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The Egg Shoots

This write up is brought to you by the Deputy Under Assistant Competition Officer who also acted as the official sticker of eggs on string on and Smarties on paper.

The Great and Lesser Eggs Shoots were held on Easter Sunday 5 April.

For some reason if a competition is set up shooting at a piece of paper for a score there's a relatively small participation. However put up at egg, a steel plate or a fly and a veritable hoard of club members turn out! Thus this Sunday's mammoth attendance.

The Great Egg Shoot

Shot from the 200 point, Part 1 is a chicken egg suspended on a length of string. Competitors have two sighting shots and then have one shot at the egg.

If they hit the egg they can shoot Part 2, which is a Smartie taped to an A4 sheet of paper.

One shot allowed at the Smartie, no sighting shot permitted, whoever hits wins, or if no hits the nearest to the Smartie.

Any rifle and sight combination can be used but only with a bipod or sandbag. No fancy benchrest aids and no back bags permitted.

The description "Bipod" means a rest with two legs and those used varied from the simple Harris style to the £200 FTR special.

The Derby Book of Missing Excuses was referred to quite frequently as egg after egg remained on the strings; the only excuse not relevant was the wind blowing the egg around, as for once the weather was kind to us. It was good to see Daughters and sons beating Dad – as usual and for once Jim didn't get beat with his own rifle.

The author doesn't know how many shooters hit an egg because the Competition Officer failed to keep a tally and the Official Photographer didn't get together a photo opportunity for them!



At the end there were two hits on the Smartie resulting in a shoot off between Tim M and Paul H. Same as before for the shoot off, no sighter, just one shot at the Smartie.



The winner? Tim M was the closest (who just happens to be the Competition Officer!) Runner up Paul H.

The Lesser Egg Shoot

This was shot at 25m on A range. Any .22 rifle, any sights, shot standing unsupported.

The target is an A4 sheet of paper with various size egg shapes on it. The smaller the egg shape the higher the score. Only one shot on each egg to count. The highest scoring eggs are worth ten points but they are strung across the paper at the bottom very close together so a slight stray of the shot puts two shots in the same scoring area.

As a change to previous years a Smartie was taped over one of the eggs scoring two points. A hit on the Smartie was worth 100 points but miss it and you got two points.

With 17 Targets prepared, 15 handed in and 1 unused leaving there was 1 not handed in. There were ten Smarties hit so obviously it's too big a target, suggestions needed for next year's smaller sweetie please.

Phil W shot for the Smartie, thought he had just missed so kept trying with all ten shots. He'd actually hit the Smartie with his first shot so the other nine were wasted. He needs a higher magnification scope.

This author scored his target through the scope but when Nigel brought his target in for him there was a ten on it not visible through the scope, so happy days!

Scores were:

Keith M	142
Nigel W	140
Mike H	140
Marianne	130
Bob P	124
Gavin H	122
Ian S	122
Rob S	106
Phil W	100
Andy B	46
Rodger K	41
Sibhan B	26
Rob B	21
Linda H	112
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Do we have two Linda's or did she shoot twice?



Smartie Easter Eggs for the winners, a tube of Smarties for the Runner up's.

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