

Surrey wins historic Marks Challenge Shield for 45th time

Surrey succeeded in wresting back the Marks Challenge Shield from Essex by just 5 points in a close run home counties small bore prone rifle championship at Hendon Rifle Club, north London, on 20 May 2012; the 45th time the County has won the Shield in its 107 year history. The County also won the Invicta Shield for the 25th time in 29 years, admittedly on a walk over, as the remainder of the home counties were unable to muster a team for the Sunday shoot.

Teams in the Marks Shield were reduced to the best 13 from a maximum squad of 20; Surrey scoring 7518 from a possible 7800, with Essex close behind on 7513, hosts Hertfordshire on 7477, Kent on 7452 and Middlesex on 7408. Bill Brown once again topped the team's score sheet with an impressive 585 from 600, closely followed by current County Champion, Austin Wilshire on 583.



County Captain Lina Jones and Ladies Captain Stephanie Postlethwaite with members of the winning teams and the enormous Marks Challenge Shield and Invicta Shield

Hertfordshire hosted the match, which was 'through the ranges' this year, with 20 shots each at 25 yards, 50 metres and 100 yards for each team member. Fortunately the forecast rain held off, although cold and blustery conditions proved to be a challenge in some details.

Thanks to all those who turned out to shoot for the teams and to hosts Hertfordshire, in particular Herts County Captain Yvette Edwards. The 2013

competition will be hosted by Surrey County Small Bore Rifle Association in its centenary year.

Full results of the Marks Shield are set out below.

Click here for a history of the [Marks Shield](#) and [Invicta Shield](#).

Marks Challenge Shield 2012

Surrey 7518

Essex 7513

Hertfordshire 7477

Kent 7452

Middlesex 7408

Surrey team scores 2012 (dropped points)

Surname	Forename	25	50	100 Total	
Brown	Bill	4	4	7	15
Wilshire	Austin	4	6	7	17
Crispin	David	4	10	5	19
Duxbury	Paul	4	7	8	19
Jordan-Cooke	Mandy	9	7	4	20
Doe	Geoff	11	4	6	21
Jones	Lina	5	11	6	22
Dyer	Adrian	8	6	9	23
O'Connell	James	7	8	9	24
Jones	Peter	9	8	8	25
Batty	Michael	6	9	10	25
Elvy	Tracy	8	11	7	26
Granger	Neill	10	8	8	26
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Hammond	Tim	8	4	14	26
Pettett	Ian	15	4	10	29
Spooner	Rob	7	10	14	31
Postlethwaite	Stephanie	16	11	7	34
Pope	Geoffrey	10	15	10	35
Carter	Eric	15	13	10	38
Doe	Charlotte	12	11	21	44