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THE PHOENIX MEETING

22-25 MAY



Missing: Bob P was ROing, Peter was fixing a gun, Keith was stuck in traffic and Rob H was holding the camera.

Sorry this report is so late: as soon as the Phoenix Meeting was over it was pandemonium, and every minute was spent preparing for the Derby Open. So while I wait for the final Derby results to be challenged I will try and recall what happened nearly five weeks ago.

Apologies before I start if I miss any Members moment of glory. Thanks to all who gave me a summary of their successes it has made writing this easier. However, Keith M's will have to be published separately in a 200 page paperback containing every disaster and moment of misery. It will be available in all good bookshops titled Phoenix 2015 – how to put someone of shooting for life. I don't know what the fuss is about he managed to finish five out of 12 events.

Timed & Precision 1 SB

Rob F was our highest scorer here with 298 coming 4th in A class crushing Jim big time.

Timed & Precision 1 CF

Jim's 300/23 was only good enough for 9th place in X class.

Bryan shot a PB to come 2nd in B class and get promoted into A.

Timed & Precision 1 Classic

Dave was placed 5th with 299/20 but disaster for Jim when his last round failed to feed and he scored 288.

Timed & Precision 1 LBP

Simon B was disappointed with his score only to find his muzzle brake had come loose.

SGSA T&P 1

Bob P was 12th in class (gold standard)

Timed & Precision 2 LBP

Tim shot a storm and won A class.

Multi-Target CF

Bryan shot a PB in B class.

Multi-Target Classic

Dave is shooting well with iron sights and won with 119/14

Multi-Target LBP

In B class Bryan took 2nd place

Multi-Target SGSA

Bob was 6th in class another gold Standard.

1500 SB

A magazine jam cost Jim 30 points in the first stage so just practice from then on.

Dave was still struggling with his knee and withdrew – well he just stayed in bed.

In B class Rob shot average for 7th place.



Tim won C class with 1450 and Martin came 2nd in D with a PB.

1500 CF

Jim only managed a poor 1481

1500 LBP

Bob P was 3rd in his class

1500 LBR



Not so good this time Bob was 4th in class.

Bianchi LBP

Bob P was 3rd in class.

Bianchi LBR

But much better with his preferred revolver, Bob was 1st in class.

Advancing Target SB

Bryan was in B class and shot a PB despite a light strike on shot 59, he failed to clear it before targets turned away resulting in 10 points lost.

Advancing Target CF

Jim started well but dropped a point near the end to come 2nd with 179/28, Dave was 5th with 178. Tim was 9th in A and Martin 11th in B.

Advancing Target Classic

Dave was 5th, Jim 8th.

Advancing Target LBP

Tim shot well for 2nd place in A class and Bryan shot another PB for 8th.

Speed Steel Challenge

Dave was 10th in SB, Tim 5th in CF and Tim 10th in LBP

Granet CF

Keith didn't come last.

LONG RANGE EVENTS

Steve, Keith and Peter were doing these most days but on the Sunday morning there were five Team Derby shooters on the line doing various events.



100/200/300 Gallery Rifle CF

This tests the ammo and reading the wind somewhat. Jim came 3rd, Dave 4th and Peter 6th.

100/200/300 Service Rifle A pre 1955

Steve F was pleased with 5th place.

100/200/300 Sporting Rifle



This involves shooting standing using crossed sticks at 100 and 200 then prone at 300yards.

Jim was the highest places GB shooter (behind four South Africans) coming 5th. Dave 8th, a very happy Martin in 14th followed by Pete and Tim.

400/500/600 FTR

All of Steve's practice paid off and he came 3rd just four points behind the winner.

800/900/1000 F class



Jim and Peter were doing OK until they got back to 1000yards where there were some very peculiar wind conditions that baffled everyone.

Jim was 11th, Peter 14th.

800/900/1000 FTR

Steve did well again but this time only 10th place

Mc Queens

Peter did really well and shot 57/7 to tie for first place but then disaster, his trigger unit failed and he could not shoot the tie brake so had to settle for second. Dave managed 10th but everyone else was rubbish.

Simon had a go with the "As Issued" rifle but best forgotten

Summary

Rob was happy he beat Jim – Twice.

Dave was disappointed with third place in the Classic Aggregate – he had a poor Advancing Target and missed the Alan Whittle Trophy by just 2 points.

Many were dissatisfied with how they did but if it was easy everyone would be doing it.

And: a copy of Keith's bestselling book will be given as prize to the Club Champion.

GALLERY



Peter sitting with his gallery rifle at 200 yards



Jim working hard as a RO



Tim shooting his 1500



Gallery rifle standing at 100yards



It was cool at 8.30am



Dave collecting his award at the prize giving.

[More photos on the website gallery](#)