

2015 Christmas Match, 13th December 2015

Yet again, where has the year gone? A mild but dank Sunday morning greeted us first thing in the morning, however that soon cleared and we were able to kick off once the ranges were all setup.

Many thanks are owing to Ed Gilbert, Michael Crust and Adam Walsh for opening, running and closing the various ranges.

We started shooting at 09:00, with steady numbers shooting statics and Moose; however the Running Boar was somewhat underwhelmed with takers. Capercaillie was again as popular as it was challenging, with a number of re-entries. Running two Capercaillie and two Standing Boar concurrently enabled all who wished to, to take their fill of shooting. Everything on the statics range operated smoothly, with no dramas.

Special mention of Christmas, Alan that is, who had a particularly fruitful morning by nominating the correct handicap for both the Moose and the Capercaillie, and was only a point away from achieving the same on the Running Boar. Not only that, Alan put in the best Moose gun score, yielding the Iain Waite Moose badge.

Proving that studious attention to form pays dividends was Nick Steadman, who took into consideration many years' worth of Standing Boar results to formulate the handicap he would nominate. That level of planning saw him take the first place prize for the Standing Boar.

Steady shooting saw Peter Burcham take the Vic Thompson tankard and plate set. Peter has come close before, but this year triumphed. Well done.

Just leaves me to thank all those who attended for making the morning go very smoothly, and to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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