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WELSH GALLERY RIFLE CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 & 6 August

Phil, Dave and Jim were the only three Team Derby stalwarts who made the 5 hours plus journey to Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire. It was well worth the effort as this once small event has grown and the ranges improved in the last few years. We were made very welcome and a BBQ was put on both evenings and the weather was kind, thankfully, as we were camping.

The shooting was rather mixed; some down to malfunctions some due to operator error, others just poor shooting but there were some highlights.

Precision SB

Phil had a go at this, enough said.

Precision CF

Although Phil finished 7th he was only three points behind the winner.

Precision LBR

Jim has done OK previously but not this time. He wasted too many tens in the sighting series!

Timed & Precision 1 SB



Phil was placed 3rd with 299/12 and Jim shot a poor 296.

Timed & Precision 1 CF

Phil equalled his PB shooting a brilliant 300/25 to win X class, Dave and Jim both dropped silly 9's to be near the bottom.

Timed & Precision 1 Classic

Jim lost points at 25m and 296 placed him 5th.



Dave was going great guns and was on for a 300 when his very last shot did not want to feed and the delay caused him to cut his target in half. The look says it all.

Timed & Precision 1 LBP

This was the first time Phil had shot his pistol in competition and a very respectable 296 got him 1st place in A class.

Timed & Precision 1 LBP

A 294 got Jim 1st place in A class.

Multi-Target SB

This is Phil's speciality and a cracking 118 got him 2nd in X class.

Multi-Target CF

This was Phil's high point of the weekend; he shot his first maximum 120 – only to come 2nd! Jim was 3rd with 119 and Dave 116.

Multi-Target Classic

Dave was happy with 2nd place as his 112 was not as good as normal. Jim was 4th.

Multi-Target LBP

Phil was disappointed with his score of 95 but it placed him 2nd in B class.

Multi-Target LBR

Jim was also disappointed but came 3rd in X class.

1500 SB

Phil shot a steady 1481 but the competition was fierce and he came 5th.



Jim was struggling to kneel and it showed in his score of 1450.

1500 CF

Phil shot what must be his worst ever score of 1253 after failing to get any shots fired in M3 losing 240 points.

Jim had another poor score. 1479 placed him 5th in A class.

Home Countries International.



A shoulder to shoulder match between Wales and England was contested on the Sunday afternoon, the only time it rained!



Phil and Jim were in the victorious winning England rifle team shooting both Small-bore and Centre-fire. It is always good to beat them on their home soil and it was very close, just 11 points between both teams.

Jim was acting Captain and picked Phil for the LBP event as he was desperately short of people there and shot LBR himself. These were shot concurrently with individual comps and the results have not been announced but rough calculations indicate that England may have won both – A clean sweep perhaps?

Summary

Phil's "Shorts" events were outstanding, Dave shows promise in the Classic iron sights events and it looks like Jim is over the hill!

Gallery



Because Dave was not shooting enough he was volunteered to help RO



The BBQ was a huge meat fest



Jim in the HC Match