

KENT COUNTY SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

BISLEY NEWSLETTER



National Smallbore Rifle Championships, 10th – 17th August 2013

Another almost dry Bisley week, enjoyed by a smaller than usual group of Kent Shooters taking part in this year's National Championships, but nevertheless still with a number of successes.

Kent Achievements

Individual shooting at the National Championships is formed of three elements; the Weekend Aggregate, the Grand Aggregate, shot during the week, and the Earl Roberts British Championship. The Aggregates are shot in 5 classes, over 50m and 100yds, with around 90 competitors in each class. In addition, there are a number of club and county team competitions throughout the weekend and the week.

Outstanding individual Kent success of the Championships included:

- ❖ Darren Sprules (Ashford / Faversham) finishing runner-up in Competition 3 in Class X.
- ❖ Mal West (Sevenoaks Seniors) finishing in 3rd place in the Queen Alexandra (Individual) competition
- ❖ Theo Dodds (Tonbridge School) **winning** Competition 6 in Class C
- ❖ Gus Van Setten (Tonbridge School) **winning** Competition 5 in Class D and finishing runner-up in the Class D Grand Aggregate, earning promotion to Class C for next year's competition.
- ❖ Theo Dodds also qualifying for the final of the 'Bobs' Competition in the British Championships, (right) and being selected for the Great Britain Junior Team for the Drew International Match.



Congratulations also to Robin Taylor, who was the top-scoring Kent competitor in the Grand Aggregate.

Weekend Aggregate

14 Kent competitors competed in the Weekend Aggregate competition, firing 120 shots in a total of 3 competitions, with three further aggregate competitions. The Weekend Aggregate is unsquadded, with shooters from a mixture of classes on each detail.

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	CLASS	CLASS PLACINGS
K I Adair	Ashford & District	1138	A	
M Tranter	Borough of Wandsworth	1129	C	7 th place Comp 9 6 th place Comp 10b
D Sprules	Faversham / Ashford	1117	X	
G M Freeman	Ramsgate & Dover	1113	B	
G Van Setten	Tonbridge School	1113	D	4 th place Comp 9 7 th place Comp 10a 6 th place Comp 10b
D Austen	Ramsgate & Dover	1111	C	
J Robinson	Faversham	1106	B	
T Dodds	Tonbridge School	1101	C	
D Robinson	Faversham	1101	C	
H Austen	Ramsgate & Dover	1101	D	
M Cox	St Nicholas	1085	D	
A Hull	Tonbridge School	1068	C	
C Kingston	Tonbridge School	1061	D	
I MacDonald	Hildenborough RC	1042	D	

In the additional concurrent competitions during the weekend:

- ❖ In the Class C & D pairs, Dave Austen and Holly Austen finished in 6th place.

Grand Aggregate

11 Kent shooters competed in the week-long Grand Aggregate. The Aggregate consists of 6 separate competitions, with a total of 280 shots, i.e. a total score ex 2800. The competitions are squadded, so that all shooters from a particular class shoot at the same time in the same conditions.

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	CLASS	CLASS PLACINGS
R Taylor	Borough of Wandsworth	2645	X	
D Sprules	Ashford & District	2641	X	2 nd Comp 3
Miss D M Russell	Ashford & District	2628	X	
J P Robinson	Faversham	2619	B	
G M Freeman	Ramsgate and Dover	2617	B	4 th Comp 4
D M Robinson	Faversham	2598	C	6 th Comp 2 10 th Comp 5 9 th Comp 6 10 th Comp 7 Grand Agg
T Dodds	Tonbridge School	2591	C	7 th Comp 1 1 st Comp 6
C Varrall	Ramsgate and Dover	2585	A	
G Van Setten	Tonbridge School	2583	D	8 th Comp 2 2 nd Comp 3 2 nd Comp 4 1 st Comp 5 5 th Comp 6 2 nd Comp 7 Grand Agg
M Tranter	Borough of Wandsworth	2555	C	
M Arvidson	St Nicholas	2536	C	

In the unsquadded competitions during the week:

- ❖ In the Womens' Open Meeting Championship (Bisley or Scotland) Diane Russell finished in 10th place.
- ❖ In the News of the World competitions, Martin Tranter finished in 6th place in Class C, and Gus Van Setten earned **1st place** in Class D.
- ❖ In the Help for Heroes competition, Diane Russell finished in 7th place in Class X, and Holly Austen finished 3rd place in Class D.
- ❖ In the Veterans competition, Martin Tranter earned **1st place** in Class C.
- ❖ In the Junior Development Fund competition, Graham Freeman finished 6th place in Class B.

County Teams

County 50m Competition – Wednesday 14th August

The team, selected on the basis of 50m in the Grand Aggregate, put in a steady shoot in very windy conditions, and ended in 17th place out of 22 county teams overall.

Theo Dodds	582
Diane Russell	578
Robin Taylor	577
Darren Sprules	573
Graham Freeman	567
D Robinson	557
	3434



Kent County 50m Team

Alongside this, the County Ladies 50m competition was fired, Kent ending in 5th place out of 9 county teams; our best result in recent times.

Diane Russell	578
Holly Austen	572
Sallyann Bailey	555
	1705



County Sextette – Thursday 16th August

The Kent team, selected from the Grand Aggregate scores up to Wednesday, again shot in very windy conditions to finish in 18th place out of 23 county teams.

Diane Russell	387
Robin Taylor	382
Darren Sprules	379
John Robinson	375
Dave Robinson	373
Graham Freeman	371
	2267



Astor – Friday 16th August

The Astor is a single dewar course, shot for by a club team of six, representing the county, and this year Ashford & District Rifle Club won the right to represent Kent. It was an incredibly windy afternoon, and a bit of a shock to the system for a club that doesn't have an outdoor range; nevertheless a valiant effort was made, with some particularly high scores at 50m, earning a highly credible 11th place out of 16 competing teams.

Miss D Russell	383
D Sprules	378
S Wright	376
A Parkinson	375
D Farnfield	370
J Livingstone	367
	2249



The 2013 Kent Astor Team: Ashford & District RC

Queen Alexandra Cup

In the absence of the Kent County team qualifying for the Queen Alexandra Competition, Ashford and District RC competed in the Queen Alexandra Club Team competition, losing to arch-rivals Eastbourne by just 4 points in the annual 'Charrington Cup' (aka the Pimms trophy)!

	Deliberate	Time Limit	Skirmisher	Total
Diane Russell	93, 95	96, 94	13	391
Darren Sprules	95, 92	92, 90	9	378
Keith Adair	94, 87	92, 93	9	375
				1144

Meanwhile Mal West represented Kent as the County's individual qualifier in the competition, finishing **3rd place**.

	Deliberate	Time Limit	Skirmisher	Total
Mal West	94, 97	97, 97	13	398

Other Photos...



The Astor – you might have more luck boys if you looked down the range (John L), and through the rifle sights, not the telescope (Alan)!!



That's better Alan!



The Astor – Ashford shooters David Farnfield and Steve Wright mid-detail



Guess whose mucky feet on the firing point !!



John Livingstone explains (with actions!) his pre-match preparation to Shirley Russell and Ashford Club President Ron Fillery.



Ashford Club enjoying a merry night out at the Artists – this photo was taken late in the evening...!

Well done to all the Kent shooters and supporters, and see you next year!