

## 2017 County Sporting Final

The 2017 County final competitions kicked off with the Sporting Final held at Arthur Williams` Mid Wales Shooting Centre. Held in glorious spring sunshine, weather that is normally reserved for the undercover trap disciplines held in the autumn.

Teams from Anglesey, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd, Mid Glamorgan, West Glamorgan and on home soil last year winning team Powys. The sporting layouts this year were all based at the lower end of the ground, avoiding the queues on stands 9 and 10 that had happened over the last couple of years. Stands 9 and 10 were new stands to the County competition. As usual at this event all the targets were there to be hit by the 106 competitors.

With the sun came its problems on certain stands with stand 6 in particular being affected with the right to left second target coming out of the sun.

Would Powys retain the team trophy for another 3rd year or would another county triumph? Early scores in were setting the bar at a high level with a 93 and a 92 from Dyfed`s Alan Davies and Paul Heywood respectively.

There were 4 teams of colts and 1 junior team. Powys colt Annalise Evans, who frequently vies with the senior ladies with her scores , was on fine form again with consistent high scores over the stands, Anglesey`s Ferdy Norlander was keeping pace with Annalise. In the junior class Calum Croft was also showing his pedigree with high scores on most of the stands, stand 3 the right to left battue with the on report left right midi was not to his liking with his lowest score recorded on this stand. As the day progressed a wind picked up to move some of the targets, stand 7 simultaneous pair of dropping ducks were now moving differently from the start of the competition.

Mid Glamorgan`s Rowena Guiney at her first County final was scoring consistently at the top end of her score card, Claire Lewis another new cap also from Mid Glamorgan was keeping in touch with Rowena with both ladies suffering on stand 8.

The popularity and strength of the Sporting discipline in West Wales was coming to fruition with Dyfed`s Veterans and Super Veterans featuring at the top end of the score board. Lloyd Morris Veteran and Ronald Morgan Super Veteran leading the way in their respective classes.

Alan and Paul`s 93 was joined by Richard Hughes of Powys for a three way shoot off. Prior to the senior shoot off Annalise and Ferdy also needed a shoot off to decide the destination of the Colts trophy, with Annalise shooting first on a very difficult stand, gave Ferdy a target to beat which he did by one, on his very last pair. Richard Hughes was the victor in the seniors with a score of 7 on the shoot off stand.

As the county scores were compiled and Dyfed `s score was 26 ahead of 2nd place Gwent.

Winning County Team Dyfed 691

Runners up Gwent 665

Powys 642

Mid Glamorgan 599

Gwynedd 481

Ladies team Mid Glamorgan 126

Veterans team Dyfed 163

Super veterans team Dyfed 146

Junior team Mid Glamorgan 138

Colt team Powys 128

County High Gun Richard Hughes Powys 93 + 7

Captains Cup Bleddyn lewis Dyfed 92

Ladies High Gun Rowena Guiney Mid Glamorgan 72

Veterans High Gun Ray Webb Gwent 89

Super Veteran Richard James Powys 75

Junior High Gun Callum Croft Mid Glamorgan 80

Colt High Gun Ferdy Norlander Anglesey 72

High Gun Not International Alan Davies Dyfed 93