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The Results for the NRA / DRA Challenge 2019

The Challenge took place on Sunday the 28th of April at Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range, with a turnout of 17 shooters. 13 of which shot TR and 4 - F Class. Unfortunately, our shoot clashed with another shoot for F Class, which prevented several of our regular shooters from being able to attend.

We would like once again to thank The NRA for sponsoring the prizes for this event, with gold and silver medals and the top score for each discipline, being entry into the Imperial Meeting Grand Aggregate at Bisley for 2019.

On to the day; the morning started cold but bright and sunny. We managed to get everyone sorted and on the range for the first detail to start shooting at 09.00 on the 300 yards firing point. This then proved that once again, Thorpe weather is its only micro climate, with the wind blowing straight down the range towards you one minute and then across the target faces the next. This did not pose too great a problem to the experienced shooters, who throughout the day obtained some fantastic scores. It was great to also see some new faces to competition shooting today and with some very impressive score – well done to all.



For the morning detail, we had 9 TR competitors, with some having traveled from as far away as Surrey and Wales to take part.



Even though we had quite a challenge with the gusting wind, the weather was good to us and stayed dry and fresh all day. We shot the 300, 400 and then 500 yards TR in the morning and then after a brief break for change over and lunch, the remainder for the TR shooters, shot shoulder to shoulder with the F Class competitors.

The weather did cloud over during the day, and while the changes in sunlight and wind direction did have an effect, everyone coped very well as can be seen by some of the fantastic scores recorded.



Congratulations go to Miss Emma Nuttall, an old DRA Team member, who is now shooting for the Army Target Rifle Club, who scored 222.26 EX 225.45 for TR, and to Mr Gordon Smeeton of Staveley Rifle and Pistol Club (DRA) who scored 218.25 for the F Class

I would like once again to thank everyone for attending and to the National Rifle Association for the prizes for this year's event, and we look forward to seeing you all next year
Mr Simon Favell – Range Warden – Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range

The Final scores for the day were as follows - Ex 225.45

Target Rifle

	300 Yards	400 Yards	500 Yards	TOTAL
Emma Nuttall	72.5	75.13	75.8	222.26
Robert Oxford	75.10	73.10	73.8	221.28
Alice Southall	73.11	73.12	74.11	220.34
Mike Wright	74.7	72.9	73.7	219.23
Paul Wright	71.8	74.9	73.10	218.27
Ramage Radford	72.5	72.5	73.5	217.15
Phil Townsend	71.6	70.6	75.10	216.22
Lewis Reid	74.7	72.8	70.5	216.20
Mark Parkes	71.9	73.8	71.6	215.23
Steve Maris	72.5	69.3	71.6	212.14
Robin Carter	74.4	71.5	70.5	212.14
Dug Robson	66.3	67.4	67.3	200.10
Ben Hirst	68.3	63.3	66.3	197.9



2nd place Mr Robert Oxford



1st place Miss Emma Nuttall

F Class

	300 Yards	400 Yards	500 Yards	TOTAL
Gordon Smeeton	72.10	74.7	72.8	218.25
Matthew Blake	72.5	73.1	73.6	218.12
Shaun Baker	72.10	71.6	73.7	216.23
DS	67.3	59.	54.1	180.4



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