

## **Felixstowe Rifle Club come out top at**

### **Suffolk County Championships.**

The 87<sup>th</sup> Suffolk County Rifle Association County Championships were held at Felixstowe Rifle Club over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June, with Felixstowe members gaining most of the major trophies.

The Championships involve all the competitors firing 40 shots at 50M, plus 40 shots at 100yds, over a two hour period.

There were Individual Competitions in three different classes, depending on ability, one "Open" to anyone irrespective of which County they came from, and one "Closed" to members from Suffolk. All of these competitions were open to any age or sex, however, there were some separate competitions just for the Ladies. There were also some Team Competitions.

Although the weather was reasonably good, the blustery wind made conditions very interesting, and certainly demanded extra concentration. One slip of concentration, or miss reading of the wind conditions, and shooters soon lost valuable points.

At the end of the day it was local Felixstowe Members who came out top, with Bill Yates winning the overall Individual County Championship, plus a number of the other Open & Closed Competitions. Last year's Championship winner, Bill Bond came second, but won the Senior Shooters Trophy. Monika Beard won the Ladies Championship, and Paul Stenning won the NSRA Silver Medal, an award that can only be won once.

Together these four also won the Team Championship, with Bury St Edmunds coming second.

These results are good for the Felixstowe Club and come on top of the news that the club is to be used by one of the Uzbekistan Olympic Shooting Team, as their Training Camp for two weeks prior to the London 2012 Olympics. The club was approached a few weeks ago and following some quick negotiations, Hotel Accommodation has been booked and they are just waiting final confirmation that all the correct paperwork is in place to allow this to go ahead.

The arrangements for the above have been made by Bill Bond, the Club's Vice Chairman, who stated that the good results the club keeps gaining at Local & National Level, and news about the Club being used as an Olympic Training venue, only helps to demonstrate the strength of the club, and the importance of the facilities being maintained in the future, should the Walton Green Development eventually go ahead, which at present is a threat to the clubs future.



Left to right:- Paul Stenning, Monika Beard, Bill Yates, Bill Bond