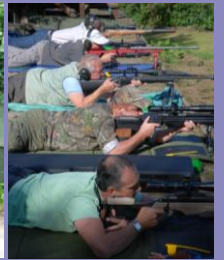




2013



SAW 23/24 March

Spring into Action or as it is commonly know, SAW, could just have easily stood for "Snow & Wind" provided us with character building, testing conditions, but most will remember it for the cold, mud and wet.



Pete, Dave and Jim were working as Range Officers on the Saturday during the worst of the snow

Three Derby shooters decided not to risk the snowy roads as did many other competitors. Those who did arrive chose carefully which events to shoot depending on the state of the ranges. Many chose not to shoot at all.

Joy and Glenn are from further north and are tougher than most, and did not let the freezing conditions put them off, in fact Joy shot personal best scores in all three of her events and Glenn two!

Precision Events

In the 25m and 50m Small-bore events Joy shot PB scores in both, but much to her annoyance Glen just beat her in both.

Timed & Precision 1

Dave was pleased to shoot a 300 and happy-ish with 20 x's. In the end it was good enough for third place. Off form Jim slipped one into the nine and could only manage 299.

Timed & Precision Shotgun

Glenn shot a PB of 293 which placed him 4th.

Multi-Target SB

In A class Simon B beat Glenn by two points. 97 and 95 gave them 10th and 11th.

Multi-Target CF

A 9am start in freezing conditions was not good for Jim who made a mess of the first stage and recovered a bit for 8th in X class. Dave had messed up the day before with a 107.

A below average 96 placed Simon 8th in A class.

Multi-Target Shotgun

Another PB for Glenn here. 105 placed him 7th.

1500

For the first time in living memory no one entered the premier event. SHAMEFUL! Jim was still recovering from manflu and Dave's knee injury was still troubling him – pitiful excuses.

Advancing Target SB

Glenn is in A class for this event and only managed 259 for 11th place but good enough to beat Joy, Again.

In B class Simon shot a PB score of 261 to win. Joy was placed 4th also with a PB.

Advancing Target CF

Simon was on a roll now and won C class with a score just short of his best.

Speed Steel Challenge SB

Perhaps it was because of the blizzard when Dave shot, that he only managed 4th place this time.

Embassy Cup

Another shotgun event that Glen enjoys but when his shotgun jammed after 4 shots in the second set he didn't have time to fire rest off but still finished 5th.

200m Any Rifle



It's the same course of fire for SMLEs too

Dave and Pete chickened out of this saying they didn't want to get their pretty guns wet in the sleet and wind and cold. But Jim had new load he wanted to test and did OK in the prone stages dropping just 2 points. However, when he went to get into the kneeling position he realised his sling was at home.



He continued and the slow fire was as good as normal while struggling to hold the artillery piece up, but the rapid was hard work, although they all scored and he finished 2nd!

McQueen

Again Dave and Pete gave this a miss. Jim persevered and after a first run of 50/2 he had another go and improved with a 50/5 and a tie-break shoot. Without any sighters he proceeded to max it with 10 v bulls. Unfortunately the way the scoring works this was only good enough for 3rd place – but very pleasing.

Summery

SAW 2013 will be remembered for the weather and not much else, except Jim's 10v bulls of course!

