

# BSRC Memorial Match 2018

The annual Memorial Match is an occasion when we remember BSRC founding members and benefactors.

This time Memorial Sunday was the actual date - the 11th November, and the 100th anniversary of 1918. The members present gathered at the statics firing point to observe the time honoured two minutes silence at 11.00.

We had a challenge at the start of the day to fit the moose target, in timely fashion, which required drilling correct mounting holes, a change in the frames having been made since it was last used. A drill was duly found and that was achieved.

Whilst we were doing this I found, and liberated, a large spider, *Dolomedes fimbriatus*, the raft spider, from the deer motor room. This is a rare species in UK and one of its sites is the Bisley Heath SSSI. Surrey Wildlife Trust were duly informed.



It was a pleasant sunny day with a modest shower after lunch. 22 members attended, two more than last year. As usual there were a number of re-entries so shooting was steady through the morning and early afternoon. This match is both interesting and challenging so we hope to see more of you next year, including more of the younger members.

The moose target is a change from the usual deer target, with the lead just ahead of a long curving dewlap, and a scoring area which makes a zero surprisingly easy! The Strugnell trophy went to Alan

Harvey again this year scoring 50, his fifth consecutive win. John Maddison was second with 47 and John Kynoch third with 43.

The Leatherby is the original buck test established in 1981, and from which the current version of the stalker's test was developed. The trophy went to John Kynoch with a top score of 99. Second was Alan Harvey with 98 and third was Keith Poyser with 90.

The Baxter on the boar is a challenging switch to fast runs from slow with no break or sighting shots. It is in fact very good practice for the real thing! John Maddison secured first place with 167 followed by John Kynoch who was second with 164 and third Alan Harvey with 161.

The Powell "aggregate" trophy would have gone respectively to Alan Harvey with 262, John Kynoch with 252.8, or John Maddison with 241. They had taken the other trophies, and so it went to David Yendell with 220.8.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially to Alan Harvey for another splendid overall performance. The full score sheet is below.

A big thank you to all those who acted as range officers or assisted, and to John Kynoch for running the stats.

Once again, we hope to see more of you next year for this event!

Derek Stimpson

