

Pair **FLUSH**



Competition winners Julian Culme-Seymour and Robert Couldrey (l-r) a.k.a The Metalheads bear arms, specifically, Beneli and Remington semi automatic shotguns

On 22 May, the British Club Shooting section successfully organised yet another exciting and fun-filled day down at the Singapore Shooting Association range. Total headcount was thirteen, including two Shooting section committee members who are now trained range safety officers. Coach Guy Hoh accompanied us. Everyone present had experience with

shotguns, so after a short safety briefing we headed out. The event was a friendly competition down on the sporting clay range. The idea was simple: divide into groups of two, then each man was given two boxes of 25 12-bore cartridges, that's 50 shots each, folks (it was like Christmas in May). Each pair took its turn to face a barrage of 75 clays. Whichever group capped the highest number of clays won. Easy.

The clays are fired in waves of one to three and can come from any direction. We had clays flying away from us, across us and bouncing ridiculously fast in front of us. The trapper controls the clay release. The key to being efficient with your ammo is to coordinate shots with your partner. Calling your shot before you make it prevents the problem of people breaking a target twice. However, this can actually be very entertaining and gave us all the living definition of 'overkill'. The interesting thing about this type of competition is that the trapper will not give you any time to reload your weapon, so shooters have to coordinate reloading with their partners, to avoid watching three precious clays sailing innocently over their heads, because remember, you only get 75. Those with spare ammo after the shoot were given a few extra clays for fun. However, we



The compulsory group shot

decided to 'formally test' the Rate of Fire of our semi-auto shotguns, and so the dust did fly. As I said, the event was a competition, so here are the results: 2nd place team: Dan Sherville and Alex Hartnoll; 1st place team: Julian Culme-Seymour and Robert Couldrey, affectionately known as the Metalheads. Coach Guy provided winners with supreme prizes: Swiss water bottles and waterproof diving cases. Nice. Thanks, Guy! Did we have fun? "Hell Yea."

Robert Couldrey (15 Years)

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