

Century – Wednesday 22nd April 2016

An almost full squad of shooters met in the NRA range office car park for the first of this year's long range shoots on the **Century** ranges, shooting vermin and game targets whilst falling back from 200 to 600 yards.

We were all greeted with wall to wall blue sky, really bright spring sunshine and fairly breezy but quite cool conditions predominated throughout the day. Despite the constant 7 – 8 mph prevailing, full value, cross wind there were still a good number **HPS** recorded – nine at 200yds, two at 300yds, one at 400yds and only one other, shot by **Keith Poyser** on the fallow doe at 500yds and he followed on to bulls-eye the dog too - great shooting!

Once again the breezy conditions began to take their toll past the 300 yard mark – the margin of long range in my opinion. At this range, regardless of the cartridge you may be firing, to make a shot, you must either hold over (in the field) or add the required elevation and of course consider the appropriate windage. Also, due to the almost maximum sized group this time, the increasingly testing wind and time constraints, we were unable to shoot the Quick Brown Fox target at the 400yd mark on this occasion and hence the lower **HPS** of **250** for this event.

The **prairie dog** for the blue ribbon event at **500yds** received a remarkable amount of punishment considering the conditions. Nonetheless - cometh the hour: cometh the men – **ten** in all to be precise - on this day of days. **David Hambleton, Ray Collins** and **Dan Goss** each made a single hit for their inaugural membership of this elite cadre – still now with only **thirty** members world-wide! Wear your patches with pride and let the others weep!

John Bowerman scored a hit for his second time qualification, **Keith Poyser** and your scribe each scored hits for the third time, **Tod Beardsworth** for a fourth time hit and **Geraldine Moores, Alby Lyons** and **John Rossiter** each made the shot for a **fifth time now!!!**

Geraldine, shooting a custom **Pete Moores** smithed .275 Modified with the 162gr bullet produced very consistent scoring across the complete course of fire and carried the day with an extremely impressive **242** (HPS 250) great shooting, particularly in the conditions that were experienced after lunch.

Please note that numbers for **Century** days will have to be restricted to a maximum of eighteen shooters - time is simply against us making it difficult to complete the course of fire in the time available. These 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 etc. or almost anything else that you might think of within NRA range limits.

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

The next **Century** game/varmint event will be on **Wednesday October 5th 2016** and the next **Stickledown** event will be **Wednesday 18th May 2016**.

Many thanks from all to **Barry Morgan, Garth Buckle & John Watson** for their help with setting-up and RO'ing and for all the NRA admin.

The following scores recorded for this event and also 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	Total HPS 250
S. Lewis	50	50	50	DNS	45	2 HITS	39	234
A. Lyons	50	42	40	DNS	38	1 HIT	46	216
J. Rossiter	47	49	36	DNS	34	1 HIT	9	175
K. Scott	48	48	0	DNS	20	miss	DNS	116
J. Watson	DNS	46	44	DNS	6	miss	DNS	96
G. Buckle	50	48	24	DNS	5	miss	18	145
D. Hambleton	41	21	38	DNS	24	1 HIT	27	151
B. Morgan	49	49	37	DNS	20	miss	36	191
A. Linsell-Clark	50	49	14	DNS	6	miss	9	128
T. Beardsworth	50	39	38	DNS	16	1 HIT	18	161
J. Bowerman	26	47	26	DNS	42	1 HIT	39	180
G. Moores	50	50	48	DNS	46	1 HIT	48	242
R. Collins	50	30	48	DNS	24	1 HIT	18	170
S. Tedder	41	25	41	DNS	25	miss	18	150
D. Goss	50	33	39	DNS	40	1 HIT	27	289
K. Poyser	50	47	48	DNS	50	1 HIT	10	205
R. Nowinski	47	16	0	DNS	5	miss	DNS	68