



## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CPSA

### 2010 September Northamptonshire Report by Bob Meadows

Let me first start with an apology to Northants shooters for the lack of article for August. For my sins, I was in Scotland supporting my wife shooting smallbore target rifle and my delegate substitute managed to acquire a computer virus, thus no submission.

Sunday, 4th July 2010 saw the Northants shooters arrive at Northampton Shooting Ground to fight for the 2010 English Sporting Championships. The sun was shining, the wind was blowing and Roy and Pete had set a tough course for the day. Early on, Mark Massey set a blistering 95 to set the pace and even he thought it would be beat. As the day progressed and the scores came in, Mark went off to win another shoot, before returning for the prize giving. Whilst he was away, Mo Sentance put in a winning score of 70 for the Ladies title, Ashley Sharman secured the Juniors and Mick Tee secured the Veteran title with a super 86. Mark Massey's wait was rewarded, as nobody could beat his 95 and he secured the Northants County Senior Championship.

Ladies seem to be the winners recently, in National and now Regional championships. Again on the 4th July, in the East Midlands Skeet Doubles Championships, Northants Committee member Bex Lee, won the Ladies Championship in some nasty wind effected clays. Bex has won other East Midlands Regional medals before, but this gold medal was elusive. Well done Bex! Our best wishes go with Bex for the English Open SKD at Northampton in August.



Sue Bate has just reported back from the English ABT Championships, being held again on the 4th July 2010 at windy Southern Counties in Dorset. In a field of 91 competitors, Sue tied for Runner-up Lady and after a shootout, secured the Bronze medal in the Ladies English ABT Championship.

Last year at the Olympic Skeet championships, the running of the event was challenged by a number of shooters. This year Bob Meadows, our own ISSF Judge and British Shooting OSK, OT and DT Referee took charge. Even with a major trap breakdown, that Pete and Roy handled very professionally, the shooters were very happy with the officiating. In the end, nobody could touch Nicky Brocklesby, on a mission to make her mark. In the end, 91 (the equivalent to a GB Olympic MQS) won her the championship, with Andrew Lea making a stunning charge on 88, to take runner up. Our best wishes to Nicky for the ISSF Championships at the end of July in Munich, where she hopes to achieve her MQS (and even an Olympic quota place) from a World Cup event.



Northampton Shooting Ground held the Beds, Cambs and Northants County DTL championships on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and again it was close at the top. Outside the county, Beds



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shooter Kevin Parsons put in a 99/291 for the best shoot of the day, but in Northants, Steve Smith snuck in with 98/290 over Roy Tyler's 99/289, both great scores! In the Northants Ladies, Issy Thorogood (Go Issy!) beat the two rivals of Mo Sentance and Rose Palmer. Tony Clayton rounded off the medals in the Vets, with a score he was not happy with of 95. Unfortunately, no juniors this year, but they are probably concentrating on the other disciplines.

We are getting into the Regional Inter Counties season now, with East Midlands All Round, Sporting and DTL all probably been held as you read this article. Remember we have English Skeet, ABT and FITASC in September and October and of course the National Inter Counties Skeet being held at Northampton in October. I expect we will have a full set of teams for that, selected from the performers at the county and East Midlands Inter County shoots.

On a completely different subject, our newly qualified and seasoned referees are making themselves known in regional, national and international circles. At the recent World Sporting event at Lakenheath, Tony Clayton, Roger Bonner and Bob Meadows all refereed and Tony acted as Chief Referee for the finals. Catherine Foster has been out shadowing at Sporting Targets, in preparation for her first outing and Bex Lee has been not only refereeing, but with Bob Meadows has been invited to referee at the upcoming Home Countries International in English Sporting at Barrow Heath. To all the referees that volunteer to put something back into the sport, you deserve our thanks (and yes I think there was the tiniest chip of that clay!)

So good luck for the back end of the season and hope your shooting keeps improving.

### *Sept/Oct Championship Fixtures*

<b>ENGLISH SKEET</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>
<b>ZZ HELICE</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>RUGBY</b>
<b>OLYMPIC TRAP</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>NUTHAMPSTEAD</b>
<b>DOUBLE TRAP</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>NORMANTON</b>
<b>UNIVERSAL TRENCH</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>NUTHAMPSTEAD</b>



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