

Stalker's Match - Sunday 18th March 2018 - Match Report

We were there, where were you? Terry Ord, Ed Gilbert and Steve Willingham braved the blizzard at the range on Saturday to repair the Running Deer so that we would be able to run a full match and deserve a medal. All Range Officers arrived at 8.00 am on Sunday in the freezing cold and had the ranges open for shooting by 9.00 am. But only five shooters attended! Ok, so there was a bit of snow and there is something to be said for discretion being the better part of valour, but this was the Stalkers' Match not a meeting of the Brookwood knitting circle!

As all competitors had completed most of their shooting by around 10.30 am, I and the other ROs joined in and shot the competition. Everybody had completed their cards by the lunch time hooter at 12.30 pm. As there seemed little prospect of anybody else turning up, and in view of the poor weather and the potentially difficult journeys home for the ROs, we decided to call it a day at that point and closed the range. Apologies to anybody to arrived after lunch to find a deserted range – we know of one.

After brushing off the snow and warming our hands we added up the scores to find Alan Harvey at the top of the pile yet again (four years in a row now). However, at 22 points his winning margin was somewhat reduced from last year's 50 demonstrating that he can be caught. The full results are detailed in the tables below.

The record scores for this match remain intact, and we now have a separate record for the new Bush Wear anatomical buck which was used at this match for the first time. The records are as follows:

Buck (DJV) - 98, Sue Westlake-Guy, 2002
Buck (Bush Wear) – 87, Terry Ord, 2018
Fox - 99, Alan Harvey, 2011
Deer - 57, Alan Harvey 2016
Boar - 186, Steve Wallis, 2008

Grateful thanks to the RO team of Darren Cottee, Terry Ord and Mike Sheehan, and thank you to those who made the effort to attend; I hope it was worth it.

David Howson
Match Organiser and CRO

<u>STALKERS' TROPHY (HPS = 400)</u>		
1st	Alan Harvey	328.5
2nd	Terry Ord	306.7
3rd	Darren Cottee	300.2
4	Alan Christmas	279.5
5	David Howson	265.8
6	Michael Kenney	216
	AVERAGE	282.8

BUCK 12 Entries (HPS = 100)			
1st	Terry Ord	87	73
2nd	Alan Harvey	79	64
3rd	Alan Christmas	71	
4	Darren Cottee	68	
5	David Howson	56	
6	Michael Morris	54	
7	Michael Kenney	36	46
8	Mike Sheehan	45	
9	Dave Mc Gill	40	
AVERAGE			60.7

FOX 9 Entries (HPS = 100)			
1st	Alan Harvey	94	
2nd	Terry Ord	86	
3rd	Darren Cottee	83	
4	David Howson	49	82
5	Mike Sheehan	86	
6	Alan Christmas	50	
7	Michael Kenney	49	
8	Dave McGill	48	
AVERAGE			69.8

DEER 7 Entries (HPS = 60)		
1st=	Alan Harvey	48
1st=	Alan Christmas	48
3rd	Darren Cottee	46
4=	David Howson	44
4=	Michael Morris	44
6	Michael Kenney	39
7	Terry Ord	34
AVERAGE		43.3

BOAR 8 Entries (HPS = 200)			
1st	Alan Christmas	157	
2nd	Terry Ord	154	
3rd	Alan Harvey	151	151
4	Darren Cottee	145	
5	Dave McGill	127	
6	Michael Kenney	112	
7	David Howson	109	
AVERAGE			136.4