



Team Journal – Part 7

Wednesday 18th August

Yesterday evening we finished our day on the range, as announced in yesterday's diary, with a corn roast, hosted by the NCRRA. It must be said that the corn and sausages in a bun were both very good and very welcome. After the feast the officers stayed behind at the range to pick the team for the Outlanders Team Match (open to visiting non-Canadian teams, 15 rounds at 600x and 900m):

Captain: John Webster
Adjutant: Nick Hinchliffe
Chief Coach: Jeremy Langley

Coach: David Richards
Toby Raincock
Mary Boston
Erica McMullan
Martin Millar

Coach: Jane Messer
Alwyn McLean
Ross McQuillan
James Lewis
Alistair Speirs

'Spares': James Watson, Jon Cload
Register keepers: Nigel Ball, Jon Underwood, Andy Luckman, David Luckman

An early start for the Hinchliffe/Richards bus - in order that David, the Armourer, could clean up and prepare the cadet's newly-bedded rifle.

A very different prospect appeared today as we arrive at the range. Although it was not raining the roads were wet, the sky dark and the flags flapping briskly in a left hand wind.

Nick had an early attempt for the 'Quote of the Day' slot - looking up from his paper, he remarked that Parag's Grand Agg was mentioned in the Globe and Mail - surprised murmurs (well, it was before 8 a.m.) from the rest in the hut elicited the punchline 'Yes, it is here in the obituary columns'. Wit so long before noon - that's class.

The trip to our pigeonhole at the stats office revealed that once again the GBRT members had pushed their way to the top of the lists. In the **Alexander of Tunis** the Captain is to tie shoot for first place with Geoff Woodman of Newfoundland. Also in the top ten are Alwyn McLean (7th), David Luckman (8th), and James Watson (10th).

The normal prize for winning the **Letson** is, a very generous, Life Membership of the DCRA. However, for David Luckman, who won it yesterday, the problem is that he also won it on his last visit to Ottawa in 2002. He will therefore be awarded a cash

prize to go to team funds. Also in the top ten in the **Letson** were Mary Boston (4th), James Lewis (8th) and David Richards (10th).

The **Grand Agg to date** this morning is looking distinctly GBRT-heavy at the top with David Luckman still leading the charge and holding the top spot with 454.64 (just the one dropped in the **Tunis**) from the Captain with 453.58. Places 3, 5, 6 and 9 are also held by team members (David Calvert, Jon Underwood, Andy Luckman and Mary Boston).

In the team event the **Gordon Highlanders** (teams of 8, concurrent with the **Letson**) the first place also went to a subset of the GBRT - the Surrey Rifle Association team won with 832.98 (dropping 8) from BCRA with 826.81. Top score in this team came from Mary Boston with 105.13.

Today is the **Presidents** (10 at 300m, 500x and 600x) - the sum of scores in the **Presidents** and **Letson** decides who goes through to the **Governor Generals Final**. When your correspondent went out to shoot the 500x of the Presidents it was overcast and blowing a fairly constant $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{3}{4}$ minutes left. By 10.40, time to shoot the 300m, the clouds had lifted and the sky was up to light blue, wind running 1 - $1\frac{1}{4}$ minutes left. A very pleasant shoot made a little uncomfortable by the two mosquitoes which started chewing the knuckle of my trigger finger halfway through the 8th shot to count.



Erica McMullan benefits from one-to-one position coaching from Jon Underwood.

Going into the afternoon 8 of the team were carrying forward 100 in the **Presidents**. Conditions had become a little more difficult over lunch, with the first back from the 800m stage of the **Gibson** reporting left wind in the range 6 - 10½ minutes. At 600x at 2.30 p.m. condition were warm, muggy and hazy.



One of the first back to the hut having completed the day's shooting was Jeremy Langley (seen here enjoying a well-earned gummy bear) who went clean on the day - a total of 200.21.



At 4.45 the whole team assembled to witness the Captain tie shoot for 1st place in the **Alexander of Tunis** at 900m. In the strongest winds yet seen during the meeting John started with 4,3 while his opponent had a pair of magpies. After 3 shots to count each of them had 4,4,5 - the Captain then put down a bull, as against a 4 from Geoff Woodman, and then another to win the tie shoot 23.0 to 22.1. Without doubt he had laid to rest the spectre of his previous encounters in this competition (as described in full in yesterday's diary).



On the day Jeremy was the only one with an entirely unsullied record, he was closely followed, however, by Jon Underwood (199.29) and David Luckman (198.26). We were able to put forward 3 possibles in the **Presidents** - David Luckman (150.20), Jeremy Langley (150.16) and Nigel Ball with 150.9 (Nigel would like to remind everyone that it is the one with the most points, not v-bulls, that wins prizes). There were also 3 clean sheets, so far, in the **Gibson** with Jeremy Langley and Jon Underwood each with 50.5 and Jane Messer with 50.4. There are of course two more ranges to go in the Gibson.

This evening we are hosting a reception for about 100 other competitors, at the Camp of which more in tomorrow's blog.

The Results in full

Presidents

	300m		500x		600x		Total	
		v		v		v		v
David Luckman	50	7	50	7	50	6	150	20
Jeremy Langley	50	6	50	7	50	3	150	16
Nigel Ball	50	2	50	3	50	4	150	9
Jon Underwood	50	9	49	8	50	7	149	24
David Calvert	50	8	50	6	49	4	149	18
James Watson	50	6	50	6	49	3	149	15
Parag Patel	50	6	50	8	48	7	148	21
Alistair Speirs	50	8	49	5	49	5	148	18
Mary Boston	50	5	49	7	49	4	148	16
Jane Messer	50	5	50	6	48	4	148	15
James Lewis	48	7	50	6	49	7	147	20
John Webster	50	6	50	7	47	3	147	16
Martin Millar	48	4	50	6	49	4	147	14
Jon Cload	46	2	50	8	50	5	146	15
Andy Luckman	50	5	49	5	47	4	146	14
David Richards	50	7	48	1	48	3	146	11
Ross McQuillan	48	6	48	6	49	5	145	17
Toby Raincock	48	3	50	8	47	3	145	14
Erica McMullan	48	4	49	3	48	5	145	12
Alwyn McLean	47	4	49	6	47	2	143	12
Nick Hinchliffe	45	2	47	3	50	5	142	10

Gibson

	800m		300m		600x		Total	
		v		v		v		v
Jeremy Langley	50	5						
Jon Underwood	50	5						
Jane Messer	50	4						
Erica McMullan	49	5						
Toby Raincock	49	3						
James Lewis	49	2						
David Luckman	48	6						
Nigel Ball	48	4						
Andy Luckman	48	4						
Martin Millar	48	2						
John Webster	48	1						
David Calvert	47	7						
Nick Hinchliffe	47	3						
David Richards	47	3						
Ross McQuillan	47	3						
Alistair Speirs	47	3						
Alwyn McLean	47	2						
Mary Boston	46	5						
Parag Patel	46	2						
James Watson	45	3						
Jon Cload	45	1						

Daily Agg (no competition)

	Presid.		Gibson		Total	
		v		v		v
Jeremy Langley	150	16	50	5	200	21
Jon Underwood	149	24	50	5	199	29
David Luckman	150	20	48	6	198	26
Jane Messer	148	15	50	4	198	19
Nigel Ball	150	9	48	4	198	13
David Calvert	149	18	47	7	196	25
James Lewis	147	20	49	2	196	22
Andy Luckman	148	17	48	4	196	21
Alistair Speirs	148	18	47	3	195	21
John Webster	147	17	48	1	195	18
Martin Millar	147	14	48	2	195	16
Parag Patel	148	21	46	2	194	23
James Watson	149	14	45	3	194	17
Erica McMullan	145	12	49	5	194	17
Toby Raincock	145	14	49	3	194	17
David Richards	146	11	47	3	193	14
Ross McQuillan	145	17	47	3	192	20
Mary Boston	145	17	46	5	191	22
Jon Cload	146	15	45	1	191	16
Alwyn McLean	143	12	47	2	190	14
Nick Hinchliffe	142	10	47	3	189	13

Grand Agg to date

		v
David Luckman	652	90
Jon Underwood	651	85
David Calvert	648	87
John Webster	648	76
Andy Luckman	647	68
Nigel Ball	647	64
Jane Messer	646	60
Jeremy Langley	644	61
Parag Patel	643	71
James Watson	643	65
James Lewis	643	63
Toby Raincock	642	70
Alistair Speirs	642	61
Mary Boston	641	77
Jon Cload	639	65
David Richards	638	62
Martin Millar	637	56
Alwyn McLean	637	52
Ross McQuillan	635	58
Erica McMullan	631	61
Nick Hinchliffe	616	35