

## Stickledown September 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 Long Range Shooting Report

Falling back shooting from 800 to 1200 yards (once again after at least a year's break!) on Stickledown this early autumn Friday attracted thirteen shooters this month, buoyed up and very enthusiastic for this popular and now twice annual event. We were greeted with a mild morning, bright and a constant full value 10mph breeze from the right hand side of the range.

Some of the usual suspects were out in force and welcome new competitors too, well prepared to make their bullets work hard for a living, all prepared to stretch their barrels on the longest of the world famous Bisley ranges.

This event is great fun and a good test, particularly the **1000 yard** prairie dog – **The BSRC 1000 Yard Club award** – and now, with **only thirteen** über shooter official members worldwide! With the constant 8½ MOA breeze, only two dogs were hit in the hail of high velocity lead slung at them although many were very scared at times! Despite the conditions, **Justin Gough** (.308 Win. Berger 185gr Juggernaut) got two in the bullseye on the ½ MOA target at 1000 yards for a first time qualification and your scribe (6XC 115gr DTAC) - the only riflemen on the day to do so and join (and re-qualify) for this elite cadre – wear your patch with pride Justin.

The constant conditions experienced enabled all to start scoring strongly, particularly from early morning onward until the lunch break. Four **HPS's** were recorded: **Keith Bradford, Asad Wahid, Justin Gough** and your scribe at 800 yards and only two at 900 yards by **Keith Bradford**, and your scribe - well shot Sir. Although the afternoon session was far more summery, shirt sleeves, hats and shades, the extending range thwarted any other efforts to hit the very highest scores.

**Asad Wahid**, who just about carried the day by two "V's" from **Justin Gough** and a slightly diminished afternoon field went onto win the event this time. Shooting an F Class rifle with all the paraphernalia, chambered with the .308 Win. and loaded with the Berger 185gr Juggernaut – great shooting, well done!

The scores though, considering the consistent morning conditions, were slightly above average I'd say and the full course of fire, completed in full this time for a refreshing change, meant an HPS of **125.25** for the day's competition.

Book early for the first round of **2019 LR** events on the calling notice please to avoid disappointments: all future **Stickledown** events will be limited to **12 entrants only** – time is simply against us particularly during the morning session.

A HPS score at each range for this competition on Stickledown is **25.5** - five bulls scoring 5 points each and the "V" (**0.1's**) signifying the central hit. The V-Bulls are thus aggregated, they are not decimal points. HPS for all of the ranges shot in this particular event would be **125.25** and a further **five** hits recorded on the 1000 yard prairie dog.

The scores, in no particular order are as follows:-

Names	800yds	900yds	1000yds	1000yd Gopher	1100yds	1200yds	Totals
Steve Lewis	<b>25.5</b>	<b>25.5</b>	25.4	<b>1 HIT</b>	24.1	23.2	122.17
Michael Morris	24.3	24.3	22.1	miss	23.3	22.1	115.11
Colin Nunn	25.1	24.2	19.0	miss	DNS	DNS	68.03
Keith Bradford	<b>25.5</b>	<b>25.5</b>	23.1	miss	24.3	23.2	120.16
Tod Beardsworth	25.3	25.4	23.1	miss	19.0	18.0	110.08
<b>Asad Wahid</b>	<b>25.5</b>	25.3	24.3	miss	24.3	25.4	<b>123.18</b>
Ray Collins	24.3	25.3	20.1	miss	22.2	20.0	111.09
Alan Christmas	25.4	24.2	19.0	miss	21.1	19.0	108.07
Ken Scott	23.1	22.1	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	45.02
John Bowerman	21.1	24.1	23.3	miss	20.1	17.0	105.06
Richard Nowinski	23.2	23.2	25.1	miss	25.1	22.1	118.07
David Hambleton	24.4	24.3	25.3	miss	23.1	23.1	119.12
Justin Gough	<b>25.5</b>	25.4	25.4	<b>2 HITS</b>	24.1	24.2	123.16

Many thanks from all go to **Jay Jayakumar** who completed the RO'ing, admin and scoring during the day and to our stalwart markers for the day - Andy and John.

Steve Lewis.  
Event Organiser.

