



Team Journal – Day 3

Saturday 25th March

We woke to an overcast but temperate day for our first day of shooting at Nottingham Road. The first hour or so was spent at the range putting our kit together and fettling rifles. For Matt Button the fettling involved the use of a mallet to straighten his ladder foresight - not, surprisingly, the fault of baggage handlers but of a fall to the unforgiving floor of the clubhouse.



Matt's rifle undergoes a light fettling

The routine at Nottingham Road is delightfully relaxed. With just 2 details of 10 to count at each of 300m, 500x and 600x (all distances very approximate) there was plenty of time between ranges. The local custom is to take advantage of this spare time for refreshments - tea and cake after 300, lunch after 500 and a relaxing beer at the end of the day after 600.



Transportation to and from the butts seemed to keep some of the team members happy

The day's shooting went reasonably well - there was no 150 from the team but 4 scores of 149 (Nick Tremlett (17), Rupert Dix (16), Peter Griggs and your correspondent (both on 12)). It would be highly invidious to name the person with the lowest team score but we can report that the Captain did his duty in making sure that none of the rest of the team was demoralised by occupying the bottom spot. In the all-important inter-bus competition the Sunshine bus (Collings, Deane, Griggs and Dix) came out on top.

After the shoot there was a prize-giving. Top score of the day was gained by local man, Tom Valentine with 149.22. James Watson won the Queens I competition (first 7 of 10 counting) with 105.14 and the conjoining of the Club Chairman, Steve Berkemeyer, with Rupert Dix won the pairs competition.



Top scorer, Tom Valentine



The winning pair

After a quick wash and change back at the hotel we returned to the range for a very good dinner arranged by our hosts (the homemade pate, in particular, received excellent reviews). The Captain made a number of presentations to those who had organised and contributed to an excellent day's shooting.



Your correspondent was not present when this picture of the top management was taken and can only invite our readers to come up with a suitable caption