

## Anglo-Scots v The Army, Wales and the Army Target Rifle Club

**Report by Alan Haggerty, Secretary and Match Captain**

The annual match of the Anglo-Scots, or the English District of the Scottish Rifle Association - to give it its full and proper title, was fired on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2003. Seven hardy souls braved the mist and the thunderstorm which prevented the NRA from sounding the hooter to start shooting at 8:30a.m. as usual. Discussions among the team captains as to how we might modify the match course of fire were curtailed when, conditions having clearly improved, the hooter went at 8:35a.m. Possibly it was just it being struck by lightning, but everyone carried on anyway.

Mark and Womble were persuaded to coach and, perhaps knowing which side their bread was buttered, got each other 49.7 and 50.7 at 300x, leaving the rest of the team with various shades of 47, except for the Captain who struggled to break 45. Scores followed the weather at 600x, generally improved: John and Richard had 50.8 and 50.7 with Mark staying clean for the short range. There were also two 48s but the captain only managed to improve by 1.1 which prompted contemplation of a drastic change, bringing the No. 4 out of retirement for the long range half perhaps? Fortunately a try of Mark's long range gun was offered and accepted and 5 shots at 600x to get an elevation yielded 25.3 without a wind coach, leaving but one conclusion....anyone know a good gunsmith?

After lunch the weather really improved, the sun shone, the ice cream van actually sold some ice cream - which was to the closest to a 99 I got all day, shorts were in evidence.....and the wind got up. The scores held up well at 900x, only three points separating bottom from top, Henry and Mark getting 49s but outdone by Sarah on 49.8. Things changed rapidly at 1000x - Womble was far and away our best with 49.5. I shot straight after him, the target showed his last bull, fired on 3 left whereas my sighter (and all the other shots!) showed that 9 left was required! Sadly the Army did very well at this range taking 10 points off us. Although we matched Wales at long range, the 12 point lead they had over us from the morning saw them into second place.

A splendid tea followed in the Army and the top scorers in the other teams, John Howard-Davis (Wales) 195.29, Mark Roberts (ATRC) 196.21 and Angus McLeod (Army) 196.22 were presented with an SRA badge for their efforts.

	300x	600x	900x	1000x	Total
Mark Wrigley	50.7	50.5	49.4	46.2	195.22
Bill Sharman	49.7	48.6	48.3	49.5	194.21
John Mackay	47.5	50.8	47.3	47.6	191.22
Sarah Rennie	47.0	48.6	49.8	45.2	189.16
Richard Dyball	47.2	50.7	47.2	45.1	189.12
Henry Watson	47.6	47.5	49.2	45.2	188.15
Alan Haggerty	45.1	46.2	46.4	47.2	184.09
SRA	332.28	339.39	335.26	324.20	1330.117
Army	338.43	343.37	337.36	334.24	1352.140
Wales	338.37	345.43	333.38	326.23	1342.141
ATRC					1322.106