

A scratch team of six was found to compete in the annual Inter Region matches run by the Scottish Smallbore Rifle Association on 19th April 2015 at Denwood ranges in Aberdeen. With the approval of the organisers, a couple of non-Lothian residents (but who shoot for Lothian clubs) were co-opted to make up the minimum team size of 5 in order to make a match of it, as Grampian were the only other region to field a team. There has never been such a poor turn-out for these matches, and it's unfortunate and disappointing that so few of our shooters see fit to take part in this.

There are two Inter-Region matches, one indoors and one outdoors, and the best five scores count from the teams of six. Out 'imports' performed creditably, but it was not enough as we came second in both. The indoor match was only lost by a whisker, as Grampian won it only on countback after a tie.

Conditions on the outdoor ranges were tricky, with the wind switching quickly from left to right, overcast in the morning and sunny in the afternoon.

The indoor competition is 40 shots at 25 yards, and the outdoor is a double Dewar (40 shots at 50m & 40 shots at 100yards). Teams of 6, best 5 scores to count.

Indoor match - 2nd.

I Thomson (Watsonians)	383
R Thomson (Watsonians)	388
D Gutteridge (Watsonians)	380
A Williamson (Watsonians)	383
N Georgeson (Balerno)	393
-	0
Total (best - only - 5)	1927

Grampian also scored 1927, but won on countback of all the last cards shot.

Outdoor match - 2nd

I Thomson (Watsonians)	766
R Thomson (Watsonians - guest)	756
D Gutteridge (Watsonians)	744
A Williamson (Watsonians)	744
N Georgeson (Balerno - guest)	757
-	0
Total (best - only - 5)	3767

Grampian retained the Bob Normand trophy with a score of 3787.

The only individual success for a Lothian shooter was Andrew Williamson (Watsonians) who won the Under-21 competition.

Take this link for full details of the Inter Region matches.