

After Lothian failed to field a team last year, Ian Thomson managed to get together a scratch team in the annual Inter Region matches run by Scottish Target Shooting on 9th April 2017 at Denwood ranges in Aberdeen. Once again with the approval of the organisers, one non-Lothian resident (but who shoots for a Lothian club) was co-opted to make up a Lothian team in order to make a match of it, as Grampian were the only other region to enter a team.

There are two Inter-Region matches, one indoors and one outdoors, and the best five scores count from the teams of six. Out 'import' performed creditably, but it was not enough as we came second in both.

It was a dry, bright day with not much wind, and the rain had the courtesy of staying away until after everything had concluded.

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)	385
R Thomson (Watsonians) (guest)	389
D Gutteridge (Watsonians)	380
R Shand (Watsonians)	391
R Olley (Edin Univ)	381
'T Diggle (Watsonians)	386
<b>Total (best 5)</b>	<b>1932</b>

Grampian scored 1956 so we were well beaten.

#### **Outdoor match - 2nd**

I Thomson (Watsonians)	761
R Thomson (Watsonians) (guest)	773
D Gutteridge (Watsonians)	753
R Shand (Watsonians)	770
R Olley (Edin Univ)	759
'T Diggle (Watsonians)	771
<b>Total (best 5)</b>	<b>3767</b>

Grampian retained the Bob Normand trophy with a score of 3883 (there is no trophy for the Indoor match).

The only individual successes for Lothian-based shooters were Robin Thomson (Watsonians) who won Class B and Robin Shand who won the Under-21. Watsonians were second to Bon Accord in both the indoor and outdoor club team competitions.