

Stickledown May 18th 2016 Long Range Shooting Report

Falling back shooting from 800 to 1200?? yards on Stickledown this early summertime attracted fourteen shooters this month, buoyed up and very enthusiastic for this popular and now twice annual event. The sky's we were greeted with were the colour, and as heavy as the lead in our bullets! It was only a question of time before the inevitable happened and wise people had rigged for monsoon – they were so right.

Some of the usual suspects were out in force together with welcome new faces, well prepared to make their bullets work hard for a living, all prepared to stretch their barrels on the longest of the world famous Bisley ranges.

This event is great fun and a good test, particularly the 1000 yard prairie dog – **The BSRC 1000 Yard Club award** – still with **only eleven** über shooter official members worldwide!

Attributable to the atrocious conditions experienced in the run up to lunch (we could only get the prairie dog targets in place just before they were shot so they didn't disintegrate) not one single dog was hit – hardly surprising as most shooters were having to clean their scopes in between shots at that time!

I regret to add that we were NRA'ed once again – post to our booking, which had been accepted back in January – additional mid-week range use during the afternoon prevented us from completing the full course of fire so we were not able to fall back to 1200 yards on this occasion, and to add insult to injury, by this time the weather had improved considerably.

Despite the appalling conditions experienced, particularly in the morning session, two **HPS's** were recorded: **David Hambleton** at 900 yards and **Alex Linsell-Clark** at 1000 yards – well shot both of you.

Congratulations also go to **David Hambleton** too who just carried the day from a very wet field – by one point and one “V” bull to win the event. David, shooting a [SAKO TRG 22](#) using the venerable .308Win and the 190gr Sierra Match King: he has worked hard to develop this load and now it's paid off. Great shooting and well done.

The scores, considering the conditions, were well down on the average and the shortened course of fire meant an HPS of 100.20 for the day.

Book early for **Wednesday, August 31st 2016** to avoid disappointment: all future **Stickledown** events will be limited to **12 entrants only** – time is simply against us particularly during the morning session. Burn up the rest of that surplus Imperial Meeting ammo and enjoy some Indian summer weather – hopefully so.

A HPS score at each range for this competition on Stickledown is 25.5 - five bulls scoring 5 points each and the “V” signifying the central hit. The V-Bulls are thus aggregated, they are not decimal points. HPS for all of the ranges shot in this particular event would be

100.20 and a further five hits on the 1000 yard prairie dog.

The scores, in no particular order as follows:-

Names	1000yd						Totals
	800yds	900yds	1000yds	Gopher	1100yds	1200yds	
Steve Lewis	25.2	25.1	24.4	miss	23.1	DNS	97.08
John Bowerman	22.2	23.1	23.1	miss	7.1	DNS	85.05
Richard Nowinski	25.3	25.4	24.1	miss	DNS	DNS	74.08
Geraldine Moores	25.4	24.2	23.2	miss	21.0	DNS	93.08
Keith Poyser	24.2	24.2	24.3	miss	25.2	DNS	97.12
David Hambleton	25.4	25.5	25.4	miss	23.0	DNS	98.13
Alby Lyons	23.3	23.3	25.4	DNS	24.2	DNS	95.12
Garth Buckle	22.1	22.2	20.0	miss	DNS	DNS	64.03
Alex Linsell-Clark	24.2	14.2	25.5	miss	23.3	DNS	86.12
Tod Beardsworth	24.3	25.3	25.4	miss	22.0	DNS	96.10
Ken Scott	22.0	21.1	21.1	DNS	21.1	DNS	85.03
Steve Tedder	25.3	22.1	8.0	miss	DNS	DNS	55.04
Ed Chapman	22.0	24.3	24.3	miss	21.0	DNS	91.06
Dan Goss	24.3	25.3	25.4	miss	23.3	DNS	97.13

Many thanks from all go to **John Watson** and **Garth Buckle** who completed the RO'ing and scoring throughout the day in very difficult conditions and our stalwart markers for the day - Andy and wife duo.