

BSRC on Century – Wednesday 03rd October 2018

Eighteen shooters met in the NRA range office car park for the last of this year's long range days on Century Ranges: zeroing and shooting game and vermin targets whilst falling back in stages from 200 to 600 yards.

Our gloriously hot summer may just begin to feel like a distant memory – but the stunning foliage in the trees down range and on camp are a reminder of just how beautiful autumn can be. Across the country, the rising sun turned the sky orange as mists swirled up from and hung over the fields – the spectacular displays recalled John Keats' ode "To Autumn" and the initial line "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

Light, slightly variable winds and clear skies delivered a last gasp of summer and thus; fortunate yet again weather wise, we only had to contend with very light variable winds from nil up range to occasional full value gusts from the South West of about 8mph for most of the day.

Seven **HPS's** were recorded at 200yds – well shot by all - a further four **HPS's** at 300yds – great shooting once again and two more at 400yds from **Michael Morris** and **John Bowerman**. These were the last top scores to be recorded as variable breeze began to catch people out almost all of the time.

Hats off to **Leslie Jardine** - a true sporting gent - who competed with a Target Rifle and discipline with aperture sights and no formal rests gave the fox a good battering at 300 – a first in eleven years' of these competitions!

For the afternoon session, the expectations for the **Blue Ribbon event** of the **Prairie Dog** (½ MOA bull @ 500yds) were confident as the wind conditions were now mostly light, little mirage, with only feint variations apparent at times.

Five of the competitors earned or re-qualified for the prestigious **BSRC 500 Yard Club award** – **Justin Gough** who got the 1000yd award only five days before and another first to qualify for both awards in consecutive events (.308Win. 200gr Sierra MK) and **Asad Wahid** (7-270WSM 180gr Berger HT) winning for the first time too to join this elite cadre – still now with only **thirty seven** members world-wide! Further congratulations also go to **Keith Poyser (two hits, .308 Win.)**, and **Alan Christmas (.308 Win.)** and **Garth Buckle (.308 Win.)** both re-qualifying with one hit each – tremendous shooting!

Keith Bradford's consistent high scoring carried the day (6.5 x 47 Lap.) with the 123gr Lapua Scenar-L cutting the conditions just that bit better on the day than everyone else – well shot Keith.

Please note that numbers for the Century days will be restricted to a maximum of eighteen shooters, time is simply against us (especially with certain lane changes now inevitable) making it far more difficult to complete the course of fire for all in the time available. To note: this competition was oversubscribed within five days of the notice being published! To avoid disappointment, if you wish to enter any of the long range events, please post / email confirm your entry when the calling notice is first published.

Many thanks from all to **Jay Jayakumar** for all the help with setting-up and RO'ing and the very able and consistent marking from **Andy** and **John**. Look out for the next Century game/varmint event in April 2019. The following scores in no particular order are:-

The Scores:-

Names:	Fox 200yds	Fox 300yds	Fallow 400yds	Q-B Fox 400yds	Fallow 500yds	P'Dog 500yds	Red Deer 600yds	Total HPS 250
S. Lewis	50	20	46	NS	37	miss	29	182
A. Russel	48	19	15	NS	14	miss	29	125
G. Buckle	48	50	48	NS	5	1 Hit	27	178
A. Christmas	48	49	42	NS	24	1 Hit	37	200
J. Bowerman	3	38	50	NS	5	miss	37	133
M. Morris	50	48	50	NS	46	miss	19	213
A. Barnes Sn.	50	48	48	NS	6	miss	0	152
A. Barnes	11	40	12	NS	20	miss	0	83
C. Nunn	48	50	40	NS	DNS	DNS	DNS	138
J. Rossiter	43	46	42	NS	21	miss	45	197
K. Bradford	50	47	40	NS	39	miss	46	222
R. Collins	50	50	0	NS	8	miss	9	117
L. Jardine	6	24	0	NS	DNS	DNS	DNS	30
D. Hambleton	49	48	35	NS	28	miss	27	187
K. Scott	39	39	6	NS	0	miss	0	84
K. Poyser	50	49	38	NS	0	2 Hits	46	183
A. Wahid	50	50	44	NS	20	1 Hit	45	209
J. Gough	49	49	38	NS	21	1 Hit	38	195
J. v Schalkwyk	DNS	49	DNS	NS	DNS	DNS	DNS	49

