

## All Round County Final at Mid Wales Shooting Centre. August 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

The 2015 All Round County final held at Mid Wales Shooting centre had been brought forward in the calendar to alleviate the congestion of three County finals at the end of the year, and possibly benefit from some favourable weather. While the 73 competitors from West Glamorgan, Gwent, Powys, Dyfed and Gwynedd, enjoyed a slightly overcast, cloudy day without a breeze even to disturb the flight of the clays, and the numbers of competitors was an increase on last year, the change of date caught out some regular participants and Gwent in particular had a number of shooters who were unable to make the final.

The All Round competition in my opinion is the most enjoyable of all the County disciplines due to the four different events and some competitors shooting disciplines that they only shoot possibly twice a year.

Dyfed fielded a team consisting mainly of Sporting and Skeet shooters, with the Powys team looking very strong, both teams had either last years winner or runner up in attendance.

Setting the pace early on was Dyfed junior Tom Hill with a 25 straight on the sporting layouts. The rabbit on stand one of the three sporting stands seemed to be the nemesis of many a shooters score card. Looking at the rabbit but without a gun in the shoulder looked more Hare than rabbit in size.

Another Dyfed achievement early in the day was that a complete squad had cleaned the skeet layout without a target lost, but we will gloss over the scores of the other disciplines hey lads.

The leaders on the score board at the half way point were Gwynedd's Dennis Evans on 49 with last years winner Dyfed's Rob Scales and Anthony George on 48 .

With a clear lead in the Veteran class after the S/B and ABT was Powys shooter Gerwyn Parry on a 44 . Junior Tom Hill Dyfed was now on a 47 after the Sporting and ABT with Gwynedd's Geraint Matulla on 37 after his Sporting and ABT stands. The Gwent ladies were in a battle for individual honours with Laura Thomas on 39 and Karen Mason on 37.

Team positions on the board at the halfway point were Dyfed on 447 and W Glamorgan on 375, with Powys scores yet on the board.

Last years high gun Dyfed's Rob Scales was the first score back in the club house with a 94 but Gwynedd's Denis Evans was on a possible 99 and last years runner up Powys shooter Josh Keeble was on a possible 98 starting his final discipline ABT. Fellow county and squad member Richard Hughes had been scoring consistently through all the disciplines.

After the last shot had been fired Gwynedd's Dennis Evans score after the sporting layout was to take him off the leader board, but Richard Hughes' single dropped target to Josh Keebles' 3 away on ABT meant a tie between Josh and Richard for high gun with both finishing on 95's. After a round of Skeet as a tie breaker Josh's 24 to Richard's 22 was to take Josh one step further than last year and take the All Round County High Gun Trophy, leaving Richard Hughes with the consolation of the Captain's cup trophy.

County team final positions were so close that the County coordinators had given up trying to work out the final team positions, with the club house score board having been turned off, and so it was with 5 targets difference, Powys with 706 were victorious over runner's up Dyfed on 701.

Plaudits must go to Arthur Williams' Mid Wales Shooting ground staff and referees for another faultless County final.

County High Gun	Josh Keeble	Powys	95+ 24
Veteran High Gun	Keith Hill	Gwynedd	84
Super Vet High Gun	G Seabourne	Gwent	81
Ladies High gun	Karen Mason	Gwent	79
Junior High Gun	Tom Hill	Dyfed	90
Colt High Gun	Annalise Evans	Powys	59
Captains Cup	Richard Hughes	Powys	95

Winning County	Powys	706
Runner up	Dyfed	701
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gwynedd	610
4 <sup>th</sup>	West Glamorgan	599
Veteran team	Gwynedd	157
Super vet team	Dyfed	158
Ladies Team	Gwent	153
Junior Team	Dyfed	166
Colt Team	Powys	59