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## SPRING ACTION WEEKEND

19/20 April

### Dave sets a new British Records Score.



This could become a much repeated and perhaps tiresome story that Dave will enjoy telling many times during the next year (or years to come).

It all started even before the shooting commenced while Dave was still in bed, when at about 5am he says he sat bolt upright in bed realising he had left all his .38 ammo at home! At breakfast he was asking around if anyone had any to spare and surprisingly few had. Jim had 100 short range SWC but they were not suitable. So as soon as the NRA armoury was open he invested in 150 Sellier & Bellot factory ammo.

Dave and Jim were shooting on the Friday Range Officers day and he chose to try out the untested ammo on the Advancing Target. Jim gave him the option of opting out of the Beer Challenge but Dave said no and there was a pint at stake for every event that weekend. They both shot under-lever and under-lever Classic and it was one all, with Dave quite happy with the ammo. Then it was over to Timed & Precision 1, and Dave buckled under the pressure giving Jim two pints. So it was time for a cuppa, we are not sure what was in the tea but when they shot Multi-Target everything changed. Jim went to pieces shooting on the wrong target – twice! But when Dave shot it with the iron sights Classic rifle he could do no wrong, dropping just one point to score 119 with 17 Xs to set a new British Record Score, using factory ammo!

Apologies for rambling on about Dave's adventure but it will save him repeating it too many times.

So what did the others do? Simon W, Chris and Amy were down for the day on Saturday and managed to fit in some events and Pete shot the 200yard comps on the Sunday. It was good to see six team Derby shooters for the first big event of the season.

#### Timed & precision 1 C-F

Jim was pleased with a maximum 300 with 23 Xs for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but Dave was way behind in 18<sup>th</sup> with 298.

#### Timed & precision 1 Classic

Dropping just one point pushed Jim into 4<sup>th</sup> and Dave 5<sup>th</sup> with 298.

#### Timed & precision 2 C-F



Chris shot well after a long lay-off and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in A class.



Amy was not far behind and won B class – unfortunately she was the only one in that class.

### Multi-Target S-B

Jim had three good stages but the bad one cost dear and finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

### Multi-Target C-F

Dave shot rubbish and was near the bottom but with eight shots on the wrong target Jim was bottom!

### Multi-Target Classic

Dave's moment of glory – First place and did you hear it was a British record? Jim managed 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 1500 S-B



At last Jim seems to have sorted his rifle and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in X class, just a few points off a personal best. Dave was pleased with his too coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in B class.

### 1500 C-F

Jim lost all his points in the 50m stages and was 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave could not afford to buy another 150 rounds of factory ammo so sat this one out.

### Bianchi C-F

Chris and Amy chose to do the more demanding under-lever match and did OK. And they both won their class.

### Advancing Target S-B

Simon's second run let him down and he was placed 5<sup>th</sup> in A class.

### Advancing Target C-F

Everyone seemed to struggle and Jim's 176 was good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in X class, Dave scored 172. In A class Simon was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 175 beating Dave!

### Advancing Target Classic

Dave was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 176 (obviously better without a scope) and Jim was 5<sup>th</sup> with 173.

### Speed Steels S-B

The layout was different this year with the stop plate being less obvious so some thought was necessary to plan a method.

The family grudge match was very close with just 0.18 second between Chris and Amy. Chris 11<sup>th</sup>, Amy 12<sup>th</sup>. Simon was further down in 20<sup>th</sup> place and Dave "My steels gun never lets me down" had a disaster with numerous jams and instead of his usual place third from the top he was third from the bottom!

### Speed Steels C-F

Simon did much better here and came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 200m Gallery Rifle

Pete still thinks his long range load could be better – but it was good enough for first place!

### 200m Any Rifle

The format had been changed a little. Only two sighting shots make it essential to be familiar with your scope and it caught a few out. But changing the kneeling position to sitting helped the scores.

Dave was the only competitor to clean the prone stages with a maximum and he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with 166, probably a PB. Jim was not happy with his sighters or his sitting position and 158 placed him 6<sup>th</sup>. Pete never liked kneeling so this time managed to finish the course of fire and was 11<sup>th</sup>.

### The McQueen Sniping Competition

Again sighting shots had been reduced to two putting the pressure on. Jim was our highest scorer with 50/3 for 5<sup>th</sup>, Pete 50/2 for 7<sup>th</sup>, and Dave 50/0 in 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Summary

The NRA had publicised that they had dropped entry fees to 2008 prices and it was pleasant to see an increase in entries, some competitions reported as full. The national Shooting Centre was definitely busier and more of a buzz than recently. All Good for the sport. In the Beer Challenge Jim finished just one pint up on the weekend and the scores were so close it could have gone either way.

### Future Competitions

It is a busy calendar for the next few weeks and all events can be seen [here](#).

The Mattersey Ten on 4<sup>th</sup> May is a good friendly venue if you fancy a day trip away from your home range. Its just over an hour from Derby.

And the Phoenix will soon be upon us – Three days of something for everyone and 30% discount is if you have never shot at Bisley before.

## Gallery



Amy doing the first stage of T&P2... six shots in eight seconds



Before shooting any event Dave now does his impersonation of Conan the Barbarian: "Crush your enemies, see them driven before you, and hear the lamentations of their women."



Chris made ready



The new lay-out of the Speed Steels



Dave was happy with his first 1500 of the season



Oh no! Why do things seem to go wrong at Bisley?

More photos can be seen on the club website gallery