



Team Journal – Day 4

Sunday 26th March

Mother's day turned out to be a very different day from yesterday. A beautiful cloudless sky greeted us as we arrived at the range for the day's team shooting. Definitely a shorts day. The team had been split into 2 eights, captained by the Captain and Vice Captain respectively, to compete against each other and a Nottingham Road team at 300m, 600x and 1000x..



Nottingham Road on a warm, cloudless day from the 600x point looking to the targets

At 300m some team members experienced some difficulty achieving good groups. The consensus was that the PNP ammunition which we were using for the entire weekend was a little 'hot' for 300m at this altitude. When we get to Bloemfontein we will be using the hand-loaded Lapua-bulleted ammunition which we brought from the UK and which has proved so successful in our team practices.



It was a hot day but the team was happy , nonetheless, to don our black sweatshirts as per the captain's orders - but look who forgot to bring the said item of team clothing to the range .
 As they say in our family, *the right one did it.*

After the first range the Captain's team was leading the Nottingham Road team and the Vice Captain's team (by 7 and 13 points respectively). The Vice Captain's team pulled back somewhat and, indeed, won the 600x range but at the end of the day it was the Captain's team which had prevailed. The scores were:

Captain's team	1158.98	(Nick Tremlett 147.13)
Vice Captain's team	1143.90	(Peter Griggs 146.16)
NR team	1117.68	(Clarry Hawthorne 146.12)



The GB team and our hosts after an excellent weekend's shooting

After shooting there was a gathering of the team over gin and tonics in the management's palatial quarters at the Rawdons Hotel.



The Captain and Vice Captain's quarters

We finished the day, somewhat surprisingly, at an Austrian restaurant. The speciality of the house was undoubtedly the 700g salted ham hock. The trick with this dish, it turned out, was to pass any excess on to Peter Holden who appears to have an inexhaustible capacity to put away large quantities of meat.

Tomorrow we start 1 week's R & R before the serious business at Bloem. We should not let today end, however, without wishing all the team's mothers Happy Mother's Day.