

Memorial Match 2015.

Sunday, 8th of November was the chosen day to hold our annual Memorial Match to commemorate those club members who have gone before us.

An early start (though not as imagined, early enough) saw the R/O team set up the targets and attempt the jigsaw that is the assembly of the simulated high seats used in the Stalkers Test for the Leatherby trophy. Three grown men (with between them, the ability of the average half-wit) attempted to put together two small wooden structures. It looked like a Norman Wisdom sketch of folks on Blackpool beach trying to put up their deck chairs. Eventually, one of the trio, took command and without interference from the other stooges, things came together for a nine am start.

Twenty resolute members of the club turned out during the day to shoot for some of our finest looking trophies.

Alan Harvey must have a secret performance-enhancing regime on the go somewhere (I suspect it may be called practice and training) as once again he came first in all four categories, allowing him the pick of the bunch. (Remember, only one trophy per participant on this occasion). Alan chose to accept the Strugnall, a beautiful bronze moose, donated to us by our Norwegian friends a few years ago. This trophy is awarded for the highest twelve shot, 'stop at wall' series, using a moose target, rather than our normal running deer target. Very similar to our usual Swedish Deer test, this event normally throws up some very different scores. But to Mr Harvey, no problem.

Chris Rennick had an excellent crack at the Leatherby and came away with another stunning brass deer, mounted on the butt of an old rifle stock. Well done Chris.

The Baxter trophy, a nicely engraved boar on a glass plate and plinth was awarded on this occasion to David Yendell who made a great effort at ten slow followed by ten fast running boar.

Finally, the Powell Aggregate Trophy, another finely engraved glass piece was awarded to Susie Drew. Susie's combined score for all three events was the highest after the three main trophy winners.

It was good to see some of the newer members of the club turn out to give the 'old guard' a run for their money. Now, if only we can find a way to control 'Superman.' I reckon we should make him use a peashooter.

A big thank you to Ian Millward, Colin Sach, Susie Drew and Chris Rennick. Without them, the day would not have run so smoothly. Thanks to Ash for the giggles when putting up the seats and thanks to all who came to compete.