

The Northern Region skeet shooters have enjoyed a very successful 2014. And despite the fact they have had to make the long journey south for almost all the major competitions this year they still managed to bring home the silver! So, I'm going to run through a few of the stand-out successes of the season but apologise in advance if I have missed anyone from this list.

First congratulations must go to Mark Holmes who has a tremendous year culminating in winning the English Open with the only 100 straight of the competition. He was runner up at the British Open and also won his first cap for England. Mark, along with fellow northerner Paul Dodds (2nd cap) were part of the successful team at the Home International in Ireland.

Liz Shanks gained her second successive England cap and Chris Lancaster, who now has 5 caps made up two thirds of the England ladies team.

Robert Jones added another cap when he gained his place in the winning England Vets team notching up 11 caps - quite an incredible achievement.

The Northern region had a winning junior team, who were all competing for the first time at a major competition - the British Open. It was worth the long journey to Dartford for brothers Sam and Ben Mitton and team mate Holly Pennington - well done to all three and we hope to see a lot more of you in 2015.

Liz Shanks added the Ladies Skeet Doubles High gun trophy to her ever growing collection of silverware - many congratulations to Liz. And, Gary Cooke was narrowly pipped into second place again after a very tense shoot off for the Senior Doubles trophy.

And, finally we come on to the Skeet Inter counties where Yorkshire retained the trophy for the 4th consecutive year - outstanding shooting by anybody's standards by a very strong and well established team!

I wish all the skeeters in the North region continued success in 2015 !