



ARMY v ESSU v POLICE
ANNUAL DOUBLE ENGLISH MATCH 2008

ESSU Captain's Report

Sunday 18th May 2008 was the day & Lord Roberts Centre the venue for this triangular match where teams of 10 shooters including 2 participating reserves from each organisation compete against each other for the Triangular Trophy. The ESSU team is chosen from current ESSU members who, after the conclusion of the ESSU Championships earlier in May, put their name forward as being available for selection for the match. After the 1st English Match the scores shot are examined & the top 8 shooters from the 10 who have participated are selected as the team for the 2nd match in the afternoon. If the 2 reserves wish to shoot the 2nd match then they can do so.

The conditions for the day were rather typical for LRC so far this year, a strong, variable & cold wind from the North East made life difficult for all those present including those running the event. My own estimation, based on many hours of watching shooters trying to cope with this 50 metre range, was if anyone achieved a score of 585 or better they had achieved a very creditable result.

The 09.00hrs start was in sunny conditions, which resulted in the ISSF no side flap rule for hats, being relaxed for that detail. As is usual there is always 1 shooter who seems to get a grasp of conditions slightly better than most others & in the morning match it was Richard Brown of the ESSU team. He shot some excellent strings resulting in the high score of the day with 586. Tom Brunning followed this with 583, Nick Clark on 581 & Martyn White 580. After the totals were checked the result was that the ESSU had a 28 point lead over the Police with the Army 61 points down on the Police total.

There was no change in the make up of the ESSU team for the 2nd match which started @ 13.00 hrs. Conditions had not changed since the morning so similar scores were expected & this proved to be the case. High score for ESSU was Nick Clark who managed a 1-point improvement on his morning score with 582. Mike Bagot improved his earlier performance by 5 points also with 582. He had suffered a target malfunction in the morning so it is possible that this had had a negative affect on his score for that match. Either way he was happier with his result. Liam Webster was also much more satisfied with his 582 than he was with the morning score of 565. Richard Fowke improved his result from the morning by achieving 581.

The end result was a win for the ESSU team, the Police team were 2nd & the Army team 3rd. The trophy was presented by Peter Underhill. He also presented a medal to the individual high score from each team.

	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ESSU</u>	<u>POLICE</u>
EM 1	4532	4621	4593
EM 2	<u>4506</u>	<u>4622</u>	<u>4601</u>
Total	<u>9038</u>	<u>9243</u>	<u>9194</u>



Nick Clark	581 & 582 = 1163	Martyn White	580 & 572 = 1152
Richard Brown	586 & 576 = 1162	Liam Webster	565 & 582 = 1147
Richard Fowke	579 & 582 = 1160	Martyn Buttery	570 & 572 = 1142
Mike Bagot	577 & 582 = 1159	Phil Auty	565 & 564 = 1129
Tom Brunning	583 & 575 = 1158	Steve Rogers	534 & 546 = 1080