

COMPETITION REPORT

N.S.C.
Bisley
18/19th March
2006

Blown about and frozen,
(Had a great time really)



BEST EVER TURNOUT FOR A RIFLE MEETING

Ten Club members went to the "Spring into Action" event at the National Shooting Centre. This is the most since we lost pistols and it is most encouraging to have such enthusiastic interest so early in the season.

It was the first time for three members, and as normal they showed the old 'uns how to do it! Simeon coming first in his class and Chris beating all of us in the PREMIER event – 1500 C-F.

Great Result, WELL DONE !!!

1500 centre fire

Seven entered the main event, in A class Rob and Jim shot below average only Scoring 1477 & 1474.

Dave managed to break another scope and retired. In B class Pete Shot better than normal getting 5th with 1466. Simon was 4th in C class and Simeon 4th in D Class.

Then at the end of shooting Chris calmly strolls up and asks if 1478 is a respectable score for first time In a competition. Don't you just hate it when that happens? Very deservedly that got him promoted into A class at his first attempt. Unfortunately it only got him a third place but I don't suppose he is bothered.

1500 small bore

Again, this is where the new boys did us proud. Simeon coming 1st and Chris 2nd in D class.

Simon did a PB to get promoted into A class, something he had been trying for, for some time.

In A class Dave did well getting 3rd with 1459, Jim was not shooting well and a jam in the last

Stage did not help. But as Dave pointed out, it would not have been good enough to beat him. So Jim claimed victory in C-F even though Dave did not finish.

Timed & precision1 C-F



Dave & Simon with C-F and Chris using a LBR

Rob and Jim both scored maximum, Rob's 22x count gave him 4th in X class Jim's 17x came 8th. Dave challenged Simon – disaster! Dave threw 3 silly 9's and then Simon's gun jammed



What the !!!!!!!



Plenty of advice

Advancing Target

In small bore Chris did well in A class coming fourth. In centre fire X class Jim shot a PB 179 that was only good enough for 3rd. just one point in front of Rob. Meanwhile in B class Pete and Simon battled it out for first and second place. Well-done Pete. Everyone shot 173 or better – excellent!

F class. 800,900,1000 yards

While we were having our mid-day break of bacon butties huddled behind a shed, sheltering from the biting wind, I think all of us about to shoot F class were thinking we could be doing something more comfortable

somewhere else. However just 45 minutes later the sun came out and the wind eased slightly. Enough to make it reasonable, but we were uncomfortable with too many clothes on. Mark was Champion last October and was going to be the one to beat. Unfortunate at 800yds there was a mix up with the sighters and he lost 4 points. The only 4 he dropped the entire match! After his disappointment he scored all bulls or V bulls. He finished 9th and there was some comfort in the fact that even with those extra points he could not have won. He had the moral victory in that he had been told by the RCO (a F class champ) that his calibre would not do the business at 1000yds by scoring the highest at that distance.

The rest of us did not master the changing wind condition or frozen fingers and were bunched up in the lower half of the results. Dave helped Gary as it was his first attempt, but he had purchased ammo on the day and struggled.

When Chris shot in the morning he was unable to find the target at 900 was disappointed.



A friendly chat after it was all over at 1000yds

McQueen

There was much muttering and complaining going on (mainly from Jim) about the butt markers poor presentation of the target and speed, but some overcame it and four members shot maximum 50's. Mark taking the honours by coming 4th. Simeon deserves a mention getting a 47 at his first attempt.



Dave stuck on 49

C4, 200yds prone & kneeling

Previously Derby shooters have dominated this event, BUT this time we were not good enough. Jim lead overnight but was decisively beaten into 2nd. although we do have strength in depth, taking four of the top six places.



Other events

It was difficult keeping track of where everyone was and what they were shooting.

I apologise if I have missed someone's personal best score or moment of triumph, even if it was over a fellow member.



Chris and Jim shot side by side with LBR's in the 1500 match

Mark did two precision events and the America Match with his 22. also Timed and Precision with solid slug shotgun.

Dave, Gary and Simeon all did the Steel Speed Challenge

This was a two-day shoot involving an overnight stay and of course we had to have a beer or two or three at the end of Saturday.

The weather conditions always have an influence over the weekend and this year was the coldest March on record. Look at the photos below and compare the difference.



2006, minus 2c brrrrrrrrrrrr



2005, plus 26c ice cream weather

More photos can be seen on the Club website

www.drpc1999.com

Yes it is working again

As you see these Gallery Rifle Action Weekends (GRAW) offer something for everybody.

Please ask if you want information about forthcoming events.

On 30th April is the Mattersey 10 competition.

It is a smallish event offering 1500's Timed & Precision and Multi Target courses of fire in C-F (under-lever), S-B (Ruger 10/22's) and LBR.

Just an hour away this is a friendly local shoot, a good starting point.