

FITASC Sporting Selection Shoot & English Open **At Podimore SG Apr 16/17 2011 Technical Report**

Technical

Podimore Shooting Ground was the venue for the 2nd GB FITASC Sporting Selection Shoot 2011 it was also the cut off for the 2011 European FITASC Sporting GB Team selection and also the FITASC Sporting English Open. 133 competitors took part there were 2 'No Shows'.

The ground owner and course designer was Mr Paul Bennett with administration provided by Alison Meek.

The competition ran over 3 layouts new system, Q-Line 1 & 2, Promatic 1 & 2 and Tower 1 & 2; with new shooting positions and layouts provided for the second day's competition; effectively there were 6 layouts.

The ground and shooting areas were well prepared for the event; it was clear that a large amount of effort had been used to accommodate the FITASC competitors needs.

Target presentation was exceptionally good. The weather conditions were as near perfect as you could get with warm overcast conditions on day one and a warm sunny day two.

There were no major failures either day, with the event running as scheduled on both days.

Hugh Smith assessed the targets on Friday 15th April, all targets were of a high standard, they were visible with varying speeds, distance, heights, and angles, minor changes were made during the inspection. All competition layouts were a credit to the course designer Paul Bennett given the limited variation in the landscape available to Paul.

The facilities at Podimore SG are more than adequate for an event such as this.

The scores were computed and maintained by Alison Meek, who also maintained a results board, this became the focus of attention as the competition developed; something that is often omitted at premier grounds but provides value to the event.

On completion of the event Hugh Smith and Nick Woodward identified from the current Rankings the names of those selected to represent GB at the European Championships Spain May 2011. It should be noted that George Parsons S/Vet requested not to be included also Junior Phil Gray; the positions in these two categories were adjusted accordingly.

Competition

The first day's results returned high scores with 11 x 25 ex 25. It could be considered that day one was a little on the soft side, it wasn't, it was pitched perfectly particularly for the less abled competitors with day two requiring the more abled to compete to the end making the event a very good two day event.

Leading scores day one are as follows: Seniors Martin Myers 73 ex 75, Juniors Nathan Batchelor 71, Ladies Becky Bream 66, Vets Steve Watts 71 and S/Vets George Parsons 68.

Day two started with a little mist that rapidly cleared leaving ideal warm and dry good weather conditions.

The change of targets and positions now reflected a step change to day ones targets, new perspectives added to the test of competitor's skills. Targets were well presented also there were many variations with the doubles leading to many a downfall in returned scores in comparison to day one. There were no 25 scores on day two with the average high scores of 21/22 there were however scores of 23 returned with the leading contenders averaging 22

The 138 was the winning score posted by Martin Myers (Wales) two targets clear of Mark Marshall 136 with Kevin Jobling 135.

Final Category Placings Are:

Seniors: Martyn Myers 138 Mark Marshall 136, Kevin Jobling 135.

Ladies: Becky Bream 119, Pet Easton and Georgie Bartholomew 114.

Juniors: Phil Gray 133, Nathan Batchelor and Harry Seal 129.

Vets: Steve Brightwell 133, Graham Stirzaker 131 and Carl Bloxham 130.

S/Vets: Allan Coy, Roger Ward and George Parsons 123.

Colts The Colts prize was awarded to Nathan Hales 117.

The English Open Class winners were:

Class A: Martyn Myers, Class B: Harry Seal (after a Shoot off with Nathan Batchelor)
Class C: Rob Eggins and Class D: M Allen by default over N Hales
(N Hales not present for a shoot off for this class).

Full results for GB Team Selection including all classes and categories final placings and the up-dated Rankings list are available on the BICTSF web at: www.bictsf.com

GB Team Selection

This event was also the cut off for the FITASC Sporting GB European Championships Teams for Spain 2011

Mr Terry Bobbett Chairman CPSA Directors and National Director, presented the category English Open medals and trophies he also presented the class winner badges.

The names of those selected in accordance with the 2010 selection criteria to represent GB in their respective categories will be announced within the next few days on the BICTSF web site at: www.bictsf.com

Conclusion:

A very good championship event and team selection shoot. Many good comments were passed from all levels of competitors. A high standard was achieved by Podimore for this first attempt at this level and I whole heartedly agree.

Nick Woodward ran yet again another successful raffle earning £400 for the fund, thanks for your efforts Nick.

Hugh Smith
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