

Acting Captain Ian Thomson managed to get together a scratch team in the annual Inter Region matches run by Scottish Target Shooting on 7th April 2019 at Denwood ranges in Aberdeen. 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. The indoor competition is 40 shots at 25 yards, and the outdoor is a double Dewar (40 shots at 50m & 40 shots at 100yards).

Unfortunately, our team of mostly-juniors could not match the skill and experience of the shooters from Grampian (many of whom have shot for Scotland) and Lothian were well beaten in both matches, especially the outdoor one. I don't think that will change until we have an outdoor range in Lothian so that our local shooters can get regular time shooting outdoors.

It was a very cold day with a challenging wind that varied both in strength and direction making shooting that much more difficult.

Indoor match - 2nd

N Georgeson (Balerno & Currie)	384
I Thomson (Watsonians)	376
S Coates (George Watson's)	380
B Galloway (Merchiston Castle)	391
R Donaldson (George Watson's)	374
L Richards (George Watson's)	378
Total (best 5)	1909

Grampian scored 1954 so we were well beaten.

Outdoor match - 2nd

N Georgeson (Balerno & Currie)	763
I Thomson (Watsonians)	729
S Coates (George Watson's)	749
B Galloway (Merchiston Castle)	737
R Donaldson (George Watson's)	728
L Richards (George Watson's)	735
Total (best 5)	3713

Grampian retained the Bob Normand trophy with a score of 3825 (there is no trophy for the Indoor match).

The only individual success for Lothian-based shooters in the Open Competitions was young Lucy Richards (Watson's) who won the Class D Aggregate (2nd in both the indoor and outdoor comps).

Thanks to Ian Thomson for once again organising the teams in this match on a purely voluntary basis.