

Sunday 27th May

First full day in Jersey.

Alarms set for 05:30-06:00, ready for a 06:30 setoff in order to meet at Les Landes for a shoot at long range. A very enthusiastic mix of JRA, NRA, Barbarians and Army teams had the butts setup and ready to go by 08:00 only for the weather to turn so black that we abandoned all hope of a shoot. However Colin did devise a new "Extreme Sport" of target number kiting whilst trying to place the number boards on top of the stop-butts.

We adjourned to the Whittaker Arms (JRA Club House) at Crabbé for a proper breakfast (The hotel had provided a packed one that had been a tad lacking). We hoped that Tim (adj.)'s shooting to come later in the day was going to be more accurate than his breakfast placement, which was a large spread down his front.

Despite the disappointment of not having a Les Landes shoot we substituted a 600x shoot of 2+10 for the Jersey Post competition; the weather brightening with every detail. By the time we started shooting after lunch the sun was out and all shooters were in good spirit. The 2nd detail at 200x of the Crabbé II competition changed everything when the temperature suddenly dropped 10°, the wind picked up and a hail storm left shooters with stinging bare legs and piles of ice driven from behind building up in the forks of their legs!! ... very cold and wet. The first detail had remained unscathed except for the fact that the noise of the hail on the club house roof had drowned out the commentary of the Grand Prix on the television. These were not the best conditions for the contingent to produce 50's (Gary's requirement for consideration for the following days team match) ... will it only be Holly and David coached by Colin? (see stats page). Back to the Hotel for a swim/jacuzzi and relaxation before going out for our first night out on Jersey. The "Salty Dog" was an excellent choice of venue and provided an excellent meal of local lobster. Then back to the hotel for a swift nightcap and a good nights sleep ready for the matches tomorrow.