

Derbyshire Challenge 2018

The Derbyshire / NRA Challenge competition was held at Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range on Sunday the 8th of April 2018, with 9 FTR shooters and 8 TR shooters competing for the two top prizes sponsored by the NRA of Entry into the Imperial Meeting Grand Aggregate for FTR and TR. Our thanks go to the Mr Nic Couldrey and the National Rifle Association for the donation of these two top prizes and for providing the gold and silver medals for each discipline.

The morning started with cold and overcast weather that proved to move shots all around the FTR targets, or so I was told! However, to make matters slightly more interesting, as the NRA does not have an official 400 yards FTR target, we shot the 300 faces again at 400 yards. This does make the shooters concentrate, and the scores were excellent once again.



FTR detail at 300 yards

Once the first detail has shot 300, 400 and 500 yards, we swapped over with these shooters going in to the Butts to mark for the TR detail. The weather remained pretty constant all day, dull and overcast, with very little wind. It was unfortunate that a couple of competitors had problems during the morning detail, with Gordon Smeeton having to withdraw from shooting at 300 yards and Jim Moore at 500 yards



The first detail at 300 yards,

To the TR detail, and with the weather warming up slightly and dropping to a cool 3 degs, everyone was on top form, but momentary lapses in concentration by two shooters cost them dearly as they cross shot and lost 5 points each



The second detail shooting TR at 400 yards



All nice and cosy at 500 yards, with Nic Couldrey keeping a watchful eye on proceedings



Simon Favell, Range Warden along with Steve Maris and Paul Wright discussing the start of the detail

And so, to the scores!

FTR Ex225 . 45

Name	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total score
Kay Airey	74.9	70.5	74.11	218.25
Richard Jones	73.7	69.4	70.4	218.15
David Raybould	73.4	61.1	71.4	205.9
Shaun Baker	71.6	64.2	68.3	203.11
Matt Blake	69.4	59.1	68.6	196.11
Carl Neale	69.3	57.1	66.2	192.6
Chris Challis	65.3	53.1	75	181.6
Gordon Smeeton	NSR	72.6	74.6	146.12ex150
Jim Moore	52	35	NSR	87ex150

Target Rifle Ex 225.45

Name	300 yards	400 yards	500 yards	Total score
Mike Wright	72.5	73.11	73.8	218.24
Steve Maris	73.8	74.11	70.7	217.26
Paul Wright	72.5	75.11	69.8	216.24
Robin Carter	68.4	73.10	72.6	213.20
Mark Parkes	67.5	73.9	72.10	212.24
Colin Christensen	66.6	66.2	70.3	202.6
Ben Stubbins	59.2	61.2	66.2	186.6
Robert Grise	55.1	59.3	63.4	177.8

We would all like to thank The National Rifle Association for their sponsorship of this years event and look forward to hosting the Derbyshire NRA Challenge for 2019



The Prize Winners of the 2018 Derbyshire NRA Challenge
Mr Nic Couldrey NRA, Richard Jones, Simon Favell Range Warden,
Kay Airey, Mike Wright, Steve Maris

Mr Simon Favell MIO
Range Warden