

BASC .410 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mid Wales Shooting Centre, Trefeglwys in Powys was the place to be if you were an enthusiast of the smallest gauge shotgun. The ground was hosting the annual BASC .410 World Championships which saw one of the largest number of entries for a number of years.

The ground was bathed in early autumn sunshine and with hardly a breath of wind shooting conditions could not have been better.

The course was set over 5 sporting stands with five pairs on each, and with a variety of targets which included incomers, loopers, rabbit crossers and springing teal the course was set to test all abilities.

One of the early entries came from last year's winner Ian Ainsley however his score of 38 was only good enough to put him in second place after a shoot-off with Tony Thompson. Although there were plenty of scores in the high thirties many stated that a score of forty or more was achievable, only one managed to do so and that was Tim Smith from Worcester who shot a very good 42 which gave him the title of BASC .410 World Champion 2009.

It was pleasing to see more ladies competing in this event, Lisa Hughes, winner in 2008 failed to retain her crown, coming second after a shoot-off with Caroline Sass, both posting a score of 25 however it was 16 year old Katie Cowell that took the ladies title with a score of 27. Katie comes from the Wrexham area and this young lady looks to have a bright future in clay target shooting.

Connor Gorsuch travelled all the way from Hampshire to defend his Junior title which he did successfully by scoring 30 which was good enough to beat many of those in the open class. Second in the juniors was Jessica Moore on 20.

BASC Wales would like to thank all of those who travelled to take part and support this annual event and the Williams family at Mid Wales Shooting Centre for their continued support of BASC Wales.

Results

.410 World Championship 'Open'

1st Tim Smith 42 ex 50
2nd Ian Ainsley 38*
3rd Tony Thompson 38*
*after shoot off

.410 World Championship 'Junior'

1st C Gorsuch 30 ex 50
2nd Jessica Moore 20 Brandon Mulliner 29

.410 World Championships 'Ladies'

1st Katie Cowell 27 ex 50
2nd Lisa Hughes 25*
3rd Caroline Sass 25*
*after shoot off