

Essex Side-by-Side Championship - 18th September



Steve Miller flanked by Kevin Walsh and Keith Masek

This event was organised by **Mike Lankshear** at **Hertfordshire Sporting Clays** ground in Spellbrook. The competition ran to 70 birds and took place on a mostly dry day with the odd shower. We saw a very strong turnout with some 90 entries including O/U cards. The shoot offered some very well thought-through targets in keeping with both the landscape and the nature of the competition.

The Champion was **Steve Miller** who shot an unrivalled 61 ex 70 to take the trophy; Kevin Walsh and Dennis Kent tied for second place which was then awarded to Kevin on countback.

Michael Aldis of the Essex Shooting School had offered a prize of 250 cartridges to the best dressed entrant and this prize was decided by Kath Lankshear who nominated both Marc Window and Phil Moss for their sartorial elegance.

A great day was had by all and, building on this year's experience, we now look forward to next year's event and a gathering momentum as guns discover the competitive fun that Side-by-Side clay competition shooting provides. Surely a must-do event for next year's calendar.

Essex Sporting Challenge – Keeper's Cottage 7th August





The County Sporting Challenge was held at **Keeper's Cottage** near Little Burstead over 75 birds shot on 8 stands. **Stuart Clarke** won the day with 68 ex 75 closely followed by Nigel Gilder on 67 and Keith Williamson on 66.

Lady High Gun was Tanya Kemsley from Kent, top Vet was George Hawthorn and George Hockley took Colts. In the Trophy class Peter Humphreys won with 63, Donnie Cooper was second on 61 and Barry Canning came third with 57.

I'm sure we all thank **Phil Moss** and **Scott Greenfield** for providing such an excellent venue and targets.

ESP South East of England – Southdown 14th August

On a fine dry day Robert Humphreys defeated all-comers to take the South-East title with a magnificent 93.

South-East Intercounties Results 2011 from Southdown GC



Essex Team

Scott Greenfield	95
Oliver Wilde	91
Robert Humphreys	80
Philip Dyer	81
Steve Miller	79
Total:	426/500

Lady: Tracey Riddington	69
Junior: Zach Palmer	80
Colt: Callan Greenfield	76
Vet: Peter Humphreys	76

Essex Club & Team Championships – Arnold's Farm

Congratulations to Moreton Massey Gun Club who secured the Club prize and BOC who took the Team trophy. Scott Greenfield was individual High Gun with a dominating 97 ex 100.

ESP County Championship Result 2011

Sporting County Championships	2011
County Champion	Stuart Clarke
Lady Champion	Tracey Riddington
Veteran Champion	George Allen
Junior Champion	Jack Greenleaf
Colt Champion	Callan Greenfield

Essex Masters – Junior Triumph

The Essex Masters is generously sponsored by Essex Gun on a course designed by John Dyson in the ideal setting of Hepworth Hall. With all the boxes ticked, no surprise then that the most famous names from around the country were all there and in particular George Digweed who placed himself head and shoulders above the rest with a 192 ex 200 shot in blustery conditions on day one. Many tried but there was only one other score in the 190s by Sean Bramley until along came Phil Gray, Cambridgeshire Junior, who scored a near-perfect 195! Congratulations and we wish him every success in what promises to be a very bright future.

ESP Selection Shoot 1/3 – Barrow Heath



The first Sporting Selection shoot took place on a bright calm day at Barrow Heath where Mike Frankham presented a "firm but fair" layout of 12 stands with his usual blend of expertise and enthusiasm. Many came unstuck on a stand where a quartering away battue combined with a fast close midi crosser which defied the logic of forward allowance. Stuart Clarke won the day with an excellent 92 closely followed by Scott Greenfield, Luke Riddington and a number of other top Essex hopefuls who shot very well to get into the 80s.

ESP County Championship & Selection Shoot 2/3 – Hepworth Hall



Hepworth Hall provided a thorough test of shooting skills, set up by John Dyson. Top senior was Stuart Clarke once again with a score of 90, Tracey Riddington took the Ladies with 84, Jack Greenleaf the Juniors with 85 and George Allen was top Vet with 80.

ESP – Selection Shoot 3 of 3 - Southdown



The rolling Sussex countryside provided a magnificent setting for the last Essex Selection Shoot. It was a dry but very windy day and a number of Essex hopefuls came unstuck on this compulsory qualifying event.

Selection Table 2011

ESP 2011 Name	Barrow Heath		Hepworth Hall		Southdown		Total
	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Points
S GREENFIELD	88	4	89	1	93	0	1
O WILDE	80	12	89	1	80	13	14
R HUMPHRIES			86	4	82	11	15
P DYER	70	22	80	10	87	6	16
T RIDDINGTON	68	24	84	6	83	10	16
SK MILLER	85	7	87	3	76	17	20
LD RIDDINGTON	86	6	85	5	77	16	21
NG GILDER	72	20	78	12	82	11	23
PF HUMPHREYS	68	24	82	8	73	20	28
JPC BLAND	79	13			78	15	28
ZGA PALMER	69	23	79	11	75	18	29
B CANNING	66	26	75	15	79	14	29
S TURNER	68	24	73	17	81	12	29
DJ BIGNELL	82	10	87	3	65	28	31
RT COOPER	82	10			71	22	32
PA BUCKLEY	71	21	72	18	79	14	32
PC MOSS	81	11	77	13	67	26	37
CM GREENFIELD	72	20	67	23	75	18	38
N GILDER	66	26	72	18	70	23	41
KC WALSH	76	16	70	20	68	25	41
T GREENFIELD	64	28	72	18	60	33	51
J MCNAMEE	77	15	68	22	54	39	54
J BURTON	54	38	52	38	71	22	60