

RIDEOUT REPORT

CRRG MYSTERY SPIN 2012

Sat. 8th September 2012

First of all, can I just say a big “thank you” to everyone (especially Dave who had travelled all the way from Cavan) for being on time at their designated meeting places. We were on a tight schedule and it was vital that we hadn't to wait on anyone or my plans would have been scuppered. Unfortunately, some of you created a bad impression for our new guest by arriving on dirty bikes and it has been noted on your records in HQ.

Well, the day of the CRRG Mystery Spin had eventually arrived. All was to be revealed – and I don't mean Mark2's attempt to show us his 15-year-old Speedos which he had worn (“yellow to the front and brown to the back”) thinking we were going bog-snorkling. Despite hundreds of guesses, some very disturbing I might add, only one person had managed to guess correctly what I had planned. I felt so sorry for Mark1 who had fallen for my diversion and also thought that we were going bog-snorkling and had rushed out to buy a very expensive “Bog-Man Pro-Elite” snorkel just for the occasion !!! He can always use it when he's having his 2-monthly bath.....

Everything went brilliantly according to my well-laid plans. Everyone met on time despite having 3 different meeting places. Poor Dave had to suffer Gary's rantings at the Connolly Hospital exit until re-inforcements arrived in the shape of me, Paul, Mark1 and JP & Therese. After a quick chat while Gary proudly displayed his new, immaculate VFR800, we met with Derek, Mark2, Mick and Jason in the lovely little Lucan ([more illiteration](#)). We arrived bang on time in Celbridge for a nice breakfast in Hogan's Bistro. This venue may have been a bit posh and plush for certain members more used to spitting on the floor and drinking out of saucers but all members were generally well behaved. As usual, JP complained about the parking of the bikes outside – I think he has a slight case of that OCD thing!!!! He even has matching “his & hers” bike gear – matching helmets, matching jackets, both wore jeans etc. On the subject of jeans, I may have mentioned it on occasion on the day, but **I was glad I wore my jeans**. After a dullish morning, it soon brightened up and we were treated to some brilliant warm sunshine as soon as we arrived at the venue. In fact it was so warm and sunny that JP ignored the embarrassment and wore his Orange County Chopper bandana to protect his delicate skull. (by the way, as per the CRRG Rulebook, Section 6, paragraph 2, bandanas are on the list of banned attire for members and this has also been recorded on his file in HQ).



We arrived at the secret venue just outside Clane bang on time – it was Abbeyfield Farm where I had booked clay-pigeon shooting and archery at the bargain price of €25.00 per person. Derek was a bit disgruntled as he didn't get his customary OAP reduction ! The instructors there, Alan

and Charles were brilliant, joining in the craic and having a great laugh with us. They said they hadn't had a bunch like us before which I think was a compliment !!!????!! They organised us into groups and that's when the competitive side of some members appeared. **Some people would do anything to win !!**

Now, while I have a copy of the original results of the clay-pigeon shooting, several complaints were lodged to the C.I.R.A. – The Clay-pigeon International Rules Association. The following is the report of the C.I.R.A. investigation into alleged “Doping”, “Match-fixing” and “Bribery”. **The C.I.R.A. decision is FINAL and no appeals will be accepted.**

C.I.R.A.

(Clay-pigeon International Rules Association)

Report on CRRG Competition on 8th September 2012

This Report is legally binding and the findings are not open for Appeal.

The Investigation Team took statements from the Instructors. The Team also sent blood and urine samples from all the CRRG competitors for analysis. The following are the findings of the investigation.

BLOOD & URINE RESULTS

1. Gary passed the “Dope” test with flying colours – in fact the Team said that he was the dopiest they had ever tested.
2. JP and Therése were found to have abnormally high levels of the banned substance *Cheapus Lucozadiae Sportius*.
3. Mark2 was found to have high traces of *Viagra*.
4. Jason's blood sample was found to be 60% *Absolut Vodka*
5. Mark1 had dangerously high levels of *Methane*

The competitors numbered 2 to 5 above are, accordingly, disqualified and receive a 40 year ban from Competitive Clay-pigeon shooting.

INVESTIGATION INTO IRREGULARITIES DURING COMPETITION

1. Alan was observed and recorded on CCTV trying to bribe one of the instructors with a €50 note. His explanation that he “*found it*” and was “*trying to hand it back to the instructor*” is not credible as Alan would definitely have pocketed it and said nothing had he found a €50 note!!!!
2. It was highly irregular that two of the competitors actually acted as score-keepers and their maths is of such a poor standard that the scores were probably wrong anyway.
3. Gary's shotgun shells were discovered to have been tampered with by an unknown rival competitor and substituted with “Blanks” explaining why he couldn't hit a barn door.
4. Dave's association with Cavan meant that he hates to waste anything and video footage of the competition revealed that he was only using one shell per round. “*I didn't want to waste them*” he revealed during interview by the Investigation Team, “*...sure, Jaysus, they must cost a fortune*”.
5. Mick and Derek managed to secrete different spectacles upon their persons (explaining the strange way they were walking). They switched their spectacles for these special ones which were discovered to be comprised of binocular lenses with telescopic sights, giving them an unfair advantage over their competitors.
6. Paul had smuggled in his own box of shells from his vast arsenal in his bunker at home. He then substituted them secretly for his turn to shoot. Unfortunately for him, he dropped one of the shells and

upon examination the shell was discovered to be high-velocity buck-shot meaning he could have shot an ant on a leaf 500 yards away!

DECISION OF THE INVESTIGATION TEAM

As Gary and Dave are the only two competitors who did not cheat, only their scores will count. Because Gary was “firing Blanks” but still miraculously managed to hit one target, he is declared the WINNER. Dave’s score of 2 is doubled as he was only using one shell per round and accordingly he is declared as RUNNER-UP.

But despite the unfortunate Investigation by the C.I.R.A. of the Clay-pigeon shooting, I think that everyone had a brilliant day. **I was really glad I wore my jeans.** The banter was great and you wouldn’t want to be sensitive as the slagging was brilliant too. Even the instructors had a great laugh.



We moved on from the shotguns to the Archery. This is where I came into my own and got into the spirit of it by wearing an ancient Sioux war bonnet which has been in my family for hundreds of years and is a family heirloom handed down from father to son for generations. I was leading the competition (no cheating) by 1 point ahead of Dave (who was much better at this because there is no waste in archery as you re-use the arrows over and over) with only Mark2 to shoot. With his final arrow he beat me into second place with Dave finishing in 3rd spot. Incredibly, someone stole my priceless headgear and I never saw it again after that!!!



Therése was getting the hang of the archery and was a match for any of the lads. She was on the winning side of Mark2 and myself in one of the competitions. It was nearly 2 o'clock when we finished up and so it was a bit late to head on to Emo House which I had planned as part of the rideout. We decided to just head for a coffee somewhere and decided on Kilcock and the Rye River café. Jason and myself took the lead and had a nicely paced spin (;) !!!) on the lovely, winding road to Kilcock. We had a great spin there, getting to the café ahead of the other 9 members. We sat outside and asked the ladies serving not to be pestering Gary when he arrives on the new bike. Fair play to them, they managed to ignore him and left us to have our coffee and smokes in peace. We sat outside while the other arrived and we had a good chat there in the glorious sunshine. Dave headed for home via Dunboyne while Derek wanted a quick spin. The rest of us took the Maynooth, Leixlip road home.



It was a brilliant day out and I haven't laughed so much in ages. I am really glad that I wore my jeans. Everyone had a great time and the *Mystery Spin* could well become an Annual Event (so keep that snorkel, Mark1 and get those Speedos cleaned Mark2 !!!).

That just leaves me to say a special "welcome" to Dave to the CRRG. I hope you enjoyed the day and that you'll join us again. Have a great trip to Bonnie Scotland next week and ride safely.

See you all soon.

Alan