

Shooting News



"I missed, but if it were an elephant, I would have hit it"
- John Bidwell

On Sunday 19 September, the British Club Shooting section had yet

another successful shooting event. This time we tried our skill at .38 revolver. This event was, of course, open to beginners and what are now known as the 'hardcore shooters'. Around 10 people showed up at the range, including newcomer and guest Douglas Farrand who, due to a mysterious force that can only be described as 'beginner's luck', was hitting bang on target consistently. However, this consistency continued, showing us that luck had nothing to do with it.

Fortunately the form-filling process that precedes actual shooting was speedy as most 'hardcore' members are now able to fill their forms out at home before they come. This made the process much more relaxed and social, just as it should be.

Now, guns: two Smith & Wesson .38, 6-chamber revolvers, one 'marvellously big thing' whose name eludes me, and .38 calibre. This 'big thing' actually belonged to our coach, Guy Hoh, and has a much longer barrel (and I am still referring to the pistol). After we had a quick look at these guns, off we went down to the newly clad, 25 metre full bore pistol range.

This range is so newly clad that if any unfortunate stray bullet were to bury its little lead nose into the surrounding woodwork, the deliverer of such a bullet would have to pay for every little 0.38 inch hole he created.

However, stray bullets were fired, 0.38 inch holes were made, but somehow we all managed to ignore that little aspect of the day and went on blasting happily. We each got through 50 rounds of Brazilian Magtech ammunition, 20 for practice, 30 for mini comp.

The thing with revolvers is that they are heavy, especially if you happened to be assigned to the 'marvellously big' one, so by the time the competition came around, my, and I am sure others', hands were shaking 'much in the way a brick doesn't'.



As some of you may have realised, that weekend was the infamous Oktoberfest, the shoot being 'the morning after'. Hangovers and guns do not mix.

However it was Michael, still recovering from the alcoholic onslaught of the two nights before, who out-shot the rest in the competition. Go figure.

Anyway, we all had a great time: new, hardcore, young and old (sorry dad, not that old).

We are still very happy to receive new members into our Shooting section, experienced or not, so if you are interested don't hesitate to enquire at the Club.

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