

M.U.A.R.C. CHARITY SHOOT RESULTS

Date	Venue	Conditions
30 th Sept	M.U.A.R.C. Loughgall	Cool, with showers and variable light to moderate winds

FT

Place	Name	Score
1 st	Stephen Kane	45
2 nd	Conor McFlynn	44
3 rd	Dermot Ross	43
4 th	D. O'Hara	42
5 th	Lee Nevin	41
6 th	Greg Ferson	39
	Saul King	39
8 th	Paddy McFadden	35
9 th	Yanelis Ross	32
10 th	Andy Seizer	30
	Jim McManus	30
12 th	Cal Ward	29
13 th	Ralph Skrzypczyk	18

HunterFT

Place	Name	Score
1 st	Rodney Willis	80 ex 100
2 nd	Walter Beattie	72
3 rd	Dennis Hobson	71
4 th	Robert Stevenson	70

The much coveted N.I.F.T.A annual shield presented by B.A.S.C was organised by the Mid-Ulster Air Rifle Club at Loughgall on Sunday 30th September. The competition was open to all air rifle shooters, with both a FT and Hunter FT class, decided by a 50 target course. Entry fee was £5.00 per person minimum as all proceeds were donated to Emyvale Dog Home and Drumbonaway Kennels. A total of

£200 was raised on the day and there were also bags of dog food provided for the kennel clubs.

The course was demanding with 9 compulsory positional shots; 4 standing and 5 kneeling; 3 reducers (25mm) and the rest full size targets (40mm). The course had a variety of conditions and terrain, with an open exposed concrete section, open grass field, a wind swept hill top, and a dark wooden section. Wind conditions were light to moderate and interchangeable, some targets requiring 60mm windage for a direct kill. Stephen Kane from Ballymoney with his Styer LG100 proved his steel to take the shield by a 1 point margin narrowly defeating defending champion Conor McFlynn who has won the prize for the last two years running. Conor is currently using a customised LG110 with a Big Nikko 10-50 x 60. He demonstrated his talent by taking ALL compulsory positional shots standing, due to recent knee injury and hit an impressive 6 out of 9. Even though he tried his best this will have been the first time the shield has left the proud Mid Ulster club in 5 years, who are renowned for their competitiveness, elitism and ability to play mind games on the opposition. Please be warned when the Mid-Ulster boys are talking about “doing-a-number” they mean business and have been known to take a clean sweep in many competitions. Dermot Ross who had a great start came in 3rd using his LG110 in Paul Wilson custom stock and Big Nikko set-up. With only 2 dropped targets he was let down on the day by his standers, his technique seemed to leave him on those vital shots. Dave O’Hara was 4th on 42 with some fine shooting only dropping 1 compulsory shot, a stander. Young Lee Nevin came in 5th with a score of 41. Lee was having some difficulties with the interchangeable wind and particularly on the long range targets. The top five scores were all AA grade standard whilst Greg Ferson and Saul King both on 39 just missed out. Greg is displaying some recent form and with more experience in the wind will be one to look out for. Saul King, an FT fanatic is making leaps and bounds with his Burris 8-32 x 44, LG100 and Wilson custom stock combo, he too will be worth watching, particularly for his advanced computer aided ballistic programmes and windage formulae. Paddy McFadden performed well with a well placed 35. Particular mention must be made to Yanelis Ross, top lady shot beating some of the men with an impressive 32. The Cuban Missile has her own back garden plinking range with flood-lights so beware when her sights are zeroed and pink wellies on, she means business.

The HunterFT was also a close fought battle with Rodney Willis taking top honours with his Air Arms S400. Walter Beattie took 2nd on a score of 72 using his Logun running at 30ft/lb. Dennis Hobson came in a close 3rd with 71. The HFT guys who do not rangefind and use low mag scopes have demonstrated their skill and marksmanship through a tough course particularly Rodney Willis using a 12ft/lb gun with hit rates all above 70%.

All shooters received a prize for their efforts and N.I.F.T.A would like to thank all competitors for their generosity and sportsmanship. They would also like to thank sponsors and in particular Field & Stream gun shop run by I. Cowan in Moy.