

# WINTER ACTION WEEKEND, BISLEY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> 2004

## WHAT A TURN OUT – WHAT A RESULT



DRPC Members who competed at the National Shooting centre  
Jim, Pete, Mark, Dave, Iain and Rob.

It was great that we were able to get such a good entry for the last big competition of the season. Three old hands, two new boys and a Bisley virgin.

The success of the meeting depended largely on the weather, (thankfully they are holding it in October next year). Saturday was cold but no wind; Sunday was colder, breezy and damp at times, not pleasant for shooting. The biggest problem was failing light on Saturday afternoon and bad light most of Sunday.

We all had a go at some of the vast selection of 28 events being offered. You could choose from slow fire precision events, advancing targets,

PP1, multi-target, 1500, speed steels and some 300 metre for bigger bangs!



1500 under-lever line. Everybody is well wrapped up, except Pete.

The 1500 is the main competition of the event and is shot full-bore under-levers, small-bore and LB revolvers.

In full-bore Dave excelled with a personal best to win A class, Jim had ammo problems and was 6<sup>th</sup>. In B class Pete had a PB but only got a 2<sup>nd</sup> for his efforts. Rob was 4<sup>th</sup>, Iain's first time out put him in D class and did well, finishing 6<sup>th</sup>.

Small-bore, there were four in A class Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mark 6<sup>th</sup>, Pete after several malfunctions 15<sup>th</sup>. Rob won B class; he will be joining the rest of us next year!

Only Jim entered the LBR class, coming 4<sup>th</sup> even after a poor 50meter stage.

We all entered the McQueen snap shooting event at 300meters. Pete had been the only member to achieve a maximum 50 in the past. But has now been joined by Mark. The standard was high, and the scores close. The positions were- 4<sup>th</sup> Mark with 50. 5<sup>th</sup> Pete, 6<sup>th</sup> Jim, 7<sup>th</sup> Dave all

with 49, 11<sup>th</sup> Rob 47, 13<sup>th</sup> Iain with a creditable 40, excellent for his first go at this demanding comp.

I think we should be lobbying the NRA for a Team prize.

The other 300m event involves shooting four times, prone deliberate, prone rapid then sitting/kneeling deliberate and rapid. The scores were well up on last time, and Rob still managed to win. (He did spend a lot of time in stats feeding the scorers with chocolate)

Rob 1<sup>st</sup>, Pete 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim 4<sup>th</sup>, Mark 5<sup>th</sup>, Iain 7<sup>th</sup>. How about another Team prize!



Pete doing the McQueen. Can you see the castle, or the target?



Iain with his TRG at 300m

There are so many competitions and scores to report on I will mention the most notable. If you want to find out more details you can look on the National website – [www.galleryrifle.co.uk](http://www.galleryrifle.co.uk) under scores. And there are more photos in their "gallery". Our own website will have more photos too.

Rob puts on his best performances for competitions

Multi-target F-B	1 <sup>st</sup>
300m	1 <sup>st</sup>
1500 S-B B class	1 <sup>ST</sup>

Mark continued his remarkable run of success with

25m small-bore precision	1 <sup>st</sup>
50m small-bore precision	2 <sup>nd</sup>
America match s-b	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Multi-target A class	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Dave won the first comp of the year and now the last. (Just what does he do in-between?)

1500 F-B A class	1 <sup>st</sup>
Timed & precision A class	1 <sup>st</sup>

Pete and Jim had a few second and third places between them, but nothing outstanding, although Pete did beat Jim in the 1500 and win a raffle prize!



Mark gets into the speed steels, Dave is in the background



Jim tied the advancing target with his LBR and got a 3<sup>rd</sup>



Rob is puzzled as how that 4 got there



Dave doing left hand in small-bore 1500

I am sure Iain enjoyed his first experience of Bisley. Most shooters competing for the first time are usually anxious not to do anything foolish or embarrassing. Iain certainly did not and shot well to boot.

Don't be nervous to ask any of those mentioned, for advice on going to and entering matches, when you get there the range staff will be pleased to help, and will make you welcome.

It is quite a trek to Bisley, but is well worth the trip to be able to take part in

a varied programme of events. Now the NRA are organising three of these Action Weekends per year it gives you the opportunity to try events that we do not cater for, or have the necessary equipment. However it does mean an overnight stop and going out to the pub for a drink, talk non-stop about shooting and then have put up with Dave's snoring!

Keep an eye on the notice board for the 2005 diary of events,

**JUST ASK AND JUST DO IT!**