

Jan Berry competes in McQueen competition with Orsis T-5000 rifle



The McQueen finals, part of the main Imperial Meeting, took place at Bisley on the 19th July. Three times winner, Jan Berry is sponsored by Rifle Manufacturer and Distributor of the new Russian built Orsis T-5000 Sniper Rifle, Brock and Norris. Field and Rural Life Media met with Jan and Mike Norris at Bisley to see how Jan, using the Orsis T-5000 would perform. Jan had had a fantastic start to the competition scoring an impressive 50/10 in the 'B' class (Target), 'E' class (Open) and the 'F' class (Any Rifle). This is the first time a competitor has ever used a single rifle to enter three disciplines and achieve a place in each final. What made this even more remarkable is that Jan had only taken the rifle out of its box 24 hours before the competition and was using a borrowed riflescope.

The sun bore down with temperatures in the eighties and a wind fluctuating from a complete calm to a moderate westerly breeze. Looking 300 yards down the range the three green castellated target frames could be seen, each with four windows beneath three slotted apertures where a target will appear randomly for three seconds. The target will withdraw for between 10 to 20 seconds before reappearing at any of the windows or apertures. The competitor is allowed two 'sighters' marked by spotting discs prior to the shoot. Once all three firers are ready the match begins "watch and shoot". A total of ten exposures will be given with the competitor firing one round at each target.



As I had never shot in a McQueen competition I eagerly accepted the offer from Mike Norris to 'have a go' and feel a little of what a competitor will experience. Under the watchful eye of Jan Berry acting as RCO, I loaded my magazine of 10 rounds and looked down the scope, horizontal cross hairs along the bottom of each window, waiting for the first target to appear. The ground heat was causing a significant 'mirage' effect, with a shimmering haze drifting to the right, distorting the target. I squeezed the trigger and fired a round at each of the targets. I felt quite satisfied in achieving an average score as I found it a little more challenging than I had anticipated.



The heat increased during the afternoon with a steady unpredictable wind that suddenly dropped at times, conditions were becoming quite tricky. All the Competitors did very well to cope with these hot and uncomfortable conditions. Jan Berry and the Orsis T-5000 performed fantastically. Jan had received the Rifle only 24 hours before the start of the competition, had only used factory stock issued ammunition and had hand fed each round during the shoot. Jan achieved third place in the class 'B', after dropping just 1 point and also a third place in the 'G' class. Jan also secured 4th place in classes 'E' and 'F', a stunning performance.



The Orsis T-5000 is already gaining itself a very respectable reputation worldwide. The Belarus team used it to win this year's Police and Military Sniper World Cup and the Russian team, with the same rifle won the Special Forces competition. The manufacturers guarantee that a ½ MOA using factory ammunition can be achieved. The Orsis T-5000 is already proving to be a world leader.

Jan has said that he hopes to return to the McQueen competition next year and Brock and Norris, showing their commitment have said that an Orsis T-5000 rifle will be available for Jan. We also look forward to returning to this event, the combination of Jan and the Orsis T-5000, after only 24 hours to familiarise himself with the rifle was really impressive. It will be very interesting to see this combination next year after Jan has had a year to familiarise himself even more with the Orsis T-5000.