



COMPETITION NEWS

Autumn Action Weekend, 26th, 27th & 28th October 07

Could it be outright McQueen Victory for Pete at last ? (well sort of)

Many of the Club Members who regularly attend the Gallery Rifle Weekends were not available, so it was a reduced number who went to the Autumn Action Weekend at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley.

The usual suspects, Dave, Pete, Chris and Jim, travelled down on Friday and were joined later by Colin and Gary. Then Errol came for a look around on Sunday.

A fun afternoon of McQueen's had previously been booked for Friday. Taking turns in the butts everyone managed 5 or 6 runs on the sniping course of fire. Jim and Pete both completed 6 runs of 50+. Dave and Chris had various degrees of success. Chris doing it the hard way with a .308 but it was still a 50 something. A good time was had by all.

Most were doing their McQueen and C4 on Saturday, and little wind with steady light made the conditions ideal even if it was cool.

McQueen

After all the practice the previous day expectations were high.

Jim, Dave and Colin all shot 50's but only with one or two V's being placed 7th, 11th, and 12th. Chris was on 49/1 and Gary had brought some cheap ammo and only managed 32



A typical McQueen target, the V bull is one inch diameter and the 5 ring is four inches across.

Shown for ten exposures of three seconds

Then along came Pete! Joint winner last time and he now has the dubious honour of winning with a 49. Because of a V bull count of 6 his score of 55 beat two shooters with 50/5. Watch this space as protests are expected.

C4 200yard CF rifle

This is shot prone and kneeling, deliberate then rapid.

Jim went first, scoring maximum prone but two misses kneeling cost him the first place by 1 point. Dave struggled kneeling missing with five shots but came 5th. At his first attempt at this competition Colin did extremely well just a couple of points behind in 6th place. Pete 8th. Gary 12th. (that dam ammo again, that'll teach him)

1500 centre-fire

Without Rob present the pressure was on Dave to do well, and he was pleased with his 50m groups in the wet and windy conditions, and a 1486 gave him 4th in A class.



A good score in M3 helped

Dave had appointed Darren Digby to hassle Jim who he was shooting next to. But he scored his best of the season, only a 1480 but better than he has been doing. Chris scored a disappointing 1474.

1500 small-bore

In A class Dave's average 1445 was only good enough for 5th place.

Jim was hoping to do well in this, but a jam in the last stage of M2 cost him 30 points, so it was just practice from then on. But things got steadily worse with the groups opening up. The reason was discovered when he got home, the telescopic sight had come loose! Doh!

1500 LBR

Jim was below par, but somehow managed to win A class.



Jim shooting the barricade stage of M3

Timed & Precision 1 C-F

As holders of the Team Trophy, everyone was trying hard in this event.

Dave was one of only 5 to score a maximum, his X count of 21 gaining 4th place.

Jim dropped his last shot at 25m into the 9's, making his 23 X count worthless. Two 9's pushed Chris into 17th place. Showing how tight it is in X class.

Timed & Precision Shotgun

Chris scored 286 to come 4th.

Timed & Precision LBR



Just one point off the winner a 296 gave Chris 3rd place.

Multi-Target C-F

Jim did OK but was with a bunch of others on 116, two points behind the winner. After cleaning the first stage Dave was playing "Joe Cool" and was so laid back he missed a shot when the targets turned.

Shotgun Events

Chris has certainly taken to these demanding courses of fire.

In the Embassy Cup he came 4th in the Pump Action class, but not so well in the Auto class.

OTHER EVENTS

Phoenix A s-b

Somehow Jim manage second in X class

Advancing Target.

In A class, Gary came 4th in the small-bore event.

Speed Steels

Dave was 5th in this fast 'n' furious event, some 20 seconds in front of Gary.

Summary

This was the last GRAW of the season and was very well attended making it a very pleasant weekend with a good competitive atmosphere.

Even with some of our best shooters missing, and Pete not handing in many of his scorecards, DRPC did reasonably well coming away with 2 firsts, 2 seconds, a third and 5 fourth places.

If any Member feels adventurous and thinks they would like to enter some of the competitions next year, but is unsure, come outside during the winter and hone your skills. Advice and coaching is free. There is a vast amount of events and something to suit everyone. **JUST DO IT**

As it was such a busy weekend with Derby shooters dispersed all over the camp not many photos were taken. Thanks go to Errol who took the few we have when he turned up on Sunday. If anyone else took some please let me have them.

The few photos can be seen on the website www.drpc1999.com



Time for a break



Swapping excuses with old friends