

24th MLAIC World Championship

Barcelos, Portugal ~ August 2010

Captain's Report by Victor Chopin-John

Barcelos is a medium sized town some 50 kames from Porto which is one of the main towns on the coast of Portugal and about half way up the coast from Lisbon.

Temperatures were in the high 20's and 30's which took its toll. We drank frequently to keep hydrated. Even on the point we all drank copious amounts of water.

The range was brand new. I got there a couple of days before the event and went to visit it only to find workmen sawing, painting and putting finishing touches to things. I was assured it would be open for the event. I was also told that it was only two days previously that the range had received official certification! How close was that?

While looking around, I noticed a very large house just the other side of the perimeter wall and behind the shotgun range and said to my wife Ros that the owner would not get much peace and quiet in that position. However, later I was informed that the range had been built with private money and that that house belonged to the owner whose hobby was shooting. It must have cost him hundreds of thousands if not millions, of euros to build and would cost a lot to run especially when we also heard that the local club consisted only of about 50 members!

However.....The opening ceremony started in the centre of Barcelos in a large square where all the teams gathered and were then marched off for a short distance of about a quarter of a mile, to the square in front of the town council offices where there were official speeches and finally a display of musketeers firing and also two brass cannon with 2.1/2" bores which shook the town with each firing.

The next day was Tuesday and began as all of them did, with an absolutely clear sky and very warm. This was the first competition day opening with the shot gunners who immediately gave an excellent account of themselves with David Elvin cracking the world record by 5 points. A terrific feat.

Everyone else started the next day and everything went smoothly with the Team who gave an excellent account of themselves as can be seen from the tables below; achieving second place in the positions from 1 to 10 in the top 16 countries individual medals table.

Germany always tend to produce a very strong team and are invariably first in the medal tables but we have beaten our last and previous Team's positions to take second place this year which is one of if not the best placing ever.

The icing on the cake however, was the three shooters who achieved world records:

- Nick Harvey who got two world records, two gold medals and a bronze to add to his name.
- David Elvin had a tough match but won gold with a world record. I think we all suffered almost as much as David while waiting for the shoot-off which came four days later.
- Martin Crix also achieved a world record and silver medal with a creditable 48 out of 50. More from Jane, Shotgun Captain, on both David and Martin.

Congratulations to all three who are a tremendous credit to the GB Team.

As far as I am aware, for the Team to have achieved four World Records is unique and when added to the individual five gold medals, the hall of silver, bronze and the team silver and bronze, I think we must have an all time Team record.

Medals and positions up to 10 – out of the top 16 countries

Individual C	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	>10	DNS
Total	36	36	36	36	36	36	35	35	35	35	1263	34
Germany	10	11	9	9	7	6	8	9	4	3	70	
Great Britain	5	4	5	5	6	2	2	3	6	3	94	5
Sweden	5		1	1			1				59	2
France	4	2	4	7	6	8	6	4	10	5	136	
Spain	4	2	2		9	5	1	3	5	8	152	6
Czech Republic	2	1			2	1	1	1	1	1	40	
Slovak Republic	2		2		1					1	32	
Austria	1	2	2	3	1	3	6	3	2		122	
Switzerland	1	1	1	3	1	3	1			4	70	
United States Americ	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	88	1
Rep.South Africa	1			1							11	
Italy		4	2			1	1	5	3	2	94	12
The Netherlands		3	5	3	1	2	2			2	24	
Belgium		2		1			1	1			12	
Australia		2				1		1		1	40	1
Canada		1		1		1		1			24	



*Victor Chopin-John
Gold*

Summary of Great Britain achievements up to 6th place



*Martin Crix
World Record,
Silver & Team Silver*

Musket & Rifle

<i>Individual</i>	Minie /O	Gold
	Tanegashima /O	Silver
		4th place
		5th place
<i>Team</i>	Nobunga	Silver
<i>Certificates</i>	Hizadai /O	4th place
		5th place
	Pennsylvania /O	6th place
	Walkyrie /O	4th place

Shotgun

<i>Individual</i>	Manton /O	Gold & World Record
		Bronze
	Lorenzoni /O	Silver & equal World Record
		5th place
<i>Teams</i>	Hawker	Silver
	Batesville	Silver
<i>Certificate</i>	Manton /R	4th place

Jon Harper-Smith
David Brigden
Jon Harper-Smith
Gareth Callan
Paul Wolpe
Jon Harper-Smith
Gareth Callan
Gareth Callan
Jon Harper-Smith
Jon Harper-Smith
Helen Harper-Smith

David Elvin
David Marland

Martin Crix
Jane Capewell
Richard Morris
Dave Elvin
Chris Hobbs
Jane Capewell
Martin Crix
Bev Keeble
Richard Morris

Pistol

<i>Individual</i>	Remington	Gold & World Record	Nick Harvey
		Bronze	Alan Robinson
	Malsion /O	Gold & World Record	Nick Harvey
		Bronze	Alan Robinson
		5th place	Frank Thibault
	Tanzutsu /O	Gold	Victor Chopin-John
		4th place	David Spittles
		5th place	John Marsh
		6th place	Nick Harvey
	Tanzutsu /R	Silver	Frank Thibault
	Kuch /O	Bronze	Nick Harvey
	Kuch /O 15 shot	Silver	Nick Harvey
	Com/ O	Silver	Frank Thibault
		Bronze	Jon Harper Smith
<i>Team</i>	Com/ O	5th place	David Spittles
		Bronze	Frank Thibault
			John Marsh
			Tom Clark



*Jon Harper-Smith
Gold & Team Silver*



*David Elvin
World Record & Gold*



*Nick Harvey
2 World Records, 2 Gold & 1 Bronze*

Welcome and congratulations to our two new members of the Team – David Erskine and Rob Matthews. Both held their disciplines well and we look forward to greater things to come. Rob also did us proud by leading the Team and carrying the GB flag while we all marched in the opening ceremony parade.

Portugal was my third and last year of captaincy and at the beginning of the year, I had hoped we would give our best performance which we surely did so now feel I can hang up my spurs with pride and satisfaction. Thanks to the discipline captains and all the shooters who made this year a memorable one.

Thanks to my wife Ros for being 'anchor' and holding the fort while I was shooting or dealing with things and thanks to all the 'other halves' Joyce Smith, Anne Erskine, Heather Marsh,

Annaliese Emmerson, Diane Capewell, Heather Hobbs, Barbara Wilbourn-Smith, Davina Ransom, Maureen Asker, Susan Keeble, Chris Tanner, Jan Grant, and Marion Marland who not only kept us in check but assisted and enabled us to get on with the task of competing.

Finally, I wish our new Team Captain John Emmerson all the best and may he have every success.

Over & Out!

[Full results are available on the Championship web site at: www.fptiro.net/wc2010/MLAIC_2010_english.html Editor]



Some of The Ladies – Anne, Annaliese, Shonagh, Heather, Barbara, Jan, Maureen, Joyce, Davina and Freda

World Championships – Portugal 2010: DTL Report

The World Championships in Portugal reaped tremendous rewards for the clay team. David Elvin won the Original Manton event after a shoot off with one of the Spanish competitors with a new World Record on 46/50. Due to a protest earlier in the week, the Spanish shooter had the opportunity to shoot his first round again on Saturday morning and as such Dave had to wait for 4 days to see if his score of 46 would win him gold. As it turned out, the Spanish competitor equalled Dave's score, but could not match Dave's determination which eventually saw him win gold after the shoot off.

In the same event and because of the protest, Dave Marland also got to shoot again on Saturday, he needed a score of 23/25 to get him in to a medal winning position, which to everyone's surprise and excitement he achieved and as a result he won a bronze medal.

The Original Lorenzoni event also saw some fantastic scores with Marin Crix and Eric Fontonay (France) both scoring 48/50 to share first place and achieve a new World Record. They both had to

shoot off on Saturday, but this time Eric won with Martin in second place but because they both achieved the WR at the same event they should both be recognised in the record books.

Other notable top 6 results were achieved for Richard Morris who was 4th in the Manton Replica event after a shoot off with two Americans and me who came 5th in the Lorenzoni Original event.

Both 3 man teams won silver medals and every member of the clay team exceeded their average scores in the competition, which is a wonderful achievement and one to be very proud of, so well done everyone.

My thanks go to the team for being good company during the week and being easy to manage and to Victor Chopin-John for being team captain and for winning a gold medal for himself.

*Jane Capewell
DTL Discipline Secretary*