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2014 SuperShot Challenge

Crabbé Ranges, Jersey

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Laurence Quenault getting his Gold Medal from Magistrate Bridget Shaw

The **SuperShot Challenge** is a day-long event, with all 130 participants shooting 6 different competitions – Archery, Clay, .22 Pistol, Fullbore Rifle, Air Pistol and Smallbore Rifle. So it is a fascinating test of all-round ability for both beginners and experienced shots.

Laurence Quenault, 15, was a last-minute replacement in "Bullet-proof", a Junior (U18) *SuperShot* team captained by Cameron Pirouet, also 15. But, in this, his first *SuperShot*, Laurence shot really well in every discipline – with a great 98 ex 100 in Smallbore Rifle – to accumulate 470 ex 600 and win the Junior Gold Medal. He had it presented to him by Magistrate Bridget Shaw, herself a first-time competitor in *SuperShot*. Just behind him, taking Silver and Bronze respectively, were Matt Bree, 17, on 467 and Charlie Gicquel, 16, on 466.

Dominating Aztecs

The English "Aztecs" team of David and Garry Deadman, John Baker and Ian Pick, mentored by Tony Elgar, are regular *SuperShot* participants and always shoot well, but this time they were really on form! Ian Pick became the 2014 *SuperShot* Champion with an impressive 533 ex 600,

the whole team took the top team prize with 1,930 ex 2,400, well clear of the 1,860 of the 2012 and 2013 team winners, the Jersey States "On Target" team of Deputies John Le Fondré, Gerard Baudains, Rod Bryans, with Nigel Crespel, mentored by last year's *SuperShot* Champion, Deputy John Le Bailly. In 3rd place were "The Custodians" from HMP La Moye who, as usual, shot consistently well to a total of 1786.

The Aztecs really struck gold in the Veterans class (55+), with 3 of their team, Ian Pick, David Deadman and Garry Deadman, taking all 3 top places, the first time that that has ever happened in the *SuperShot* Challenge.

Deputy John Le Fondré, always a strong contender, with a very impressive 99 in Fullbore Rifle and 98 in .22 Pistol during the morning, seemed a strong contender for the top spot, but despite his impressive total of 514, 17 points better than in 2013, Ian Pick of the Aztecs steadily overhauled him.

Ladies

Dr Amy Hall shot excellently throughout to win the Ladies Class with a convincing 432, from Sophie Maguire with 409 and Vicky Milner, in her first *SuperShot*, indeed in her first-ever shooting competition of any sort, came 3rd with 390. The "Dead-eye Dames", with Lecky Wintour, Vicky Milner, Nikki Jones and Toria Fullerton, brightened up the Crabbé ranges with their team T-shirts and shot very respectably as well.

Mentors

The Mentors, who are experienced shots whose principal task is to look after and guide their teams, were involved in their own competition as well. Peter Quimby, with an amazing record of 4 wins in a row to his credit, shot extremely well as usual, but his score of 526 was equalled by Gregory Guida. So, in another first, the Halifax Trophy for the top Mentor, was shared this year.

Notes

- SuperShot Challenge was started in 1990, to celebrate the Gold Medals won by Jersey and Guernsey in the Auckland Commonwealth Games, held earlier that year. They were the first – and, so far, have been the only – Commonwealth Games Gold Medals ever won by either island. The late Adrian Breton of Guernsey won Rapid Fire Pistol and Colin Mallett of Jersey won Fullbore Rifle (and Bronze in the Pairs Match with his father, Cliff Mallett).
- 2. The surplus funds raised this year will be shared between the Jersey Hospice, CI Air Search and the JSF (to help send Jersey teams to the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships). More than £82,000 has been raised for good causes since 1990.
- 3. Photos of the event may be seen and downloaded free of charge at:

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