

## EVERYBODY WINS AT MATTERSEY



Five Club Members travelled to compete in the Mattersey 10 on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. And all came away with something!!!!

The competition organiser, Pete Whomersley, was very apologetic at the Prize giving as the trophies had not turned up, but luckily they had received generous sponsorship, from Roger Francis of SYSS and Mike Russell of Conway Security donating prizes, mostly wine.

The trophies were posted on to us later and we posed for the photo after being presented with them by Keith R.



Rob in the red shirt on his was to a PB and a 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Pete is on the left, Dave on the extreme right

The weather forecast was for hot and sunny, well it was warm, but very humid early on, and Jim was first on the line at 9am to do his 1500 full-bore. His specs started to mist up straight away and pretty soon he was down to a thin tee shirt. Peering through a fog he managed a 1480. Not good enough to beat Dave and Rob, who won A and B classes. Rob with the first of five personal bests that day. Ben was annoyed with himself when he put four shots on the wrong target, if he had kept them on his own he would have been in the 1480's with the others. However it was a terrific performance to get a second place at his first comp. Rob is already worried that he might have competition and is scheming ways of knobbling him.



It's always a good feeling to do well at your first Open Competition

In the small-bore, Rob kept up the pressure with a 1472 to win A class, Jim was lucky to get 3<sup>rd</sup> place after a miss at 50yds gave him a 1457. Both Dave and Pete had jams that put them out of the running, Dave's was in the final stage, on his way to a PB!





Jim did not do well in the 1500 with his LBR, still it was the first time out with scope on top. More practice needed

In C-F multi-target it was close with the first three on 115. Jim pipping Dave on count-back.

Timed & precision was hard fought for. This competition is usually won with a maximum score and places decided on count-back. Dave thought he was on to a winner, and was ripping the centre out of the X ring then he lost count and thought it was all over, when the target faced again, much to his surprise! The rushed shot scored, but unfortunately a **9**. For some reason he was upset when Jim declared, "So that will make you the highest placed loser" (The feud continues) but a reasonable effort gave Dave and Rob 299, Ben 298, Jim and Pete 295. which got Pete 2<sup>nd</sup> in B class

A full set of results are on the national website [galleryrifle.co.uk](http://galleryrifle.co.uk)

Also more photos on the Club website

We entered the Team fun shoot, which consists of chopping a vertical strip of wood in half, by shooting across it. This time it was teams of four with two planks per team. (Pieces of wood, not team members)



Rob discusses team tactics before the plank shoot.



Leaping into action after the run down.

We don't usually do very well in this event but did manage to come third this time. Rob's prep talk must have worked. And his 44!