

BISLEY REPORT 2012

A smaller than usual party travelled up to Bisley this year for the National Meeting. What Cornwall lacked in numbers it certainly did not lack in impact on the Meeting with many of the shooters gaining promotion. The outstanding result of the Meeting goes to the youngest shooter of the party, Joss Mortimer. His first time at entering the National Meeting and only his third time at long range shooting he managed to win the Bob's Trophy with a score of 771 which was only 7 points behind the winner of the Earl Roberts trophy. This is the first time that anyone from Cornwall has won this prestigious trophy let alone someone from Helston & District Rifle Club. Joss's first card score of 198 was the highest score from everyone on the range which included many members of the National Shooting Team; this set the range alight, who was this D class shooter who was beating the best. At the end of the competition Joss had quite an audience much to his embarrassment. Joss Mortimer, a name to look for in the future in the shooting world.

Joss was not the only success at this meeting. The weekend started off with Phil Ralph, John Emmerson and Richard Tanner winning the first competition of the Meeting. John Emmerson together with Richard Tanner had success in the English Match competition both winning their matches in their respective classes. Of those shooting the weekend, John Emmerson and Richard Tanner should gain promotion Richard to A Class and John to B Class.

Family rivalry ensued in B class between father and son with Phil Hammond being determined not to be outdone by his son Tristan. Both were on form with Tristan winning the first competition of the Grand Aggregate they both went on to stay near the top of the class throughout the competition. At the end of the week Tristan finished in 6th place and Phil in 8th place in their class; both had succeeded to gain promotion to A class. For Tristan this is the 3rd consecutive promotion in as many years.

Not to be outdone by his father and brother Mathew Hammond stormed away in D class, not quite winning a competition but finished in 2nd place in 3 of the 6 competitions. Finishing in 3rd place in the class gained him promotion to C class. Joss Mortimer started the week slowly but by the time we got to the 3rd day he had the measure of the range and won the Scottish match competition by a 6 point margin. Unfortunately he missed out on promotion this year but should make promotion next year if he continues to improve as he has done this year.

Wining the Centipede competition with a score of 394 ex 400 Phil Ralph brought the Centipede Trophy home to Cornwall.