

## SHOOTING

### **James Bevis**

Lives: Hereford  
Born: 08.08.76, Hereford  
Occupation: Parts Tech at Hereford Land Rover  
Club: Ross-on-wye TSC  
Coaches: Pasan Kularatne, Bernard Kooistra, Keith Morris, Mike Philips  
Events: R 4 10m air rifle standing mixed SH 2 & R 5 10 m air rifle prone mixed SH 2  
Category: SH2Aa

Games attended: One (Beijing 08)

PG: 19<sup>th</sup> (10m air rifle prone SH1 & 10m air rifle standing SH2) Beijing 08. OpECh: bronzes (R5 air rifle prone– open & Eur) Suhl GER Jul 07.

Polish Op: 5<sup>th</sup> (R4 air rifle standing) Szczecin POL Mar 08 Croatian Op: 12<sup>th</sup> (R5 air rifle prone) Zagreb CRO Jun 07.

Made GBR int debut at Croatian Op Jun 07, finishing 12<sup>th</sup>, but achieving IPC min qualification score for Beijing. Won open & Eur bronzes in only his 3<sup>rd</sup> int comp at 07 OpECh, incl a perfect 600 in quals which is equal to the world record for R 5. Lost use of right arm from nerve damage in motorbike accident in 98. Made PG debut in Beijing 08.

### **Deanna (Di) Coates**

Lives: Yateley, Hants  
Born: 23.05.54, Farnborough, Hants  
Occupation: Athlete  
Club: Rushmoor Mallards, Centurion  
Coaches: Pasan Kularatne, Bernard Kooistra  
Event: R 2 – 10 m air rifle standing women SH 1  
Category: SH1B

Games attended: Seven (Stoke Mandeville 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 & Beijing 08).

PG: silvers 10m air rifle standing, Silver 10m air rifle prone and bronze – 10 air rifle 3 x40 Stoke Mandeville GBR 84;

Gold (air rifle standing) Seoul KOR 88;

Gold (air rifle standing) Barcelona ESP:

Gold (air rifle standing), silver (3x20) Atlanta USA 96;

Bronze (air rifle standing), Sydney AUS Aug 00;

7<sup>th</sup> (air rifle standing) Athens GRE Sep 04; 10<sup>th</sup> (10m air rifle standing) Beijing 08.

OpECh: silver (R2 air rifle standing - Eur); 4<sup>th</sup> (R2 air rifle standing – open) Suhl GER Jul 07. Int Turkish Cup: 6<sup>th</sup> (R2 air rifle standing) Bodrum TUR May 08.

Di is one of GBR's most experienced PG athletes– Beijing was her 7<sup>th</sup> PG. Names her inspiration as Isabel Newstead, who passed away in 07 after a career spanning 7 PG & 9 PG golds across 3 disciplines – athletics, shooting & swimming.

### **Nathan Milgate**

Lives: Herne Bay, Kent

Born: 10.05.87, Canterbury

Occupation: athlete

Coaches: Pasan Kularatne, Bernard Kooistra, Ray Pullen

Event: R 1 -10 m air rifle standing men SH1 &  
R 3 – 10 m air rifle prone mixed SH 1

Category: SH1B

Games attended: One (Beijing 08)

PG: 8<sup>th</sup> (10m air rifle standing), 12<sup>th</sup> (10m air rifle prone) Beijing 08.

WCh: 06 Switzerland. OpECh: 9<sup>th</sup> (R1 & R3 - Eur) Suhl GER Jul 07.

Oceania Sydney. 3rd (R 3 Air Rifle Prone)

Int Turkish Cup: silver (R1 air rifle standing) Bodrum TUR May 08.

Polish Op: silver (R1 air rifle standing) Szczecin POL Mar 08

Croatian Op: silver (R1 air rifle standing), bronze (R3 air rifle prone)

Zagreb CRO Jun 07. Korean Op: 6<sup>th</sup> (air rifle standing), bronze (air rifle prone) Cheongju KOR May 07.

Developed reflex sympathetic dystrophy after bicycle accident. Made PG debut in Beijing 08. Made the final of the 10m air rifle standing – his first PG event. Names team-mate Di Coates as athlete he most admires.

### **Matt Skelhon**

Lives: Stilton, nr Peterborough

Born: 30.10.84, Peterborough

Occupation: Student

Club: Whittlesey Rifle Club

Coaches: Pasan Kularatne, Bernard Kooistra, Keith Morris

Events: R 1 -10 m air rifle standing men SH1 &  
R 3 – 10 m air rifle prone mixed SH 1

Category: SH1C

Games attended: One (Beijing 08)

PG: gold (10m air rifle prone), 18<sup>th</sup> (10m air rifle standing) Beijing 08.

Croatian Op: 10<sup>th</sup> (R3 air rifle prone) Zagreb CRO Jun 07.

Polish Op: 5<sup>th</sup> (R1 air rifle standing), 8<sup>th</sup> (R3 air rifle prone) Szczecin POL Mar 08. Int Turkish Cup: silver (R3 air rifle prone) Bodrum TUR May 08.

Made GBR shooting debut May 07, shooting IPC min qual score for Beijing at Croatian Op Jun 07, before making PG debut in Beijing 08 – where he won gold with an equal WR. Has shot since aged 13 & found out about competitive shooting at spinal games. Also played wheelchair basketball and Archery.