



DURC Competition Attendance Report

NSRA Centenary Postal Competition 2001

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Summary

Venue	Postal Competition, shot in TCD, scored in England
Date	October 2000–June 2001
Discipline	25yd Prone Rifle and 10m Air Rifle

DURC Attendees	
Mark Dennehy	Ray Reilly
John Keeney	Ben Jones
Alan Smyth	Aisling Broderick

Scores		
Round One		
<i>25yd Prone Rifle</i>		
Ray Reilly	Class A	395
John Keeney	Class C	390
Alan Smyth	Class D	385
Mark Dennehy	Class B	381
<i>10m Air Rifle</i>		
Ben Jones	Class D	331
Aisling Broderick	Class B	293
Round Two		
<i>25yd Prone Rifle</i>		
Ray Reilly	Class A - Joint 55th	390
John Keeney	Class C - Joint 25th	387
Alan Smyth	Class D - Joint 21st	383
<i>10m Air Rifle</i>		
Ben Jones	Class D - 6th, continues to Final	334

Report

The NSRA is one of the largest and oldest existing association in the Target Shooting sport. This year marks it's 100th anniversary (by contrast, DURC is only 40 this year). To celebrate, the NSRA have held a Centenary Postal Competition. Postal competitions differ from shoulder-to-shoulder competition in that the shooters do not travel to other ranges to shoot their cards, but shoot them on their home ranges and post the cards to the central scorer. DURC has entered these competitions on a regular basis for over twenty years - however, this competition has proven to be the largest we have ever entered and the most prestigious.

There were two rounds shot - one in March and the other in May this year. Ray Reilly, John Keeney and Alan Smyth successfully got to the second round for smallbore and Ben Jones made it through for Air Rifle. However, the standard of competition was extremely high, and none of the smallbore competitors made it to the final - Ray missing by 4 points in class A, John by 2 points in class C and Alan by 1 point in class D – all very, very close indeed, and a good acquittal of themselves, as they were competing against the shooters from all over england - several hundred in total.

Ben Jones, however, not only placed very high in his class (6th place in class D), but also qualified for the final in Bisley in early August. This is a remarkable achievement, and will be recorded in the sport's history books as this event is a very prestigious one. We extend our congradulations to Ben, and hope he places highly in the finals and we will report on his progress at that point.

Misé le meas,

Mark Dennehy, DURC Secretary