



Team Journal – Part 18

Sunday 29th August

In what is beginning to look like a daily pattern, the day started at 6 a.m. with a dark, cloudy sky. However, by the time we reached the range the sky was blue and the sun out. This makes wardrobe choices so difficult.

Today we are shooting the Precision Shooting Match. This is very like yesterday's match - in fact in the morning the two are indistinguishable. In the afternoon, by way of variation, instead of shooting 900x, the long range shoot is at 1000x.

The morning started at the range with the line-up to swipe cards and be squadded. After yesterday's trial run the best GBRT brains were put to maximising the togetherness of each bus. As a consequence we all ended up on targets close together with the exception of your correspondent who was first in line and thus had the benefit of getting away from the rest of the team for a while and marking with Stacy from Las Vegas, NV and Deborah from Ravensburg, Germany and shooting with Bill Lair from Chicago. Thanks for your company today, Stacy, Deborah and Bill.



Stacy from Las Vegas, NV and
Deborah from Ravensburg, Germany



Bill Lair from Chicago



It helps to remove the larger and sharper stones from the firing point before shooting - here you see Joan and Parag taking part in the firing point dance

At lunch-time there was only one team member clean on the morning - David Luckman with 300.13 (hitting the X only once at 600x, living up to his nickname). Six team members were sitting on 299. David Richards was bitten by the same malicious force as Toby was yesterday - he lost 10 points to a cross-shot at 500x for a 90.5. At the end of the day he explained to the team how this made him feel; the term 'prat' was used several times.

After lunch we shot the 1000x range. At least for the first detail, conditions were easier than yesterday with the wind holding reasonably steady at around 1-3 minutes right (although it is harder to keep track of wind calls if shooting string in the Aussie style without benefit of keeping a score diagram). However, scores were a little disappointing. It may be that some of us are still getting used to shooting in strings - there is a tendency to rush some of the shots.

At the end of the day it was the Captain who came out top GBRT dog (counting out Parag, who had the same total, by scoring more at the longer range) with 447.26. Also on 447 were Jon Underwood (447.24), Andy Luckman (447.23), David Luckman (447.22) and Jeremy Langley (447.21). It must be said that there was considerable and unseemly brotherly glee over that 1 X which separated Andy and David - nice to see good-hearted sibling rivalry. Special mention must go to Jeremy who was the only team member to conquer 1000x decisively with a score of 150.4. Alwyn who scored 148.11 at the same range took Jeremy aside to explain that the X is the bit in the middle.

The GBRT aggregate, after two days' shooting, is led by Jon Cload with 895.58, followed closely by David Luckman with 895.44. Two points behind are Parag Patel (893.45) and Jon Underwood (893.44).

Top score of the day came from Dan Simpson from Deerfield, New Hampshire with 449.31, followed by Robert Gustin (448.29 - California) and Sandra Pagel (448.26 - Wisconsin). The Captain as top GBRT came 8th with Parag (9th) and Jon Cload (10th) close behind.

The top two places in the Grand Aggregate, after two days, are, pleasingly, held by team members with Jon Cload still holding onto top spot and David Luckman in second place. Following in their dust are Jon Underwood in 9th place and Jeremy in 13th place

This evening we returned to the range for a spaghetti feast hosted by our US friends. The Captain made a gracious speech and we all enjoyed the spaghetti and meatballs and the chance to speak to our American hosts.

Today's Picture Gallery



David (note the trademark Lucky smile) and Jon Cload



The camera-shy team photographer photographed



The spaghetti feast and ...



our hosts.

The Precision Shooting Match

	300y	500y	600y	1000y	Agg	
	v	v	v	v		v
John Webster	100 8	100 5	98 4	149 9	447	26
Parag Patel	100 9	99 7	100 4	148 6	447	26
Jon Underwood	99 4	100 9	100 3	148 8	447	24
Andy Luckman	100 5	100 9	99 3	148 6	447	23
David Luckman	100 6	100 6	100 1	147 9	447	22
Jeremy Langley	100 8	99 6	98 3	150 4	447	21
Jon Cload	99 8	100 7	100 6	147 7	446	28
Jane Messer	99 8	99 7	100 5	148 7	446	27
Martin Millar	100 5	100 8	98 5	147 4	445	22
Alistair Speirs	100 9	100 3	99 5	146 4	445	21
Alwyn McLean	100 6	98 5	98 2	148 11	444	24
James Watson	100 7	99 6	98 2	147 2	444	17
Mary Boston	100 7	100 8	99 2	143 5	442	22
James Lewis	99 8	98 4	99 2	146 6	442	20
Toby Raincock	99 5	100 5	100 4	143 5	442	19
Nigel Ball	100 3	99 7	98 5	145 2	442	17
David Richards	100 5	90 5	98 5	148 5	436	20
Ross McQuillan	98 4	99 5	98 4	141 2	436	15
Nick Hinchliffe	98 2	93 1	97 4	143 4	431	11
Erica McMullan	100 5	97 3	98 4	135 2	430	14

Aggregate to date

	Agg	v
Jon Cload	895	58
David Luckman	895	44
Parag Patel	893	45
Jon Underwood	893	44
Jeremy Langley	892	40
Andy Luckman	889	39
James Watson	889	37
Martin Millar	888	41
Alistair Speirs	888	40
John Webster	888	39
Jane Messer	887	49
Nigel Ball	886	42
Alwyn McLean	886	41
James Lewis	886	40
David Richards	882	41
Mary Boston	880	40
Toby Raincock	876	38
Ross McQuillan	872	32
Erica McMullan	871	28
Nick Hinchliffe	867	26