

Shooting

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On the Target



Col R. DONATI: the winner!

Last September 26th, at the shooting range UITS (Italian Union Shooting) of Somma Lombardo, took place the third stage of the Military Gold Medals Trophy organized by the Unuci Sections of Busto Arsizio, Legnano and Gallarate, the Parachutist Association of Legnano and NRDC-IT HQ.

The sport contest concerned shooting with the regular assigned rifle (Beretta AR 70 and similar) at a distance of 200 metres. During the pleasant September day, 74 participants and 21 teams attended the competition. A very good result for the organizing committee, with a large participation of public. Many shooters came along with the whole family and relatives and had the chance to enjoy both the wide green areas located around the shooting range and the delicious meals prepared for the occasion.

The competition went on very smoothly and it ended in late afternoon after more than 1.500 rounds shot. The classification in the two different categories (individual and team) was led by the participants of the NRDC-IT HQ that won the big part of the trophies. Going into details, the NRDC-IT team won the first position with two competitors, Col. Riccardo Donati and Lcpl Ivan Trotta, who got the first and second prize in the individual competition. Dulcis in fundo, also the Air Force Depot team of Gallarate hit the third place in the team competition and the third and fourth individual position with the WOs Stefano

Stellacci and Stefano Murtas. The Parachutist Association of Legnano got the only positions left and the 5th and 7th individual places got by Mr Renzo Marcora and Mr Elio Nicolosi.

NATO HQ is for sure not new in these performances, due to the fact that in the last November it won, at the shooting range of Busto Arsizio, the Armed Forces Trophy, and once again in May 2004 in the "sniper" competition getting the second place in the team competition and on the highest step of the podium in the individual with Col. Riccardo Donati. The training



and the hard work done were so openly successfully for the NATO HQ representative. So far, these guys have been invited, last May, from the Beretta Holding (well known weapons factory in the vicinity of Brescia) to participate to the exclusive Beretta Defense Cup: an international competition dedicated only to military and police units. Even in this occasion, nevertheless it was the first experience of this kind, the Col. Donati's

men behaved well against well known and experienced representatives, with long traditions in this competition since the very beginning.

Well done so to everybody: organizers, marksmen and relatives (that fully supported their beloved during all competitions). And a big greeting to everybody in Busto.

