

WHAT A SCORCHER!

That was the weather and the results at the
“Spring into Action” Gallery Rifle Action Weekend.

NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE
19TH & 20TH MARCH 2005



Pete cools off with an ice cream nearly as big as himself

On the Saturday someone said the temperature rose to 26c. It certainly made it uncomfortable shooting some events but it was bright and dry, always a bonus when you're at Bisley. The company was good, although a lot of backbiting and piss taking took place. It was not just on the McQueen that sniping was going on!

The premier event of the weekend, which was the original purpose of these meetings, is the 1500 full bore. Rob took the honour of the highest scorer from Derby coming 2nd in his class with a 1476, a personal best that will see him promoted to A class. Jim had a jam that took too long to clear and rushing to finish missed the 50m target. I suppose 1470 isn't too bad with a miss. Dave's miss was put down to the pressure of being our best shooter in this event? Pete was disappointed with his score but was 4th just behind Rob.



Someone should tell Dave that he should not look so happy with a miss



Jim on his way to a Gold in the 1500 smallbore event, Dave on his left

All five entered the 1500 small-bore. Jim was well pleased with his 1470 that got him 1st place in A class, and Mark shot well to beat Dave by 1 point giving them 4th & 5th places. Pete was out of it when he put 6 shots on the next target and Rob had a disaster too.

Only Jim entered the LBR 1500, coming 5th.

I think everyone was disappointed with their scores in the Multi-Target and Timed & Precision events. With most being won on “X” count because of so many maximum scores being obtained; I think more practice is needed.

Scores were also very tight at the top in the Advancing Target events. Five points covering the top 10 places. This is where a Fig11 target advances from 25m to 15m in 10 seconds and then faces away. 10 shots to be fired in the .22 and 6 shots in under lever and LBR class. It certainly gets the pulse going. Pete was doing very well until he had a malfunction. But it is one of those events you always enjoy even if you don't do well,



Pete scores his Advancing Target with Range Officer John Robinson



Mark looks steady as a rock on his way to winning the 50 metre precision event, **AGAIN!**

Mark continued his excellent run of winning at Bisley. A first place every time he has been (Or so he tells me) He only managed to win the 50m event this time, he also tries to win the 25m as well.

In the McQueen “sniping” event, shot at 300m. the new boys were pulling out the stops. Rob was first to “clean” it with 50 and a 45 in the tiebreak. Then next the next day Mark also shot a 50/45. these are brilliant scores where the target is only shown for 3 seconds! It was noted by the members who did not do so well, that these two shot early morning when there was little wind and the targets were new and unpatched. Because Rob had more “V” bulls than Mark, it gained him 3rd place, Mark was 5th, Dave 10th, Pete 12th, Jim 24th. Rob and Mark’s results are remarkable when you consider 47 people entered this event, with most of them entering two or three times.

In the 300m event you have to shoot both prone and kneeling, deliberate and rapid, and it is not easy. Even the winner missed the relatively small Fig11 target twice. Our Club has a history of doing well in this comp and Dave did not let us down. With his new rifle sorted out he showed us all he has not lost it. With a 133, 8 points in front he won it convincingly. Rob came 3rd, Mark 4th, Jim 7th, Pete 11th.

Rob deserves a special mention. After competing in nine events he had set **SEVEN** personnel best scores! This is quite an accomplishment, especially at Bisley, under "match" conditions.



Rob achieving a personnel best of 1476 in the 1500 match

You should consider that some shooters compete at Bisley and other national and local matches, for years, without ever winning anything. So what our members have done recently deserves praise.

All of them are approachable, so if you need help or advice about equipment, technique, competitions or anything, **JUST ASK** They may not know the answer but will probably know someone who does.

Several members entered other events with various degrees of success, there is a full list of results and photos on the national website www.galleryrifle.co.uk Plus more photos on the Club website.

An anonymous report by someone who was there.

“MATTERSEY 10” Sunday 1st May

If you are thinking of having your first go at “Action Shooting”, This is a small friendly Club, and would be an ideal venue to start.

Look for details on the notice board or ask Rob H.