

The annual Hospice shoot was held at Meary Veg over the weekend of 11/12 July with 43 people taking part in dry sunny warm conditions on both days.

Saturday was qualifying day with the top 32 going forward to the team knock out on the Sunday. With qualifying taking place from 10am to 4:30pm it was hard to tell who would qualify for Sunday until the last competitors had shot.

Veteran Jack Clague was the early pace setter hitting 47 out of 50 closely followed by Dean Marchbank in the senior section on 46. Corrina Clague and close friend Lyn MacLeod were the leading ladies early on, with Michael Cross leading the junior section. By early afternoon nothing had changed until Joel Clucas hit 42 to take the lead in the junior section and Gareth Knight hit 37 in the non-members section. This was how it stayed until the last squad of the day went out when Alan Wade was the only one who could overtake Clague for the high gun but he missed two targets on the last stand to finish tied with Clague on 47. However Clague beat him on count back as he cleared the stand.

High gun J Clague 47 1st Senior A Wade 47 2nd D Marchbank 46 3rd S Craine 45, 1st Lady C Clague 37 2nd L MacLeod 37, 3rd G Riley 29, 1st Junior J Clucas 42, 2nd M Cross 37, 3rd A Wade 25, 1st Vet J Clague 47, 2nd J Moore 43, 3rd P Kelly 40, 1st Non Member G Knight 37, 2nd I Berry 36, 3rd D Dallison 24.

First up in the Team knock out on the Sunday were Team Manxmove with team members J Clague Walker Clague and W Ennet versus Team Cu Plas Callow with team members A Wade, Parker, Knight and G Riley with victory going to team Manx Move 3-1.

Next were Team Manx Petroleum's with team members D Marchbank, Buttery M Cross and Allana Wade versus Team Alan Jackson with team members S Craine, Fabrizio, MacLeod and C Craine jnr with victory going to Team Alan Jackson 3-1.

Next up were Team Ramsey Crookall with team members M Riley, Cross, Davies and R Radcliffe versus Team Crowe Morgan with team members J Fargher, Clucas, L Macleod and P Fabrizio with victory going to Team Ramsey Crookall 3-1.

The last of the first round saw Team Eclipse trading with team members J Bulliment, P Kelly, P Wisbey and D Lally versus Team Field and Range with team members J Moore, D Shacklock, Dobson and I Berry with victory going to Team Eclipse Trading 3-1.

The first semi final was between Team Alan Jackson and Team Manx Move with victory going to Team Alan Jackson having a resounding win of 4-0. In the second semi final it was a much closer affair between Team Ramsey Crookall and Team Eclipse Trading, it went 1-0 Ramsey then 1-1 then 2-1 Ramsey the 2-2 so it was down to most kills and Team Eclipse won by 65-63.

In the shoot off for the bronze medal between Team Manx Move and Team Ramsey Crookall this again was a close affair with Team Manxmove just edging it 21/2-11/2.

So on to the final between Team Eclypse Trading and Team Alan Jackson ,Team Jackson had first blood with S Craine beating J Bulliment 19/15 then it was 1-1 with P Kelly beating G Fabrizio 18/16 then it was 2-1 to Team Eclypse with P Wisbey beating W Macleod 16/14 so it was down to the last pairing of D Lally for Eclypse and C Craine for Jackson and at the end it was all square 17 all which gave half a point to each team which meant Team Eclypse Trading won the gold by 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 and the hits at 66 each it was close.

A big thank you must go to all that took part, also all the sponsors and to all members that helped in any way in making it a very enjoyable weekend in raising money for a very worthy cause,

Thank you all

Peter Kelly