

SPRING INTO ACTION WEEKEND

BISLEY 27/28TH MARCH

An unbiased report by Jim Smith

Four Club members went to Bisley for the first major competition of the season. This relatively new event was originally aimed at the 1500 shooters but has now developed to encompass other disciplines. This year there were additional completions for standing precision, falling plates, a 90yd event shooting from four positions, an F class long-range event, and the very popular McQueen's, snapshooting at 200 yards.

Neil McP volunteered to work as a Range Officer on the 90yard event for the two days and did a sterling job. He did manage to squeeze in a couple of entries during a quiet spell and came a creditable 6th in the .303 class and 5th in the Open.

Dave H was working as well, running the precision competition for two half days. He had ammo problems while shooting the McQueen's and had to cancel his 90yd shoot because of this. He then had more malfunctions during the two 1500's he shot, but recovered well and came 2nd in small bore and 3rd in centre fire – both A class. Just think what he could of done had he spent the winter preparing!

Jim S shot an ordinary 90yd comp, spoiling it with a poor standing score. And his 45ex50 McQueen's should have been better in the near perfect conditions. Jim shot three 1500's on the Sunday, what he thought was an ordinary small bore score managed to win A class. A personal best in centre-fire only got him a 2nd, again in A class. But his first time out with a Long Barrelled Revolver was disappointing – more load development needed!

Pete L had an excellent result of 48ex50 coming 4th in the McQueen's using his new rifle chambered in 6mm PPC. This is possibly the best score anyone from this club has achieved in this demanding comp. Pete's efforts in 90yd/1500sb/1500fb were OK but needs to try harder! However he did invent THREE new reasons for the ever-growing Excuse Book – “ I've brought the wrong ammo for this weather” – A new classic.

We hope this gives you an insight into the types of competitions we enjoy travelling to. If you are interested in trying them out or even competing (usually on a Sunday) A list of forthcoming events is displayed and an arrow indicating the ones we know we will be going to. See Pete, Jim or Dave who will be pleased to help, as we want to encourage all members to improve and try new disciplines.



The smile tells it all – a good result



Jim, Dave and Pete doing the kneeling bit



Dave being hard



Time for a breather