

2015 Welsh Inter County Skeet Final. April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Mid Wales Shooting Centre.

While the weather for the 2<sup>nd</sup> County final of the year was vastly improved from the Sporting Final of three weeks previously, the County Skeet Final competitors although a dry overcast day, there was still a stiff cold northerly wind blowing down the renowned Trannon Valley for the 81shooters to contend with.

With the first squads making their way to the lay out`s at 10.00 there were a number of straights being posted, Rob Trow of West Glamorgan, Heath Gizzy Clwyd, Sion Jones Anglesey,Hywel John and,Spencer Morgan Dyfed, Meurig Lewis West Glamorgan, Nigel Hodson Gwent, Rob Harrison and Richard Hughes Powys. Who would still be in contention at the end ?

At the halfway stage Heath Gizzi, Meurig Lewis and Richard Hughes were on 49x50, with only Nigel Hodson on a 50x50. With Junior and Colts once again thin on the ground Geraint Matulla Gwynedd`s Junior and Captain was still in touch with a 47x50.

The light had improved at mid day with the sun making an appearance , but the cold northerly wind was still travelling along Cwm Trannon. The ladies of West Glamorgan were locked in a personal battle for individual honours with Sam Phillips leading Laura Thomas by 2.

The Super Veteran class was tighter with only 1 target separating Gwent`s R Hodson and Walter Jones Gwynedd at the halfway stage,

The veterans of West Glamorgan and Gwynedd Dai Rees and Keith Hill were also only 1 target apart at the halfway stage.

The senior team standings at the halfway mark were West Glamorgan on 363 from Gwent`s 360 and Dyfed on 351.

From the early pace setters Richard Hughes Rob Trow 71x75 Meurig lewis 72x75 Heath Gizzy 73x75 and Nigel Hodson 74x75 had all to play for.

While Geraint Matulla was falling back from overall honours he was still in contention in his own Junior class with a 68x75 from Jack Beech of Powys on 70x75.

The ladies were battling hard for individual awards with West Glamorgan`s Sam Phillips and Laura Thomas down to a single target difference in Sam`s favour. The colts of Ben Stephens Dyfed and New Cap Greg Walters also of Dyfed were 4 targets adrift of each other going into the final round.

During my journey to Mid Wales which started in bright sunshine with out any wind to speak of, straights and shoot off`s came to mind for the day, and so it transpired with the early score of 96 by Rob Trow trumped by Heath Gizzy and Nigel Hodson on 98`s. In the shoot off they were joined by the Juniors of Luke English of Dyfed and Jack Beech of Powys who both had finished on 93. A shoot off for the Veterans was a W/O for Keith Hill of Gwynedd on 94

The shoot off competition was to be decided on a sudden death miss and out off Stand 4, with Luke going first with out any losses Jack promptly did the same, on the second round Luke dropped both low targets, and Jack only letting one low target fly by to win by one. The senior shoot off was over quite quickly with Heath faultless and Nigel dropping both high and low to decide the winner in the Senior category.

In the Ladies class a last round of 20 from Sam, let Laura in with a 22 to win by 1,

Powys again were the winning County but the difference from the Sporting competition was much narrower with only 4 targets separating 2<sup>nd</sup> place Clwyd.

David Evans from Clwyd was the recipient of the Captains Cup trophy with a 96

Senior Winner	Heath Gizzy Clwyd	98 + 4
Veteran Winner	Keith Hill Gwynedd	94 W/O
Super Veteran	RJ Hodson Gwent	95
Ladies Winner	Laura Thomas West Glamorgan	84
Junior Winner	Jack Beech Powys	93 + 6
Colt Winner	Ben Stephens Dyfed	83

## Winning Teams

### Seniors

1<sup>st</sup> Powys 745

2<sup>nd</sup> Clwyd 741

3<sup>rd</sup> Dyfed 728

4<sup>th</sup> West Glamorgan 721

5<sup>th</sup> Gwent 715

### Veterans

1<sup>st</sup> West Glamorgan 185

2<sup>nd</sup> Dyfed 184

2<sup>nd</sup> Gwynedd 184

4<sup>th</sup> Powys 177

4<sup>th</sup> Anglesey 177

### Super Veterans

1<sup>st</sup> Gwent 182

2<sup>nd</sup> Gwynedd 160

### Ladies

1<sup>st</sup> West Glamorgan 167

### Colts

1<sup>st</sup> Dyfed 83