



Rob goes XX at the Western Winner

1500 Small-bore

One of the targets Rob had set himself for 2008 was to get into X class in the 1500 Small-bore classifications. He did not have to wait too long; at only the third competition of the season he broke his personal best score with a massive 1484. Which won him A class by 20 something points and this saw him promoted into X. It was also the highest score of the day in any class.



Jim and Dave were shooting alongside each other on the far right and were both making mistakes. Jim was annoyed when his very last shot of the match was a light strike, costing him 10 points. Meanwhile Dave picked up a magazine that only had 5 rounds in, 10 points gone! They finished 4th and 5th with just 2 points difference. (Another pint for Jim) Errol was disappointed that he could not break his PB, and 1399 was only good enough for 4th place in C class.

1500 Centre-fire

Rob was off form dropping too many points at 50m to score 1485. If he had scored what he usually does, it is possible he could have walked away with the Western Winner Tankard for S-b and F-b aggregate.



On the other hand, Jim was quite satisfied with his 1485 as it was better than he had done for some time and it earned him 2nd in A class.

Meanwhile just along the line, Dave was having a nightmare. In match 2 he had a terrible attack of brain fade and after the kneeling stage he went into the sitting position instead of standing.



Dave, in the background, sitting when he should be standing

The RCO gave him the statutory 10 penalty points. By M4 his lack of match practice was showing and an unfired round still in the gun when the targets edged was another 10 points away.



Continuing his run of success, Errol shot a personal best score of 1442 which won D class and got him promoted into C, just in time for Bisley – bad planning.

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1500 LBR

The Frome Club are great followers of the pistol and revolver matches and there was a good entry.



Jim was pleased with most of the match but disappointed with two misses resulting in his lowest score for ages. But nobody did any better and he won!

Summary

The Western Winner is held at Bristol & Dist's excellent range just south of Bristol and although quite a distance to travel it is always a jolly and sociable event.

Three Gold and a Silver is a good result and we must not forget that Dave did manage to win a bottle in the raffle – no skill required.

Caption contest, a pint for the best suggestion



Gallery



The prize winners



Rob giving advice



Dave manages a grimace after Jim beat him



Our other camera man – Andy Lowe

More photos from Rob, Jim and Andy on the website