

Inter Counties Skeet Final 2017-04-24

Another perfect day greeted the 73 skeet shooters from Dyfed, Gwent, Powys, Ynys Mon, West Glam, Clwyd and Gwynedd, for the 2nd Inter County Final of the year, at Mid Wales Shooting Centre. With cream of the Welsh Skeet scene making an appearance, most of last year's trophy winners returning to retain last years prizes and with a sprinkling of current Internationals high scores would be the order of the day.

Clwyd's Heath Gizzy was setting the pace in the senior category with a perfect 50 over the first 2 rounds, 1 ahead of team mate Stephen Lawrenson, and Gwent's Anthony Cox Alan Parkin and Dyfed's Meredith Owen .

Probably a reflection of the state of shooting in the Principality at the moment was a distinct lack of competition in the Juniors, Colts and lady shooters. However Dyfed ladies Deena Irving and Carol Francis a force to be reckoned with in any competition, were enjoying their own personal battle for County honours with a 48 and 44 respectively over the first two rounds, Gwynedd's Geraint Matulla posted a respectable 44 over the first 50. Colts Powys` Lewis Duggan was 3 ahead of David Pryce at the half way point.

Gwent's Super Vet Alan Parkin's 49 x 50 was repeated over the last 50 to finish on a 98 in contention for HG now with Dyfed's Meredith Owen posting another 98.

The Captains cup also required a shoot off to decide the winner from , Clwyd's Heath Gizzy, Dyfed's Paul Heywood, and Gwent's Nigel Hodson, all on 97's

All 5 shot off over a round of 25 with the HG contenders finishing on a 23 a piece and the Captains requiring another shoot of after 24's were recorded. The second shoot off pairs on stand 4 went to the wire with Heath and Paul dropping the last of the pairs for Nigel Hodson to take the Captains Cup; It was the same for high gun with Alan missing the last of the second pair to leave Meredith with the County High Gun trophy for 2017.

In the County team, positions were extremely close with only a 4 point spread from 2nd to 4th with West Glam in 2nd place on 710 Clwyd on 709 and Ynys Mon on 706, repeating their Sporting teams result Dyfed seniors finished in 1st place with 747

All that was left was the presentation of the trophies after another immaculate day at Arthur's by WCTSA Chairman Daff Davies.

Winning County Dyfed 747

Runner Up West Glam 710

3rd Clwyd 709

4th Ynys Mon 706

5th Powys 672

Winning Ladies team Dyfed 184

Veteran Team Gwent 188

Super Vet's Gwent 189

Colt's Powys 156

CountyHG Dyfed's Meredith Owen 98 + 27

Captains Cup Gwent's Nigel Hodson 97 + 27

Ladies HG Dyfed's Deena Irving 95

Veteran HG Dyfed's Meredith Owen 98

Super Vet Gwent's Alan Parkin 98

Junior HG Gwynedd Geraint Matulla 87

Colt HG West Glam`s Taran Dalton 84