

## **Running Deer Championships July 2014 – Match report by J.M.K.**

14 members took part in these Championships, a similar number to last year and only 2 below the highest recent level achieved in 2010 and 2011, but it is still a pity that more members do not participate even if only one series each of Singles and Doubles. A further 12 members shot in the Unlimited Running Deer and Standing Boar, some several times. 42 others came over from their matches on Century Range. These tend to come in waves, often in groups who make shooting with us an integral part of their annual pilgrimage to Bisley. This year Thursday all day and Tuesday morning were particularly busy.

All but three of the Championship entrants opted to shoot on Saturday which made that a fairly full day but not one that Terry Ord and Darren Cottee could not cope with very smoothly on the buttons so that we finished in good time. Our thanks are due to them and to Bruce Martin, Alan Key, John Rossiter, David Williams and of course Ed Gilbert who all did stints over the six days. We were very grateful for the work done by David Lamb and Uli Haring in finding and correcting the bug that had for some time been causing a failure to record the second shot of a Doubles pair rather too often. Surprisingly this was found to be in the software that applies to other events where the paper roll moves down after each shot and during which time no shot is to be recorded. Manual markers had their idiosyncrasies but so do electronics it seems though much less frequently!

The winning scores were not as high as in previous years, and scores were much more bunched at the top than might have been expected. The top four places in the Singles were separated by only four points. It is pleasing to note that the average of the top seven places was up on the previous year, dramatically so in the case of Doubles.

For the third year in succession Alan Harvey won all the three major trophies and the medal for the best pair of 10s in the first week. He just pays so much more attention to all the technical aspects of his equipment and his shooting than others appear to - it really shows. Congratulations Alan. Other trophies, not open to a winner of any of these three were won as follows.

The Butterworth Decanter, which we presented to Archie, our Founding Father, as an 90<sup>th</sup> birthday gift and got back to use as a trophy after his death, is for the best 80 shot Championship Aggregate and goes deservedly to Darren Cottee, whose intense and friendly rivalry with Richard Jeffery has brought on their score considerably in recent times.

The Dewar Cup, which we found in an auction sale and was ultimately gifted to us by the family of the original winner, is for the best 10 shot series over the six days. This mirrors the original 1914 condition which was for the best 6 shot series on the Running Deer. Steve Wallis, who again had not entered the Championship, turned up on Tuesday afternoon with his new twin post scoped rifle and did some impressive Unlimiteds to win the cup for the fifth time. He is only the second person that I know of, here or abroad, to use a twin post on the Deer, something that has always surprised me. He also won the 2<sup>nd</sup> week medal for the best pair of 10s.

Two Butterworth Memorial medals are awarded each year for the aggregate of the best four 10 shot series, either from the Unlimiteds or the first or last 10 of any of the four 20 shot series, plus the best Standing boar score. A Silver medal winner is not eligible to win again until two years have elapsed; a Bronze medal winner may only win a Silver in that period. With 2011 winners not competing, this meant that Alan Harvey and Alistair Bullen were not eligible leaving J.M.K. and John Maddison to win the two medals.

The "Speed Test" which I introduced also attracted quite a lot of interest and not just because it was free it seems! It is designed to test what is a fundamental part of the skill in Sporting Rifle shooting – to be able to raise the rifle accurately to a selected mark and shoot at once. The test is shot standing at the Standing Boar target with a device that times the interval between its buzzer going and the report of the shot. After a slow and safe reload and returning to our Ready position, the process is repeated nine times. The clock shows the aggregate time. The score does to matter except that 3 seconds is added for each non-scoring shot. 26 people had a go with gross times of from 16.7 to 53.8 second. Most people take around 3 seconds per shot. Only one, Alan Harvey, earned no penalties to go with his creditable, though not the fastest, time of 19.9 seconds. I am delight that he should hold the trophy that I have provided until we shoot it again.

John Kynoch, Event Organiser

## Running Deer Championship July 2014

### Running Deer Unlimiteds - First week 10th/11th July

			Total
Alan Harvey	46	46	92
Alistair Bullen	45	43	88
Carl Glaister	43	41	84
Douglas Glaister	31	23	54
Richard Jeffery	0	0	0
David Yendell	0	0	0
Alan Key	38	35	73
Mark Solomons	28	25	53
Ken Solomons	24	17	41

**NRA Gold Medal for Best two series in First Week**

**Alan Harvey**

### British Running Deer Singles Championship 2014

	1st Series	2nd Series	Total
<b>Alan Harvey</b>	86	81	<b>167</b>
Richard Jeffery	85	80	165
Darren Cottee	83	81	164
John Kynoch	78	85	163
Alistair Bullen	83	76	159
John Maddison	81	77	158
Carl Glaister	79	75	154
David Williams	74	76	150
David Yendell	78	68	146
Nick Thomas	73	70	143
Jim Hawkins	68	73	141
Douglas Glaister	60	55	115
Michael Kenney	41	40	81

**Winner of NRA Challenge Cup**

**Alan Harvey**

### British Running Deer Doubles Championship 2014

	1st Series	2nd Series	Total
<b>Alan Harvey</b>	83	84	<b>167</b>
Darren Cottee	79	82	161
Richard Jeffery	79	77	156
John Maddison	79	77	156
John Kynoch	79	76	155
David Yendell	70	76	146
Alistair Bullen	73	71	144
Carl Glaister	65	74	139
Jim Hawkins	59	71	130
David Williams	73	55	128
Nick Thomas	51	63	114
Michael Kenney	31	48	79

**Winner of Walter Winans Challenge Cup**

**Alan Harvey**

<b>British Running Deer Championship 2014</b>				
	1st Singles	1st Doubles	Total	
<b>Alan Harvey</b>	86	83	<b>169</b>	
Richard Jeffery	85	79	<b>164</b>	
Darren Cottee	83	79	<b>162</b>	
John Maddison	81	79	<b>160</b>	
John Kynoch	78	79	<b>157</b>	
Alistair Bullen	83	73	<b>156</b>	
David Yendell	78	70	<b>148</b>	
David Williams	74	73	<b>147</b>	
Carl Glaister	79	65	<b>144</b>	
Jim Hawkins	68	59	<b>127</b>	
Nick Thomas	73	51	<b>124</b>	
Alan Russell	52	38	<b>90</b>	
Michael Kenney	41	31	<b>72</b>	
<b>Winner of BSRC Running Deer Challenge Trophy</b>			<b>Alan Harvey</b>	
<b>British Running Deer Championship 2014</b>				
<b>Butterworth Decanter</b>				
	Singles	Doubles	Total	
Alan Harvey	167	167	<b>334</b>	not eligible
<b>Darren Cottee</b>	164	161	<b>325</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Richard Jeffery	165	156	<b>321</b>	
John Kynoch	163	155	<b>318</b>	
John Maddison	158	156	<b>314</b>	
Alistair Bullen	159	144	<b>303</b>	
Carl Glaister	154	139	<b>293</b>	
David Yendell	146	146	<b>292</b>	
David Williams	150	128	<b>278</b>	
Jim Hawkins	141	130	<b>271</b>	
Nick Thomas	143	114	<b>257</b>	
Michael Kenney	81	79	<b>160</b>	
<b>Winner of Butterworth Decanter</b>			<b>Darren Cottee</b>	
for highest 80 shot aggregate by competitor not winning one of the three main trophies				
<b>Running Deer Unlimiteds - Second week 14th/15th July</b>				
<b>Steve Wallis</b>	47	45	<b>92</b>	
John Kynoch	44	44	<b>88</b>	
Ed Gilbert	43	43	<b>86</b>	
Alistair Bullen	42	41	<b>83</b>	
Carl Glaister	38	36	<b>74</b>	
Simon Rowe	40	27	<b>67</b>	
Douglas Glaister	33	33	<b>66</b>	
John Ware	31	30	<b>61</b>	
<b>NRA Gold Medal for Best two series in Second Week</b>			<b>Steve Wallis</b>	

<b>Butterworth medals</b>								
		best four ten shot series on Deer			best Standing Boar	<b>Total</b>		
Alan Harvey	46	46	44	44	95	<b>275</b>	ineligible	
<b>John Kynoch</b>	44	44	43	43	88	<b>262</b>	<b>Silver Medal</b>	
Alistair Bullen	45	43	43	42	88	<b>261</b>	ineligible for Bronze	
<b>John Maddison</b>	44	41	42	40	91	<b>258</b>	<b>Bronze Medal</b>	
Carl Glaister	44	43	41	41	68	<b>237</b>		
Richard Jeffery	44	41	41	41	61	<b>228</b>		
Darren Cottee	44	44	42	42	47	<b>219</b>		
Alan Key	38	35	35	33	58	<b>199</b>		
<b>Dewar Cup - best ten shot series</b>								
<b>Steve Wallis</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Winner</b>						
Alan Harvey	46							
Alistair Bullen	45							
Darren Cottee	44							
Carl Glaister	44							
Richard Jeffery	44							
John Kynoch	44							
John Maddison	44							
Ed Gilbert	43							
David Yendell	42							
David Williams	41							
Simon Rowe	40							
Alan Key	38							
John Watson	38							
Nick Thomas	34							
Douglas Glaister	33							
Richard Fowler	33							
John Ware	31							
Mark Solomons	28							
Colin Read	25							
Ken Solomons	24							
<b>Winner of Dewar Cup</b>		<b>Steve Wallis</b>						
for best 10 shot series, winners of three major trophies ineligible								