

# **Southern Counties FITASC Sporting Selection Shoot & English Open April 25 & 26 2009 Technical Report**

## **Technical**

Southern Counties Shooting School was the venue for the first GB Team FITASC Sporting selection 2009, 132 competitors took part there was 1 'no show'.

The shoot manager and course designer was Mr Kevin Newton assisted by Mrs Anthea Hillyer.

The competition ran over layouts named Skeet, High Tower and Ponds with the Skeet layout proving to be the most demanding course on the first day and all three courses evenly balanced on the second day with High Tower being replaced with Brick Tower.

Day one was marred by high gusting winds that made it at times a lottery for the competitors with the Skeet layout being the worse affected; this is clearly reflected in the scores for the majority of competitors on day one.

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 including a completely new layout 'Brick Tower'.

There were no other competitions run at the Southern Counties during this event ensuring maximum ground usage for the selection shoot.

Hugh Smith assessed the targets on Friday the 24, all targets were of a high standard, visible with varying speeds, distance, colours and angles, it was only necessary to make changes for the predicted weather with additional changes made on Saturday before first shots.

The facilities at Southern Counties are conducive with a Premier Plus ground and the staff service was excellent.

The scores were computed and maintained in a timely manner by Anthea 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 day's results indicated that the competitors skills were severely under test due to the prevailing weather conditions with S Rudling posting 67 as the highest score closely followed by Tony Manvell 66, Steve Brightwell, Martin Papworth and Shaun Stacey 64.

Phil Gray posting 58 as did Harry Seal were lead Junior's and Chris Papworth 55.

In the Ladies Sarah Hamburger took the lead with 55 Janine Preece 50 and Pet Easton 47.

Veterans saw Steve Brightwell in the lead with 64 closely followed by John Dyson 63 and Dennis Webb 61.

Super Vets had Paddy Howe on 63 Colin Foden 59 and Jerry Bland 52.

With the second day in progress and the windy conditions abating to a light breeze and a more advantageous direction, light rain greeted the competitors on an early start.

Tony Manvell kept to his task eventually posting 131 as did Shaun Stacey and Stuart Rudling; After an exciting difficult shoot off Shaun took the honours 131+21 with Stuart Rudling 131+18 and Tony Manvell 131+14

Chris Papworth came through on 122 to take the Junior's with Phil Gray 121 and Harry Seal 119.

Sarah Hamburger took the ladies after a very close shoot off on 114 +17 with Janine Preece 114 +16 Pet Easton third on 107.

Steve Brightwell 130 won vets with John Dyson 124 and J Dignam 123.

Super Vets saw Paddy Howe take the event on 123 with Colin Foden 119 Jerry Bland third with 109.

The 131 score of the event winner was extremely good given the poor weather conditions on day one; the competition ran with no delays completing day one on time and 15 minutes early on the Sunday.

The atmosphere on Saturday was depressed as competitors posted disappointing personal scores due to the poor weather however, as conditions improved during day two so did the atmosphere with many competitors commenting on how good the targets had been and apart from day one they thoroughly enjoyed the event and challenge.

Nick Woodward ran another successful fund raising raffle netting approximately £300

Class	Position	Name	Result
A	1	S Rudling	131 + 18
A	2	T Manvell	131 + 14
A	3	S Brightwell	130
B	1	P Howe	123
B	2	N Hart	122
B	3	P Gray	121
C	1	J Dingham	123
C	2	C Papworth	122
C	3	C Foden	119
D	1	L LLevellin	112
D	2	K Granthem	111
D	3	K Busher	103

Hugh Smith.

