



The Fan Makers Shooting Society

With just a little imagination it could have been another tournament of equal importance four thousand miles away in Augusta. Well, there was the occasional glimpse of sunshine, expertly manicured grounds, the top of the leader board was 'sort of' enveloped in green (look at the photo for the lush leafy backdrop), and last year's winner was on hand to make the presentation.



Fan Makers and Friend

This year at the Holland and Holland Shooting Grounds it was the 2013 winner Paul Payne's task to present John Naylor with the Shooting Society's Bodin Cup for scoring the highest number of points for a Fan Maker at the 21st Inter Livery Clay Shoot on Wednesday 21st May 2014.

John hit 60 of the 80 targets presented, which ranked him 13th overall in the competition and helped towards his team's (John and Paul were accompanied by Terry Lee and Peter Dove) overall score of 279 out of a possible 400 (the winning team, Gunmakers 'C', scored 325 points). The 'A' team's outstanding score of 71 out of 80 at the Flush Stand was the third highest of the day (the highest score was 73) with records suggesting this to be the highest ever by a Fan Makers team at the event. Over 100 teams took part in this year's competition.



Peter Dove, Paul Payne, Terry Lee and John Naylor

The Company's 'B' team scored 256 overall with guest shot, Will Bland, returning to this event recording an impressive score of 65 'kills'. Other members of the team were Dinesh Naidu, regular guest Shirley Payne, and David Court.



David Court, Dinesh Naidu and Shirley Paine

With an overall score of 190 the Fan Makers 'C' team included Mike Lakin, Jeremy Bray, and guests Sean Ferries and Anthony Norman. Sean top scored with 44 'kills' and the team recorded a respectable 44 at the Flush Stand.

Also present was John Hughes, at first with camera and then later on with shotgun when making up the numbers in a Glovers' Company team.

The Shooting Society was particularly pleased to welcome two new Liverymen, Jeremy Bray and David Court, to its ranks, and our thanks go to guests Shirley Payne, Will Bland, Sean Ferries and Anthony Norman (for the first time) for taking part alongside members of the Company.

Shooting Society members were very pleased to accept an invitation from Fan Maker and former Metropolitan Police officer David Court to compete in the Metropolitan Police Amateur Association Clay Shoot at the West London Shooting School at Northolt on Wednesday 18th June. This inexpensive event attended by David Court, John Naylor, Richard Jeffery, Will and Jerry Bland, Dinesh Naidu, Terry Lee and John Hughes was particularly memorable for its most challenging 'birds' and, for those of us left somewhat embarrassed by a low score, there was the consolation at the end of shoot of probably the finest bacon rolls that the author of this report has ever tasted – absolute quality!



MPAA Shoot – West London Shooting School

The Meon Springs simulated game shoot on Saturday 2nd August, organised for a second year by Dinesh Naidu and generously sponsored by Sean Ferries, was very popular, huge fun, and not a little competitive. It was also the day when keen shot and shooting instructor, David Court, in his own words 'rediscovered his mojo'. With each gun firing well over 300 cartridges there were certainly one or two sore shoulders to contend with the following day.



Meon Springs – August 2014

On 12th June, on the occasion of the Summer Livery Dinner, Fan Makers and Shooting Society members in particular were delighted to share an evening at Skinners' Hall with London Olympic Men's Double Trap Gold Medal Winner, Peter Wilson MBE. A charming man, it was a real treat for us all. Peter was the guest of his Dorset farming neighbour Mr. Assistant Peter Dove.



Peter Wilson MBE with Mr. Assistant Peter Dove

And something special for 2015, 'The Master's Shoot', organised by the Shooting Society's new Secretary, Mr. Assistant Dinesh Naidu, will take place on Saturday 19th September at The Farley Estate in Berkshire. A day of driven partridge with the Master, John Naylor, it promises to be an exciting event.

The 22nd Inter Livery Clay Shoot will take place on Wednesday 20th May 2015.