

# **Southdown FITASC Sporting GB Selection Shoot & UK Championships June 18/19 2011 Technical Report**

## **Technical**

Southdown Shooting Ground was the venue for the third GB Team FITASC Sporting Selection 2011 also the cut off for the selection of the GB FITASC Sporting team that will represent GB at the FITASC Sporting World Championships Orville France July 2011. 128 competitors took part.

The shoot manager and course designer was Mr Shaun Peckham.

The competition ran over layouts named Valley, Platforms and Warren with the Valley and Warren layouts proving to be the most demanding on the first day; blustery weather conditions with heavy showers cost many competitors targets. However, there were two perfect scores 25 x 25 recorded on day 1. One by Veteran Steve Brightwell on Platforms and Senior Paul Lovick on Valley.

There were 4 recorded straights on day two, with better weather, the scores improved across the board.

Worthy of note was the effort put in by the grounds staff in preparation of the shooting arenas for this event with new positions prepared for day two.

Hugh Smith assessed the targets on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> all targets where of a good standard, visible with varying speeds, distance, colours and angles. It was only necessary to make minor changes for target sequences.

The domestic facilities at Southdown have improved tremendously and were more than adequate with portable WCs positioned on the remote layouts.

The scores were computed and maintained in a timely manner (after a little expert tuition from Nick Woodward); there was little or no delay in displaying the results, at the end of the event the shoot offs were completed within 45 minutes and the presentations completed within 45 minutes of the last shot.

## **Competition**

The first days results indicated that the competitors skills were under test due to the prevailing weather conditions although Seniors Stuart Rudling and John Heagren posted 70 ex 75.

J Lovick was the lead Junior on 64, Harry Seal 60 and Phil Gray 57.

In the Ladies, Pet Easton and Janine Preece tied on 58 with Carole Sawkins 55.

Veterans saw Steve Brightwell 68, Dennis Webb 67, Carl Bloxham and John Pool close behind on 65.

Super Vets had Roger Ward 64, Steve Checketts 59 also Alan Coy and Paddy Howe also 59.

With the second day in progress and not so windy conditions competition was a lot more pleasant for the competitors with only one heavy shower mid afternoon; the layouts seemed a little easier but they were not.

Stuart Rudling; the outright winner and UK Champion posting 139 (70 + 69). There was an an exciting shoot off for first and second in Ladies finishing with Pet Easton on 114 + 16 and Janine Preece 114 +15.

Jack Lovick came good to take the Juniors on 128 with Harry seal 126 and Phil Gray 125.

Pet Easton won Ladies after shooting off with Janine Preece 114 +16 against 114 +15 with Amanda Gallagher relatively new to FITASC Sporting third on 113.

Steve Brightwell won Vets 135 with John Dyson 133 and Graham Stirzaker 131 alongside Carl Bloxham and John Pool. No shoot off took place as all three had left the venue. Position was resolved by using count back from the 6<sup>th</sup> layout resulting in order: 24, 22 and 21.

Super Vets saw Roger Ward 126, Alan Coy 124 and Paddy Howe 123.

The 139 score of the event winner and Champion Stuart Rudling was extremely good given the wet and windy weather conditions on day one. The competition ran with little delay day one and to time on day 2.

The overall atmosphere was good as competitors posted good personal scores over a challenging course in poor weather. The quality of the target is a step change in the right direction for Southdown as the club morphs from its old reputation.

Nick Woodward ran another successful fund raising raffle.

Class	Position	Name	Result
A	1	J Heagren	138
A	2	S Collets	136
A	3	S Brightwell	135
B	1	P Hurst	132
B	2	B R Green	128 (SO)
B	3	J Lovick	128
C	1	K Forward	121
C	2	G Smart	121 (SO)
C	3	S Woodley	118
D	1	WJ Joyce	118
D	2	N Woodward	113 (By DF)
D	3	D Gregory	113

Please note, K Forward donated his prize money to the BICTSF GB FITASC Sporting team funds.

Full results for the event including the new Rankings and also the selected team can be reviewed by going to the BICTSF web site following: [www.bictsf.com](http://www.bictsf.com)

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