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THE WESTERN WINNER

Saturday 13 May

This was a two day event but Team Derby decided to take a car full on the Saturday. It was the first time The Western Winner had been held at the host club's new indoor facility. Taking up a large part of the ground floor of a grade two listed brewery building a lot of work and money has been put into the project to make it suitable for shooting.



It has two ranges, 25m and 50m both with nine firing points. The low ceilings and loud extractor fans make it a noisy environment but you don't have to worry about the rain and wind...

It was a 5.00am start to get to Shepton Mallet for the first detail at 9.00 so it was surprising that the driver, Phil, shot so well.

Timed & Precision 1 SB

Phil was placed 3rd in X class with 299, while Jim had a poor shoot and was very close to the bottom. It was Geoff's first classified competition and perhaps the nerves got to him.

Timed & Precision 1 CF

Phil shot a personal best, getting a maximum 300 with 25 x's to win X class. Dave and Jim both had nightmare shoots and were at the bottom of X class.

Timed & Precision 1 Classic

This is becoming Dave's preferred event and he was disappointed with a couple of silly shots that put him into 4th place. Jim has only recently got his own Classic and was struggling with the sights but managed 7th.

Multi Target SB

Phil was smiling when he came off the range after scoring 117 but it was only good enough for 2nd.

Another nightmare for Jim...

Geoff pulled a good score out the bag and his 102 placed him 2nd in B class. When asked if it was a PB he replied all his scores were PBs as he had not shot in an open before!

Multi Target CF

Perhaps Jim's only decent score of the day and 119/16 led for a while but he finished in 2nd place.

Phil also shot a 119 but with 13 x's and came 6th, that was the quality of the shooting. A score of 120 won with six shooters on 119.



Dave's 112 placed him very low down.

Multi Target Classic

Dave shot better with his open sights scoring 115 to get 2nd place, Jim was 5th.

Multi Target LBR

A reasonable score placed Jim 2nd in X class

1020 SB

Phil has quite taken to this event (it is a 1500 without the 50m stages) where maximum scores are expected but rarely achieved. He dropped 7 points and was placed 3th.

Geoff was bullied into having a go but came last as there are no classes in this event.

1020 CF

Just Phil in this and four dropped points put him in 5th place.

1500 SB

Both Phil and Jim shot a 1469 and agreed it could have gone better without the silly mistakes, Phil came 5th beating Jim on x count, even though he had been grumbling about the noise all the way through the match.

Geoff was again bullied into entering this but the practice he had gained in the 1020 must have helped as he shot 1276, a very reasonable score for a first attempt and he came 3rd in D class.

1500 CF

Phil was placed 3rd in X class shooting a 1489 with the highest x count of the day.

Jim only managed 1473 for 4th place in A class.

It was a busy day, Jim shot 10 events, and it was well worth the long trip. Thanks to Phil for doing the driving. Well done to Geoff for doing well in his first classified event and thanks to Jim and Dave for making the numbers up.

Gallery



Phil has a well deserved rest



Dave enjoyed the clubroom sofa most of the day



Jim caused some amusement when he couldn't understand the new fangled technology of a vending machine and needed Phil's help