



## 11 Medals

### END OF SEASON SUCCESS

The last major competition of the season saw eight Club Members travel to the National Shooting Centre at Bisley for the Winter Gallery Rifle Weekend.



A Gold medal apiece for Jim and Mark, presented by Brian Thomas of the NSC

Jim won his in the C4 event, which involves deliberate and rapid shooting, prone and kneeling at 200yards. Other club members did well – Dave 4<sup>th</sup>, Rob 6<sup>th</sup>. It is pleasing, that it is the fifth consecutive time; a Derby shooter has won this competition.

Mark achieved a remarkable victory in the F Class event. Using his new 6mmBR rifle for the first time, he only dropped one point to score 369/370. This competition is for any rifle/sights combination where support can be used, benchrest style. It should have been 15 shots at 800, 900 and 1000 yards, but bad

light meant we only had time for seven shots at 1000. (If you are considering a go at this event, allow half a day to shoot the full course of fire.)

Of the five members to try this event only Dave had done it before, so it was a steep learning curve for us all, especially Mark, Pete and Simon who were all using new rifles for the first time! With unproven home loaded ammunition. (So they say, but I think much research and calculation had been done)



“I think I’ve done it”

It was a satisfying afternoon discovering that your rifle and ammunition was up to the job, and although it had been said it was only a sighting-in exercise, a competitive element developed when we found out we could get them on the target.

Mark 1<sup>st</sup>, Pete 7<sup>th</sup>, Jim 8<sup>th</sup>, Dave 9<sup>th</sup>, Simon 10<sup>th</sup>.

The other Full-bore event that attracts a lot of interest is the McQueen sniper competition.

Jim was overnight leader with a 50.3/45 but on Sunday Ben shot 50.3/50. even this was not good enough and he finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim 4<sup>th</sup>.

Derby was well represented with Rob 6<sup>th</sup>, Simon 7<sup>th</sup>, Gary 11<sup>th</sup>, Dave 13<sup>th</sup>, and Pete 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dave still to get a 50, refused a re-entry saying it will come in time. (Don't hold your breath)

### Gallery Rifle

Although there many other competitions were taking place over the weekend, Dave insists the Premier event is the Centre-fire 1500. (This is because he is currently the best in the club at this discipline)

True to form he was our highest scorer with 1484. He must have thought he was in with a chance of winning A Class but being 2 points behind the leader pushed him down to 4<sup>th</sup>! Life is tough at the top.

Jim managed a 1478. Rob had problems and withdrew. In B Class, Ben shot a 1478 to earn him Silver, Pete had difficulties and two left in the gun gets you nothing. In C Class Simon got a personal best 1464 and Silver.

### Small-bore

Jim and Rob shot next to each other on the last detail. And what a ding-dong battle it turned out to be. In a good-humoured duel it was nip and tuck all the way. Jim took an early lead, and each match saw Rob nibbling away at it. There was much banter and complaining, as Jim wanted every close shot gauging. After 90 minutes they were both getting jittery and when it was all down to the last stage Rob was refusing to look at his target.





Jim managed to take the honours by ONE point with 1470. Rob 1469.

He was lucky it did not go to X count, as Rob's was much better. Still it was a laugh, and got them Silver and Bronze. Dave was a way behind with 1459.

In B Class Simon did a P.B. 1442 for second place.

Another battle took place in the Centre-fire Timed and Precision event, X Class.

On Saturday Jim did a PB 300 with 22 x's and was leading. Rob then maxed it too with 19 x's. Dave who usually manages to drop a point also maxed it with an X count of 25! Unfortunately someone managed to pip Dave on count back. Giving him Silver and Jim Bronze. There were 10 competitors with 300 so it is important to get your shots in the X ring.

**Another PB** gave Simon second in B Class with 296.

Advancing Target is another competition where standards are constantly improving. Jims 178/180 only got him 4<sup>th</sup> place. Pete & Rob both shot 177 for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. A year ago that score would have probably won.

As usual there were plenty of other things to try, Simon entered other events with his .22. There were also the speed steel challenge and shotgun events.



Mark shooting the solid Slug match

It was a great finale to the season with good results and good company to round the year off.

Full results and scores on [galleryrifle.co.uk](http://galleryrifle.co.uk)

No excuses for repeating this – If you need information about the equipment/courses of fire or are interested in practicing over the Winter **JUST ASK**





Dave chases the elusive McQueen 50



Rob concentrating



Have I done enough to beat Jim? (NO)



Jim had a silly hat day



Will Simon be pleased with his new rifle?



You bet he was!



Targets at 1000yards, what targets!



Pete's project gun proves itself