

# **Hepworth Hall FITASC Sporting Selection Shoot & British Grande Prix 13 & 14 Aug 2011 Technical Report**

## **Technical**

Hepworth Hall SG Essex was the venue for the 4th GB Team FITASC Sporting selection event 2011 & the British Grande Prix 124 competitors took part.

The shoot manager and course designer was Mr John Dyson.

The competition ran over 8 layouts with 3 shooting positions on each layout. The layouts were named Hillside 1 & 2, Lakeside 1 & 2, Tower 1 & 2, Railway and Willows.

Day one early rotations were marred by initial rain showers and light winds. However, the situation soon improved and the competition ran throughout the day with very little incident.

Worthy of note was the effort put in by the grounds staff in preparation of both the shooting arenas for this event with large mown walk ways to the shooting areas.

Hugh Smith & Nick Woodward assessed the targets on Friday the 12th, all targets where of a high standard, visible with varying speeds, distance, colours and angles, it was only necessary to make changes in anticipation of the local weather predictions.

## **Competition**

The first day's results were generally high indicated by the 18 x 25 ex 25 posted. There was a complete mix of slow and short window along with more distant targets with deceptive angles; the term technical is often used to describe targets such as these, I would just call them clever and innovative.

Competitors would live to regret not capitalising on the bread and butter targets on day 1 when they returned for day 2.

Seniors lead was B Class M Webster on 96, with M Hance, K Jobling and S Rudling all Class A on 95.

In the Ladies lead with 85 was J Preece with A Boyd 83 & R Bream 82

Juniors had J Lovick 87 J Moore 84 & N Hales 73

Veterans saw S Brightwell 92 C Bloxham 91 & D Asher, J Pool, G Stirzaker all on 90.

Super Vets had A Coy & J Sparrow 81 with P Buckley & P Howe 79

With the second day in progress the weather had turned to clear bright skies with sun. Innovative manipulation by John Dyson of the existing traps and some shooting positions & also a new layout introduced (Willows); a tougher challenge lay ahead for all the competitors regardless of their ability.

There was only one perfect score on day 2 from Mark Winser on the Tower layout. However, Brendon Frost posted a remarkable 24 ex 25 on the Lake layout that was as good as any 25 throughout the week end.

Final results:

Seniors: Matt Hance and Kevin Jobling 180 after shoot off Matt 180 + 21 against Kevin 180 + 19. Mark Winser was 3<sup>rd</sup> on 180 but having left the event earlier was unable to compete in the shoot off.

Juniors: J Lovick 169, J Moore 159 and N Hales 132

Ladies: Janine Preece 164, Becky Bream & Audrey Boyd 152 after SO Becky 152 + 17 Audrey 152 + 16

Veterans: Dave Asher 176 John Pool 174 & Carl Bloxham 171

Super Vets: Alan Coy 159 Paddy Howe 155 & P Buckley 153

Matt Hance was a worthy winner of the 2011 FITASC Sporting BGP after winning the shoot off against Kevin Jobling, it is a pity Mark Winser had left the shoot early having shot 90 day one and two, he thought he was out of it but his consistent shooting had brought him back into contention and was unaware of it.

Graham Stirzaker having shot 90 on day one started having problems with light strikes on the bottom barrel costing him a higher placing due to a host of gun/cartridge malfunctions ending on 169; not a mile away considering his gun problems.

Nick Woodward ran another successful fund raising raffle and also entered the scores in a timely manner; John Dyson supported by a number of referees maintained the manual score board throughout the week-end.

The annual award for Referees achievement went to Andrew Paul.

A full breakdown of the results is available on the BICTSF [www.bictsf.com](http://www.bictsf.com) web site also the up-dated Rankings.

On a personal note,

I would like to thank personally, Nick Woodward, the Referees and ground owners who have continued to support FITASC Sporting over the past few years when finances have been tight; not forgetting of course you the customer for your attendance. Thank you all so very much.

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