



# ENGLAND WINS BIG ON HOME TURF

THE PROMATIC WORLD SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAKENHEATH SAW A MASSIVE TURNOUT FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD BUT ENGLAND PROVED THEIR WORTH TO TAKE THE TOP THREE PODIUM SPOTS

**T**he CPSA's blue ribbon event was graced with fine weather and soaring temperatures between 7 and 11 July, which certainly played its part in attracting the swarm of spectators intent on witnessing the shooters' skills.

The host nation dominated the field in the Sporting event as Ben Husthwaite, from Leicestershire, took the title with a formidable score of 188. Following in the silver position just behind on 187 was Suffolk shooter Paul Simpson and George Digweed took the bronze with 186.

Sally Baxter, marketing executive at Lakenheath, said: "With the championships held in England it was great to see English shooters in all three spots on the podium."



BEN HUSTHWAITE: THE NEW WORLD SPORTING CHAMPION

Sponsorship came from Promatic, Hull Cartridge and local Norfolk-based company Frimstone Aggregates, which supplied all the medals, ribbons and trophies, and

there were trade stands from Krieghoff, Perazzi and Zoli adding to the fantastic atmosphere and allowing the rank-and-file shooters to see first-hand what kit the champions use.

Shooters from Australia to Latvia, from the USA to Russia and Denmark to South Africa joined a host of entrants from the home nations to shoot a challenging course set by FITASC Veteran and double world champion John Dyson. The Norfolk based shooter set two layouts for the Sporting course, each with 15 stands, and laid targets of varying levels of difficulty thrown from 168 Promatic traps.

Shooters turned out in vast numbers to the festival: over 100 shooters attended the FITASC event, shooting 150 targets over two days. The prelim Sporting warm-up event saw 192 guns shooting 100 targets over a single day; the World Sportrap Championship had a massive 233 entrants shooting 100 targets and the most prestigious of events – the World Sporting – hosted an impressive 553 entrants shooting 200 targets over the weekend.

The FITASC event saw Husthwaite top the tables – his score of 136 put him in first place over Paul Wilkinson in second on 134 after winning



BEN IN THE FINAL SHOOT-OFF



AAA CLASS WINNER MARTIN MYERS (CENTRE LEFT) AND BRONZE MEDAL WINNER RICHARD BUNNING (CENTRE RIGHT) ARE AWARDED THEIR PRIZES BY ALAN BINSTAD AND SUSAN BONTOFT

a shoot-off with *Clay Shooting Classic* winner Sam Green, who finished in third.

Berkshire's own Mark Marshall did well to fight off the competition from Richard Faulds and David Hughes in the Sportrap championship: he took the title with a score of 96 after a shoot-off with Faulds, who dropped four targets to Marshall's two dropped. Hughes finished in third with 94 + 23 + 9.

Martin Papworth took the AAA title with 95; Paul Wilkinson topped the AA

Class one behind Wilkinson on 94 and Cheryl Hall took the Ladies Class by storm,

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finishing on 91 whilst her closest rival Becky Bream trailed on 82 to take second.

The weekend saw

the two-day Sporting championships take place under a clear blue sky.

Martin Myers took the top spot in AAA Class with his score of 183, whilst Carl Bloxham and Richard Bunning fought it out

for second place. The tense and closely fought shoot-off left Bloxham one up on Bunning, giving him the silver spot on 182 + 16.

AA Class saw Sam Green take yet another title, his score of 180 put him in the top spot above Paul Lovick and John Bidwell on 179 and 174 respectively. Bidwell's score also gave him the Veterans title followed by Graham Stirkazer on 171 in silver and it was Eric Chapman on 169 who took the bronze. Sam Green's score, unsurprisingly,



THE ENGLAND TEAM HAD A SUCCESSFUL TRIP WINNING PLENTY OF MEDALS TO TAKE HOME



# WORLD SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP



RACHEL INGRAM LED THE TWO NEW CAPS IN THE LADIES TEAM TO SILVER



IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT TO GET THE TOP SPOT FOR THE SENIORS



TIM WEBSTER, CHRIS PAPWORTH AND TOBY REED WON SILVER IN THE JUNIORS

put him at the top of the Junior tables too and here he was being closely chased by Harry Seal just behind on 175 and Phil Gray on 173.

The Ladies event was a tough fight but Cheryl Hall managed to pull ahead, finishing on 170 whilst Becky Bream was behind on 158 and two behind her on 156 was Diane Sovantino.

Daniel Wicker, aged just 16, scored a massive 161 to take the Colts title with Hunter

Milligan taking the silver on 155 and Jenni Clark took home the bronze after posting 148.

England did well in the team Sporting events: the Senior team, made up of Arnie Palmer (captain) – course setter for the *Clay Shooting Classic* last month – Jonathan Lee, Paul Wilkinson, Stuart Rudling and Phil Rowbottom, took the gold medal with a fantastic score of 860 over the USA's 857 and Wales followed in third place taking

the bronze medal on 819.

The Super Veteran team also took the gold medal over the USA in second, thanks to the combined score of 442 posted by Paddy Howe, Paul Buckley and Paul Watson – just six more than the silver medal score of 436.

The Ladies team – Nicola Gryspeerdt, Rachel Ingram and Rosie Brumby – took the silver with a score of 425 to the USA's gold score of 457, while Sweden took third on 386.

The Veteran title was taken by the Welsh team with a fantastic score of 476, whilst England trailed by just three points to take the silver and the USA took the bronze with 468.

The Juniors did well to beat the Swedes by 10 points – Sweden finished in third on 468 – but the English lads couldn't catch the USA, who took gold with a whopping 505 leaving them in second with the silver medal score of 478 – still a great achievement.



THE LADIES TEAM DID WELL TO SECURE THE SILVER MEDAL



JOHN DYSON SET OUT A VARIED COURSE WHICH GOT GREAT REVIEWS FROM THE SHOOTERS