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THE PHOENIX MEETING

27-29 May

Apologies for this report being published late but organising the Derby Open tends to take over for the weeks after the Phoenix.

Some of the regular faces were missing at Bisley but Team Derby had a good turnout and picked up some medals on the way.

The first day or so did not seem to go well with lots of grumbling and things going wrong but eventually smiles appeared on some faces.

Successes in the many competitions are listed in the order they show in the results, as there was a huge entry, positions are reported a bit further down the list than normal. Coming 9th may not be something to shout about normally, but it is if there are 60+ in that class it is!

Timed & Precision 1 SB

296 placed Jim 24th... see what I mean.

Tim came 12th in A class while in B class Mark was 12th and Bryan 17th.

Phil's problem with his 22 returned, after he thought it was cured, and he stood no chance with an unreliable gun.

Timed & Precision 1 CF



In X class both Dave and Jim were rubbish. Where in A class Bryan was our highest scorer with 300/19 and came 3rd. Keith M 296 was not great but OK

Timed & Precision 1 Classic

Dave shot 297 to come 6th crushing Jim who should have beat him until he had a jam on the last stage.

Timed & Precision 1 LBP and LBR

Nobody did particularly well in either of these events

Timed & Precision 2 SB

Things started to pick up here and Tim was 6th with 578 in B class.

Timed & Precision 2 CF

In B class Phil did well shooting a 587 for 4th place with Mark in 10th.

Timed & Precision 2 LBP

2nd place for Tim with a 574 just two off his PB.

Multi-Target SB

In A class Rob had a steady 108 to come 9th

In B, Ian was placed 6th with 105 and Bryan 9th with 103

Multi-Target CF

Bryan was 10th in B class

Multi-Target Classic

Jim was happy with 4th place, pushing Dave into 8th.

Multi-Target LBP

Bryan was over the moon with his B class win, shooting a 101.

Multi-Target LBR

Jim's gun jammed and with six shots missing was out of it.

Bryan did well and 104 got him a 3rd.

1500 SB

Jim was too slow in match one and cut the target in half and could only manage a 1456

Tim shot the same score in A class for 13th.



The face says it all

Phil's nightmare continued and at one stage used all his magazines to try and get all his shots away, leaving him ankle deep in live rounds and mags. It was ironic that his scorecard showed more misses than X's... You've got to smile.



Mark was over the moon with his first Bisley win, scoring 1400 in D class.

1500 CF

Jim was disappointed in his 50m stages but was 7th in A class.

Tim was disappointed in his 1464 but Phil's 1448 got him 6th place in C class.

Bianchi SB

Tim shot well and a PB 1571 won him D class.

Advancing Target SB



Tim came 9th in X class while Rob F was 3rd in A class with 281, just two points off the winner.

Advancing Target CF

Jim was close to winning X class with 179 but coming second by two X's.

At the bottom of B class Keith M and Steve F were having a battle to see who could come last.

Advancing Target Classic

Dave came 4th. This is part of the Alan Whittle aggregate Trophy for Classic Rifles and helped to place second.

Speed Steel Challenge

Dave was not up to his usual form and was 7th.

Granet SB

There is a funny story here... Ian thought he would pop to Bisley for a look around and put his .22 in the van in case he could drop onto some events as a late entry. The front office found some spaces and events he could enter and one was the Granet. This is a huge bull's-eye target that makes five exposures three seconds six times – that 30 shots. Ian had a go and won dropping just one point, 299/300. Well done. Keith was 12th and in the CF class Steve was 13th.

Long Range events.

At the Phoenix they put on events that are not shot at any other time and it make a change to enter some of these.

100/200 SBGR

This is demanding for the shooter and the 22 round. Keith was 7th in this and in the .22 Pistol class was 4th (or last)

100/200/300 GR

This is using an underlever standing at 100yards, sitting at 200 and prone at 300.

Jim won this although it was very close, Dave was 6th, Peter 7th and Keith 11th.

100/200/300 Sporting Rifle

Shot standing using crossed sticks at 100 and 200 then prone at 300.



Jim was 2nd, Keith 6th, Tim 8th, Peter 9th, Dave 11th. Keith was more than happy to have beaten Tim at something.

400/500/600 F Class

Pete shot well to come 3rd against international shooters, Jim could not read the changing wind and was 12th.

800/900/1000 FTR

Steve took part...

McQueen SB

Rob H came 2nd just a mm away from winning but had the satisfaction of shooting 50/7 twice, nobody else did.

McQueen CF

Pete and Jim came 6th and 7th with 50/4. Dave 's 50/3 got him 12th place out of 80. That shows the scale of the competition.

Gallery



Call that a "Sporting" Rifle?



Martin worked as Range Crew

More photos are on the website Gallery

Summary

Five Gold Medals for Team Derby members Plus some Silver and Bronze is a great result, and great that some of the newer shooters won something.

Apologies if I've missed someone's moment of glory.



It was an early start for Phil, Geoff and Mark



Jim gets his Gold medal



Some of the medal winners