

ASHES MATCH REPORT – Saturday 12th Sept 2015.

The annual Ashes Match was held at the BSRC range on Saturday 12th September this year & whilst numbers attending were a little down on last year, those that did turn up seemed to enjoy themselves. This despite scopes falling off (twice), magazines self-disassembling, suffering numerous misfires & kit bought to the firing line which included not one, but two rubber mallets in case of stuck cases. No one can say that owning one of these sometimes 'fickle beasts' isn't entertaining!

Sadly, neither Tim Cooper nor Adrian Dagger were able to join us for the match this year due to last minute family & work issues respectively. Being regular attendees at previous Ashes matches, they were both sorely missed this year & hopefully their reasons for not being able to attend both had positive outcomes.

These big calibre rifles don't often get an outing on the range so it's always an interesting match & this year the array of rifles used ranged from 8x57mm in the double rifle competition, to 425cal (bolt action) in group 2, with 375 H&H in group 1 being the most popular calibre. Reshoots are always encouraged, but are often limited by the number of rounds loaded (cases for the more obscure calibres can be hard to obtain/make) & punishment the shooter's shoulder can take.

Try 8 shots from a 416 Remington magnum in 35secs & you'll know what I mean by punishment!

The Match results are shown below:-

Name	Group 1 <i>(>0.338", min 165g bullet with ME of >2900ft lb)</i>	Group 2 <i>(>0.4", min 400g bullet with ME of >3900ft lb)</i>	Special snap <i>(>0.338", min 165g bullet with ME of >2900ft lb)</i>	Double Rifle <i>(>0.228" or 5.7mm)</i>
Alan Christmas	83/120	47/100	25/80 41/80 (reshoot)	-
Chris Rennick		44/100	39/80	-
Colin Nunn	77/120		41/80 55/80 (reshoot)	-
Darren Cottee	106/120		68/80 61/80 (reshoot)	-
Derek Stimpson	69/120	60/100	46/80	65/100
Gordon Catlin	64/120			-
Lindsay Jamieson	50/120	55/100	41/80	-
Richard Jeffery	63/120	50/100 84/100 (reshoot)		

Next year we hope to be hosting some of our friends from Australia & South Africa at this event, so if you if you have an eligible rifle, make sure you look out for the date & possibly some practice days in next year's calendar.

Darren Cottee (Vice-Captain).