

AIRSOFT ARMS FAIR

We didn't exactly walk away empty handed ourselves; scouring the vendors saw us all returning home with a little something... yes, we're just as bad as the rest of you!

**IT'S THAT TIME OF DAY**

15.00 hours and things were starting to wind down a wee bit, but after having 250 or so attendees throughout the day everyone was wilting a little in the heat! Time to draw the Raffle, and what a laugh that turned out to be...

We'd not put any placings on the prizes so it was a "first come, first served" deal. Earlier in the day we'd all enjoyed talking to Graham W and his two lads who'd made the trip up all the way from Kent. As relative newcomers to Airsoft suffice to say they were all pretty happy when their number came up first (make that two very excited lads, with Dad not far behind!). They walked away with the HK 416.

Local player Steven J took home the MP5, and The £300 + Soft shell

remains still unclaimed.

And so it was time for the Fair to draw to a close. Speaking to many of the Vendors I was pleased to hear that everyone had a good day; sales were brisk and all agreed attending had been a great idea.

My experience was an incredibly positive one. As I stated I've been very impressed about how the UK scene has matured in the last four years, and what I saw at the Airsoft Arms Fair really was just the icing on the cake. This was a friendly, professionally run event enjoyed by all, and I can only express my thanks and congratulations to all involved.

I for one will be looking forward to the next one in October!

**MESSAGE FOR THE ORGANISER**

The Airsoft Arms Fair (AAF) seems such a simple idea, place people who want to buy guns in the same location as people who want to sell guns. When we decided to run the AAF we learned that it's far from being that

simple, buyers don't want to attend unless they know there will be sellers, and sellers don't want to attend unless they know there will be buyers.

However a little bit of faith from both parties, and months of prep work by us gave rise to the first AAF. The day was fantastic, exceeding all of our expectations, and was worth every one of the long days we all put in to make it happen.

It also left us, and hopefully the attendees, with the sure knowledge that future AAF's are going to be bigger and better. The October 16th Fair is planned to be 50% bigger, both in number of retailers and attendees and we hope a much larger private seller contingent now that the AAF has proved itself.

Our aim is not to build an airsoft event; we want to build The Airsoft Event. And we hope the UK airsoft community will support us in doing so.

*Jim Sephton - AAF Organiser*

