

## **Soke TSC Christmas Dinner - 13 December 2014**

Captains Speech:

### **Summary:**

As usual, I'm just going to focus on our successes.

### **Nationals:**

Having said that, we had no luck in the NSRA league last summer, but we did a little better than last year. We finished 4th in our division.

However we had one success in the 50m. I don't think the recipient has any idea that he's won this, nevertheless he achieved the highest C Class Set 2 score in the 50m Benchrest – Brian Simmonds.

### **Eastern Region:**

50m Individual

Division 3 – 1st – Ian Farnell

50m Pairs

Division 3 – 1st – Sara Farnell & Bob Hedaux

### **CTSA:**

“100” Pins:

Awarded to those who shoot a poss in County League and Squad competitions. You can only win one of these in a year and some of us were presented with pins at the BBQ shoot, if any of the following already have one for this year then please say so:

Rd.5 CTSA 25y – Ian Farnell

Rd.10 CTSA 25y BR – Brian Simmonds

Rd.10 CTSA 50m – Chris Rutter

Rd.8 CTSA 50m – Bob Hedaux

### **County Summer Leagues:**

#### **100 yd Individual:**

D.10 – Winner – Andrew Baldock

D. 4 – Winner – Bob Hedaux

D. 3 – Winner – Ed Haigh

#### **100 yd Team:**

D. 3 – Winners – Soke C (Dave C, Andrew B & Ted H)

D. 2 – Winners – Soke B (Bob H, Ian F & Chris R)

#### **50 m Individual:**

D. 7 – Winner – Bob Hedaux

D. 4 – Winner – David Casbon

**25 yd Individual:**

D. 1 – Winner – Neil Day

**25 yd Team:**

D. 1 – Winners – Soke A (David P, ~~Ed H~~, Bob H, Neil D & NP)

Oooooops!

**National Championships:**

Soke TSC Club Member Successes:

**Scottish:**

Two Soke members went this year, Neil and myself (I was the virgin!), we both made the England squad, Neil shot whilst I was a reserve.

**Bisley:**

**Susan Day** – Winner of the A Class W/E Aggregate

**Neil Day & Nick Penn** – Silver medallists in the W/E Pairs

**Andrew Baldock** – Winner, 50m Any sights comp. C Class

**Neil Day** made the victorious England team with **Nick Penn** in the squad as a reserve (again!!)

**Susan Day** competed for Wales and had the high score in the Welsh Team.

All the other club members who went to Bisley this year had a comparatively quiet time, unfortunately DP had a bit of a disaster so will be competing in B Class next year, the same fate befell Cazy who just missed holding on to his A Class status. Bob Hedaux put in a highly creditable performance in B Class, just missing out on promotion. The net result of all this is that we will have a very strong B Class entry next year, DP, DC, RH & EH.

**Club Awards:**

As you know, each year, we usually make two awards to deserving Club members.

Unfortunately, we don't have any nominations for Rooky of the year this year, no new blood to call upon. However, we are starting to attract some new members so there is some potential in the pipeline.

However, the other award recognises the Club member who, in the opinion of the Club Captain (that'll be me then), has achieved the best personal performance improvement throughout the year. Again, this year's award goes to someone who enjoys his shooting immensely. Always keen to take part and support the club in all the team events. It all came together this year with some really solid 13/14 Winter league performances, lifting his averages in all 3 distances causing his overall average to go up by 3.2 points. He also put in a solid performance in the 2014 Summer Leagues trying to live

up to his new increased averages and whilst his overall average slipped by 0.9 his performance in both Winter and Summer Leagues was outstanding.

So, this year I'm pleased to present the most improved performance trophy to Chris Rutter.

So, in conclusion, another successful year and now that we are starting to get used to our new range facility in Alconbury I'm sure we'll enjoy further success next year. And who knows, we may even get some kinder weather next year at Norman Cross to help us with our outdoor activities.

That concludes the presentations; it just remains for me to wish us all continued success in 2015. With that I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and hand you back to our Chairman.

Thank you.

Over to you Mr. Chairman.