

48th OT Home International

15-16 August 2025

Griffin-Lloyd Shooting Ground, Knighton

Olympic Trap shooters from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland and Wales gathered at Griffin-Lloyd Shooting Ground near Knighton in Wales for the 48th OT Home International hosted by the WCTSA.

The England team for this year's competition was under the Captaincy of Mark Shaw and this year's team had a good number of new caps. It is not very often you get the to have an Olympic medallist as a new cap in the team, but this year we did as Matt Coward-Holley joined the team for his first Olympic Trap Home International. In addition it was great to see siblings making the team as we had Elise and her brother Rhys Dixon on this year's team.

England Team

Senior (Open)

Matthew Coward Holley*
Andrew Greenwood
Mark Shaw (Captain)
Lucas Hyde
James Dedman*
Mark Robinson
Liam Crabb*
Rhys Dixon*
Alex Williams*

Ladies

Leah Southall
Elise Dixon

Veterans

Howard Beaumont
Ian Mulliner

Super Veterans

Tim Smith
Paul Culverwell

Juniors

Tom Betts
Harry Poolman*

* = New Cap

This year's competition was over 150 targets, so it was 75 targets (3 rounds) each day. The weather was kind and it was two days of a mix of sun and cloud.

By the end of Day 1 the competition Matt Coward-Holley and John Falconer (Scotland's Captain) topped the leaderboard on 72/75. Leah Southall was the top Lady on 68, Tom Betts the junior lead on 70, Wales team regular Jonathan Davies was top Veteran on 69 and Phil Dando of Wales and Tim Smith led Super Veterans on 67.

Day 2 was an early start for shooters with an 8.30 am start to shooting to ensure time for competitors to be ready for the after shoot banquet. The day saw a good level of fierce competing with many digging deep to maintain or even improve their performance. Matt Coward-Holley maintained excellent form to finish on 143 to be overall High Gun. England regular and last year's captain Andy Greenwood and Ireland's Wayne Byrne were just behind him on 142. However, Andy Greenwood could not stay for a shoot off - he had to return to work as he was in the middle of harvest - so runner up prize went to Wayne Byrne.

I have to highlight the performance of Leah Southall who was in superb form and shot 73 on Day 2 to finish top lady and equal 4th overall on a very impressive 141.

So it with scores all in, results printed out and checked, it was back to accommodation and everyone prepared to gather for the official team photographs, speeches and the presentation of prizes at the official banquet.

England individuals and teams collected an impressive haul of badges and trophies across categories and came away as the Winning Overall Country. A full list of prize winners is below.

A big thank you needs to go to Laura Lewis from WCTSA for her work behind the scenes before and during the event, all the team managers Mike Bennett for Wales, Douglas Hendry for Scotland, Derek Burnett for Ireland and Clifford Barr for Northern Ireland. Many thanks go to Jackie Lewis and her team at Griffin-Lloyd Shooting Ground. Jackie ensured a smooth run competition at the ground. She did all of this while also holding her own competing as a member of the Welsh Team.

As a very proud England Team Manager I have to add my personal thanks to every member of the England Team. They all gave their best for the whole competition. Congratulations to all of the new caps in the team. I hope that you all enjoyed your first (and I most certainly hope the first of many) outing for England.

Here's looking forward to the 2026 Home International, which will be in Northern Ireland.

HCIT Award	Presented to	Recipient
ICTSC Badge	New Cap High Gun	Matthew Coward-Holley
Captain's Cup	Team Captain High Gun	Mark Shaw
Presidents Cup, Medal & Badge	Wales High Gun	Owain Humphreys
Trophy, Medal & Badge	Scotland High Gun	John Falconer
Trophy, Medal & Badge	England High Gun	Matthew Coward-Holley
ICTSC Badge	Super-Veteran RU of Match	Tim Smith
ICTSC Badge	Super-Veteran High Gun of Match	Fred Jaeger
ICTSC Badge	Veteran RU of Match	Ian Mulliner
The UCPSA Trophy & Badge	Veteran High Gun of Match	Jonathan Davis
ICTSC Badge	Junior RU of Match	Robert Lewis
The Robert Carter Snr Trophy & Badge	Junior High Gun of Match	Tom Betts
ICTSC Badge	Ladies RU of Match	Katie Forde
The WCTSA Trophy & Badge	Ladies High Gun of Match	Leah Southall
ICTSC Badge	Senior Runner Up	Wayne Bryne
ICTSC Badge	Senior High Gun	Matthew Coward-Holley
ICTSC Badge	Runner Up of Match	Wayne Byrne
The SCTA Trophy, Silver Medal & Badge	High Gun of Match	Matthew Coward-Holley
ICTSC Badge	Runner Up J, L, Vet, S-Vet Team	Wales
The Henning Cup & Badge	Winning J, L, Vet, S-Vet Team	England
ICTSC Badge	Runner Up - Super Vets Team	England
Plate	Winning Super Veterans Team	Ireland
ICTSC Badge	Runner-Up Veterans Team	Wales
Plate	Winning Veterans Team	England
ICTSC Badge	Runner Up - Junior Team	Wales
Plate	Winning Juniors Team	England
ICTSC Badge	Runner Up Ladies team	Wales
Plate	Winning Ladies Team	England
ICTSC Badge	Runner-up Senior/Open Team	Ireland
Gunmark Challenge Trophy & Badges	Winning Senior/ Open Team	England
ICTSC Badge	Winning Team Manager	Anita North
Overall Winning Country	Top 13 Scores (17)	England