

Century – Wednesday 7th October 2015

A brave and hardy team of shooters met in the NRA range office car park for the second of this year's long range shoots on Bisley's Century ranges, shooting vermin and game targets whilst falling back from 200 to 600 yards.

Breezy and intermittently squally conditions prevailed until well after lunch coupled with significant mid-week range use that saw us traversing the whole range as the day progressed. Although the very testing prevailing westerly wind (6 – 10mph) and drizzle thwarted constantly high scoring - there were still a good few **HPS** recorded – **four** at **200yds**, and only **one** other by your scribe (who took worthy advantage of a brief lull in the weather) at **400yds**.

Straight after lunch and on the **prairie dog** for the **blue ribbon** event at **500yds** and onset of the heaviest shower of the day; the varmint was obviously going to be completely safe during these immensely challenging elements. Wrong! Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!

Michael Seager, new club member and experienced rifleman, made a **double hit** using the NRA F/TR Class .308Win. **Michael**, firing the 175 GGG factory cartridges bulls-eyed the 2½” target on only his first attempt for inaugural membership of this elite order – now with only twenty-eight members world-wide! – wear your well-earned patch with pride Michael.

Geraldine Moores scored **two hits** firing a custom Pete Moores .275 Modified with the 162gr bullet; produced a 5 shot 4½” group and re-qualified for a fourth time for this illustrious cadre of the **BSRC 500 Yard Club**. Also together with **Ken Scott**, 6.5x47 with the 140gr bullet, and **John Rossiter** 6.5x47 with the 140gr bullet and a tight, predominately vertical 5 shot 4½” group too; both scoring **double hits**; both re-qualifying for a fourth time too in the increasingly difficult conditions. **Ken's** two, almost central hits, were only ½” apart! A Great target!! (I have all the medal winning targets and will return them to their owners).

Your scribe just carried the day with a total of **269** (HPS 300) from **Geraldine Moores** with **260** - great shooting from all in the conditions that were experienced, particularly just after lunch.

Please note that numbers for **Century** event days have to be restricted to a maximum of eighteen shooters - time is simply against us making it difficult for all to complete the course of fire in the time available. These open, specialised and popular events enable members and their guests to shoot their heavy, tactical style rifles or any other type of rifle without restriction on weight, sights, stocks, triggers, supports etc. or almost anything else that you might think of within range limits.

To avoid disappointment, if you wish to enter the long range events, please post your entry early when the calling notice is published.

The next **Century** game/varmint event could be mid **April 2016** (after the Easter half term) and the next **Stickledown** event will be mid to late **May 2016** (avoiding the Spring Match weekend).

Many thanks from all to **Barry Morgan, John Rossiter and Ed Gilbert** for their help with setting-up, RO'ing, scoring and for the NRA admin and also to **Jodie** who was easily the best marker we've ever had.

The following scores recorded for this event in no particular order are:-

The Scores

Names	Fox 200yds	Fox 300yds	Fallow 400yds	Q-B Fox 400yds	Fallow 500yds	P'Dog 500yds	Red hind 600yds	Totals HPS 300
S. Lewis	50	45	50	47	30	miss	47	269
B. Morgan	50	30	44	38	33	miss	46	241
D. Hambleton	47	20	44	24	16	miss	DNS	151
A. Lyons	50	49	37	DNS	36	miss	36	208
G. Buckle	43	47	30	0	39	miss	0	159
C. Nunn	49	28	24	3	25	miss	27	156
G. Moores	50	49	48	45	20	2 HITS	48	260
J. Rossiter	49	32	36	34	44	2 HITS	48	243
K. Scott	25	49	20	10	32	2 HITS	37	173
E. Gilbert	49	46	22	9	34	miss	18	178
M. Seager	48	38	48	45	18	2 HITS	47	244
S. Kale	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	41	miss	0	41

Steve Lewis.
Event Organiser.