

The annual Hospice charity shoot was held at Meary Veg Santon on the 2nd/3rd July with a record 48 entries taking part in mixed weather conditions over the two days.

Saturday was qualifying day with all shooters competing over a 50 target sporting layout with the top 32 going forward to the team knock out on the Sunday.

High gun on Saturday went to Nigel Kelly with a well shot 47 ex 50; the senior winner was Juan Cowley on 46 but only on count back from George Davies with John Buttery taking third place on 45. The vet's winner was Peter Kelly on 44 with Jack Clague 42 taking second place on count back from Dave Lally. The ladies winner was Corina Clague on 41 with Lyn MacLeod taking second place on 39. In the juniors class Arran Wade was top gun on 38 with Jack Brew second on 37 and Ted Davies taking third place on 30. The winner in the non members section went to Alan Jackson on 42 with Neil Dawkins taking second place on 28 and Jo Lappa taking third place on 20.

The first two teams on Sunday in the team knock out were Team Ballaneven Compost with members Nigel Kelly, Alan Wade, Chris Parker and John Moore versus Team D L Gelling with members Juan Cowley, Jack Clague, Giulio Fabrizio and Jack Brew. Team Ballaneven won 3-1.

The next teams were Team Field and Range with members George Davies, Stan Skinner, Steven Craine and Glen Catlin versus Team Oatland's Farm with team members John Buttery, Phil Butler, Steven Brew and Rob Marshall. Team Field and Range won 3.5-0.5.

Team SCE LTD followed with members Brian Faragher, Peter Kelly, Corina Clague and Peter Fabrizio versus Team Top Spec Fencing with members Martin Malone, Neil Parsons, James Simpson and Paul Wisbey. Team Top Spec won 3-1.

Finally came Team Eclipse Trading with members Richard Kneen, Dave Lally, Will Ennett and Arran Wade versus Team Island Drainage with members Jake Keeling, Nigel Moffat, Mike Walker and Willy MacLeod. Team Island Drainage won on points (77-68) after the teams drew 2-2 in the head to head.

The first semi-final was Team Ballaneven versus Team Island Drainage and once again it was 2-2 in the head to head but Team Ballaneven won 65-63 on points. In the second semi-final Team Top Spec Fencing won 3-1 over Team Field and Range (but if it was on points Field and Range would have won 70-69.)

In the shoot off for the bronze medal position Team Field and Range won 2.5-1.5.

This left the gold and silver match between Team Top Spec Fencing and Team Ballaneven Compost. First up were the A class shooters Nigel Kelly (Ballaneven) and Martin Malone (Top Spec) with Kelly taking the honours 17-15. B class shooters were next Alan Wade (Ballaneven) and Neil Parsons (Top Spec) and here Parsons made it 1-1 by beating Wade 18-17. C class shooters Chris Parker (Ballaneven) and James Simpson (Top Spec) came next with Simpson putting Top Spec into a 2-1 lead.

Finally came the last C class shooters John Moore (Ballaneven) and Paul Wisbey (Top Spec) with Wisbey having the best round of all the finalists scoring 20 to Moore's 12 and taking the gold medal for Team Top Spec Fencing 3-1.

After the shooting a splendid buffet was laid on by Clare Lewis & Mike Walker of Ballanorman Goat farm with specially prepared goat-burgers in three flavours as well as the usual sandwiches, salads and extras, thank you Clare and Mike.

The medals were presented by Peter Fabrizio, a long standing member of the club.

Many thanks goes to all the sponsors, shooters, helpers and anyone else who assisted in making it a very enjoyable weekend.

Results:

- 1st Team Top Spec Fencing
- 2nd Team Ballaneven
- 3rd Team Field and Range
- 4th Team Island Drainage
- 5th Team Oatland's Farm
- 6th Team DL Gelling
- 7th Team Eclipse Trading
- 8th Team SCE Ltd