

Mid Wales Shooting Centre April 10th 2016

The first of the 2016 Inter County Finals took place at Arthur Williams` Mid Wales Shooting Centre. As always with the sporting final 115 competitors made up full Senior teams from all the Welsh Counties, and also, Junior teams from Mid Glamorgan, Dyfed, and Powys, and a Colt team from Powys, considering that there was only one Colt team last year, an encouraging sign for the future.

As the competitors gathered it was a fairly bright day with clouds scampering across the sky aided by the easterly wind. Although the wind was not strong enough to effect the targets it brought a chill factor which would require an extra layer for the shooters comfort.

With the shooters making their way to the stands with many of last years winners back to retain their trophies and the Powys team determined to retain the team trophy.

The fascination of the sporting discipline is that the targets vary from year to year, and this year was no exception, all the targets were there to be hit, it was down to the shooter to do so. The first back with a score to beat was Dyfed`s Anthony George with a 94 disappointed with the three missed on stand 10, this stand was probably the nemesis of many a score card with a faster second target on roughly the same line as the first. However Anthony`s score was soon toppled by Powys` Dorian Evans with a 95. Last years County High Gun Josh Keeble of Powys was a late starter, could he repeat last years win.

With many of Powys` shooters still out on the ground Dyfed senior team had a comfortable lead over Powys would it last. In the ladies category many of the ladies were new caps and the new caps were putting pressure on the established competitors with a very high standard all round. It was the same in the Juniors with some of the new caps leading Juniors who were in their last year in the Junior class.

Heath Gizzy of Clwyd joined Anthony on 94 but nobody would topple Dorian Evans` 95 to make him the 2016 Inter County Sporting High Gun, the 95 was also good enough for the Captains Cup, making it a good day for the Evans family daughter Annalise and Lucy Pitt were the victorious Ladies team for Powys.

The Veteran team and the Juniors would require shoot off`s to determine the winner first to go was Jack Beech of Powys followed by Mid Glamorgan`s Jack Mordecai. Using a stand that had not been used in the competition Jack Beech set the bar at 7. 16 year old Jack Mordecai only dropped 2 to take the Junior Trophy at his first attempt.

Anglesey and Gwynedd nominated David Tavenor and Keith Hill respectively to shoot off the margin was the same as the Juniors with Keith winning for Gwynedd.

County High Gun	Dorian Evans Powys	95
Captains Cup	Dorian Evans Powys	95
Ladies High Gun	Jannine White Gwent	89
Veteran High Gun	Jeremy Preece Gwent	90
Super Vet	Ronald Morgan Dyfed	88
Junior High Gun	Jack Mordecai Mid Glamorgan	89 + 8
Colt High Gun	David Pryce Powys	69
High Gun NI	Anthony George Dyfed	94

Winning Team	Powys	731
Runners up	Dyfed	680
3 rd Place	Mid Glamorgan	667
4 th Place	Clwyd	637
5 th Place	Anglesey	626
6 th Place	Gwynedd	572
7 th Place	Gwent	568
8 th Place	West Glamorgan	461

Veteran Team	Gwynedd	159 + 8
Super Vet Team	Dyfed	156
Ladies Team	Powys	166
Junior Team	Mid Glamorgan	157
Colt Team	Powys	95