

British Club with **BUCKSHOT**



Coach, Guy Hoh instructs Julian Culme-Seymour

On 17 January the British Club organised a sporting clay event with the Singapore Shooting Association at the National Shooting Centre. 15 Members turned up for what turned out to be an enjoyable and interesting event. Anyone, with or without firearms experience, was invited to take part.

After everyone had arrived, we were whisked away for a short, classroom-based, safety briefing, where we were all familiarised with the shotguns. Once everyone knew the difference between the firing pin and the forend, we headed out to the sporting clay arena.

Firstly, we had a go at the 'crosser' where the clay is launched from your right and flies across you to the left. Relatively simple, once you get the hang of it. You follow through, give lead, fire, hopefully hit the clay and repeat.

Then came the 'Rabbit'. The same idea except the clay comes from the left and bounces across the ground like the Easter Bunny on steroids. You stand in position, call "pull", and then ask the coach what that tiny black speck speeding through the dust was!

There were other fiendishly difficult stands to test our skills, including the infamous 'crow-flopper'.

And yes, folks, we did end the day with a competition so we all got very... well... competitive. The basic idea was that each shooter had X number of cartridges to hit Y number of clays - whoever hit the most clays won. We cycled through the different stands and blasted away (at



Section convenor, Tim Hartnoll, dusts off that high bird



Competition winner, Robert Couldrey in action

the end we were using a 12bore Benelli semi-automatic shotgun). There was a shoot-off for 3rd and 4th places AND for 2nd and 1st places. The tension mounted. The final results were: 3rd, Nic Couldrey, 2nd, Michael Culme-Seymour and 1st, Robert Couldrey.

In summary, we had a fun day out, met some great people, shot a variety of shotguns, culminating in an exciting competition. If this sounds like fun for you, why not join the new British Club Shooting section. **For more information, contact convenor, Tim Hartnoll on 6322 3205, 6466 1906 or 9816 6904.**

Robert Couldrey