooters gained.

"The influence of new technology has made shooting contests quicker, having taken away the need to physically renew the paper targets after each group was completed," she said.

"It was still great to compete but it left me wondering if one day we might be laser shooting and doing away with bullets."

The old paper target has all but been "given the bullet" by becoming only an aiming point.

Under the new system, sensors track bullet trajectories and instantly relay results to a display screen beside shooters.

Results also go automatically into the central computer system.