

Derek Gale 2019 Junior Cup

Report by Ken Goodchild

Referee was Mark Dobson

Scorers were Sandy Foster, Mark Dobson

Card Changer was Ian Lloyd

The second competition was held on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

It was very disappointing to see a poor turn out this year compared to last year for whatever reasons, we live in hope for next year. That said, the four valiant young shooters who did show still had it all to do - and do it they did, putting a few of us older shooters to shame in the process. We would like to thank them all for coming, trying their best and putting on a good show. We'd also like to thank their 'support crews' and visitors for bringing them and supporting the event.

Since there were but four entries, a last-minute decision was made to extend the competition to a four carder instead of two. I think our young combatants took to that well as their scores improved through three cards but did tail off on the fourth. I suggest that it was tiredness that caused that, four cards are quite a number to shoot. How did our players do, well let's have a look shall we?

Dom East, Brown Jack, started confidently with a 51 and put the pedal to the metal to follow with 55. He backed off a little with his next 51 and ended his challenge with 45. A good effort Dom, well done and you'll be so much better for the next one. Finley Cock, Supermarine also opened with a creditable score of 52, proceeded to follow with 58, didn't do too badly with 55 for his third but sadly dropped off for a final score of 46. Finley really enjoys his shooting and I predict that this young man will go far in this sport.

And here's another youngster destined to achieve much success in this game, Miss Rebecca Green of the Fallen Angels Club. We can't fail to be impressed by her style and results, she has obviously learned much already, and we look forward to watching her progress. 53,52, 56 and 54 was her effort.

Lastly was the Brown Jack's Miss Lucy Almond and what a Star this young lady is turning out to be. Fresh from her success in the Newport Open, Lucy put together a 58,57 and 55 before she too waned a little with a finishing 50.

So, fourth was Dom with a total of 202, good stuff Dom. Third was Finley with his total of 211, fine effort Finley. But it was the two young ladies who, this year, showed us how it's done. Runner up was Rebecca with a superb effort of 215, great effort. but this year's Derek Gale winner was Lucy with a stonking 220, cracking shooting Lucy.

We say a big well done to you all and, once again, thank you for coming. It was also nice to see Howard and Keith, current and previous League Secretaries, with special thanks to Howard for agreeing (at the last minute) to present the trophies. That's it for another year and hope to see you for the next one.