

Stickledown: Sept. 4th 2013 Long Range Match Shooting Report.
Featuring: "Girl who Got the Gopher"

Falling back shooting from 800 to 1200 yards on **Stickledown** this autumn attracted fourteen members and guests this month, buoyed up and very enthusiastic for this specialised, popular and twice annual event. Once again, we were incredibly fortunate with the weather – a beautiful, misty late summer morning followed by warm sunshine all day long.

Another huge benefit for the long range shot was the zero factor wind from the South East for almost all of the day. The mirage down range was so readable that it was possible to see the wake of some bullets as they flew downrange and to use it to make those subtle corrections that make fours' into fives' and V's – exceptionally fascinating.

The usual suspects were out in force together with welcome guests all prepared to stretch their barrels and work their bullets on the longest of the Bisley ranges. This event is great fun and a good test, particularly the 1000 yard prairie dog – **The BSRC 1000 Yard Club award** – now with **FOURTEEN** über shooter official members worldwide! – including the maiden lady member, guest, **Lisa Bagley**. Without any wind to factor and virtually still conditions, the gopher was a dead duck! - although still no mean feat.

On no other occasion has the **brotherhood** been swelled by so many new members on one day! New qualifiers: **Lisa Bagley, Colin Roberts, Ed Chapman, Alex Linsell-Clark** and **David Rollafson** all made the shot for the first time and stalwart **Alby Lyons** re-qualifying for the third time: each scoring one hit on the half MOA dog – outstanding marksmanship. **Dan Goss** who couldn't make the day due to impending nuptials will surely get some ribbing from his two chums when they present their new awards back in Essex.

Great camaraderie and great shooting all round with **six HPS's at 800yds** including new long range shooter **David Rollafson, three HPS's at 900yds** (**David R.** again) and one **HPS at 1100yds** from **John Chambers**.

It must be merited that **Layne Chisholm**, shooting "Kenyan style" (target sling, **no** bipod and aperture sights) for the whole competition carried the day once again with one of the highest scores ever recorded - a sensational **124-16V**– only one point lost - great shooting!

Date your diaries for May 2014 (DTBA) to avoid disappointment as they say – summer weather guaranteed – well, maybe.

A full score at each range for this competition on Stickledown is **25.5** - five bulls scoring 5 points each and the "**V**" signifying the central hit. The **V-Bulls** are thus aggregated, they are not decimal points. HPS for the scored events this year would be **125.25** and five hits on the dog.

The scores, in no particular order, follow:-

Names	800yds	900yds	1000yds	1000yd Gopher	1100yds	1200yds	Total
Steve Lewis	25.5	25.5	23.2	miss	24.1	21.1	118.14
Alby Lyons	25.3	25.1	24.1	1 HIT	18.2	20.1	112.08
David Rollafson	25.5	25.5	24.3	1 HIT	24.2	22.1	120.16
Lisa Bagley	25.2	24.3	25.4	1 HIT	25.1	19.1	118.11
Colin Roberts	25.5	25.3	25.2	1 HIT	DNS	DNS	75.10
John Chambers	25.4	25.4	25.4	miss	25.5	22.2	122.19
David Hambleton	25.5	24.1	24.1	miss	22.0	13.0	108.07
Alex Linsell-Clark	25.5	25.5	24.4	1 HIT	21.1	19.1	114.16
Layne Chisholm	25.5	25.3	25.2	miss	25.3	24.3	124.16
Ken Scott	25.4	25.4	21.0	DNS	17.1	DNS	88.10
Ed Chapman	25.4	25.3	24.3	1 HIT	25.2	23.1	122.13
Myles Robertson	25.4	25.3	24.2	miss	19.0	20.1	113.10
Tim Goddard	24.2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	24.02
Dan Goss	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	Hitched.

Many thanks from all to Myles Robertson & Alby Lyons et' al for all the RO'ing.

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