

Semi-Auto Pistol Event

On Sunday, 17 October, another British Club shooting event took place at the National Shooting Centre. The weapons used were two semi-automatic 9mm pistols, one Sig Sauer 9mm and one Cz 9mm. Our instructor, Guy Hoh also brought a custom-built Springfield .45 pistol with him to show us, but this was not one of the guns used in the competition. Although only five members attended, it was still a very enjoyable day for all of us. Father and son pairs, Colin and Scott Mackenzie and Matt and Nic Couldrey as well as seasoned pistol-shooter, Volker Poignee were present.

The day began with a 40-round practice shoot so we could get used to the guns followed by a ten-round mini competition. This is a vital part of the day as we learned about safety, how to improve our stance and other key factors of shooting.

As the practice rounds ended, a representative of the Dynamic Shooting Association Singapore

came over to us and told us about Practical Shooting (IPSC). This is a special discipline involving multiple moving targets, shot against the clock. For example, you might take your pistol out of a desk drawer and shoot three targets and then walk out of your 'office' (props such as windows, doors, wooden walls and other structures are built specially for each event) and shoot a few more targets through windows to complete the event. The DSAS is part of the IPSC. For more information, visit www.ipsc.org

The mini competition involved shooting a bullseye target over approximately 15 metres. This distance may not seem like much, but it is surprisingly difficult to put ten 9mm rounds into a target with a diameter of about 20cm. The winner of this competition was Matt Couldrey with a total of 65 out of 100. Scott Mackenzie, followed closely by Colin Mackenzie, obtained the second position.



To summarise, the day was both interesting and enjoyable for all of us. Who wouldn't enjoy unloading 50 rounds of 9mm ammo on a pleasant Sunday morning? Hopefully more British Club Members will attend future events, because if you ask any of the current members of the section you will find that it is definitely worth the early morning!

Matt Couldrey (aged 14)