



Team Journal – Part 20

Tuesday 31st August

Today we are back to individual shooting with the Sinclair International Match. The days now proceed with metronomic regularity. Up at 6 a.m., shower, grab a bite to eat at the Continental buffet, drive to the range, jostle for position in the line for squadding and then either shoot at 300 yards or butt-marking and so on. This is not to suggest that the shooting here is palling on the team – on the contrary, the shooting is excellent with challenging winds, pleasant weather (until the scheduled 4 p.m. thunderplump – but by then we have invariably finished shooting), and, unlike Canada, a very limited number of things trying to get a bite of the prone shooter.

First, as promised, the full results of the Folsom Shooting Club Team Match. The winning team was the Nancy Tompkins Gallagher team with the very good score of 1989.107 (an average of above 497 per firer); the high scorer on the team was Michelle Gallagher who scored 499.25. In second place was the US Army team with 1967.80 (high score Tyrell Cooper with 493.21). In 3rd place was David Richards' team. The other GBRT teams came in 5th (Vice Captain's team), 6th (Jeremy Langley's) and 7th (Jon Underwood's).

The shooting today was much like yesterday's; a reasonably hot and sunny day. We started with almost no wind at 300 yards and in the afternoon found ourselves at 900x with a, now, familiar fishtail wind coming down the range with a spread of about 6 right to 3 left. There was one absence from the range today; Erica McMullan was told by the team doctor that she should not shoot because of an ear infection. Happily we can report that, having had the benefit of treatment from our travelling ENT specialist, she is now bouncing around in her usual fashion.

Top GBRT score today was Jon Underwood with 449.30, dropping only one (a waterline shot at 3 o' clock at 600x). Very close behind, both dropping only 1 point (at 900x) were Mary Boston with 449.27 and (Handy) Andy Luckman (449.24).

The winner of today's Sinclair International Match was Emil Praslick of the US Army with the only clean of the day (450.26). Second came our own Jon Underwood and third Michelle Gallagher, sister to the current World Long Range Champion (Bisley 2003 - as featured on these pages a couple of days ago). Mary was 5th and Andy 6th.

Tomorrow we are back to team matches. No doubt the selectors will be examining team members' form in great detail, as the all-important America Match is now just two days' shooting away.

Today's results in full

Sinclair International Match

	300y		500y		600y		900y		Total		Postn.
		v		v		v		v		v	
Jon Underwood	100	9	100	9	99	7	150	5	449	30	2
Mary Boston	100	7	100	8	100	8	149	4	449	27	5
Andy Luckman	100	6	100	9	100	3	149	6	449	24	6
Nigel Ball	99	6	100	5	99	2	150	12	448	25	12
John Webster	100	7	99	7	99	5	149	5	447	24	22
Jane Messer	100	5	100	6	98	4	148	7	446	22	33
David Luckman	100	7	100	7	100	4	146	2	446	20	36
Toby Raincock	100	9	99	5	99	6	147	6	445	26	39
James Watson	100	7	100	4	100	4	145	8	445	23	41
Parag Patel	100	4	99	5	99	5	147	5	445	19	42
Alistair Speirs	100	5	100	7	99	4	146	4	445	20	44
Alwyn McLean	100	7	99	6	99	7	146	5	444	25	44
James Lewis	100	6	100	8	99	5	145	4	444	23	45
Jon Cload	100	6	99	5	98	6	147	3	444	20	48
Nick Hinchliffe	99	3	97	1	98	3	147	5	441	12	63
David Richards	99	1	100	4	98	4	144	3	441	12	64
Martin Millar	99	4	99	8	99	7	143	2	440	21	65
Jeremy Langley	100	4	100	6	100	5	131	5	431	20	84
Ross McQuillan	100	8	100	6	98	3	131	2	429	19	88

Grand Agg to date

Jon Underwood	1342	74
David Luckman	1341	64
Jon Cload	1339	78
Parag Patel	1338	64
Andy Luckman	1338	63
John Webster	1335	63
Nigel Ball	1334	67
James Watson	1334	60
Jane Messer	1333	71
Alistair Speirs	1333	60
Alwyn McLean	1330	66
James Lewis	1330	63
Mary Boston	1329	67
Martin Millar	1328	62
Jeremy Langley	1323	60
David Richards	1323	53
Toby Raincock	1321	64
Nick Hinchliffe	1308	38
Ross McQuillan	1301	51
Erica McMullan	871	28

Today's Gallery



Jeremy and Mary wallpapering in the butts
(mainly because they have yet to feature in the daily gallery)



A small prize will be awarded to the first person*
to correctly identify this team member showing off
in the pits with his callisthenics routine

(* Said person may not be an employee of the NRA, related to an
employee of the NRA, a friend (?) or relative of the show-off or any person to have
seen this or any other person in this or a similar position before.)



This brick with the familiar Bisley name is to be found on the 900x firing point behind target 56 – coincidence or the Americans trying to make us feel at home?