

# Long Range Rifles

Branch of the Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain



## Results

2018

The weekend of 4/5 August 2018 saw Branch members from the UK, France, Holland and Jersey competing at Bisley for the coveted **Metford Trophy**. This is a demanding match comprising the aggregate of 15 shots fired at each distance, 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards, with muzzle loading match rifles.

Whilst many will have been enjoying the hot dry summer, for the long range shooters it brought its own difficulties. Besides the discomfort of shooting in such weather, conditions were challenging. Once in a while there would be some uniformity in the wind flags on the range, but for much of the time each appeared to have a mind-of-its-own! Watching the mirage in light wind conditions can help, being more responsive to rapidly changing conditions than wind flags. However, with mirage boiling, running left-to-right, then reversing, conditions became a battle of attrition!

Despite the conditions there was some excellent shooting. David Minshall took a strong lead at 1000 yards on the Saturday (this stage being fired concurrently with the MLAGB National 1000 yard Rifle Championship). The following day at 1100 yards Alan Beck fought back and significantly reduced David's lead. At 1200 yards Gary Evans was top scorer for which he gains a bar to go with the special Hepsworth Medal he has won previously. Alan again shot well and finished with an aggregate of 113.3; David meanwhile had kept a steady day shooting and finished on 115 to win the Trophy. Bernard Collot had a good day at 1100 and 1200 yards, and was rewarded with third place on a score of 104.

### Metford Trophy

Free Rifle (4/5 August 2018)

15 shots at each distance: 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards

Name	1000	1100	1200	Agg
1 D.Minshall	52	39	24	115
2 A.Beck	27.1	56.1	30.1	113.3
3 B.Collot	28	45	31	104
4 H.Van Koot	45.1	31.1	21	97.2
5 J.Whittaker	40	37	17	94
6 G.Evans	28	29	32.1	89.1
7 C.Goed	33	28	25	86
8 P.Cornelissen	30	31	23	84
9 P.Hendy	29	30.1	22	81.1
10 D.Craven	18	34.1	23	75.1
11 F.Brouwer	24.1	25.1	19.1	68.3
12 A.Whiffin	38.1	22.1	3	63.2
13 M.Hall	28.1	26	3	57.1
14 J.Womble	20	25	7	52
15 M.Alexandre	DNS	19.1	14	33.1
16 L.Jackson	1	19	DNS	20
17 T.Van der Vlist	18	DNS	DNS	18

DNS did not shoot

### Hepsworth Medal

(Highest Score at 1200 yards)

1 G.Evans	32.1
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Gary Evans shooting at 1200 yards