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DURC Competition Attendance Report

# NSRA Centenary Postal Competition 2001

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## Summary

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| 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 | | |
| *25yd Prone Rifle* | | |
| Ray Reilly | Class A | 395 |
| John Keeney | Class C | 390 |
| Alan Smyth | Class D | 385 |
| Mark Dennehy | Class B | 381 |
| *10m Air Rifle* | | |
| Ben Jones | Class D | 331 |
| Aisling Broderick | Class B | 293 |
| Round Two | | |
| *25yd Prone Rifle* | | |
| Ray Reilly | Class A - Joint 55th | 390 |
| John Keeney | Class C - Joint 25th | 387 |
| Alan Smyth | Class D - Joint 21st | 383 |
| *10m Air Rifle* | | |
| 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 prestigous.

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 prestigous 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