



Grand Prix of Liberation Plsen 2009

Thursday May 7th

The first day of competition kicked off with the Men's 50m Prone event. The Top 3 English prone shooters were squaded on the first relay that started at 08:00. Conditions were ideal at the Lobsy range in Plsen, when the detail had finished at 09:15 it was apparent that initial estimates of Individual scores were likely to be high. As the competition was shot on paper targets there was an anxious wait to see the confirmed scores. After a wait of about 50mins the scores for the England A team were confirmed as

Mike Babb 97,99,100,100,100,100 =596

Richard Wilson 97,100,100,100,99,100= 596

Duncan Farmer 97,99,99,100,99,100= 594.



We had to wait for the end of the second relay, which started at 09:45 for confirmation of the individual and team positions.



After the results were published it was confirmed that England were placed second behind the Czech Team and establishing a new British record score of 1786 surpassing the previous one by 5 points, in addition both Mike and Richard had qualified for a shoot off to get into the individual final. As of January 1st 2009 all tied scores into finals are broken by a 5 shot shoot off.

All six shooters in the shoot off were tied with 596 points, and at stake were only 2 places in the main final. After a nail biting 5 shots Mike was top score and qualified for the final, however Richard's score after 5 shots put him in 4th place. Mike went on to shoot 102.4 in the individual final, but didn't manage to make up any places and ended up in 8th place.

(Ken Parr)

Stop Press England Women's prone team has just won gold, breaking the British record by 14 points with a score of 1779. In addition Michele Smith achieved individual Gold with a 599!

(No doubt there may be more news when they have finished the celebrations and the webmaster is back from Germany!)