



**EXCELLENT TURN OUT FOR THE
AUTUMN ACTION WEEKEND
With medals and Personal Best score galore**



The thought of the cold dark days ahead encouraged eight die-hards to make the journey to Bisley for the last Open Competition of the season. As it happened the weather was good on the Saturday and not too bad on Sunday with only light showers.

Timed & Precision 1 S-B

Simon's score of 294 only made him seventh in X class.

In A class Errol came second with 291.

Timed & Precision 1 C-F

Jim and Dave, both in X class made the fatal error of slipping one into the 9 ring pushing them down to 9th & 10th.

Amy shot a PB (personal best score) of 299 to come 3rd.

Ian was heading for a 298 until a late shot skidded across the target making it a 288 but good enough for 2nd place.

Timed & Precision 1 Solid Slug

Shooting this for the first time Ian was pleased with 287ex300 and was placed 4th

Timed & Precision 1 LBR

Errol's first outing with his LBR was a steep learning curve but his was the highest score in B class – that's right – no one else in this class.

Timed & Precision 2 LBR

Only Paul shot this, and was happy with the difficult stages but made a mess of the easier ones!

Timed & Precision 3 LBR

Paul and Jim shot this together. When the wind loosened Paul's target he made the mistake of opting for a re-shoot, and then missed with 3 shots!

Jim did well in stages 1 & 3 but his cylinder was jamming causing far too many 4's and missed winning by 4 points.

Multi-Target S-B

In A class Errol picked up another Silver medal.

Multi-Target C-F

In X class Jim's 117 placed him 4th, while Dave went to sleep in stage 1 and had two shots in his gun when the targets turned.

Amy shot a PB in A class also came 4th.

Multi-Target LBR

Errol managed to get his car stuck in the mud, and after being towed out he had rush to the range and get ready to shoot in a hurry, and of course made a right hash of this event. Very surprisingly he was the top shooter in his class – that's right – the only one.

1500 Small-Bore



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Jim and Dave battled it out next to each other giving no quarter when it was time to score, well there is a pint on every event. Jim had to clear a couple of jams in the quick stages but got all his shots away to score a semi-respectable 1463 to come 2nd. Beating Dave who was 4th.

Errol was very pleased with a PB of 1436 to win B class.

In C class Ian was 2nd with 1355

Another PB for Amy who won D class with 1359.

1500 Centre-Fire

Jim had a shocking 50m stage that pushed him down to 3rd place in A class, while Chris was just a few points behind in 5th.

Dave had the worst bad luck imaginable in this his favourite event. He was cruising to a PB and a possible X class score after dropping just two points at 50m when disaster struck. His firing pin broke and he had to withdraw.



But he put on a brave face after Sharon consoled him in her bosom.

In B class Paul's was competing with his 44 for the first time and was pleased with just one point off his PB and was placed 3rd.

Errol made no mistakes in C class and 1454 earned him Silver.

While the ever improving Ian shot a PB of 1450 to win D class.

1500 LBR

Paul shot this first and was happy to be just one point off a PB – again!

Jim won A class but had been hoping for better score.

Bianchi S-B

Simon and Chris are really getting into this now and both shot PB scores coming 1st & 2nd in C class.

Bianchi C-F

PB's again but the scores were very close at the top of C class and this time Chris had the edge coming 2nd and Simon 4th.

Advancing Target C-F

Only Jim entered this and come 5th just two points behind the winner.

Speed Steel Challenge

Dave always has a go at this event and usually comes somewhere near the top, but this time he did better than usual and WON.

200 yard Any Rifle

Jim improved his kneeling score dramatically when for once he managed to get all his shots to score. And with a PB of 175 won convincingly.



Dave was 2nd, 19 points behind.

(That's what you would call a crushing)

Chris was 7th and Amy 10th, both with PB scores.

Not bad – four DRPC shooters in the top 10.

McQueen Sniping Competition.

The range crew were having problems with new butt markers and there were queues all day.

Dave and Ian shot while it was still light, and not too bad for Simon.



Ian had the better conditions



Dave and Errol show off their Grand Master Medals that they won at the Phoenix



Simon scoring



Paul busy with his LBR

But Chris, Jim and Amy all shot after 5pm when it was nearly dark, surprisingly they all did very well with Ian, Chris, Amy and Simon scoring PB's. Simon was not happy with the new scoring system where the V counts as 6. Using the old method he would have come second.

As it was Jim came joint 2nd, Simon 5th, Chris 7th, Dave 8th, Ian 21st, Amy 27th. Out of 40 competitors it is great that Derby had four in the top eight.

More photos can be seen on the website Gallery

Summary

It was a wonderful end to the Open season with nearly everyone getting a medal or two, and it is amazing that members are still improving so much, and regularly shooting PB's.

Next Year

Use the winter to sort out your rifles and pistols, do any load development work you need to, and please ask for help if you need it. All those mentioned above are great guys and happy to help anyone thinking of entering Open events.

JUST DO IT



Jim and Dave shot next to each other in the 1500 small-bore event



It's not all shooting, there is time for a chat



Chris on his way to PB score in the 200 yard Any Rifle event