

Glevum Target Club – Match Report 50mtr LV & HV Benchrest Competition 07/10/2017

05.30 Hours.

“What time is it” Yawned Goldieknoobs.

“Early” Replied The Bloop. “It’s a long way to Gloucester and we’re on first detail, if you’re good you can buy me breakfast.” With that our two intrepid INCOMPETENT meanderers set off into the dark....



Can you squeeze enough in there lads???

Glevum TSC.



Head South West for about 90 minutes from Derby into the Gloucester Countryside to Glevum TSC, a

cracking facility catering for rimfire, airgun, pistol, archery & crossbow shooters, complete with 10 & 25 metre indoor ranges & 50 metre outdoor range with covered firing point and clubhouse facilities to make any road weary shooter smile.

Benches!



50 Mtr Backstop



Oo-er it’s a bit nice round these parts.



Range Safety / Commands / Course Of Fire.

Matches comprise 3 x 20 minute rounds shooting a 25 roundel, rounds are shot approximately 40 – 45 minutes apart to allow two details running consecutively with shooters changing benches each round. With rifles safely on benches (bolts removed), shooters are allowed forward to set up wind flags / spinners and other accoutrements:

Ooh Pretties



The wind was a tad changeable throughout the day



Once set up the RCO calls "Is everybody ready." before instructing shooters: "Insert Bolts." "Anyone not ready?" "Load." "Your time starts now."

Did we mention benches?



During the match the RCO indicates remaining time at 10, 5, 3 and (if needed) 1.30 minute intervals. On completion of the detail all bolts are shown clear of the rifle before declaring the range safe, upon receipt of the Range Safe Command shooters will be seen muttering about dropped shots, asking Gavin "what the 'eck's that on't end o' barrel" or running patches through their kit and making space for the next line.

Results and Scoring

A good day out with windy conditions for our intrepid duo saw Dan grabbing a PB in the LV shoot resulting in a mid-table placement (8th) with an almost decent 728/32X using The Bloop's own rifle – Gavin pipped him to 7th place sneaking 729/26X.

The Bloops' Cooper responded well to Goldieknoobs gentle handling.



A pitstop bacon butty and brew for lunch did much to reinvigorate our pair before seeing them hurled straight into the HV Matches, Gavin held steady form and pulled a respectable 8th place with 731/26X unfortunately things went awry for Dan's 2nd outing seeing a miserable 14th (See also, 13th runner up, LAST, etc) with a less than spectacular 687/15X with his Walther, he made up for it with a plethora of excuses debating such topics as: "Wind Flags Are Liars" "I shouldn't have had that coffee between cards" (SERIOUSLY KIDS – DON'T DO COFFE M'KAY) and the ultimately sad but truest of all: "Why the {expletive deleted} did I take the shoe plate off my rifle." Nb, *this was corrected the same*

evening. Well done Gavin on the result and for co-pilot and navigational duties.

Spot the World Champion



Great match day with valuable lessons learnt for future comps and good fun all round. Many thanks to Collin & Richard from Glevum for their hospitality and squeezing us in at the last minute, thanks too, to our fellow competitors for making us feel very welcome and at ease – especially given the number of accomplished shooters in attendance.

The Bloop showing how it's done properly in the HV.



Goldieknoobs on the other hand...



....never mind mate, you've still got Golden Knobs...



"for saying I've been sat down all day, I'm knackered."