



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CPSA

2010 July Northamptonshire Report by Bob Meadows – sec@northantscpsa.org

Well we certainly are getting our share of the scorching weather in Northamptonshire. The shooting is pretty good too!

I had the pleasure of spending four days at Southern Counties, volunteering at the first ISSF (ex UIT/ISU) World Cup Great Britain has had since 1977. This will be the last World Cup on GB shores until April 2012, when we test out the Olympic layouts. I got a chance to speak to Nicki Brocklesby, our Northants Olympic Skeet shooter, who was shooting for a qualifying score for the Olympics in 2012. Against the 42 elite competitors in the Women's Skeet from around the world, Nikki beat or equalled 19 of them. Our best wishes Nikki, for her continued progress towards 2012 and that elusive MQS.

Saturday 15th May 2010, saw a beautiful sunny day at Sporting Targets for the Northants and Beds (Combined) Sportrap Championships. 17 Northants shooters braved the four sportrap layouts, which included the legendary quarry towers for a challenging course. In the Seniors, Mark Massey and James Lacey were tied after three layouts, but David Thomas came out of nowhere to beat both Mark and James with 89 ex 100. In the other categories, Rob Franks was the runaway winner in the Vets on 79 and Simon Edwards won both the Juniors and overall C Class on 76. Our thanks to Sporting Targets for some testing targets.

On 22nd May, the hottest day of the year so far, Sporting Targets hosted the Northants and Beds FITASC Championships over a 75 bird course of fire. Starting on the Embankment layout, the shooters were gently introduced, as it was to become a tricky course by the Quarry layout. Kyle Storey set the pace in the morning with a steady 60, followed into the clubhouse by David Thomas and James Burton on 62. But, right at the end, James Lacey stormed into the clubhouse with a cracking 65 ex 75 to take the title.

The following day, Northampton Shooting Ground hosted the Northants ABT Championships, again in glorious sunshine. Although the numbers of competitors were down on previous year, it was still tough at the top. Tony Clayton and Mick Rolstone were first into the clubhouse, both on 88 with Sue Bate (pictured) close behind on 87. It was only when the fourth squad came in, did we realise that Les Sperling, with a crippling bad back pain, had taken the high gun on 90. Tony Clayton still took the Veteran's trophy and Sue Bate the Ladies. Well done to all.



The East Midlands Inter-Counties (I/C) are not far away, so if you have done well this year, expect your discipline manager to be contacting you with an invite to represent the county. One of the first is the Regional I/C All Round at Northampton on the 8th August and Regional



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I/C English Sporting on the 15th at Sporting Targets.

So good luck for the month and hope your shooting keeps improving.

July/Aug Championship Fixtures

ENGLISH SPORTING	4th JULY	NORTHAMPTON
OLYMPIC SKEET	18th JULY	NORTHAMPTON
DTL	25th JULY	NORTHAMPTON
S/B DTL	25th JULY	NORTHAMPTON
SKEET DOUBLES	29th AUGUST	NORTHAMPTON



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