

13th December 2008

## Christmas Trophy Won By Gary Crofts



### Gary Crofts Receiving The Christmas 2008 Trophy from Tim Gazes

In conditions reminiscent of the WW1 battlefields, Gary Crofts was the very worthy winner of the Christmas Trophy shoot today.

24 hours of steady rain stopped just as shooting was about to commence, so whilst we didn't get wet, conditions underfoot were appalling and once again the light conditions were very poor.

All of which makes Gary's 72/75 score even more impressive. Well done Gary! Today's runner up was Mark Jarvis with a very creditable 62/75 points and third place was shared between Russell Pierpoint, Tommy Lovatt and Tim Gazes with 61/75 points each.

But this was the Christmas shoot, so nobody went home empty handed and despite the conditions, this was a well attended shoot.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year to all.

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29th November 2008

## Winter Series Lives Up To It's Name

The cold and the fog and the gloom did not prevent an excellent turnout for today's shoot. The poor visibility and very muddy conditions underfoot meant that the average scores were a bit lower than normal (Poor excuses I know, but hey!!). But with some excellent shooting on his first line, Jim Symms came out on top with a truly well-earned 40/45 points, gaining him 3 points for the Winter Series and putting him in pole position at the half-way point. Joint runners up with 39/45 points each were Rob Law and Colin Tudor earning them 1.5 points each for the series.

So, at the half-way point, with 3 out of the six Winter Series shoots completed, things are looking very finely balanced as you will see from the table below:

Jim Symms	4 points
Dave Tudor	3 points
Gary Crofts	3 points
Tom Crowther	2.5 points

Russell Pierpoint      2 points  
Rob Law                    2 points  
Colin Tudor                1.5 points

With the next shoot being the Christmas Trophy, the second half of the Winter Series will resume with the January shoot, on 17th January 2009.

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25th October 2008

### **Tom Welch Granted Honorary Life Membership**



At the AGM of members, held before today's shoot, it was unanimously agreed to award honorary life membership of the club to long-time stalwart Tom Welch, to mark his 40 years of service to the club. Tom first joined the club in 1968 and has attended the vast majority of shoots ever since.

Tom was recently the innocent victim of a very nasty road accident, but the small problem of many broken bones only caused him to miss about three shoots and we were all delighted to see him back shooting with us this afternoon. All members are grateful to Tom for all that he has brought, and continues to bring, to the club. Well done Tom!

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25th October 2008

### **Second Shoot of Winter Series**

Well, the rain just about held off but high winds made today's shooting difficult and uncomfortable. But this was a well attended shoot with some excellent shooting. Dave Tudor and Russell Pierpoint held joint first place with 40/45 points. Dave won in the shoot-off to claim 3-points in the series and Russell walked away with 2-points for second place. Gary Crofts and Rob Law were joint third with 39/40 points and so each earn half a point for the series.

So, with 2 out of the 6 shoots completed, the Winter Series Points table now look like this:

Gary Crofts                3 points  
Dave Tudor                3 points  
Tom Crowther             2.5 points  
Russell Pierpoint        2 points

Jim Symms            1 point

Rob Law                0.5 points

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19th October 2008

### **Club Members Shine At Barrow Table Tennis Club Shoot**

For some 38 years now the club has run a special fund-raising shoot once a year for Barrow Table Tennis Club, just outside Chester. The event is organised and hosted by long serving club member, Rob Law, and this year took place on Sunday 19th October. Following last year's rain-soaked event, this years conditions were positively balmy - although a stiff breeze made for some interesting birds.

This is a fun event with instruction and lighthearted competition for novices, plus separate competitions for Open and Intermediate level shooters.

Our own Gary Crofts ran out winner of the Open event, following a tense three-way shoot off against Scott Barnett and Tom Crowther.

Peter Latham clinched the Intermediate competition from Mike Dunning, again following an exciting shoot off .



Gary Crofts, Scott Barnett, Peter Latham and Mike Dunning receiving their trophies.

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27th September 2008

### **Honours Shared in First Shoot of Winter Series**

Gary Crofts and Tom Crowther shared first place for this first shoot of the Winter Series. Each scoring 42/45 they each earn 2.5 points towards the series total. Third place went to Jim Symms who shot 40/45 and so earns himself one point in the series.

This was a well attended shoot with some good shooting all round.

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30th August 2008

### **Gary Crofts Wins "Rob Ankers Trophy"**



This year's winner of the "Rob Ankers Trophy" is Gary Crofts (right), seen here receiving his trophy from Paul Lewis. This competition is held on the last Saturday of August each year and, unusually for this club, is a "double rise" event with shooters shooting at 10 pairs of targets. Despite good shooting conditions, shooters struggled with these tricky pairs and Gary did well to run out winner with an excellent score of 15/20. Runners-up Tom Crowther and Dave Tudor each scored 14/20.