



## COMPETITION NEWS

National Championships, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August 07

### Pete victorious in the McQueen (at last)

For a change the report on The McQueen sniping competition will be first, because Pete deserves praise for winning the competition that he has coveted for quite a few years. He must have come second five or six times, and even now this victory had to be shared – coming equal first with a 50/4. However it should be mentioned Pete would not give up after his first three attempts failed, he went back the next day to try again.



The wry smile says that was not good enough

(This is the only competition where re-entries are permitted) On his **FIFTH** attempt and using a different rifle he was told he had won with a 50/5 only to be marked down to 50/4.

Pat borrowed Chris's .308 and beat him with it too, at his first attempt in this demanding event that he made look easy, coming 4<sup>th</sup>. Of the top 10 positions in this hotly

contested competition SEVEN were from our Club! 1<sup>st</sup> Pete, 4<sup>th</sup> Pat, 5<sup>th</sup> Rob, 6<sup>th</sup> Simon, 8<sup>th</sup> Dave, 9<sup>th</sup> Jim, 10<sup>th</sup> Chris, 13<sup>th</sup> Paul.

#### 1500 Centre-fire

In X Class things went so horribly wrong for Rob that he did not put his scorecard into stats. (Was he saving his embarrassment or preserving his average?)

Dave had been threatening to crush Jim as their feud continued in A Class. Jim took an early lead then in M4 a jam cost him dearly, and then Dave shot one of his best ever 50m cards to come third. Jim had been crushed by 14 points. Also in A Class, Chris had a good shoot with a 1481 that earned him fifth place. Pete and Paul were 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in B Class. Pat was determined to improve on the score he shot at our Open, and he did by nearly 50 points. With an excellent 1463 he won C Class.

#### 1500 Small-bore



Paul and Jim scoring at 25m

## 1500 Small-bore cont'd

All the Derby shooters were in A Class and it was a battle near the top with Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jim 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Dave 4<sup>th</sup>. Simon was below par with 1451 and Paul was pleased with how things were going until he did not get all his shots away!

## 1500 LBR

Only Jim in this event and he was doing OK until at 50m he "Made full use of the targets available". (A phrase that means he shot on both targets either side of his) But even with four shots missing he still managed to beat the only other competitor in A Class. Not really a victory eh!

## Timed & Precision 1 Centre-fire



In A Class Pat was hoping to "clean it" and had been practicing hard, on the last stage at 10m he dropped a point to score 299/20 coming third, beating all the other Derby Members in X Class!

The X Class also-rans were running out of excuses, Dave being the only other Derby person to do a 299 with a poor 17x's, Jim, Pete and Chris all screwing up with 297's.



Pat got hold of the camera and made sure Jim was embarrassed

## OTHER SHORTS EVENTS

### Timed & Precision 1 Shotgun

Chris was keen to do well in this relatively new class and did OK coming 7<sup>th</sup>.

### T&P2 C-F

Simon and Chris did poorly in X Class.

### Multi-Target C-F

A 113 put Jim in the bottom half.

### Phoenix A S-B

Trying this for the first time Jim was not disappointed with 5<sup>th</sup> place in X Class.

### Advancing Target S-B

Simon was doing OK until a jam in the 4<sup>th</sup> run put him out of contention.

### Advancing Target C-F

Pete achieved a steady 178 but it was only good enough for 6<sup>th</sup> place.

### Speed Steels S-B

Dave was amongst the fastest, and only a tenth of a second from coming second. He had to make do with 4<sup>th</sup>.

## BDMP Shotgun

Chris had a good run in the Pump Action class and came second. But did not do so well in the Semi-auto class.

## Precision Events

These demand concentration and determination so only Pat was daft, oops sorry, brave enough to enter these. He scored well in the 25m event coming 5<sup>th</sup>, but it is even harder at 50m, and he came nearer the bottom.

## C4 (Any rifle 200yard)

This was shot on Saturday only, in the most perfect conditions you could ask for. -Warm turning to hot, clear and no wind to speak of. However it did nothing to improve our scores.



All the Derby shooters did well in the prone sections, but as usual it was the kneeling stages that let them down. Rob who has won with many times in the past had problems with his rifle and did not get all his shots away but still scored well. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rob 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dave 4<sup>th</sup> and Pete 6<sup>th</sup>

## Friday

Jim, Pete, Simon and Chris & Amy all arrived a day early so they could shoot at long range. A 400, 500 and 600 yards lane on Century, with an electronic target had been booked in advance.



Quick more ammo

Jim and Simon were testing loads in their 6.5x55's. Pete had things to try in his 6mmBR and Chris had his .308 and .223 to play with, and so much ammo that he needed Amy to load mags for him! The conditions were perfect, no wind and overcast, and by 4pm Pete, Simon and Jim had just enough ammunition left for a little contest, two sighters and 10 to count. However there was no competition for Pete, he thrashed them both while only dropping one shot out of the V bull including sighters! It had a very pleasurable and worthwhile day.

## Summary

Another good turn out with eight Members competing, and a cracking weekend with plenty of medals and personal best scores. However it is amazing that after competing for so many years things still go wrong. Whether it is with the gun, ammunition or the operator, and if it is to fail, it will be at Bisley. More preparation needed. Or perhaps these things go wrong just so we have something to discuss until the early hours in the bar!