

Mid Wales Shooting Centre March 29 2015
Inter County Sporting Final

The first County final of 2015 saw the day dawn grey, wet and very windy. This was after a period of very fine ideal shooting weather. The weather god must be a trap shooter. While the rain blew over, apart from a short sharp blast around mid day, the wind was incessant, which made the scores that were established all the more remarkable.

The sporting discipline must be the favourite of all the disciplines as all eight of the current counties fielded a team, with a total of 115 competitors braving the elements. As compared to 109 from 2014. The only downside was that there was not one county with a junior team, but Dyfed and Powys had a colts representing their counties.

As the shooters made their way to the layouts promptly at 10.00am. I did not hear of any one not forgetting to turn their clocks on and arrive an hour late. It was a similar story to last year that everybody made their way to the layouts at the end of the ground, and left the scorer at stand 10 wondering if she had eaten garlic the night before, with the result that there was a delay at this stand to finish the day.

With last years Senior High Gun Daniel Morgan of Gwent keeping the pressure on the first three stands with 3 away. Over the same three layouts last years runner up and Junior winner Josh Keeble of Powys was sharing the lead with his County captain Richard Hughes 30x30.

In the veteran class Mike Harding Gwent had a comfortable lead of 5 over Phil Ash of Mid Glamorgan at the half way point. In the new Super Vet class Rowland Morgan of Dyfed was on 43x50 with John Hughes of Powys a further 2 behind.

In the ladies class Gwent's Karen Mason was on 43x50 after having perfect scores on stands 3 and 5, while last years lady high gun Dyfed's Carol Francis was struggling on 35x50.

Dyfed had the upper hand in the colts with Ben Stevens 35x50 with Powys' Morgan Williams on 28x30.

As the final scores were posted on the board Jack Beech Powys, another of last years juniors making an impression in the the senior category was on an impressive 94. Next in was Richard Hughes Powys with a 95 could this be the winning score considering the constant gale force wind blowing down the ground. However going one better than last year Josh Keeble with a 97 in his first year as a senior, taking the County Sporting HG for 2015. One consolation for Richard was that he was the winner of the Captains Cup

Veteran winner with 87 Mike Harding Gwent, the first winner of the Mid Wales Shooting Centre Super Veteran trophy was Glyn Jones Gwynedd with an 84. The ladies winner was Karen Mason Gwent with a score of 84. The winning colt was Ben Stevens Dyfed 66.

The winning County team with bragging rights on a social media site for 2015 with an amazing 50 point gap was Powys on 717. 5 target better than last years winning county team.

The Super veteran team required a shoot off to decide the winner, with the nominated shooters from Dyfed and Powys using stand 10. First up was John Hughes of Powys to dispatch the first pair, followed by Ron Morgan Dyfed who also turned the first pair to dust. This looked like a shoot off that would require another round to settle the result with both shooters making good kills, but the eleventh target a L-R crosser slipped by Ron Morgan to give Powys the Super Veteran Team honours.

Veteran team winners Mid Glamorgan's Phill Ash and Robin Wintle by 2 from the Gwent veterans of Mike Harding and Raymond Webb

With Gwent's Karen Mason and Mid Glamorgan's county coordinator Laura Thomas posting excellent scores of 84 and 76 respectively, the combined scores of Carol Francis and Tracy Langford were enough to retain the Ladies team trophy for Dyfed .

Senior High Gun	Josh Keeble Powys
Veteran High Gun	Mike Harding Gwent
Super Veteran	Glyn Jones Gwynedd
Ladies High Gun	Karen Mason Gwent
Colt High Gun	Ben Stephens Dyfed
Captains Cup	Richard Hughes Gwent

Team Awards Senior team

1st Powys	717
2 nd Dyfed	667
3 rd Clwyd	626
4 th Gwent	625
5 th Mid Glamorgan	615
6 th W Glamorgan	595
7 th Anglesey	589
8 th Gwynedd	489

Ladies

1st Dyfed	140
2 nd Gwent	137
3 rd Mid Glamorgan	128

Veterans

1 st Mid Glamorgan	167
2 nd Gwent	165
3 rd Dyfed	164
4 th Powys Vets A	159
5 th Anglesey	155
6 th Powys Vets B	139
7 th Gwynedd	138

Super Veterans

1 st Powys	138 + 6
2 nd Dyfed	138

Colts

1 st Dyfed
2 nd Powys