



Team Journal – Part 19

Monday 30th August

Today is the Folsom Shooting Club Team Match and we are fielding 4 teams led by David Richards, the Vice Captain, Jeremy Langley and, making a guest appearance as a coach, Jon Underwood.

This morning was brighter than the last two starts to the day, however, the forecast is still for rain, hence the Captain's instruction to bring our reindeer to the range today (Ed. - possibly misheard).

The course of fire for the Folsom match is 10 to count at 300x and 600x followed by 15 to count at 900x and 1000x.

At 300x the wheels fell off the Vice Captain's team in a spectacular fashion. Occasionally it falls to your correspondent fearlessly to report the truth, however painful - this is one such occasion. Our Captain suffered a minor mishap at 300 yards, well ... twice, in that he shot on the wrong target on two separate occasions for a score of 80.4. Since the infallibility of Our Captain is assumed, logic dictates that he was putting into effect a particularly cunning plan to best prepare the team for the America Match, no matter what the cost to his own dignity.



The Captain ruminates upon another cunning plan.

As the day progressed the clouds began to stalk their way from over the surrounding mountains. To east and west they began to darken and the decision was taken by those who understood these signs not to stop for lunch. Consequently we ate on the move between 900x and 1000x - some Subway sandwiches which Mary had ordered and collected. At that stage, after 3 ranges, 2 team members were clean - Andy Luckman with 350.19 and (aw, shucks) your correspondent with 350.16

At 1000x the winds were extremely tricky (at least that is what the coaches told us firers) running generally from the right but with interludes of left hand wind and changing quickly. As the last shots went down the range the rain started, a few sparse but heavy drops, promising more later. I guess the locals knew what they were doing when they forsook a lunch break

David Richards' team (Parag, Toby, David, and Jon Cload) won the day from the Vice Captain's team by 8 points. At this point your correspondent usually reports who had the top score of the day - today it *was* your correspondent. The force was strong in Jon Underwood today and to top off providing y.c. with a clean morning he managed to follow the twisting wind to such an extent that a further possible was extracted to make a total of 500.22 (credit should also go to Martin Miller (bullet-builder extraordinaire). With second and third highest scores of the day were Andy (496.26) and Jane (496.25).

As yet we do not have the full results of the match but these will be included in tomorrow's diary.

Folsom Shooting Club Team Match

Coach: David Richards

Firers	300y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000y	v	TOTAL	v
Parag Patel	100	7	100	5	149	9	144	4	493	25
Toby Raincock	100	4	99	5	147	7	147	5	493	21
David Luckman	100	7	100	9	149	6	141	3	490	25
Jon Cload	100	9	100	5	142	3	144	4	486	21
Totals:	400	27	399	24	587	25	576	16	1962	92

Coach: Nick Hinchliffe

Firers	300y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000y	v	TOTAL	v
Andy Luckman	100	7	100	3	150	9	146	7	496	26
Jane Messer	99	7	100	5	148	7	149	6	496	25
Martin Millar	100	8	99	6	146	10	147	5	492	29
John Webster	80	4	98	3	146	5	146	2	470	14
Totals:	379	26	397	17	590	31	588	20	1954	94

Coach: Jeremy Langley

Firers	300y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000y	v	TOTAL	v
Mary Boston	100	6	100	8	147	7	148	6	495	27
James Watson	100	9	99	3	145	3	148	8	492	23
James Lewis	99	9	100	1	148	7	138	2	485	19
Nigel Ball	99	6	98	6	149	6	136	5	482	23
Totals:	398	30	397	18	589	23	570	21	1954	92

Coach: Jon Underwood

Firers	300y	v	600y	v	900y	v	1000y	v	TOTAL	v
Alistair Speirs	100	7	100	4	150	5	150	6	500	22
Alwyn McLean	100	3	97	5	150	3	146	3	493	14
Ross McQuillan	100	5	100	5	147	5	143	2	490	17
Erica McMullan	99	9	97	4	140	3	134	2	470	18
Totals:	399	24	394	18	587	16	573	13	1953	71

Today's Picture Gallery



New Mexico - State of dramatic skies and ...



... big bugs.



Martin Miller (bullet-builder extraordinaire) tries on a stetson at the local Western Boot and Hat shop



Here, an update on a story related on these pages a few days ago - we tracked down the two Aussie miscreants who went off with our bus keys and present their picture - watch out for these two.



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those dark clouds