

New Fixture - Scotland v Oxfordshire

This 3-P challenge match was sponsored by MACALLANS whisky, who provided medals for both teams, a bottle of malt whisky for each shooter, and some cash to cover costs of travel for a few team members and food for after the shoot.

Teams of six shot a full 3x40 course on the Free Weapons Range at Bisley. Conditions were wet early in the day, but there was little wind and we witnessed another personal best performance from Simon Riley (1128), and from Bill Murray (1118). Bill Macneil shot below his best but had just come off overnight guard duty.

The Oxfordshire team contained 4 National Squad members, and they shot above average to win by 82 points.

<u>Scotland</u>	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Total
W. Macneil	388	358	386	1132
S. Riley	393	360	375	1128
D. Robertson	394	355	376	1125
W. Murray	391	347	380	1118
C. Ferguson	390	332	359	1081
N. Gerrard	392	326	348	<u>1066</u>
				6650

Oxfordshire

6732

I believe that we can improve our scores considerably by another year, and perhaps with a slightly modified team. There was plenty of enthusiasm for the event from the shooters, especially after receiving their prizes. I hope that we get the opportunity to participate next year when we may turn the tables on our opponents.

I am grateful to Oxfordshire for their hospitality, to Neil Gerrard for setting up the match and to Macallans for their sponsorship.