

COMPETITION REPORT

Mattersey
Speed Steel
Shoot
July 29th 2006

A lot of fun but little success for DRPC



Paul was the only member to win a trophy

The Speed Steel Shoot held by Mattersey RPC is always a great day out, lots of fun knocking down steel plates as fast as you can against the clock. There were seven different stages where sometimes you had to use your brain to think what order to shoot, and others where you just had to go as fast as you could. Any plates left standing had 5 seconds added to your time, so if you are not the fastest it is probably safer to slow down a bit and make sure you hit them. The five of us were able to go from one stage to the next as a group, offering encouragement and suggestion to each other (known as heckling)

2 & 3 and up

Plates in banks of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 had to be knocked down in order. Five spare rounds meant that you had a choice of where to change magazines, providing you did not miss. The secret was to count up to nine dump the mag then count to ten. That way you did not need to cock the gun as there was always a round loaded. Well that was the plan; once the red mist appears in your eyes all plans go out the window. Anyway "1500" shooters can only count up to six. Dave did best here coming sixth, Jim close behind at ninth



POOL

Pick a ball from a bag then knock down all the plates of the same colour. Simple enough you might think but this time only five rounds in the mags so that meant changing them often. Rob was placed seventh, Dave ninth, Pete tenth.



AMBIDAXTEROUS

A lot of week hand shooting here that seemed to suit Paul as he did extremely well at this stage coming eighth just behind Dave.



BREAKFAST

Time for a break and the most important stage of the day – according to Pete. Bacon butties and coffee.

SNOOKER

Is where you had to knock down plates coloured the same as snooker balls. Red, colour, red, colour etc, then pot another bank of colours in the correct order. Paul was our best performer paced seventh - two hundredths of a second faster than Rob.



SPEED

Simple and fast, just six plates as fast as you could. Five runs and the fastest run counted towards the Man v Man final. Some times were just over three seconds! Dave did well as usual at this, being placed sixth and having a qualifying time for the final. Jim, Rob and Pete were bunched together at 12th, 13th, and 14th.



Start on the buzzer and the last plate is a stop plate connected to the timer for accuracy to 0.01 second

BIG 50

Straight forward enough, knock down 50 plates. The problem was that there was a time limit of 45 seconds, so you had to be swift. Dave tried machine-gunning it but abandoned this plan very quickly as he was missing them. It was very close at the top, Jim and Rob both left 14 up and Pete and Paul 15.



BARRICADE

This was a new stage this year. Using a door sized barricade, there were 40 plates to go for, Starting with 10 round the left side using either shoulder then 10 around the right side, then repeat, all in 45 seconds. It was difficult to know if to swap shoulders or twist your back trying to keep your feet on a base. Dave and Jim were close to the leaders leaving just two standing, Rob seven, Pete eight.



This lead to Dave challenging Jim to a re-shoot to decide the winner. When the friendly range crew said we could have another go, the others all agreed to join in. Dave went first leaving two, Jim put on the pressure only leaving one. Pete, Rob and Paul managed to improve on their first attempt but Jim took the honours.

MAN V MAN FINAL

For the second year running Dave had qualified and with some swift footwork and good luck was placed third.



Progressing to the last four in an exciting final meant a lot more running about and he looked exhausted when it was over.

After the prize giving Rob summed it up by saying "Mmmmmm, didn't do so well did we". However four of us were paced in X Class Jim 7th, Dave 8th, Rob 9th, and Pete 12th. Paul did extremely well at his first go at steel speed shooting picking up a plaque for 4th place in A Class.

None of us had done well enough to be placed in a stage, but steady shooting without any disasters placed us all near the top of over 50 competitors.

It was a very enjoyable day out, doing a different kind of shooting than we would normally do, at a very friendly venue and having a good laugh.

More photos can be seen on the Club website gallery at www.drpc1999.com