

# WHAT A DAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!



We held our third Open 1500 on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and it was an outstanding success. Mainly due to the extraordinary hard work done by eight of the Club Members who ran the range, changed targets, scored and cooked the BBQ. A massive thank you to them all. Including Dave H who as CRO ran a safe and well ordered range.

The day could not have gone ahead without them, but the good weather and a good mix of competitors helped the ambiance. We provided a free BBQ, and chilled water on the point. The Country's best turned up, plus some first time novices and those in between. And of course, the usual characters to brighten the day.

Two memorable events happened, two shooters scored 1496 and had to be split on X count, and even more unusual was that John Robinson was seen to SMILE!!!



John is presented with an embroidered cap for winning the Aggregate. Thanks go to Premier Embroidery who makes our Club clothing for donating the cap.

Those members who are not familiar with the 1500 circuit will perhaps not know of John. He is the County's top shooter (sometimes challenged by Gwyn Roberts) but has a serious expression and rarely seen to smile. Do not be put off by this, as he is really very friendly and will help anyone who asks for advice.

The Club Members who were working on Sunday were allowed to shoot on Saturday. Under the watchful eye of Neil Jones acting as an independent Range Officer. It also helped to have Robert, Steve F's son on hand to work the timer.



The Club 1500 Championships were shot for concurrently with the Open. Unfortunately some of us went to pieces under the pressure and shot like lemons. Simon did a personal best though in S-B scoring 1424.

It would have been naughty but nice to make the headline for this item – “**Dave H comes 4<sup>th</sup>.**” But I thought better of it and decided on - Jim S Wins Club 1500 S-B Championship! Only joking, I shot below par and only 4 points separated me, Mark, Rob and Dave. Anyone could have won and you should not rely on others shooting badly.

The C-F was a battle between Rob and Dave, (Jim being discounted after putting one on Dave's target – the only cross shot of the weekend!) Rob was in with a chance until the last stage when he snatched his last shot off the target. What a B\$%S\*#D! However Dave's 1486 made him a deserving champion. Simon was shooting his under lever for the first time and got a creditable 1408.

**SUNDAY.** We were all looking out for the weather, it can make or break an Open. Thankfully it was good. Some were at the Range by 7.30am setting up. It was worth it because our facility is one of the best and it looked great.

We offered competitors Small-bore, under-lever and LBR. We have the capacity to put 12 shooters through the course of fire every 90 minutes. 54 were booked to shoot. It was going to be a busy day!



They came from near and far. It is always good to see the contingent from North Wales, dressed in black, as they have supported our Opens since we started holding them. There was also a good representation from the south east too; it's a long way from Kent and Essex. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even if their shooting did not go to plan.

We had a 45minute break midday when Phil and Paul did a professional job with the BBQ offering beef burgers, sausage cobs and even salad for those who wanted. It was greatly appreciated.

Simon, Mark and Dave B worked tirelessly as Range Officers, clearing guns and re-facing targets all day. Simon must have walked miles going back and forth setting the timer.

Rob volunteered to do the stats on the computer as Pete was on holiday. (He won't get away with that again). Anyway Rob was a natural, and as far as we know, no mistakes were made. He had the final positions entered and printed off within 30 minutes of the last shot being fired. Quite an achievement!

We presented DRPC glass tankards for first place in each class, and depending on numbers entered, a DRPC hi-ball glass for 2<sup>nd</sup>. and a bottle of wine for 3<sup>rd</sup>.





Mike Shields won A class C-F



First of two Tankards for Simon

All prizewinners had a number of raffle tickets depending on where they had come, and a draw was made for the four £25 vouchers to spend at South Yorkshire Shooting Supplies. One of these being kindly donated by Roger Francis of SYSS.



And of course the specially embroidered cap for the aggregate winner.

I think we looked after our visitors extremely well and should be proud of our Club and facility. **WELL DONE EVERYBODY**

And an added bonus was that we made £272 for the CLUB!

There will be more photos on the website VERY SOON.

All competitors will be sent a full set of results either by email or SAE in the next week or so.

Results will also be displayed on the Clubs website in due course

