

20th August 1007

By That Correspondent

A day of low winds and high scoring; however first a comedy moment from our social secretary, Roo Dix, who had retired early last night. Upon being woken by his roommate returning from dinner at 11:15 leapt up in bed in a state of alarm, exclaiming "Are we late?!"

The day of the Letson started off very cool indeed first thing in the morning, but the wind was much more benign than it had been on previous days, resulting in a much higher number of possibles being scored. Many of the team shot on the 09:30 detail at 500 yards, which had more than twenty five people weighing triggers for scoring 35 out of a possible 35. Vee counts were not as impressive as they might have been, with many people losing them out right as the wind dropped away at various points, and some of the more bullish of the team cut bullseye sighters. The 300 yards shoots were similarly straightforward, with only one or two points dropped across the team.

Jane and Jackie laid on another fine spread for lunch, with the pickled chillies being a firm favourite with some of the younger members of the team. The Adj and Rick Stewart amused themselves during the lunchtime break by trying to coax the mice living under the hut out with small morsels of bread. The (ab)use of the physio balls continued, with Dave and Andy Luckman attempting to outdo each other by seeing how long they could juggle while perching on the ball with both feet off the floor. Andy managed a creditable fifteen successful throws and catches, but Dave took the honours with over forty. The circus beckons, if life as an actuary starts to wane!



The afternoon proved as benign as the morning, and quite a number of possibles were scored in the 600 yards stage of the Letson. When the dust had settled from the hordes trampling off to the range officer to have their triggers weighed, David Luckman, Parag Patel and Tom Whitaker of the United States were all tied on 105 with 18 vee bulls. A total of 77 scores of 105 were made.

Roll on the Alexander of Tunis in the afternoon, the traditional Connaught stand-in for Bisley's own Corporation; although this year, the usual howls of disgust at wide magpies, rain and gusting winds were, for once, absent. With winds varying from a minute to six minutes across the whole day in convenient chunks of two minutes, forty-two people made the maximum score of 50. Gillian Webb-Enslin of Australia beat out the chasing pack with 50.7. At this point, special mention should be made of Ed Legei of Kenya for managing an astounding 50.0, deftly steering his shots between the tramlines for a no-vee possible.

Once the shooting had finished at 600 yards to watch Andy Luckman compete in a five-way tie shoot for the Col. John C. Brick competition. After taking some time to work out what the wind was doing, Andy converted V5 sighters, went on to shoot another two bulls, and finished on a vee; however Darren Enslin, the 1999 World Long-Range Champion managed to make just a single vee more to take the trophy.

And on a final note, sincere thanks must be made to Jackie, our team physio who has worked so hard to keep us all limber despite our exertions, seen below taking a well-earned moment after lunch to do the su doku...



Results

The Letson (2+7 @ 300, 500 & 600)

1= LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	105v18
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4. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	105v17
10. MESSER, JANE, GBRT	105v16
20. BRASIER, NICK, GBRT	105v14
21. WATSON, JAMES, GBRT	105v14
28. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	105v13
34. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	105v13
41. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	105v12
42. LANGLEY, JEREMY, GBRT	105v12
51. JEENS, RICHARD, GBRT	105v12
55. DIX, RUPERT, GBRT	105v11
62. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	105v10
72. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	105v9

The Alexander of Tunis (2+10 @ 1000)

1. WEBB-ENSLIN, GILLIAN, AUSTRALIA	50v8
2. TAYLOR, MATTHEW, AUSTRALIA	50v7
3. TEGLASI, MIRKO, VANCOUVER, BC	50v7
4. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	50v7
28. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	50v4
29. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	50v4
30. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	50v4
37. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	50v3

Jack Gorrie Aggregate

1. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	155v25
2. WHITAKER, THOMAS, YORBA LINDA, CA US	155v23
3. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	155v22
11. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	155v17
13. MC QUILLAN, ROSS, GBRT	155v14
15. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	155v12
20. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	154v21
25. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	154v19
27. MESSER, JANE, GBRT	154v19
31. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	154v17
41. DIX, RUPERT, GBRT	154v15

Grand Aggregate to date

1. RAINCOCK, TOBY, GBRT	454v54
2. HURD, SHERRI, USA YOUNG EAGLES	454v51
3. CUNNINGHAM, KEITH, BURNT RIVER, ON	453v51
4. PUGSLEY, JOHN, DEVON, UK	453v48
9. ARMSTRONG, DAVID, GBRT	451v56
10. PATEL, PARAG, GBRT	451v55
14. BALL, NIGEL, GBRT	451v46
22. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	450v43

25. HOLDEN, PETER, GBRT	449v51
28. MESSER, JANE, GBRT	449v48
36. LUCKMAN, DAVID, GBRT	448v57
39. UNDERWOOD, JON, GBRT	448v52
43. LANGLEY, JEREMY, GBRT	448v46

Col. John C Brick Tie-Shoot (2 + 5 @ 600 yards)

1. ENSLIN, DARREN, AUSTRALIA	100v15 tie 25.3
2. LUCKMAN, ANDY, GBRT	100v15 tie 25.2
3. CUNNINGHAM, KEITH, BURNT RIVER, ON	100v15 tie 25.2
4. SEEBOHM, PETER, GB U25	100v15 tie 25.1
5. WHALEN, RONALD, AUSTRALIA	100v15 tie 25.1