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Hot Shooting Wins Darryl Worman The Ken Dodd Trophy

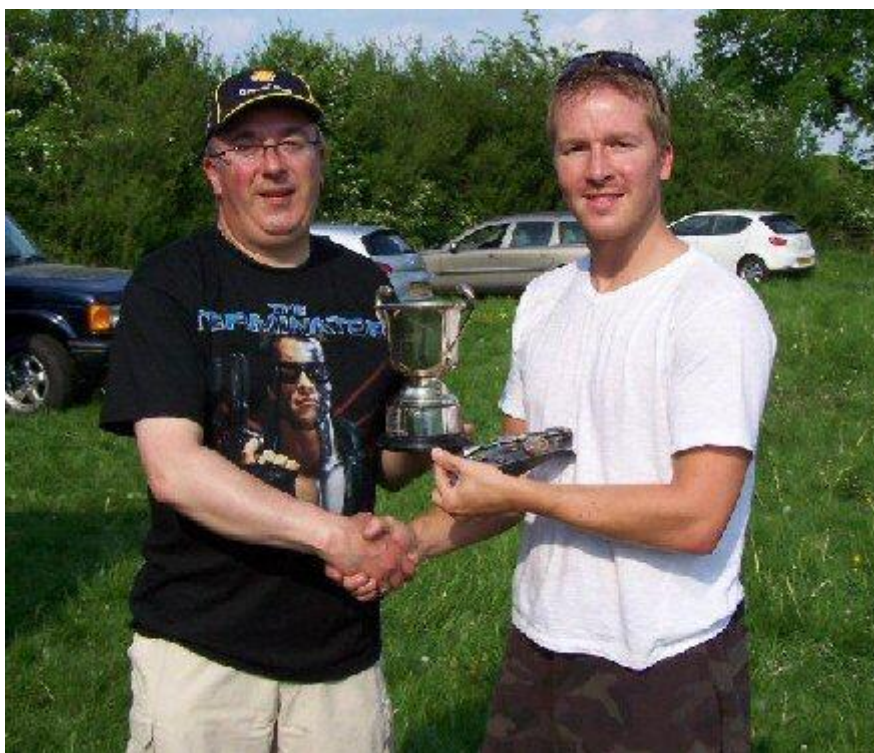
The hottest day of the year so far saw the start of the summer trophy season, with today's trophy being our oldest and most prestigious of all – the Ken Dodd Trophy. This is a 25-bird event and we've been shooting for this cup since 1966!

The exceptionally hot weather seemed to cause problems for many of the shooters today and Darryl Worman landed an early psychological blow by scoring 74/75 on his first card – just the one second-barrel kill. Many brave challenges just melted in the heat and nobody else seriously threatened to deny Darryl the victory he deserved.

The closest anyone came was John Tennison who twice carded 69/75 points - a remarkable achievement in itself. Club Champion, Gary Crofts was having an off-day by his own very high standards, but he still managed to achieve third place with 67/75 points.

Congratulations to Darryl and well done to John and Gary.

Next time, we'll be shooting for another old favourite – The Phil Morgan Trophy.



Darryl Worman (right) being presented with his trophy by runner-up John Tennison

24th April 2010

Pierpoint Hangs On For Well Earned Victory

This was one of those beautiful spring days where the very best place in the world to be is rural South Cheshire. The sun was shining; it was sunny but not too hot and a month without rain had dried out the field to perfection.

So it was slightly surprising that the shooting got off to a slightly flakey start, the only person on the first card to show any form at all was John Tennison who managed to kill all 15 birds, but three second barrels pegged him back to 42/45 points – a score that would ultimately secure him third place for the day.

Despite faltering slightly on the first card, Russell Pierpoint regained his customary form on his second card and registered a “full-house” 15/45 score – fantastic shooting that was to remain unequalled for the rest of the day.

The nearest anyone came to Russell was Tom Crowther with 44/45, earning him second place for the day.

Well done to Russell, and now we can all look forward to the summer trophy season, which starts with the Ken Dodd Trophy shoot on 22nd May.

27th March 2010

Pure Poetry From Tennison!

Despite the recent spell of gloomy weather this turned out to be one of our better and most exciting shoots. The sun shone and there was a definite hint of spring in the air, so conditions were just about perfect for shooting.

Combine that with recent performances and you would have thought that only a 45 point “full-house” would have been good enough today. But 42 seemed to be the limit. Card after card went by with nobody managing to get that elusive last bird. Going into the 14th and final card it looked like we were heading for a four-way shoot-off between Gary Crofts, Russell Pierpoint, Rob Law and Tom Crowther all stuck on 42/45 points.

But then, on the very last card of the day, John Tennison showed nerves of steel to overcome an early second-barrel kill to go on and finish on 43/45 points and so win the day. Excellent and really exciting shooting. Well done John.



Gary Crofts being awarded the Winter Series Trophy by Today's Winner, John Tennison

Sadly, for John, although this was the last shoot of the Winter Series his victory was not enough to wrest the series away from Gary Crofts. Gary went into today having an unassailable lead in the series and was duly crowned this year's winner, with 10.5 points. Runner up was Russell Pierpoint with 5.3 point. A full table of the Winter Series points scorers can be found on the Downloads page.

27th February 2010

Anyone for Rallycross?

Where else would you get to combine the sports of clay shooting and rallycross in a single morning? The recent snow and rain had turned our field into its customary winter quagmire, which made driving onto and off the ground a very exciting business. John Tennison was voted the undisputed rallycross champion and you can see by his car (below) that he took the competition a bit too seriously.



However, the trophy he is holding (left) was not for his driving skills but for being the most improved shooter in the year 2009. John managed to improve his average score from 63% to 87% during the year, an amazing achievement.

John also went on to claim joint third place in the days shoot, tying with Russell Pierpoint and Dave Tudor. Second place went to Mark Hughson with a score of 43 points – a feat he repeated twice just for good measure.

No prizes for guessing the winner again this week! Yes, Gary Crofts triumphed once again with 44/45 points, and not to be outdone, he too achieved that score twice in the morning.

And so, with just one shoot remaining, Gary is now in an unassailable position in the current Winter Series with 9.5 points against Russell Pierpoint, his nearest rival, with 4.3 points. Well done Gary.

16th January 2010

Another Victory For Club Champion Gary Crofts

Maintaining his recent run of unbeatable form, Gary Crofts won the day again today with what else but a 10/30 full-house score.

The snow and ice had been replaced by milder temperatures and overnight rain. But the rain stopped about an hour before the shoot started and, apart from a good stiff breeze, conditions were pretty much perfect for an excellent shoot. Attendance was slightly below normal, presumably because of the weather.

Dave Tudor was the first to declare his intent, carding 10/29 on his first line. Then the seemingly inevitable happened and Gary responded with 10/30 on his second card - and nobody else could match that for the rest of the day. So it ended with Gary 1st, Dave Tudor 2nd and Russell Pierpoint 3rd with 10/28. This result puts Gary in a fairly commanding lead for the Winter Series with 6.5 points, 2.5 points ahead of his nearest rival, Russell Pierpoint.



Gary also bagged yet another trophy this afternoon - being crowned Club Champion for the year 2009. This is a new trophy that we are introducing and is given to the person who records the highest average score over the whole calendar year. All members are eligible, but there is a minimum requirement to have attended at least four shoots in the year. Gary, pictured above holding his trophy, recorded an average of 95.5% over the year and is a very worthy winner. Steve Harding was the very close runner-up with 95.4%. Some shooting!