

Bisley Shooting Ground

23/24 August Olympic Trap Home International

Day One

Bright sunshine, no wind making for excellent shooting conditions.

Junior Owain Humphries shooting an excellent 25 straight in his first round and led the team scores to start-Captain Georgina Roberts closely following with a 24. Good scores from others in the team meant that at the end of Day One both Georgina and Owain finished on a good score of 90 just behind Jon Davis who shot a good 92.

At the end of Day one England Seniors were in the lead with 586, with the other 4 nations closely grouped for runner up position, Scotland 528, Wales 527, Ireland 524 and Northern Ireland 512, the L/J/V/SV team scores were England 359, Wales 343 and Scotland 330.

Day Two

Again almost perfect weather for shooting , with just a little breeze affecting the clay and not quite such good light.

Jon Davis shot an excellent 93 to add to his first day's score of 92, giving him HG for Wales. Georgina ended the 2nd day with a score of 179 which was beaten by 2 clays by the experienced Drew Christie of Scotland for the Captain's cup.

New cap for OT Richard Stepney also had a good shoot and equalled Ewen Patience of Scotland for the new Cap Cup which led to a shoot off where both Richard and Ewen shot a score of 21 in the single barrel round, but Ewen shot one more clay than Richard, so again Richard had to settle for runner up New Cap.

Our junior new cap Rhys Tucker finished with 165, which together with Owain Humphreys score of 179 gave the Welsh Juniors the Junior Team Cup.

The ladies team of Georgina Roberts (179) and Jacqueline Lewis (167), took 1st place in the Ladies' Team event.

Both the Veteran Team and Super Veteran Team took the runner's up Cups.

The Senior Team were beaten into 3rd place by a single clay for the second year- this time by Scotland.

To round off the competition the J, L, V, S-Vet team also took runners up.

There was much discussion between Team managers and Captain's about the difficulties of fielding full teams particularly the 2 Ireland's and Scotland, due to the feeling by many shooters that they are travelling to shoot for Runner up position.

A number of suggestions were discussed such as a cup for Ireland v Wales, and Scotland v N Ireland as in DTL, but the suggestion that was most popular came from the Scottish Manager that there should be a Cup called the Celtic Cup for both Senior and J, L, V, S-Vet Teams which would not be available to the English. I would hope that the WCTSA would support this idea at ICTSA level as it may well encourage more shooters into the smaller teams.

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