

Cannon OTF Sunday 25th March 2018

Compared with the weather of recent weeks, Sunday 25th was almost tropical, and if I recall correctly a lot warmer than our last March OTF. The day's proceedings were started off by John Whitehead firing his impressively large Signal Gun with lots of smoke. We had 9 guns in attendance which was a fair turnout for this time of year.

The advance entries were a bit disappointing with only 5 taking the opportunity of the early £6 fee, with some others paying £7 on the day. The down side to this is how do the organizers estimate the number of customised targets we are going to require for each competition. If we are short of targets you are going to be disappointed, if we make up too many we are left with stock which may degrade or could be different in colour next year, plus we have to store them and over the year this could be a lot. Your assistance in this would be very helpful.

We had 4 competitions and are hoping to continue with at least 4 at each of this year's fixtures. It is most likely that there will always be a 10/13 on the PL7 target, followed by the new 10 shot Cut the String and win the money competition, which kicked off with a £10 prize pot. This was not won on Sunday and will therefore carry over to the April shoot when it will grow to £15 and then grow and grow until it is won, or by my calculation £50 for the November shoot. If not won, the £50 will go into the Cannon fund and we will start over again next year. As there is only one money prize per meeting some people adopted the tactic that this competition is best shoot early in the day's proceedings. We had much hilarity when Geoffrey Hoden cross fired onto Michael Ford's target and silenced all doubters by demonstrating that the string can be cut with cannon shot, however Geoffrey did not win the money as he had not entered this competition.

The target for Competition 2 seemed appropriate for the time of year, an over large Easter Egg with a selection of scoring zones. Competition 3 The Broadside was making its debut. This target is based on a Musketry Volley Fire Target of 1850-70 target requiring 2 shots only to be fired at each of its 5 aiming marks.

Presentation of prizes was a quiet affair as some people had to leave early so hopefully we can catch up with them and present their prizes at the next shoot.

W Tom Clark 29/3/2018

Results

Competition 1 PL7		Score	10s
M Weaver		86	2
Mrs S B Clark		86	
M Ford		58	
D Balch		19	Didn't finish
W T Clark		DNS	

1st
2nd
3rd

Competition 2 Easter Egg	
Mrs S B Clark	30
G Hoden	25
D Balch	10
M Parks	10
J Whitehead	5
M Ford	5
W T Clark	DNS

1st
2nd
3rd

Competition 3 Broadside			X's
Mrs S B Clark		60	
J Whitelaw		50	
M Weaver		40	x
M Parks		40	
M Ford		30	
D Balch		20	
W T Clark		DNS	

1st
2nd
3rd

Competition 4 Cut the String	Y/N
W T Clark	DNS
Mrs S B Clark	N
M Ford	N
M Weaver	N
D Balch	N
J Whitehead	N
£15 prize will carry over for April shoot	

3 Prize winners were unable to attend presentation

Michael Ford	Comp 1 PL7 target	3 rd place	wins a timer and a bunny
David Balch	Comp 2 Easter egg target	2 nd place	large chocolate egg
Geff Hoden	Comp 2 Easter egg target	3 rd place	wins a timer and a bunny