

The Range Warden's Shield

2018 Results

Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range

Where to begin? The day started early, with help from Paul Wright and Dave Raybould, in setting the flags at 07.00hrs, so that we could have an early start. We had 24 shooters for the Range Warden's Shield, in the three categories of F Class (supported front and rear), Open Rifle (Supported at the front only – any sights) and Target Rifle (Sling and Iron sights).

As we had some 14 shooters wishing to shoot Open Rifle, it was decided that they should shoot the first morning detail and F Class and TR would shoot after dinner, rather than having all three disciplines shooting along side each other as in previous years. The weather could not have been more favourable, as all wind flags, from the top of the hills, to the Butt stop mantle, showed no wind movement at all. Warm but high cloud cover would last all day.

So, to the start on the first detail, Swadlincote decided to be brave and set the challenge by being the first down. Eagerly watched by the competition from Uttoxeter. There was such a great atmosphere and lots of friendly banter between all shooters all day, that it was a pleasure to RCO.



The Open Rifle Competitors at 300 yards





One of the Open Rifle details at 400 yards



Not much has changed from 1906 to 2018 as we can see in the two photographs, we all still enjoy watching from the high bank at 500 yards!

The Open Rifle squads shoot on standard NRA 1995 TR target faces, but a one distance down. At 300 yards, it's a 200-yard face, 400 yards, a 300 face and finishing at 500 yards on a 400 face. Excellent shooting once again.

Once we had finished the Open Rifle details, it was time for the change over to the F Class and the Target Rifle squads. As only three competitors had registered for F Class, target 1 was set for them and targets 2 and 3 for TR. To make the competition a little more interesting for the F Class shooters, we shoot the NRA 300 yards F Class faces and 300 and 400 yards and then allow them a reprieve and a standard NRA 500 yards F class target to finish on. As you can see from the scores, this did not seem to cause many problems at all. Well done to all!

Then came the Cold wind of Thorpe, the first breeze on the day, just as the competitors settled down at 300 yards, sun on your face, with an icy blast on the back of your neck. It can only happen at Thorpe, so out came the jackets and coats.



F class and TR at 300 yards

Due to the finish time, several competitors did not stay for the Presentation and Buffet provided at the Bluebell Inn on the A515, who once again did a good selection of sandwiches and hot chips for us.

The winners of the Range Warden's Shield for 2018

The winning team from **Staveley Rifle and Pistol Club** of Mr Dave Raybould, Mr Mark Parkes and Mr Paul Wright have won the Range Warden's Shield for 2018 and a free Range day in 2019 for their club with a score of **656.67 EX 675.45**. Well done to you all and what a fantastic score

The Second team was the Swadlincote squad who all shot Open Rifle with a score of 615.49

The Individual Winners of each category were presented with their trophies and the 2018 proof coin from the Royal Mint.

The Individual Winners are:

F Class Mr Dave Raybould 220.20 Ex 225.45
Open Rifle Mr Shaun Baker 219.29
Target Rifle Mr Paul Wright 219.25



Mr Shaun Baker (Rolls-Royce), Mr Paul Wright, Mr Dave Raybould and The Range Warden, Mr Simon Favell (all from Staveley Rifle and Pistol Club)



Stu Neal, Neil Fox and Colin Bell, the 2nd team, but first in the Open Rifle

Many Thanks to all who shot, and I look forward to seeing you all next year – Simon Favell MIO D Range Warden

Range Warden's Shield Individual Scores 2018

F Class

		300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
1st	Dave Raybould	75.8	74.6	71.6	220.20
2nd	Nick Gilbert	74.7	60.3	68.6	202.16
3rd	Iain Banks	59	56.1	70.2	185.3

TR

		300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
1st	Paul Wright	72.9	73.8	74.8	219.25
2nd	Mike Wright	72.5	72.6	74.6	218.17
3rd	Mark Parkes	71.6	73.7	73.9	217.22
4th	Vladimire Korolkov	72.6	72.9	73.6	217.21
5th	Colin Christensen	69.3	69.4	71.2	209.9
6th	Alan Watkins	53.2	63.1	65.2	181.5

Historic Arms

		300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
	Reg Taylor	32	57	59	148

Open Rifle

		300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
1st	Shaun Baker	73.10	74.11	72.8	219.29
2nd	Matthew Blake	73.7	72.8	73.8	218.23
3rd	Stu Neal	67.4	74.6	74.6	215.16
4th	Steve Malin	65.2	68.4	73.8	206.14
5th	Neil Fox	63.3	69.5	69.6	201.14
6th	Colin Bell	64.6	65.4	70.9	199.19
7th	Colin Gerrard	62.5	66.1	62.5	190.11
8th	Reg Taylor	59.2	59.1	67.8	185.11
9th	Chris Robson	64.4	54.1	66.2	184.7
10th	Matthew Reeves	60	64.4	60.1	184.5
11th	Kathryn Snow	64.3	50.1	67.5	181.9
12th	Dave Wright	56.1	59.2	61.1	176.4
13th	Alex Pettitt	51.3	56.1	61.3	168.7
14th	Edward Leeming	54.2	58.1	49	161.3

Range Warden's Shield Team Results 2018

Staveley
Winners
RWS

Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
Dave Raybould	F	75.8	74.6	71.6	220.20
Paul Wright	TR	72.9	73.8	74.8	219.25
Mark Parkes	TR	71.6	73.7	73.9	217.22
Team Total					656.67

Swadlincote
OP Winners

Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
Neil Fox	OP	63.3	69.5	69.6	201.14
Colin Bell	OP	64.6	65.4	70.9	199.19
Stu Neal	OP	67.4	74.6	74.6	215.16
Team Total					615.49

Sheffield RC

Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
Mike Wright	TR	72.5	72.6	74.6	218.17
Alan Watkins	TR	53.2	63.1	65.2	181.5
Colin Christensen	TR	69.3	69.4	71.2	209.9
Team Total					608.31

Team 4

Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
Vladimire Korolkov	TR	72.6	72.9	73.6	217.21
Iain Banks	F	59	56.1	70.2	185.3
Nick Gilbert	F	74.7	60.3	68.6	202.16
Team Total					604.40

Swadlincote

Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
Steve Malin	OP	65.2	68.4	73.8	206.14
Chris Robson	OP	64.4	54.1	66.2	184.7
Dave Wright	OP	56.1	59.12	61.1	179.4
Team Total					569.25

Uttoxeter	Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
	Kathryn Snow	OP	64.3	50.1	67.5	181.9
	Matthew Reeves	OP	60	64.4	60.1	184.5
	Colin Gerrard	OP	62.5	61.1	62.5	190.11
					Team Total	555.25

Uttoxeter	Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
	Reg Taylor	OP	59.2	59.1	67.8	185.11
	Alex Pettitt	OP	57.3	56.1	61.3	168.7
	Edward Leeming	OP	54.2	58.1	49	161.3
					Team Total	514.21

Rolls-Royce	Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
	Shaun Baker	OP	73.1	74.11	72.8	219.29
	Matthew Blake	OP	73.7	72.8	73.8	218.23
					Team Total	

Uttoxeter	Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
	Reg Taylor	His Arms	32	57	559	148
					Team Total	

Team 10	Competitor	TR OP F	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total
					Team Total	

1st F Class	Dave Raybould	220.20
1st Open Rifle	Shaun Baker	219.29
1st TR	Paul Wright	219.25

2nd F	Nick Gilbert	202.16
2nd O	Matt Blake	218.23
2nd TR	Mike Wright	218.17