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NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

That could sum up the Bank Holiday weekend, when eight Club members competed in the “NATIONALS” at the NSC, Bisley. Although another headline might read –

DRPC DOMINATE SHORT SIBERIA, WELL ALMOST!

Short Siberia is a picturesque little range tucked away in the trees alongside the massive Century ranges; at this meeting it hosted the 200yd competitions, the McQueen’s and C4.

An early Saturday morning start saw many of us on the point by 9am. I was first up in the McQueen sniping competition, shooting two good groups in the wrong place scoring 47 & 46. I was encouraged by Ken, the abrupt but very helpful RCO to try again. Two clicks up gave me my first 50 followed by a re-shoot 48. I thought that would put pressure on Mark, no chance. As cool as the proverbial cucumber he proceeded to shoot three maximum 50’s!!



Mark was pleased with his **THREE** fifties

Dave was under pressure now and a 48 was the best he could do. Late Ben came close with a 49, Rob 48 then Simon & Gary both on 44. Some of us were happy having done a personal best, and then on Sunday morning Pete set the standard others now have to equal, he scored a double 50 with all 20 shots scoring “V” bulls. An incredible achievement when you think the “V” is just over an inch and the target is only shown for three seconds. We had three in the final, not bad you may think. However I had used all my ammo up qualifying, and so had Pete who was leaving early anyway. Mark was low on ammo too, but had borrowed some.

So it was all down to Mark. 12 had got to the final. Mark and one other shot 50/10, then in the shoot off they both shot 50/9 and in sudden death Mark got a 4 and second place. It was an exciting conclusion to a hard fought competition.

C4, you must agree is not an exiting title for a competition, however it is good fun but demanding. It involves both slow and rapid fire from the prone and kneeling positions. C1 & C2 are for SMLE’s and the like; C4 is for any rifle with any sights. Sporting and tactical rifles are popular most using .223’s or .308. A magazine is useful as you only have 60seconds to fire 10 shots in the rapid stages.

Derby members have done well in the past, with both Rob and Dave winning it.



**Rob’s
THIRD
victory in
this event**

This time Rob lead it from the first detail although a couple came close to catching him, after them it was all Derby shooters.

Six members in the first eight! Many doing PB's, including Gary who did extremely well at only his second attempt. 1st Rob 161, 4th Mark 153, 5th Jim 151, 6th Gary 150, 7th Pete 147, 8th Dave 145. You can see how close it was, who knows with a bit of practice we could take all the top places.

There were 12 other events taking place, and most of them could be shot with under-levers, .22's & LBR. So there was plenty to go at. The only restriction is how much time they take and how fat your wallet is. I always try and do an event I don't normally do, this time it was precision with long barrellled revolver – why did I bother? NEVER AGAIN.

Dave had wanted to try long range “F” Class for some time and finally got round to it. His two sighting shots at 900yds failed to score and then he found the target, and did OK. Going back to 1000yds he was straight on and was pleased with 130/150 at his first effort, proving the .260 and his loads are more than capable. Two or three of us hope to have our rifles set up for long range by October so we can try this event.



**Dave shooting F Class at 900yds.
The white discs 200yds away are not the targets!**

In the other events it did not all go according to plan, I managed to put all six of my left hand shots on the next target in the 1500, and Pete did not get all his shots off. After loosing that many points it is just then a practice session. Rob retired with a sick

gun in the 1500 and it let him down in the Advancing Target too.

With Rob winning C4 and Mark runner up in the McQueen it was not all bad news. Others who picked up medals or came close were-

Dave	2 nd in 1500 C-F, A class
Ben	2 nd in 1500 C-F, B class
Simon	4 th in 1500 C-F, C class
Jim	4 th in 1500 LBR
Dave	3 rd in 1500 S-B, A class
Rob	5 th in 1500 S-B, A class (1point behind Dave)
Simon	3 rd in 1500 S-B, B class
Mark	4 th in 25m S-B precision
Mark	4 th in 50m S-B precision
Ben	7 th in Timed & Precision (even though he shot 300/300 with 18 x/s)
Dave	Highest placed runner-up with 299/300 23 x's
Jim	3 rd in Multi-target C-F, X class
Mark	4 th in Multi-target S-B, A class
Simon	5 th in Multi-target S-B, A class (same score as Mark)

Most members also entered many of the other events that are peculiar to Bisley, such as Advancing Targets. Speed Steels, and Shotgun on turning targets shot with solid slug!

**The next Action Weekend will be
the last of the season.**

**Why wait until next year,
join us on October 29/30th**