

Muscovy Archers 5th October 2008

Tarzan and Jane shoot report – Nick Hawken, Club Secretary.

The round was of 36 Game targets, 34 of them 3Ds and two faces – a weasel and an elephant. There were two moving targets as well and two multiples of four animals - a group of deer and a pack of wolves. Very close to every fourth animal there was a life sized cut-out figure of Tarzan or Jane in deadly peril and the idea was to rescue them from the predator with some expert marksmanship.

In order to avoid black or striped pegs, yet still keeping some challenge for sighted archers, we reverted to the scoring that we used to do on 3D's when they first appeared in the mid-nineties – that is, outer kills for unsighted/instinctive and inner kills for sighted archers. With the added penalty of –4 points for every hit on our heroes, it seemed to work well - Primitives could hit everything and Unlimiteds weren't even close to a maximum. Will it catch on? I doubt it, knocking 100 points off Unlimited scores and Freestylers struggling with Barebow scores, it doesn't sound much like a recipe for nationwide success.

The one-shot, moving targets were a bit of fun. On the first, a figure of Tarzan swung to and fro in front of a standing bear and on the second a javelina on wheels trundled down past the archer. The 20 second bear suited all styles but the 5 second pig was not really suited to scopes and peeps and a couple of carbons bit the dust.

107 people booked in and 98 shot on the day which was brilliant considering the poor weather forecast. It rained all day Saturday for setting up, but Sunday started wet and gradually turned drier. We have had 150 here for the Devon Challenge, but this was the largest entry for an open club shoot that we have ever had in twenty years – thank you to everyone who made the journey down to the most southerly of all NFAS courses. Thank you too for your kind and appreciative comments throughout the day. These novelty or themed shoots are three times as much work as a normal competition and the relatively new team did a great job. We have identified places where we could improve and the 97% positive feedback was a fitting compliment to their effort.

A final word about medal winners, because it may have caused some confusion. We tend towards the idea that for an award to be meaningful, in any class, there should be more people who don't win than those that do. We have given obsidian or pewter arrowheads for some years now and they all look much the same shape and colour with no engraving at all. Some people like them, some would rather have a "proper" medal. Without more feedback, we will never know if it's worth the hassle of getting them cast or whether we should just buy generic bits of coloured tin with a plastic dot in the middle. We like them, anyway.

So, in a class of one, two or three, we only award a gold. A class of four or five gets a gold and silver. Six and upwards qualifies for all three medals. It may sound a bit harsh but there it is. On the other hand we always award a medal to all cubs and juniors. If there were four in a class, they'd still get a medal each because the effort that goes into a hard day's shooting is worthy of recognition.

Primitive

Gents 1 Andy Bowskill Camelot 290

Longbow

Gents 1 Roger Collis Magna Carta 564
 2 Bob Scott Ashcombe 518
 3 Tim Penny Elmtree 416

Ladies 1 Alison Hawkes Arms of Old 386
 2 Janet Collis Magna Carta 366

Junior Boys 1 James Warnett Arms of Old 364

AFB

Gents 1 Terry Windsor Cranmore CoA 480
 2 Albert Hibbert Dunkery 462
 3 John White Bicton 458

Ladies 1 Wendy Dean Toad Hollow 314
 2 Gina Finch Independent 294

Junior Boys 1 Chris Warnett Arms of Old 338
 2 Sam Finch Independent 220

Junior Girls 1 Sarah Penny Elmtree 242

U12 Boys 1 Thomas Fox Toad Hollow 280
 2 Nic Finch Independent 220

Hunting Tackle

Gents 1 Wyllie Hume Brixham 494
 2 Paul Perks Toad Hollow 440
 3 Peter Adams Bicton 420

Ladies 1 Brenda Boulton Toad Hollow 496
 2 Rae Gulliver Bowmen of Bud 420
 3 Rebecca Parfett Labyrinth 362

Junior Girls 1 Molly James Toad Hollow 248

U12 Boys	1 Alex Armstrong	Toad Hollow	564
	2 Will Armstrong	Toad Hollow	394

Bowhunter

Gents	1 Trevor Walter	Green Meadow	654
	2 Paul Farr	Riviera	560

Ladies	1 Sheila Dash	Toad Hollow	402
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Freestyle

Gents	1 Warren Potier	Bowmen of Bud	600
	2 Mike Charlesworth	Tavistock	578
	3 Peter Sprotson	Elmtree	522

Ladies	1 Abigail Vowden	Ashcombe	416
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Gents	1 Shaun Dash	Toad Hollow	606
	2 Bob Grimshaw	Elmtree	598
	3 Sam Walter	Green Meadow	582

Ladies	1 Jenny Bellinger	Bowmen of Bud	454
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Unlimited

Gents	1 Trevor Vanstone	Elmtree	632
	2 Lez James	Tavistock	628
	3 Peter Berrystone	South Hams	614

Crossbow

	1 Mark Carpenter	Westcombe	580
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