



Greater London County

Allround Championships

Sunday 13th May 2012 at Southdown Gun Club

EE 69348	BALHAM AL	Champion	95
EE 18138	DIMARIA S	Runner Up	87
EE 111188	DIMARIA F	Junior	86
EE 49768	DOUGLAS KJ	SNR	78
EE 36789	HANDLEY SL	Veteran	73
EE 85349	JOHNSON VE	Veteran	73
EE 122062	WAKEFIELD LVJ	SNR	72
EE 64712	HAWKINS AR	SNR	66
EE 27600	TYLER GH	VET	66
EE 46277	SPRING JT	VET	59

At long last the sun came out and where better to head than the beautiful rolling hills of the Southdown Shooting Ground. I drove down from North London with my old friend Vince Johnson to take part in the Greater London All Round competition for the first time. The beauty of the 'all rounder' is that it quite literally has something for everyone and regardless of what you shoot I really think you should give it a go, you may well surprise yourself. As a sporting shooter I found the Sporting and Skeet relatively straight forward and certainly within the capabilities of most trap shooters, I would say. The single barrel DTL was the hardest for me as I instinctively gave everything too much lead. I found the ABT more exciting and, once used to their speed, thoroughly enjoyed the targets.

There was a good atmosphere in our squad with no-one taking the competition too seriously and yet everyone appreciative of good shots taken.

Adrian Balham shot incredibly well to record a 95 and is head and shoulders above the rest of us mere mortals. Well done Adrian, a worthy Champion. Congratulations to the Dimaria family, I am full of admiration for anyone who ever shoots over 85 at anything! Well done also to the two veterans, I think we need a shoot-off the next time Vince and Steve shoot together.

I will definitely be getting some practice in DTL and ABT for next year and I may well invest in a new 'all round' gun. Adrian told me that he thought the gun in the picture below might help my scores next year! Cheers, Kevin Douglas.

