

Withers compete in 2008 Strutt & Parker City Shooting Championships

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Withers competed in the 2008 Strutt & Parker City Shooting Championships and scored an excellent 753, not quite enough to win a prize of Champagne Pommery but still earning a respectable 6th place out of a possible 45. Bertie Hoskyns-Abrahall, who led last year's team to first place and was chosen again to enter the Hiscox Top Gun competition, was the captain. The team also comprised Martin Hunt (of Winton Capital), Jonty Colchester (of Barclays Private Bank) and Jonathan Kennedy (of CKD Kennedy Macpherson), who was also one of the ten Top Gun finalists.

The Championships took place this week on a typical British summer's day – absolutely chucking it down. But it was water off a waxed jacket as far as the 160 guns were concerned and the spirits were resolutely undampened.

Fortified with bacon butties wolfed down in Highclere Castle, the guns set off to the five drives, with 1,000 'birds' per team to aim for. Mitsubishi were the official cars for the 45 teams of chairmen and CEOs of the City's major firms and the muddy tracks gave the cars the perfect opportunity to display their off-roading skills. Hugo Haddon-Grant of Cavendish Corporate Finance said, "We got double our money's worth as the shooting was excellent and the driving even more exciting."

Simon Jacot de Boinod of City Championships and Dylan Williams of RBSS, who organised the shoot, were delighted that spirits had been so high throughout the day, despite the weather. "The championships are a great annual event where all who take part enjoy each other's company and the competition. It is very rewarding that so many immediately say that they will return next year to resume their rivalry."

For more on the full City Championships programme, including skiing, golf and polo, see www.citychampionships.com