

**Hickneham Farm FITASC Sporting British Grand Prix & World
Championships Team Selection Shoot Cut Off
Aug 22/23 2009 Technical Report**

Technical

Hickenham Farm Shooting Ground a satellite of the Hornet shooting school was the venue for the 2009 FITASC Sporting British Grand Prix. It was also the final selection event for 2009, 171 competitors took part.

The shoot manager and course designer was Mr Kevin Gray with administration support from Mrs Karen Gray also traps and technical support by Promatic.

The competition ran over 4 layouts named, Hornet, Promatic, CCI and Eley. The 4 layouts had changes made to them for the second days' competition; these changes were considered satisfactory producing a change that sufficiently altered the targets ensuring 2 full days competition.

The CCI and Promatic layouts were of comparable difficulty with Eley returning higher scores in comparison to the other 3 layouts. There were a number of 25 straights on day one however, on day 2 the impact of strong gusting winds made the Eley layout difficult on the second half of the event. Wind apart there were a number of exceptional scores returned on all layouts on both days.

Worthy of note was the effort put in by the grounds staff in preparation of the shooting arenas for this event that included two high scaffolding towers. Mown walkways were provided to guide the competitors to the shooting positions on firm ground.

Target presentation was good with sunlight having some effect on target visibility however the Blaze Rabbit on CCI will be remembered by most as will the very slow incoming target on day 2 Eley stand 2, lazily flopping into the maize crop.

Hugh Smith assessed the targets on Friday the 21 August, all targets where of a high standard, with varying speeds, distance, colours and angles, it was necessary to make a number of minor changes during the inspection.

The facilities at Hickenham Farm were more than adequate with a open air kitchen operating and a covered dinning and relaxing areas provided however, there were no toilette facilities provided on the Eley layout a good walk from the HQ this would need rectification should we return in the future to this site for a GB selection event.

The scores were computed and maintained in a timely manner by Karen Gray.

There was little or no delay in displaying the results, score cards from the remote shooting positions were returned efficiently, any minor errors were corrected as soon as they were discovered.

The presentations finally completed at 20:00 Sunday evening

Competition

The first day's results indicated that the competitors were in top form with Steve Brightwell leading the field with 92 followed closely by Sam Green (Junior) 91 and Mark Marshall 91, Kevin Jobling on 90.

Day One Results:

Seniors: Mark Marshall 91 Kevin Jobling 90 Mark Winser 90.

Sam Green was the lead Junior 91 with J Lovick 89 and David Bolton 82.

Ladies: Cheryl Hall 84 Jennine Preece 80 Pet Easton and Ruth Naunton 76.

Veterans: Steve Brightwell 92 John Pool 89 and Colin Saich 87.

Super Vets: Paddy Howe 81 David Payne 80 Bill Joyce 78.

Day two started in good weather conditions with the wind freshening, the sun began to impact target visibility, targets then began to vary, sometimes considerably, making the referees task difficult to maintain the equity of the event..

The 178 score of the event winner Kevin Jobling was an exceptionally good score given the degree of difficulty and the variable targets due to second day weather conditions. The competition ran over time on day 2, starting at 09:00 and finishing at 19:00 due to equipment problems, completing over an hour late.

Final Placings:

Seniors Gold: K Jobling 178. Silver: A Palmer 173. Bronze M Marshall 172.

Ladies: Gold: C Hall 165. Silver: J Preece 149. Bronze: S Hamburger R Naunton 147 (CB time constraints 19/15 Eley).

Juniors: Gold: S Green 171. Silver: C Papworth 159. Bronze: P Gray 154.

Vets: Gold: Gold: S Brightwell 174. Silver: C Saich 171. Bronze: J Pool 167.

S/Vets: Gold: Gold: P Howe 158. Silver: D Payne 150. Bronze: T Thomas 145.

There was a very good atmosphere throughout the event assisted by good weather conditions on both days.

The Referees trophy for 2009 was presented to Ricky Stala for his services and support to FITASC Sporting at home and abroad from 1996 – 2009.

Nick Woodward ran another successful fund raising raffle netting over £500 plus donations raising this figure to around £800.

As Chairman for FITASC Sporting GB and on behalf of the competitors I would like to thank Jason and Judy Rainer for their hospitality at Hickneham during this event.

Hugh Smith.

Australian World Championship Teams:

Seniors: M Myers, M Vessey, M Marshall, S Stacey.

Reserves: N Hart, M Winser, P Hurst, M Hance and M Papworth.

Ladies: S Hamburger, P Easton J Preece.

Reserves: J Speakman, D Ward. S Jones.

Juniors: H Seal, P Gray, C Papworth

Reserves: L LLewellin, L Barnes, David Bolton.

Veterans: J Dyson, EDJ Asher, M Reynolds,

Reserves: B Dunbavin. N Jay.

S/Veterans: A Coy, C Foden#, R Ward,

Reserve: J P C Bland. T Thomas.

Captain:

John Dyson.

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Note: *Where the above selections do not reflect the current Rankings post Hickneham BGP it is due to confirmation of **non acceptance** of the team place on offer.*

The above Team may change on receipt of final acceptance or not as the individual case may be.

All the above nominations including reserves are requested to confirm their intentions/acceptance by 15 Sep 2009 to:

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