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The restructuring I spoke of in the last Journal has continued and further staff have sadly had to be made redundant as a result of our financial position. I would like to thank them very much for the service they have given. Further redundancies among the staff are not expected. One of our next tasks is to advertise for and appoint a new group chief executive.

We have divided the business into 12 cost centres and have asked the managers of these areas to work with an external consultant to put together a budget from the bottom up. These managers have responded well with ideas for generating extra sales and cutting costs. This provided good data for the Trustees to decide prices for 2012. The price increases will inevitably be unwelcome but are essential to deal with inflation and to return our finances to a healthy situation.

At the same time we have brought in consultants to allow us to get the best out of the Dimensions accounting package we bought several years ago. We found that many features had not been properly understood and so had not been implemented. This will provide a regular flow of data on costs and sales to the 12 cost centre managers with higher level summaries for Trustees to monitor how the business is performing.

Further modules on stock control and time recording by staff are still to be implemented. This will give us much more accurate financial data than we have had before so that we understand our costs better.

Robin Pizer, Chairman



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Continuing the process of restoring the NRA

In the last Journal, I described the steps we have taken in making a number of staff redundant and putting a number of other staff at risk of redundancy. We have continued that process, with eight staff given notice of redundancy in January.

I will not list those staff here as it is a private matter, and in any event, the process is not wholly complete at the time of going to press. Clearly this is a difficult time for the organisation and in particular those individuals, but it is recognised that there is a need for a reduction in our wage bill. Equally, a key element of our thinking is to improve our capability rather than just cut costs. Consequently we are recruiting a number of new roles at all levels of the organisation, from an additional toilet cleaner and a full-time plumber, through to a head of support services and a new head of a combined membership and training department.

This is a substantial change in organisation and has been achieved by not replacing all retirements and departures as well as making redundancies, and bringing in new roles with new skills. As a result, by the time this process is complete, we will have reduced the staff establishment from 62

in June 2011 to 50. These reductions have focused on non-customer-facing roles to minimise the impact on our delivery to members and other customers.

In order to further minimise the impact on our ability to deliver to our customers, and to eliminate inconsistencies between staff, I am changing staff terms and conditions. Previously some staff were on a 35-hour week, while others were on a 40-hour week. Once we introduce new staff contracts, all staff will be on a standard 40-hour week. This will be without any increase in pay. I will also be introducing a rota for managers (including myself) such that there is always a manager on duty in office hours at the weekend. This will be to address any issues from customers at the weekend. Other changes will give all staff objectives and development programmes, neither of which staff have had before. In the case of managers, they will all have targets in terms of increasing profitability.

I hope that you will therefore understand that the Trustees and the staff are serious in our efforts to restore the position of the NRA. These are substantial and painful changes, and we are determined that they will be successful. It is not, however, enough. Eliminating



our financial deficit is our first objective, but we must generate a sufficient surplus to finance our strategic objectives both at Bisley and in the wider national landscape. Rebuilding our facilities at Bisley and supporting the development of facilities elsewhere costs money, and 'break-even' hardly meets this need.

Consequently we have approved a series of price increases which average 10 per cent for 2012, although almost 5 per cent of this simply reflects current inflation levels. Full details are on our website. Clearly these will not be welcomed, and indeed we have implemented them with great reluctance. It is difficult to see how we can avoid this. We have taken cuts in the wage bill as far as we can, we are going through the rest of our cost base as aggressively as we can, but need to be mindful of continuing to deliver to you. We are looking to increase non-shooting revenues wherever possible but recessionary pressures constrain that and many of those opportunities would conflict with the shooting calendar. That leaves us with the unpalatable but necessary step of increasing our prices.

We will continue to keep you posted with the changes we are initiating, and I very much hope that we will be able to start giving you good news soon.

Derrick Mabbott



AUNTS AND UNCLES

Tim Elliott, former NRA national coach, provides an update:

Despite journal, internal and website requests, no one has stepped forward to take the Aunts and Uncles scheme off my hands – yet – so I am carrying on.

Someone has once again raised the issue that all Aunts and Uncles should undergo CRB checks. Obviously, given each individual's personal and different timings, this is impossible to set up. The issue, first raised some years ago, was finally resolved in 2011 by requiring all those involved to give a written formal undertaking that they knew of and would abide by the NRA's policy in this respect. Certain additional precautions were taken and all concerned considered the result satisfactory.

I would like to remind everyone of the revised procedure I applied last year, which worked well. The procedure, as laid down in Note 13 to the entry form, asks you to complete the appropriate box on the form. This must be done before Thursday 30 June. After that date, only requests made directly to me can be met. Once you have done this, the member of staff in charge of squadding will pass your details to me. I will email you with confirmation, and I will seek a little further information from you.

If you do not hear from me within a reasonable time, then please contact me (details below). If you do not reply to my email, then I will assume that you have ticked the relevant box in error and that you do not require an Aunt or an Uncle.

Nearer the time, I will email you with full details of who your Aunt or Uncle will be and ask you to make direct electronic contact. It will then be up to you. Make sure you make contact with your Aunt or Uncle electronically at that point, and then personally as you arrange between you.

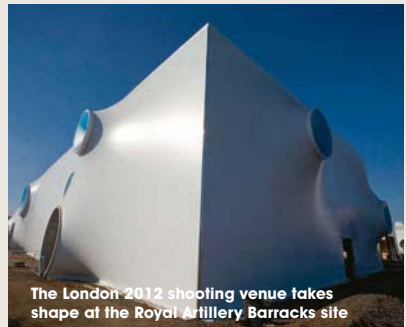
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BISLEY BIBLE ONLINE

The 2012 edition of the Bisley Bible, which details the rules and regulations of the NRA, is now available for download from www.nra.org.uk. The printed version was still at the printers' as the Journal went to press, but it should be available by the time you read this. As well as the main Bisley Bible, the Imperial competitions guide and daily programme is available, as is the 2012 gallery rifle and pistol handbook and Phoenix meeting booklet.

OLYMPIC RIFLE SHORTLIST

British Shooting has announced the shortlist for the shooting teams for the 2012 Olympics. Athletes still have the chance to make the teams up until the final selection on 2 May, but the current shortlist is a refined version of the provisional list, which was made public in November last year. The rifle shortlist is composed of six athletes: James Huckle, Jen McIntosh, Jonathan Hammond, Kenny Parr, Matthew Thomson and Neil Stirton.



The London 2012 shooting venue takes shape at the Royal Artillery Barracks site

Bisley Clubs Easter meeting

The Bisley Clubs Easter Meeting (7-9 April 2012) features the usual great TR programme plus a much-improved F Class programme that includes separate prize classes for F/TR and F Open, more shooting in pairs and additional prizes of powder.

The meeting is run in the style of the Imperial, so it's great preparation for anyone planning to shoot the Imperial for the first time (first-timers' briefing and training session on Saturday morning), and it represents a chance to blow out the cobwebs and get back into the competitive swing at the start of the season.

The meeting brochure can be downloaded from the following address (or collected from most Bisley Clubhouses or the Range Office): <http://downloads.nlrc.org/Easter-Meeting-Entry-2012.pdf>. For more information, contact easter@nlrc.org.



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Trethewey Lodge is located at Bisley on Elcho Road next to The Spott. The accommodation within the Lodge consists of a kitchen, living room, bathroom and bedroom, together with a separate en-suite room accessed externally. The lodge is in need of some modernisation and the tenant will be required to carry out this work in liaison with the NRA's estate manager. Externally there is a garage, parking for a car at the front of the property, and an enclosed garden to the rear.

Unconditional rental offers are sought with the closing date for tenders being 11 May 2012. For further more detailed information on this property, including a draft lease and Energy Performance Certificate, or to arrange a viewing, please email Libby Gendall on libby.gendall@nra.org.uk or call 01483 797777 ext 142.



THE FORMER HAC CLUBHOUSE

The NRA is offering for lease to an individual member, group of members, or a club, the former Honourable Artillery Company clubhouse for use as a clubhouse in connection with members' shooting at Bisley. The clubhouse is offered for lease on a full repairing and insuring basis for a term of up to 21 years.

The Clubhouse is located at Bisley on Elcho Road, next to the Army Rifle Association Offices. The clubhouse accommodation is laid out over two storeys with a verandah to the front on the ground floor. Internally the accommodation consists of a dining hall, bar; kitchen; office; two store rooms; male, female and disabled WCs; and cellar. The first floor of the clubhouse comprises dormitory style overnight accommodation in two rooms.

The clubhouse sits within a mature site of just under 1¼ acres, with lawns to the front of the clubhouse, off-road parking, and the potential to separately rent a manager's cottage.

HAC COTTAGE

The NRA is offering for lease to an individual member, or potentially up to three members as joint tenants, the HAC Cottage as a private dwelling for use in connection with the members' shooting at Bisley. The Cottage is offered for lease by informal tender on a full repairing and insuring basis for a term of up to 21 years.

The Cottage is located within the grounds of the former HAC clubhouse at Bisley on Elcho Road, next to the Army Rifle Association Offices. The accommodation within the Lodge consists of a kitchen, living room, 3 bedrooms, and bathroom. The cottage is in need of some modernisation and the tenant will be required to carry out this work in liaison with the NRA's Estate Manager.

Expressions of interest for both the HAC Clubhouse and HAC Cottage should be

forwarded to Libby Gendall by the closing date of 11 May 2012.

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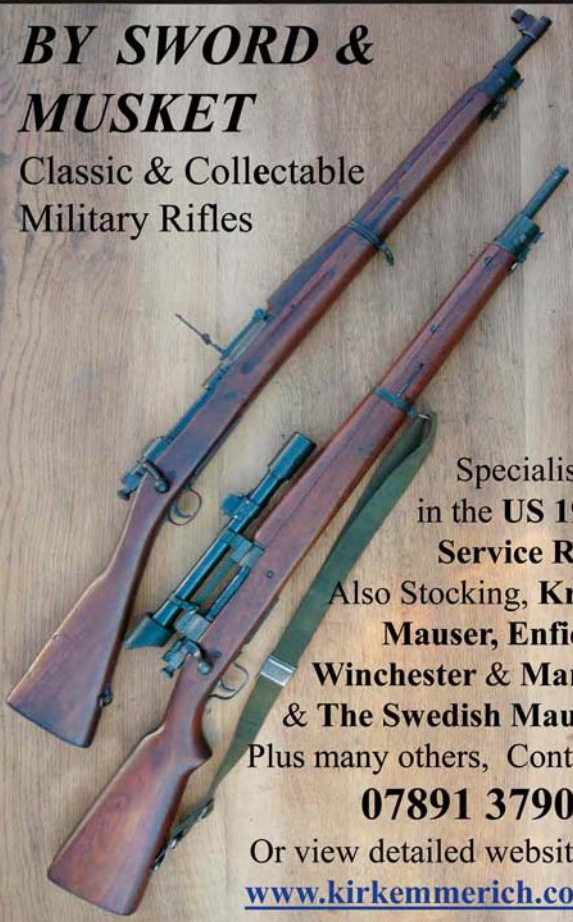




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Volunteers' shoot

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Bisley laid on the Range Officers' social shoot on Butt Zero – the annual 'thank you' for volunteers who have helped at meetings during 2011 – on 14 January. There were a number of fun shoots throughout the day, including Fast as you Like, Pan Shoot, Rock 'n' Roll random shoot and a team log chop. A mini-McQueen also ran and its popularity may result in it being repeated at future Gallery Rifle meetings. It certainly got competitive, with shooters entering many times in an attempt to head the leaderboard and win one of the prizes.

Lunch was provided in Canada House, by which time the sun had come out. Shooting, and much chatting, carried on through the afternoon, but the evening saw the real entertainment – fancy dress and some rather eclectic interpretations of Dolly Parton, Mozart, Freddy Mercury and Jedward to name a few. This collection of musical geniuses gathered to enjoy a fabulous three-course meal and celebrate the winners on the day... well into the night.



IMPERIAL ENTRY OPEN



ONLINE ENTRY has opened for the Imperial Meeting 2012. Registered users on the NRA website can enter the TR, MR and F-Class events by clicking the link from www.nra.org.uk. You can also download paper entry forms, as well as reading the usual set of guides and instructions. Taking place from 7-21 July this year, the Imperial is now in its 143rd year. Ed Compton, a 30-year-old Sussex Rifle Association shooter who fits kitchens for a living, took the Queen's Prize in 2011 – the anticipation can now begin as to who will take it in 2012.

GB UNDER 25 RIFLE TEAM

STUART YOUNG has been selected as captain of the GB Under 25 rifle team to compete in the SABU Open in Bloemfontein, South Africa in March 2013. Young will announce his vice captain and adjutant roles soon and is accepting applications to be part of the team from shooters who will be under 25 on 31 March 2013. Interested parties should forward a brief shooting CV, details of any coaching experience and full contact details to 37 Temple Drive, Swinton, Manchester, M27 4EA or stuartyoung.sey@gmail.com.



A Winter's Tale

Last winter's Civilian Service Rifle season has seen more disciplines than ever before – and far more interest, too. Mark Bradley reports from Short Siberia

Probably the best kept secret at Bisley is the NRA Winter Civilian Service Rifle League. This league is now into its sixth year and continues to go from strength to strength.

The history of modern Civilian Service Rifle (Civ SR) goes back to around 2000 when the late Pete Bloom saw an opportunity to incorporate a civilian competition alongside the military CENTSAM meeting. This became immensely popular with practical rifle shooters, who enjoyed the company and shooting events. Some years later there was a clamour for more Civ SR events, and the CSR league was born.

Civ SR uses 'Section 1' single-action fullbore rifles usually in 5.56mm/.223 calibre. Owing to the need for multiple distances, usually requiring a complete butt, it was decided that the best time to run Civ SR events would be through the winter when the ranges were generally empty. Around this time, owing to cost-cutting by

the MoD, we learned that the army would no longer be able to supply a range crew to run the civilian matches, so we decided that it was the time to go it alone.

During this first year we introduced a new match to the championship: the FIBUA match. This was fired on Nelson Range, Pirbright. It was the first time most competitors had ever shot this type of match, and it proved hugely popular and successful.

However, Nelson is one of a kind and in high demand, so gaining access to it is difficult. Therefore a couple of years ago the NRA built us a temporary turning target facility on the running deer range. This was well received by the shooters, who, it must be said, thoroughly enjoy this match, and it was repeated again in 2011.

Such was the feedback from entrants that the NRA seized the opportunity and built a dedicated and permanent turning target facility on Short Siberia. The inaugural match for this facility was



scheduled for Saturday 7 January 2012 – and the course was finished and commissioned late in the afternoon the day before. Nothing like last minute!

Civ SR has been growing over the last few years and attendances have slowly been reaching maximum capacity. Given that this was a completely new venture and we had five lanes of four targets, entry for this match was capped at 60. When word and entry forms were sent out, it was only a matter of a week or so before the event was starting to become over-subscribed.

So, with a course of fire written and plenty of shooting and other duties organised to keep everyone occupied, 60 hardy souls turned up prepared to face the muddy quagmire that was Short Siberia, but at times resembled Passchendaele.



The event consisted of three separate matches. The first was the FIBUA Match, now called the Urban Contact assessment. This is a 40-round match shot at 100, 75, 50 and 25 yards. With 10 rounds at each distance and shooting from a post at 100, kneeling behind a wall at 75, standing and kneeling at 50 and standing at 25 with all target exposures short, it really gets the pulses going.

The second match was the McQueens match. This consisted of two separate stages: the normal 200-yard McQueens with 10 three-second exposures around the castle, and a new practice for us, the 100-yard Standing McQueen snap. This consisted of the firer being in the ready alert position, and when the target appeared, firing from the standing position. They then had two seconds to adopt the kneeling position and fire again when the target re-appeared – in a different window.

Lastly, another new event: the Reflexive Fire Match. This is an American service rifle/pistol match and is shot entirely at 25 yards. Firing takes place in two phases with a total of 36 rounds. The timings are short but not impossible, and the firer is faced with four targets to be shot in the correct order. It's fast, furious and lots of fun. So much so, in fact, that afterwards the participants were all asking questions about when the next one was, and saying how sad and disappointed they were that their day's shooting was over.

Civ SR is exciting, challenging, requires a certain amount of physical ability, and we only ask that you do not take yourself too seriously. Matches run through the winter from October to April on the first weekend of the month, and there is also the Imperial Civ SR championships in late June or early July.

If you want to come along but don't have the right kit (a rifle that holds 10 rounds), don't worry as there are always spare guns and ammo to be borrowed. Why not give it a go – who knows, you may become hooked. We all did. ■

CIV SR 2012: THE RESULTS

7 JANUARY					
Position	Name	McQueens	Urban Contact	Reflexive Fire	Aggregate
1	B Ellis	94	163	148	405
2	G Haywood	73	163	157	393
3	S Drewitt	66	177	147	390
4	C Vale	72	162	154	388
5	P Cottrell	89	171	118	378

5 FEBRUARY				
Position	Name	Rural	Infantry	Aggregate
1	P Hunter	236	361	597
2	G Haywood	219	347	566
=3	P Cottrell	227	336	563
=3	D Sanderson	218	345	563
5	P Tasker	224	332	556

4 MARCH				
Position	Name	AM	PM	Aggregate
1	W Ellis	238	132	370
2	P Cottrell	223	127	350
=3	R Seaton	219	121	340
=3	C Vale	215	125	340
5	J Pricor	221	117	338



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IN FOCUS

What a brilliant read the new NRA journal is. What I like most of all is that the NRA appear to have boldly grabbed hold of the issues facing us, and are moving forward to stop the rot and focus on the main reason why we have the NRA.

One elderly chap rang me to tell me he thought it was rubbish, however. I replied that I had spent the morning engrossed and thought that the new journal was a very good read.

"Oh," he said, "I shall have to read past page two."

My one comment, regarding coverage of events that reach a wider audience with different 'lifestyles' – not all of us can take the time off work or family to shoot the Imperial!

Mo Morrish

GAPS IN COVERAGE

I wanted to give the new journal a chance – despite cheaper paper. I enjoy articles on the more niche disciplines, but not at the expense of coverage of NRA mainstays like the Imperial and Palma Match. Why were important events at the Imperial not reported on – like Scotland's win at the Nationals, any coverage of the Match rifle and the winners of the Elcho, Hopton or Ashburton?

Richard Jeens's success at the Palma was rightly reported, but what about the arguably more important team-event, the Palma Match?

It does make me wonder if I can trust the Journal – especially on articles my knowledge has gaps in. For the first time in 20 years, I no longer look forward to receiving the next issue.

I hope you allow the content to be looked over by people who 'know their onions' to avoid any more errors and omissions and hold onto your readership.

Matthew Charlton

T-REX EXTINCT?

I can see you have put a lot of effort into giving the NRA journal a completely new look, but I have a number of comments. Some of the text was unreadable owing to issues with the background behind the font – especially white on beige. Also, I noticed some events and news that would usually be reported on was missing, including anything from my favourite contributor, T Rex.

Carol Painting

WEIGHTY ISSUE

In response to Butt Trap's article on involving children in shooting (Viewpoint, Winter 2011), I would like to take issue with his suggestion that air pistols are too heavy for those aged under 8. I discovered last year, when running a Pony Club shoot for 4-9 year olds, that there are useful pistols that are small enough to be used by the very young – and they can, in fact, turn out very respectable results, too.

Richard Munday

LOOKING GOOD

Bull's eye for the new-look NRA Journal. To be honest, the previous editions have had a rather dry format, but when this landed on my muddy doormat I thought I had been sent another magazine by mistake.

What a fresh and highly professional appearance. An attractive layout plus advertisements, which I find informative as well as far too enticing.

This is not one for an early binning, but a real endurance item and reference source that will adorn the breakfast table for many meals to come.

Dr Michael Atkins



Going to Great lengths

Giving British shooters a way round the handgun ban, the long barrelled pistol is seeing increasing popularity. Tim Finley succumbs to the temptation

The term LBP, or long barrelled pistol, refers to the classification for gallery rifle competitions of a pistol that has a barrel length over 300mm and an overall length that exceeds 600mm. In law there is no such thing as an LBP or LBR (long barrelled revolver), there is only a long firearm that has the stipulations of a barrel longer than 300mm and overall length of more than 600mm.

Following the UK pistol ban (which really has made a big difference to the level of gun crime in this country – albeit by increasing it), pistol shooting was in a lull. Currently there is a massive resurgence in pistol shooting using LBPs. For a while after the legislation was passed, there was no gun that fitted the characteristics of a long firearm for target shooters to use as an LBP. It was soon found that a modified Buckmark rifle did. It had the advantage that a Section 1 gunsmith could legitimately convert the rifle to an LBP without breaking any laws, providing they followed certain steps to keep the length above 600mm at all times during the conversion process.

I owned a .22LR Buckmark rifle for years. Being based on a semi-auto pistol action, it worked faultlessly. The 10-round stick magazine is easy to load, and the trigger operation is far better than the standard out-of-the-box Ruger 10/22. The only downside I found to the Buckmark rifle is the lack of any aftermarket barrel, new stock options and accessories, but this really is a small price to pay for such a reliable action.

Alan Westlake was the pioneer of the Buckmark rifle to LBP conversion some years ago. My interest in this type of firearm was rekindled on handling a modified Buckmark long barrelled pistol at South Yorkshire Shooting Supplies and seeing the range of competitions using them. Test firing one at the range confirmed the accuracy and pure shootability of the LBP Buckmark.

The process of modification done at SYSS (which has sadly stopped selling LBPs) was vetted by the local police firearms section to ensure at no time did the machining required turn the Buckmark into a Section



two areas where the butt extensions have been cut off, which are then polished. A small brass weight or end cap made out of 20mm bar is fixed to the 6mm diameter stainless steel rod to add to the balance. A bare end to the rod could be dangerous if the shooter fell on it, as well as it looking a bit odd.

The 18in (458mm) long standard Buckmark barrel is then shortened to just over 300mm,

and in the case of the normal tapered barrel, it is normally threaded 1/2 UNF and a pepper pot muzzle brake made to match the diameter of the end of the cut-down and crowned barrel. SYSS can also fit an enlarged magazine release button in brass or steel as an option.

You can alter the Buckmark LBP with the addition of rubber grips. These replace the flat wooden grips and really make a difference to the handling. At around £25, they are not too pricey. I did this as well as getting a brass extended magazine release fitted by SYSS.

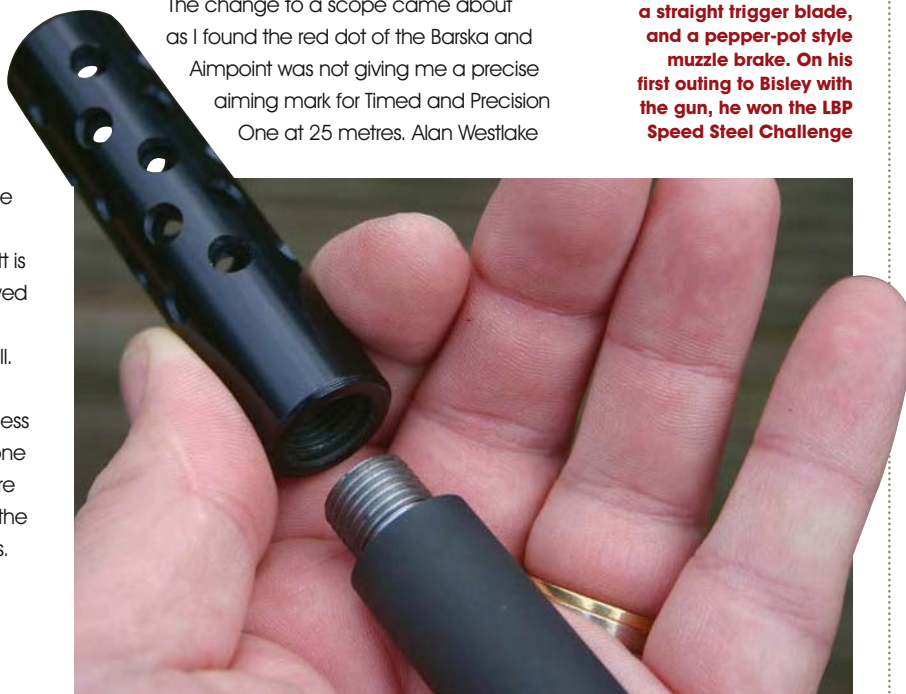
I initially fitted a cheap Barska red dot sight, and in my first outing at Bisley managed to win the speed steel challenge in the LBP class. Over the subsequent years I have fitted first an Aimpoint red dot sight and then a Bushnell 2-6x32 pistol scope.

The change to a scope came about as I found the red dot of the Barska and Aimpoint was not giving me a precise aiming mark for Timed and Precision One at 25 metres. Alan Westlake

5 firearm or a short firearm. This involves set processes completed in a laid-down order. To turn the Buckmark pistol into a rifle, Browning has extended the cast frame from the very bottom of the grip at the magazine aperture and the top of the frame right underneath the action slide. These extensions are an integral part of the frame casting and meet to form a section where the wooden butt is held onto the frame via a threaded steel rod screwed into the end of the metal casting, the two frame extensions making a very large thumbhole if you will.

The conversion process begins with fitting the bottom extension arm off the rear butt, a new stainless steel rod extension some 170mm long. This is all done before the top and bottom arm of the rear stock are parted from the rear frame of the pistol to remove the butt section completely, keeping it legal at all times. The barrel is left at its original length through all this initial process.

A bit of fine hand filing work is required to ensure an aesthetically pleasing rear frame section at the



Tim's modifications to his Buckmark included an alloy insert to create a straight trigger blade, and a pepper-pot style muzzle brake. On his first outing to Bisley with the gun, he won the LBP Speed Steel Challenge



Above: Tim Finley (right) shooting the advancing target at Bisley with the LBP in 2010. Below: his Buckmark in its 2010 configuration, with Aimpoint red dot sight, Grips4Guns laminated grips, and custom stainless steel Still Air muzzle brake

makes LBPs that retain the original gun's open sights, but the open sight route was not for me as I find I am more accurate with optical devices over open notch and post sights. Buckmark has a 145mm long Weaver rail on top of the action, so why waste that? The rear notch sight was removed on my LBP, which leaves a small dovetail in the top of the barrel. This is hardly noticeable. The front post sight is, of course, left on the front of the barrel, which has been cut off and discarded.

I fitted my own Webley pepper pot-style muzzle brake. The barrel had been threaded for 1/2in UNF; the brake is 19.5mm in diameter and matches the diameter of the cut down tapered barrel perfectly. After one season with the rubber grips, I fitted some custom laminate grips from Grips4Guns in America. They are not classed as a restricted item for export as they cost under \$100, and can be ordered over the internet. They have



made a massive difference in the feel of the gun.

The trigger finger position is not good with the original grips and trigger blade. The blade is very deeply curved and it forces the hand into an unnatural position to get the pad of your trigger finger onto the correct place on the trigger blade. I had Dave Wyld at Valkyrie Rifles fit an aluminium block into the curved blade to turn it into a straight bladed trigger.

As for grip and stance with an LBP in the gallery rifle competitions, I adopt a two-handed grip with the body square to the target and the feet level. This is the norm, with the start position for gallery rifle events being gun held at 45 degrees. If the arms form an isosceles triangle, it is relatively easy to bring the gun up onto the aim as the targets snap to face you. It goes back down to the ready position ready for the next target exposure. Some shooters use the Weaver stance, where the left foot (for a right-handed shooter) is slightly forward of the other. The toe of the forward foot is level with the instep of the rear foot.

The LBP does not feel like a true pistol – it never could with the long barrel and extension rod sticking out of the back – but it takes all the skill of a pistol shooter to get the best out of it. With this in mind I have honed the trigger sears on the Buckmark, taking the trigger weight to an acceptable 1.1kg from a stiff 1.8kg and making it smoother and more predictable in operation. This is not an operation to be undertaken lightly. I used a honing jig made especially for the Buckmark, borrowed from a gunsmith friend of mine. You could easily make the trigger inoperable or unsafe if you go too far with this process. 'Leave it to the professionals' is the best advice when it comes to trigger customisation.

The new kid on the block LBP-wise is the PRO-TSC 1911, based on the GSG German Sport Guns .22 rimfire Colt 1911 pistol. Of course, in Europe and the rest of the civilised world it is a pistol in the true sense of the word. For the UK it has the customary plus-300mm barrel and extension rod off the back of the grip. I have shot these and I must say they do feel a lot more like a pistol than the Buckmark. Despite initial rumours to the contrary, they are also accurate with the right ammo. The bonus with the PRO-TSC 1911 is the massive range of bolt-on accessories. There are numerous grips, screws, bushes, triggers, holsters – the list goes on.

Owing to a flaw in the UK firearms laws, you cannot shoot an LBP even to try one unless you have one on your firearms certificate. I have been able to test them as I have an RFD as a firearms journalist. This should not put you off – as an LBP shooter now, I know I should have had one years ago. Go on

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Webbie's Winning Ways

Following Great Britain's victory in the Australia and Palma matches in Brisbane, Helena Douglas catches up with team captain John Webster to hear the secrets of his success

John Webster greets me at the NRA headquarters at Bisley with a smile and a firm handshake. As I explain that I want to hear about how he led the Great Britain team to victory in Brisbane, the smile turns into a grin and his eyes light up. Clearly 'Webbie' is hugely enthusiastic about his captaincy role, which adds to an already impressive shooting CV. Among other achievements, he has toured 10 times for Britain and has shot in the National, Mackinnon, Australia, Kolapore and Palma matches, entitling him to wear the NRA 'big five' tie, as he is doing today.

The Great Britain team's success in Brisbane – retaining the Palma and Australia titles, and a World Championship win for Richard Jeens – were the pinnacle of three years' hard work involving four elements: picking the right team; using team members' skills to help with logistics; motivation; and striving for constant improvement in all areas.

"Picking the right team is crucial," he says. "Choosing a World Championship team is different to choosing a typical Great Britain touring team. In a GB touring team you have some latitude to pick a range of people to give the opposition a good match and to 'blood' some newcomers. But when you are in a World Championships you have to pick the very best and set out with the sole purpose of winning, so the selection, the team management, and the team psychology is very different."

Webster explains that while individuals matter, the way the team works is equally important. "Someone who is a fantastic shooter but a poor team player can be more of a liability than an asset. So while I had a core of great shooters, choosing from those on the margins meant also looking at how they would interact with the team. In the vernacular, I was looking for 'radiators, not drains!'"



Another element is to use individual talents for the team's overall benefit. "I looked at the other abilities within the team, then put someone in charge of travel, appointed another to help with raising funds, chose one to deal with importing and exporting our rifles, and so on, all of which adds to team motivation."

Motivation is a key part of any captain's role, but John has the advantage of bringing motivational skills learnt over a lifetime of being a sportsman. "My approach is simple. To keep a team motivated, you don't select the ones that aren't motivated and you don't select the ones that demotivate the others. So I picked people whose self-motivation was strong. In addition, I believe in a democratic style of leadership rather than an autocratic one. I like to share my opinions with people, I like them



John Webster (above right) led the GB team to success in Australia in 2011

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to share their opinions with me, and that way, they can buy into a central philosophy, which, in itself, is motivational."

Another factor is Webbie's belief that shooting is a process, and if something is going wrong, it can be found and fixed. To illustrate this, he tells me that Richard Jeens had not originally made the Brisbane team. "Richard is a superb shot, but for some reason wasn't delivering in practice. So we looked at what was different and he was wearing a new jacket. We identified that this new jacket was not performing the way his previous jacket had, so we recommended he went back to the old one and his shooting was back on track immediately. That is a classic example of the back-to-basics processes I endorse."

One of Webster's strongest beliefs is that to keep moving forward a team must work on making constant small improvements in all areas. "The minute I got the captaincy job in 2008, I rang David Brailsford, performance director of British Cycling. Dave has always said success is not about relative performance, but about absolute performance. So I shamelessly stole his phrase: 'the aggregation of marginal gains', and that's what I tried to instill in the team. If we can get a little bit better at lots of the things we do, then we can add all of those up and continue to advance."

Hence he seeks improvements in all areas: ammunition, rifles, physical performance, mental attitude, diet, fitness and so on. "If we do that, we can surpass the standards we set for ourselves. And we can see what we've achieved when we get tested with the best every four years."

So, what next for the Great Britain rifle team? While the next world championship is not until 2015, the GB team travels to South Africa this spring and the high-profile America Match takes place in the USA later in the year. "That will be tough. The Americans will be on home soil and they don't stand still, but the aggregation of marginal gains should mean we don't stand still either."

And what next for John himself? "The minute the Palma match finished, my reign as official captain came to an end. So I have to decide whether I

want to apply to be captain of the Palma in 2015. While a part of me says I would relish the challenge, assuming of course that I was elected, another part says it's someone else's turn. After all, there are several incredibly capable men and women who could do the job."

For a moment Webster looks pensive. But then the grin returns: "The overall goal is to keep the Great Britain team advancing. We need to think about whether there is merit in setting up an elite group of British shooters, in the way British Rowing has an elite squad of rowers and coaches. We don't have that in target rifle shooting, at least in a formal sense," he says.

"I would also like the NRA to think about appointing someone centrally to run GB under-25 shooting from an elite coaching and management perspective, to nurture our young shooters and train them to be the champions of the future." ■

Richard Jeens (below) did not originally make the team for Brisbane. John Webster's investigations revealed a change of jacket was the problem, and the rest, as they say, is history





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Events round-up

At the Scottish Open Championship the results were close, with Keith Pugh on 509.58v winning the Grand Aggregate by two points from Lindsay Peden and Richard Scott. It went right down to the final shoot at 1,000 yards. However, the Lawrence Trophy Team Match between Scotland and England (teams of 12 at 500 and 600 yards) was a decisive win by Scotland with a margin of 22 points.

In the Scottish Long Range Championship the winner was Tim Kidner with 434.42v, four points ahead of Kenny MacDonald – in this case the difference was on the 900-yard

scores rather than 1,000 yards. In the regional championship events the result of the West of Scotland Championship was decided on v-bulls – Tim Kidner won with 424.34v ahead of John Potter on 424.29v. Scores in the East of Scotland Championship were exceptionally high – Angus McLeod won by one point with a maximum score of 255 out of 255. The next three scorers were all on 254. Mark Joyce, scoring 529.45v, won the Inverness Open Championship at Cawdor, one point ahead of Richard Scott, while the Tullibardine (Tayside) Championship was won by Tim Kidner on 445.57v, two points ahead of Keith Pugh.

In the Match Rifle Open Championships in September there was a strong entry and the result was not decided until the final shoot at 1,233 yards. Colin Hayes came out on top with a score of 450.42v, beating Simon Whitby by two points. This was Simon's first visit to Blair Atholl and he made top score at 1,000 yards with 100.15v and was tied with Colin Hayes until the last range.

Atlantic match

The big event of 2011 at Blair Atholl was the visit by the USA F/TR Team (2009 F/TR World Champions) in July. They took part in the Scottish Open Long Range Championships, which was followed by a Scotland v USA team match on 4 July – Independence Day.

In the individual F/TR competitions the Scotland captain Paul Crosbie was top scorer but USA team members took five of the next six places, so the USA team looked to be favourites. At 900 yards the USA were seven points ahead, but at 1,000 yards Scotland caught up and then at 1,100 yards wind conditions became much more difficult and the local knowledge of the Scotland wind coaches Hamish Hunter and Tim Kidner helped Scotland finish 22 points ahead.

Laurie Holland used his .223 Rem calibre rifle and achieved the second highest score in the team match, demonstrating how far the small calibre has progressed in recent years.



Coming up

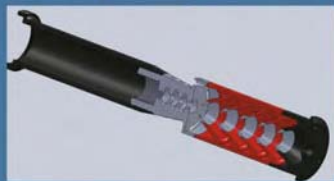
This year the big event will be a Scotland v Australia Match Rifle Team match at the beginning of July, before the Australia Team travels to Bisley to shoot in the Imperial Meeting and for the Woomera Trophy against Great Britain. The event at Blair Atholl will be one day of individual competition followed by a team match shooting at 1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards. This will be third time the Australian MR Team has visited Blair Atholl and on the previous visits Scotland has won the team matches. However, since then Australia has won the Woomera Match in 2010 so they will be looking to improve their result against Scotland.

The normal Match Rifle, Target Rifle and F-Class League shoots are planned for 2012 and all the main events are listed on the Marksman's Calendar on the NRA website as well as the NRC of S and SRA websites – www.nrcofs.org and www.scottishrifleaseassociation.org.uk. The dates for the main championship events in 2012 are as follows: (all at Blair Atholl except Inverness Open at Cawdor)

28-29 April	West of Scotland Open
5-6 May	F-Class League
2-3 June	Scottish Open Long Range
22-24 June	Scottish Open
4-5 August	Inverness Open at Cawdor
18-19 August	Tullibardine Open
8-9 September	NRC of S Open Match Rifle
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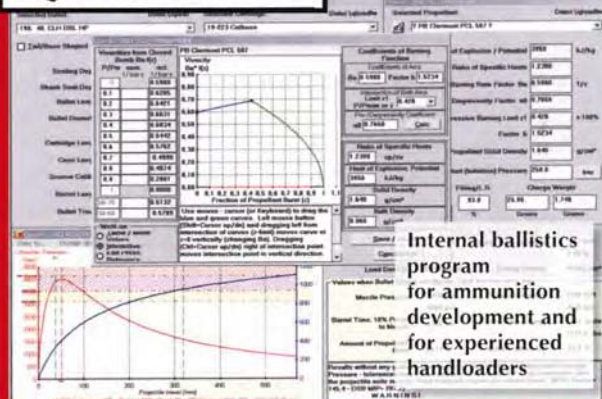
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IRELAND

Ireland's big 100



Ballykinler opened its gates to a keen crowd of early starters from all over the province on the morning of Saturday 18 June last year, for the 100th Irish Open competition.

The shooting got under way just after 10am, with a reasonably steady right-to-left wind at 300x. The competition started with the Ballykinler Tankard (2&15) followed immediately by the first round of the Championship – a Queens 1, at 300x. In the afternoon the 500 and 600 were completed in similar wind conditions, and in variable light as the rain clouds shifted positions.

David Calvert made his mark with a 75.12 in the Tankard, and the Saturday aggregate comprising the total Queens 1 was led by four Old Campbellians, who were the only four with full houses. Chris Slator finished on top with 105.14, just before the day finished at four in the afternoon.

A substantial F-Class contingent, both Open and TR, had also entered, as had several Classic shooters. Although the scores from the latter varied somewhat, the F/TR and F/Open had fairly consistent scores at the top end.

Sunday started with a hint of sunshine, but there was still a steady breeze. Martin Millar led the way in the second stage with a very nice 50.9, just pipping Ross McQuillan on countback for the URA Tankard at 300x. A staggering 10 possibles out of a field of 28 was testament to the wind readability. In F-Class, J Treanor had the only 50 in the F/TR class, beating F Class Open player R Taggart by two. In Classic Rifle W Latimer collected first prize.

At 500 there were just five possibles, including one from JB Stelfox in Class T. Chris Slator led with the only 50.10 of the weekend. Tommy Robb got revenge in the Classic, while R Taggart from the URA was continuing to show the way with his fifth F-Class Open win out of six shoots. David Calvert, never far out of the running, pipped last year's Irish Open winner Simon Carson



to take the 600x on countback with 50.8, and to win the Sunday aggregate on the only 150, ahead of four others on 149.

After a break, the final 16 (12 TR, two F Class, four F/TR and two Classic) shot again, and David Culbert put them all in for a full house of 330.40, ahead of Martin Millar and Simon Carson on 328.46, completing a weekend of eight shoots without dropping a single point.

R Taggart prevailed in F-Class Open while L Malcolmson from Loughbrickland RC won the F/TR. A McCauley managed a bit better than T Robb in the Classic to overhaul the lead and run away with the spoon. In the team matches, shot on concurrent scores, Comber came away the clear winners over the URA.

Long-time visitor David Stevens from Ibis RC was kind enough not only to give out the Silverware at the prizegiving but to act as Range Officer during the whole weekend, rather than shoot, and we are most grateful to him. Final thanks have to go to Trevor and Hazel for putting in a huge amount of work to ensure that not only did the 100th Irish Open take place, but that the shooting ran without a hitch.

Re-living history

A newspaper article detailing the first match between the home nations has been found – dating all the way back to 1873. The match comprised of teams of 10, at the Altcar range. The English team, headed by Captain Pilkington, beat the Scottish team by 37 points to win the competition overall, with the Irish team coming in in third and the Welsh team in fourth. Altcar is expected to host the National Match again on 26-27 May 2012.

ENGLAND



HRA celebrates sesquicentenary

COUNTY OF Hertford Rifle Association celebrated its 150th birthday with a shoot and a gourmet dinner in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Most seasons finish with a party, and this year was certainly no exception. At the dinner, MC Martin Townsend welcomed special guest Richard Jeens, current reigning world individual champion; Jane Messer, this year's GB captain of the Kolapore; Nigel Ball

adjutant and his good lady, Lesley; together with David and Barbara Calvert, all having recently returned from Brisbane with other members of the highly successful Palma and Australia Match teams; also Dick Winney, the county captain and adjutant of the winning English MacKinnon team.

During the course of the dinner, the president Mick Barr treated the 49 guests to a resumé of the past 150 years from the club archives. It was

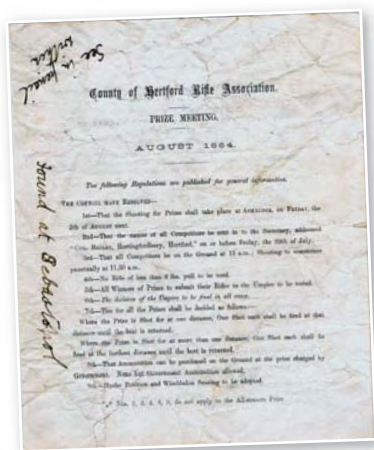
interesting to note how much, or indeed how little, has changed in a century and a half. Highlights included:

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Sound Choices

Prof. Andrew King of Oxford University explains the importance of hearing protection – and overleaf, six products that will do the job

Our ability to hear provides us with an extremely rich and valuable source of information about the world around us. As a result of the processes that take place within our ears and in the hearing parts of the brain, we can recognise countless objects, from a dripping tap to the siren of an ambulance.

Hearing begins when sounds enter the external part of the ear and cause the eardrum to be displaced. These vibrations are transmitted via a chain of three tiny bones in the middle ear to a coiled, fluid-filled tube known as the cochlea. Running along the length of the cochlea are thousands of 'hair cells', so named because of their distinctive bundle of very fine extensions or 'stereocilia'. Sound pressure waves cause these to move, generating electrical signals that are sent along the auditory nerve to the brain.

Unfortunately, the ear's hair cells are easily damaged by loud sounds. Exposure to moderately intense noise causes a temporary hearing loss that usually disappears after periods ranging from minutes to days, depending on the intensity and duration of the sound overload.

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Exposure to noise can also cause structural damage to the hair cells themselves, ranging from disruption of their delicate stereocilia to cell death. When this happens, the resulting hearing loss is permanent. Noise-induced hearing loss affects high sound frequencies more than

low frequencies, with a loss in sensitivity at or around 4 kHz characteristic of individuals who have been exposed to impulsive sounds, such as gunfire. This results in poorer speech comprehension, particularly in noisy situations, and, if one ear is affected more than the other, can impair the ability to localise sounds.

Not everyone will be affected in the same way, as variations in our genes influence our susceptibility to noise damage. Nevertheless, there is no question that exposure to loud sounds, including gunfire, can permanently damage our hearing. These effects can be considerably reduced by attenuating the sounds, so it is vitally important that appropriate ear protectors are used when firing a rifle.

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A boost for Britain

Team GB's pistol shooters can finally train on the Cheylesmore range at the home of shooting. We spoke to Andy Graver about what this means for the future



Victoria Mullin (left) is one of the team regularly making use of the facility

At long last, after a seemingly endless fight, the British pistol team has been given Home Office approval to use the Cheylesmore range at Bisley for training using live rounds. Some will no doubt say that, with only one pistol shooter currently on British Shooting's Olympic shortlist, the move has come too late – but nevertheless it's a massive boost to UK pistol shooting, and, as British pistol team member and 2011 British men's air pistol champion Andy Graver explains, it's not all about the Olympics anyway.

"Now we've got somewhere to train, that's going to be great for the team," he says. "Even if we're not going to the Olympics, having people to train aside who potentially will be at the Olympics is a huge boost. Training on your own just isn't the same – you can get complacent with no one shooting beside you to put you off."

It needs no explanation how bizarre it is that the British team for any sport should be banned from training at home for an Olympic Games that is going to take place in their own country – but it's not just about the principle, it's also a practical matter. Before Cheylesmore was made available, pistol shooters had few options for training in the build-up to the Olympics and other international competitions. Aside from training at a facility in Dorset – a long journey for every member of the team but one – shooters were faced with either travelling to Zurich, which they would only be able to do every few months, or dry firing at a British range.

"It's a real godsend – since the Home Office approved it, we've been there every weekend," says Andy. "We've not had anywhere else to train for over a year.

"I've got a club very close to me that has turning targets at 25 metres – I've got a gun that I can use there, but I'm not allowed to use the gun that I'll actually be shooting in competitions. If I lock myself in there, I can do some dry firing, but that's it. I bought a new pistol in September, and up until February when we started using Cheylesmore, I'd only fired it once in this country.

"Everyone at the NRA has been fantastic – they've really gone out of their way to help. We were originally trying to get approval to share the Melville range with historical arms shooters, and the range manager said, 'That should be fine, but why don't you use Cheylesmore?' I spoke to Derrick about it, and he was absolutely fantastic. The NRA did everything it possibly could to help us – and it's not even our governing body. I was absolutely amazed."

As for whether this will mean a bigger and more successful pistol contingent at London 2012, Andy remains cautious. "The way Olympic selection works, nothing's definite. But as host nation we get a quota place for air pistol, so we'll hopefully have another one shooting in the Olympics this year apart from Gorgs Geikie. And certainly now, we've got somewhere to train for the Commonwealth Games in two years." ■

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The NRA *Shooting club*

All NRA members are entitled to join the Home Office approved NRA Shooting Club. Heather Webb, membership secretary, explains what the club can offer

The National Rifle Association is the governing body for fullbore target shooting as we all know. However it is also a Home Office approved club. Formed in 2005, the NRA Shooting Club is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at new shooters of any discipline who don't already belong to a club.

Early predictions were that the club would be used to 'get the hang' of shooting at Bisley before members moved on to other clubs. However, that didn't happen and at the moment we have over 1,000 members registered. Generally, we get around 50-60 members out on a club day, spread across several ranges. And though we don't do any formal coaching, shooters are surrounded by a wealth of information. Note that this isn't a club to teach probationers how to shoot – there are courses for this purpose – though some do practise with us.

The club is only open to NRA members – all of whom will automatically be members – though members must contact us first before they get on the club's mailing list. Emails are sent out ahead of all club shoots detailing what's available and how to book a place, and another is sent the day before the event to confirm which ranges are in use.

Most days we offer 100yds, 200yds, targets on Century and Stickle-down and a bay on either Melville or Cheylesmore. Our members range from those just off the probationary course to those who have been shooting since the old King died!

We try to keep prices down while covering range and marker fees, with a little left over to cover staff time. Range hire at the moment is £20 per half day, irrespective of how many ranges you use. The club has a variety of kit available for use, from mats to rifles, and though





most is free to use, there is a £5 per half day rifle hire charge to cover the cost of repairs and re-barreling. Some ammo calibres are available on range for sale at shelf prices.

As club attendance is one of the auto-qualifiers for certification, there is a logbook on the range for you to put your shoot in. You will need to record three attendances per certification type, which may seem a drag, but at least when you get to certification renewal time everything will be straightforward.

Although you don't have to sign for the ranges, once you have finished your day's shooting you will need to log your firearm usage on the computer in the range office. This will help you when you come to renew your FAC as we can then let your firearms enquiry team know that you are using your firearms.

Club shoots are run by coaches who are both qualified RCOs and instructors. We also have several members who are trained RCOs and assist on the day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the sterling work they do.

The club has recently become affiliated to the British Sporting Rifle Club and can now offer four dates a year – two on Time Limit Range and two on the main layout – where members can either practise what they already do or be introduced to the sporting rifle disciplines. So far the dates have been very well attended.

We have also started to run guest days – another popular event – where members can introduce friends and family to our sport.

The club had a visit last year to the SASC Weapons Collection at Warminster, which was well supported, and plans another visit in 2012. I am always open to suggestions for club events and have quite a few already planned for this year.

The club is also linked with the Old Sergeants Mess SC, run by Jo Scrimshaw, which gives us somewhere to warm up on cold days in

The club recently arranged a visit to the SASC Weapons Collection at Warminster, which gave members the opportunity to see some interesting military weapons; a number of club events are planned for later this year



front of the fire. Lunch is available on most days and the armoury is available for gun cleaning, too. ■

If you are interested in being a part of the NRA Shooting Club then please contact us on nrasc@nra.org.uk or 01483 797777 x158 and speak to Caroline O'Connor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What, when and where the NRA Shooting Club days are taking place

5 April

AM	Short Siberia	100 bench
	Century	300 yards
PM	Short Siberia	200 yards
	Melville	10-50 metres
	Stickledown	1,000 yards

21 April

AM	Century	500 yards
	Short Siberia	100 bench
PM	Stickledown	1,000 yards
	Melville	10-50 metres
	Short Siberia	200 yards

28 April

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11 May

AM	Short Siberia	100 bench
	Melville	10-50 metres
	Century	600 yards
PM	Short Siberia	200 yards
	Stickledown	900 yards

26 May

AM	Century	300 yards
	Melville	10-50 metres
	Short Siberia	100 bench
PM	Stickledown	900 yards
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The Four-Gun Challenge

An exciting two-day event in February saw four types of gun line up for a variety of matches, designed to challenge skills in every aspect of shooting. Paul Hunter reports

David Wyld was the overall winner, triumphing after posting impressive scores in the Target Shotgun and Urban Contact II rounds. Over the course of the weekend, he pulled out a lead of 14 points over closest rival Layne Chisholm, who finished second. Gavin Haywood completes the top three, with John Chambers in fourth place. It's a close run-in for the rest of the places in the top 10, however, with Colin Hudson, D Green, Nick St Aubyn, Steve Denton, William Ellis and Fred Cooke separated by only eleven points.

This event was the first Multi-Gun competition to be held at Bisley, and was a resounding success. 33 competitors on Saturday braved the -9 degree temperature and 60 entries were received for Sunday, to shoot four firearm types over two days.

The Multi-Gun or 3-Gun shooting concept is huge in the USA. UK clubs do hold similar events, such as those held by Steve Pike at Shield in Dorset and by Frome Rifle and Pistol Club in the West Country, however, up until now fullbore rifle hasn't featured. Bisley, with its expanding 'Practical' facilities, is the place for the future matches incorporating fullbore rifle.

The event consists of multiple stages, each completed with a

different firearm. Traditional matches overseas are shot with Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol. In this country that poses a slight problem, so the UK matches are configured to be shot with Rifle, Shotgun and Long Barrel Pistol (LBP). Unfortunately due to further restrictions in UK law this has to be broken down into Section 1 (FAC) shotguns and Section 2 (SGC) shotguns. Section 1 shotguns cannot be used by anyone other than the owner, something that is a real handicap to safe teaching and encouraging new shooters. The same rule applies to Long Barrel Pistols, so Gallery Rifle Small Bore (.22RF) can be used by those who don't own their own pistol. Being the NRA Civilian Service Rifle and Practical Rifle Discipline Representative meant I had a good grasp of all things fullbore. However, this event was going to be more diverse, so I was pleased to receive support and advice from Neil Francis, the Gallery Rifle Representative, who also braved the cold to help run the GR elements. This just left the shotgun element to the match. This would prove to be the most contentious, being very different to matches Bisley is used to hosting.

Despite some attempts at derailment, I am pleased to say that help was gratefully received from members of the Four Islands



Photography by James Marchington



Group. They offered to run that stage of the competition; and what a fantastic job they did! All those who shot their stages, and even those watching, were truly impressed by the transformation of Butt Zero into a fiendish and fun element of the competition. James Harris, Neil Smith and George Grannycombe and F4 all deserve thanks.

Apart from the shotgun stages, which required the shooter to bend, stretch and track moving targets, whilst not hitting penalty targets, there was also a Gallery Rifle Small Bore event; the US NRA National Defense Match. This was shot from 10m to 50m on Melville with the shooter firing from multiple positions, round barricades whilst changing magazines and remembering which coloured section to shoot at. In this match the firer doesn't score points for hitting the target; he is given time penalties for missing! The total time to complete the course of fire is recorded, shots hitting outside the bull are added as extra seconds to his completed time. The competitor has to assess his shooting skill; shoot quickly and risk missing versus shooting more slowly but hitting the bull. An event that truly encompasses the Gallery Rifle motto – shoot fast and don't miss.

Meanwhile, on Short Siberia, competitors were being tested on their skills with a Practical Rifle and LBP (or Centre Fire Gallery Rifle). Recently re-furbished, the range boasts a turning target mechanism for 27 targets. Used by the CNC during the week, it is a fantastic facility for practical shooting at the weekend. When the current temporary

layout is replaced in the next few months by a permanent structure, it will offer Practical Rifle, Gallery Rifle and Shotgun users a superb facility for competition and training. For my part, I would love to see more facilities like this added at Bisley. For this part of the competition we chose the current military Urban Contact Assessment Match. 40 rounds with a fullbore rifle from 100m advancing down to 25m then 'transitioning' to an LBP for 40 rounds from 25m down to 10m. This was possibly the hardest shoot of the day for competitors to master. It doesn't sound that difficult, but if you add positional shooting, covering the 25m advances in 10 seconds and being able to magazine change in 10 seconds, whilst remembering which target (there are 5) you shoot at and with what number of rounds; and of course changing your sights whilst getting closer to the target, the air did turn quite blue during parts of the day!

The second stage with the LBP or Gallery Rifle was a bit more relaxed, very much in the style of Phoenix A (or Service Pistol as it was in the old days). The perfect event for those LBP owners, faced with choosing to go for the easier, lower, larger area for fewer points or the tougher, upper, smaller area for a greater return. Even those shooting centrefire gallery rifles found the event challenging; you have to make your choice quickly or lose out. The -8 degree temperature also took its toll on firearms with many of the .22RF rifles and pistols using lower velocity ammunition suffering stoppages.



The Sunday Matches were traditional CSR stages. The Methuen Cup in the morning followed by the Individual Infantry Trophy Match in the afternoon. CSR draws its competitions from military shoots fired in the UK, USA, Canada and South Africa. The UK Methuen is a 52 round match fired from 300m down to 100m and is a challenging competition. It is also the basis for 'the' civilian team event fired during the Imperial CSR Meeting, open to any team of 8 from any club in the UK or abroad. The UK military use The Methuen as their Inter-Services and Inter-Corps shooting competition.

The USA Infantry trophy match is 64 rounds fired from 400m to 100m. Firers have 50 seconds at each distance and have to decide the number of rounds to be fired. There are more points available per hit at the longer distances, and bonuses are given for more than 6 hits on each of the 2 targets at each distance, so strategy is a big part. It's a great fun match testing both speed and accuracy.

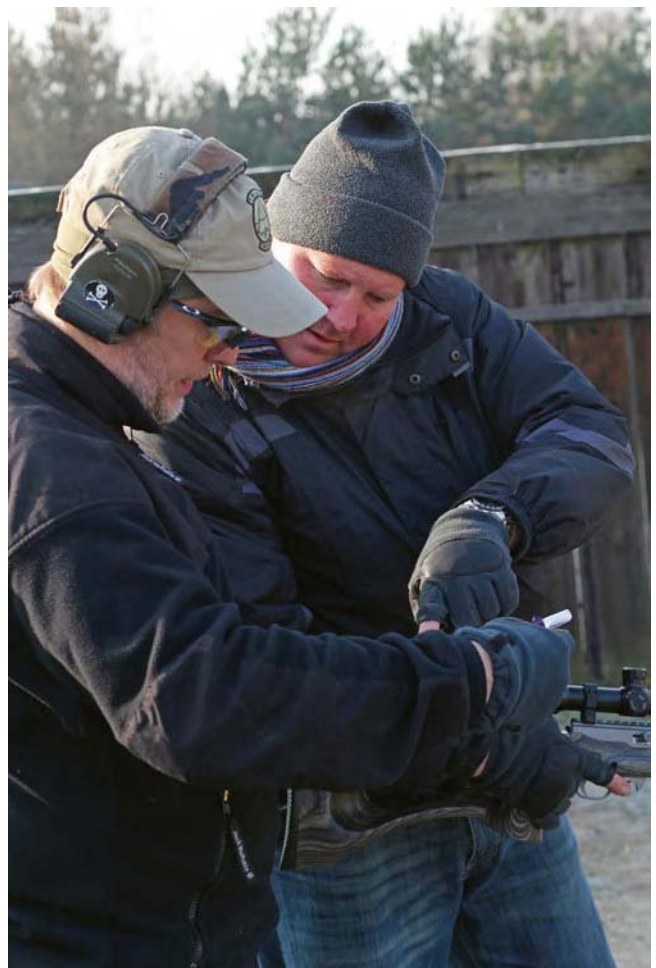
Unfortunately, the snow put paid to the movement (run-down) elements of the matches on Sunday, it was just too risky to move about with loaded firearms. When available, this provides a true test of marksmanship and rifle handling skills. Safety is paramount and every shooter is allocated a safety supervisor; with new shooters looked after by experienced coaches; overseen at all times by a qualified RCO. For the Methuen, the advance down the range was replaced by a sitting stage at 300m, but some I am sure would have preferred the light jog down to 100m.

CSR/PR has been an 'off season' user of Bisley for many years now and match entries have grown year on year. We now have around 60 entries for each match, but there's still room for more. All you need is a fullbore rifle with a magazine that can hold 10 rounds. It can be of any range-legal type and with any type of sights; we have a class for you to compete in! If you have your Safe Shooter card for Scoped or even Iron sighted rifle and don't yet have a rifle of your own, come along anyway. For the multi-gun match we were happy to loan 'high spec' CSR rifles out to new shooters, along with advice and a mentor. For all of our events, we want you to have a great day's shooting and are all for encouraging our discipline to grow. As I type this my inbox is already filling up with e-mails asking when the next multi-gun will be. In the meantime there are monthly CSR matches; but if you wish to enter the next competition like this I would recommend getting Safety Cards

sorted for Rifle, Shotgun and Gallery Rifle/LBP, as you cannot enter without them.

Finally, a big thank you to all who offered advice and help on the lead up to the event and on the day itself. As I have already said, I hope the next Multi-Gun match is not too far away. ■

Left: Shooting LBP on Short Siberia. Above and below: the Gallery Rifle Small Bore event was shot from 10 to 50m on Melville



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Why not try... Muzzle loading

Ditch your preconceptions of muzzle-loading shooting – it's popular, enjoyable and allows for precision accuracy, as MLAGB chairman Ken Hocking explains

Today many enthusiasts enjoy the great diversity of muzzle-loading shooting at a Sporting or DTL clay pigeon shoot, at informal target practice on the local range or at a precision target competition. The sport has grown out of all proportion from its humble beginnings to one of worldwide participation.

One of the great attractions of muzzle-loading is that it is fun – people genuinely enjoy it. Given an opportunity to shoot a muzzle-loader at an open or guest day event, those that have 'had a go' will be easily identified by the grin on their face. There is something about handling an old firearm, whether an original or a modern reproduction, that is fascinating.

With today's increased interest in our history, new insights can be gained. How did a soldier fire his Brown Bess musket during the Battle of Waterloo, what is a Minié bullet, why were the Enfield and Springfield rifles so devastatingly effective at Gettysburg, and can I bag something for the pot with my muzzle loading shotgun, as my ancestor did?

Precision shooting

For those unfamiliar with muzzle loading, precision shooting may not be the first thing that comes to mind. But make no mistake, these firearms are capable of remarkable accuracy. The fullbore rifleman looking for a new challenge would do well to look at the muzzle-loading match rifle. Developed in the 1860s, these rifles

were used at the National Rifle Association annual rifle meetings at ranges out to 1,000 yards. The NRA held competitions at 2,000 yards in 1865 and 1866 at Gravesend. In 1876 J K Millner of Ireland, using a Rigby percussion match rifle and competing in the Centennial Trophy match (the forerunner of today's Palma Trophy competition) at Creedmoor, USA, fired 15 consecutive bull's eyes at 1,000 yards without the benefit of sighting shots. Today's target rifleman can still compete at long range and aspire to match the impressive record left by our 19th century forebears.

For the modern positional rifle shooter, the final form of 19th century off-hand rifle will not be unfamiliar. With its aperture sights, palm rest, hook butt plate and set trigger, it has all the elements of today's free rifle. Fired at 50 metres, these rifles are capable of maximum scores – though achieving this, of course, will depend on the rifleman's skill. The pistol enthusiast will find the single-shot target pistol a very accurate firearm. This is an extremely popular discipline and it is keenly contested.

Wedgcock and Bisley

The MLAGB is registered as a fullbore rifle and muzzle-loading pistol club and is an active member of the British Shooting Sports Council. It has comprehensive insurance cover for its members, which includes rough shooting for the sportsman. It has its own ranges in the heart of England at Wedgcock, Warwickshire.





The Association has a presence at Bisley – the distinctive Exhibition Hut being the clubhouse – and holds a number of competitions there for rifle and pistol enthusiasts. In addition, there are monthly rifle and pistol practice sessions at Bisley for members wanting to shoot in relaxed company and a friendly atmosphere.

Pistol

One of the most popular disciplines is pistol shooting. A wide range of competitions is provided, from single-shot matchlock through to Colt percussion revolver. The association has within its ranks some of the best international shots, who regularly win gold at European and world championships. Regular shoots are held at Bisley and our Wedgcock range. Watching a matchlock pistol competition is a unique experience.

Shotgun

While Wedgcock caters for musket, rifle and pistol shooters, the MLAGB also has a strong section of Down The Line (DTL) shotgunners, with a reputation for success at international competition. Regular training sessions are held at the Sywell Range complex near Northampton and newcomers are welcomed. Anyone wishing to

develop skills with a muzzle-loading shotgun is well advised to pay a visit to Sywell, where they can be coached by world championship medal winners. For more information, make initial contact with the shotgun DTL secretary.

The MLAGB holds two National Championship competitions for DTL shotgun, one for flintlock shotgun and a second for percussion shotgun. Regional Sporting competitions for shotgunners are also held and hosted by local branches of the MLAGB or clubs in different parts of the country, where Sporting clay shoots thrive.

International

The MLAGB is the sport's national governing body and is recognised as such by the Muzzle Loaders Associations International Committee (MLAIC), the world governing body for muzzle loading shooting. The MLAIC holds world championship matches at short range for musket, rifle, pistol and shotgun every two years, with a European championship held in the intervening years. In addition, a world long-range championship is held every two years and includes events out to 1,000 yards.

The MLAGB selects teams to represent Great Britain in international competition. There are also a number of open matches held on the continent, which members attend.

Collecting

Many members are collectors of antique arms and accessories, and the MLAGB is proud of the part it plays in encouraging the preservation, study and research of our colourful and historic past. Specialised knowledge is widely available to newcomers and articles and letters in the association journal *Black Powder* provide a source of up-to-date information. Special exhibitions are staged from time to time to enable the collectors to meet, display their collections and exchange data and information.

Muzzle-loading shooting today is an exciting sport, the variety of which is unmatched. From the casual target shooter through to the keenest marksman with international aspirations, there is something to offer. ■

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Military Adaptive Championships

A new competition for injured and disabled military shooters takes place at Bisley this summer. Chief executive Derrick Mabbott has the details



It is with great pleasure that I can announce the first Military 'Adaptive' Championships, which will be held concurrently with the Army Operational Shooting Championships (AOSC), previously known as CENTSAM. 'Adaptive' means that the competition is 'adapted' to the needs of disabled shooters, whether that be firing position, course of fire or rifle.

The event is run by the NRA, but is very much linked to the AOSC, and is being held on Queen's Medals Finals day, the culmination of those championships, on 4 July 2012. This is in collaboration with the Army Rifle Association and is heavily sponsored by Sport England.

There will be two categories, the first of which is military sponsored shooters. These are service personnel who are injured but still under the care of the military. This includes personnel in the care of facilities such as Headley Court and Tidworth House, some of whom we have been privileged to invite to Bisley to shoot as guests over recent months. The ARA will take the lead in taking entries into this competition.

The second category is any disabled veteran. This is an open category for any ex-serviceman or woman, from any of the three services, who is registered disabled, irrespective of whether that disability was incurred through or during their service career. The NRA will manage entries to this category and publicise this event.

While not a direct component of AOSC, medals and trophies will be awarded by serving officers attending the AOSC Queen's Medals Final competition.

We have made an investment over the last few months to recognise, support and celebrate those who defend us and are

injured in doing so. We have already developed a strong and valued relationship with Headley Court.

It is our intention that this event should significantly widen that initiative, linking disabled shooting and the regular military shooting, as well as enabling veterans to be part of this event too. As such, this is a ground-breaking competition and we are grateful for the enthusiastic collaboration we enjoy with our colleagues in the ARA.

This is the first time that we have run an Adaptive competition, but it will not be the last. Competitors will not need to be NRA members, nor will they need to bring their own rifle. Courses of fire will be with 5.56mm AR-15 rifles supplied by the NRA and funded with the generous help of Sport England. In addition will be a McQueen competition using the same rifles as will be used in the Imperial McQueen later in July. These have been generously provided for us by Ewen Campbell of Bench Grade Brands, to whom our great thanks.

Trophies will be awarded for both categories, and NRA and ARA medals to all placed competitors. In addition, as this is the inaugural event, all participants will receive an NRA medal.

Further details and entry arrangements will become available on the next few weeks. As this is an Open day-style event, we will be looking for volunteers to assist as RCOs and Safety Officers on 4 July, and hope that this is something you can find the time to support. Please email our shooting division (brian.thomas@nra.org.uk) if you are able to assist. ■

WE WANT YOU

If you have ideas for events or want to take an active role in running competitions, now is the time to get involved – the NRA is looking for competition organisers



Do you feel the NRA provides you with enough events and competitions for your discipline at Bisley? Do you have suggestions on how to inject new ideas into your discipline's current events and competitions? Could you assist the NRA with running profitable shooting events?

The NRA's shooting division would like to expand the pool of knowledge for NRA shooting disciplines. We want people to convey their ideas for single competitions or events. Maybe you would like to give more and organise a meeting? If so, read on.

We require Competition Organisers for various events during the year. Specifically, this year, we need organisers for the Schools Meeting and Civilian Service Rifle element of the

Imperial. These are paid consultant positions and we would welcome applications from interested parties. Both these roles require liaison with outside services and the need to attend meetings two or three times a year, either on the Schools Committee or at the Joint Services Shooting Committee meetings, and the ability to ensure that the NRA organisation for the meetings is carried out in an efficient and timely manner fulfilling the competitors' needs.

We would welcome assistance and ideas for the NRA's disciplines, more so at certain times of the year and if you think this is something that would interest you, please contact Brian Thomas by email on brian.thomas@nra.org.uk. ■

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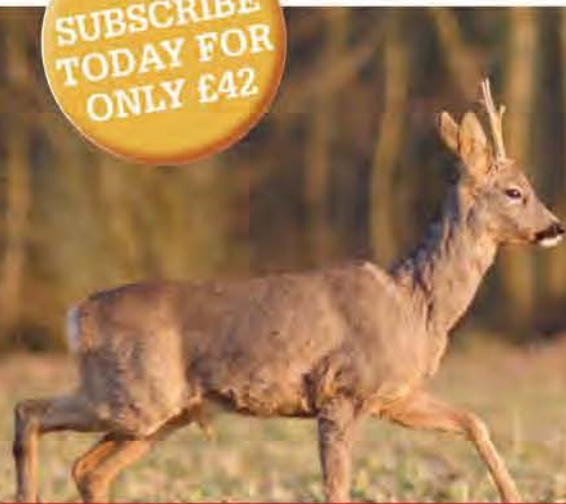


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Obituaries

KEITH PILCHER 20 DECEMBER 1937 – 21 DECEMBER 2011



A well regarded dental surgeon by profession, Keith Pilcher, was one of the true characters of the sport of target rifle shooting. His sporting success brought him recognition and approbation from marksmen and women in both hemispheres.

At his peak in the 1960s and 70s he was regarded

as the person to beat in any of the NRA's primary competitions. Few could match his skills as a marksman, and he was respected by younger and older shots. There were even fewer able to match his incisive and pithy observations on the veranda of the North London Rifle Club at Bisley, where he could be found with friends putting the world to rights after the day's shooting had ended.

He held the unique distinction of winning the the Queen's Prize blue riband event at Bisley twice, using first, in 1963, the immediate postwar .303 calibre adapted Lee Enfield service rifle and 10 years later, in 1973, a bespoke rifle in the 'new' 7.62mm calibre. While history shows that three shooters have won the Prize on three occasions, and five others twice, no other winner spanned that changeover. Pilcher appeared in the final 100 of the Prize on 18 occasions, the first in 1958 at the age of 20. In the two decades from 1960 he qualified for the final on 15 occasions. Somewhat incongruously for him, he narrowly failed to qualify in every year of the 1970s. He overslept in 1971 and missed the second qualifying stage of the match.

He finished in the top 50 of the Bisley Grand Aggregate on 17 occasions, winning the title in 1970. He was also a fine Match Rifle shooter, winning the Hopton Aggregate on three occasions in 1972, 1973 and 1975 using what was christened his 'magic rifle', one of the versions of the old No.4 Lee Enfield converted to the 7.62mm calibre.

He toured with official British overseas teams to Canada, the US, the West Indies, New Zealand and Australia and, notably, in 1963 the last comprehensive South Africa tour that included countries from Kenya to South Africa.

In 1974, he represented England at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand, sadly failing to win a medal while his team partner Jimmy Spaight won the individual Bronze.

Keith Martin Pilcher was born in 1937. His father, grandfather and aunt were all dentists and his family had lived in Godalming, Surrey, since the 19th century. He was educated at Epsom College where he became one of that school's continuing and remarkable stable of young shooters who would go on to achieve international sporting honours. He was no slouch as a rugby player but a scholarship to Guy's Dental School convinced him of the value of his hands to his chosen career, so he took up golf before concentrating his sporting activities on target shooting. He went on to play a major national part on the Dental Council for many years.

When it came to organisations he had little patience with the way that governing bodies were run. This no doubt encouraged his strong belief in the value of committees no larger than one person to improve the decision making process, a view expressed to patients usually when their mouth was full of dental apparatus.

His sometimes gruff exterior only half-concealed a kind and thoughtful man with a twinkle in his eye. He stuck loyally with the NHS despite frustrations and had an outstanding ability to soothe the younger patients and make their dental appointments enjoyable. The daughter of a fellow shooter displayed considerable signs of obduracy when told that her teeth were fine and that she could move from three monthly to half yearly check-ups. "But I want to go three-monthly," she said, eventually compromising on four monthly visits.

Outside the surgery and away from the firing point he had numerous hobbies and interests. He was a keen supporter of the Chiddingfold and Leconfield hunt (amalgamated with the Cowdray Hunt in 1973), but as a follower by foot or bicycle. The horse was a more dangerous art to him.

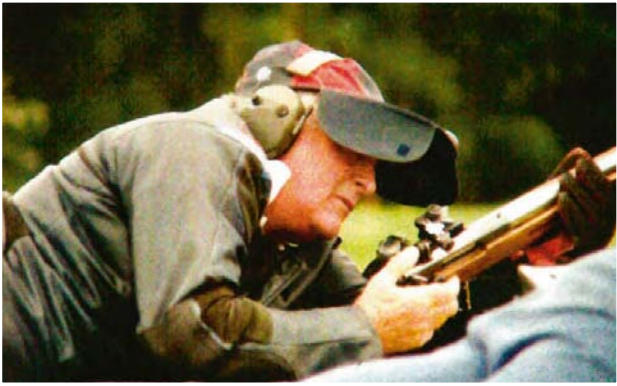
He developed a life long interest in ornithology, something that had been encouraged by his mother. His knowledge of birds was considerable and he was travelling in pursuit of his interest up to a few weeks before his death.

His patience in pursuit of a sighting matched the unwavering focus that he gave to his successes in his target shooting. In later life he took up enamelling, producing some fine prize-winning pieces.

He is survived by his wife, Tibby, whom he married in 1973, and his two step-children.

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JOHN HOWARD DAVIES: 9 MARCH 1939 – 22 AUGUST 2011



John, who died at his home in Blewbury aged 72, played Oliver Twist in David Lean's adaptation of the Dickens novel (1948); as an adult he directed and produced some of the greatest comedy series in British television.

After national service in the Royal Navy, he pursued a variety of short-lived careers from clerk to carpet salesman, then joined the BBC in 1966 as a production assistant and started producing in his own right in 1968.

John's most notable contribution in the early days was producing the first four episodes of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (1969-74). He went on to produce *All Gas and Gaiters*, *Steptoe and Son*, *The World of Beachcomber* and *The Goodies*.

He then enjoyed a hugely successful career behind the camera, directing comedy classics such as *The Good Life*, *The Fall And Rise Of Reginald Perrin* and launching landmark shows such as *Yes Minister*, *Not The Nine O'clock News*, *To The Manor Born*, *Bread*, *Hi-De-Hi*, *Only Fools And Horses*, *Just Good Friends*, and *Allo, Allo!* after commissioning them while he was head of comedy at BBC television from 1977 to 1982.

John's previous work with John Cleese resulted in him producing the first series of *Fawlty Towers* and his creative influence over the series was considerable. He chose the hotel used in the exterior shots and cast Prunella Scales as Sybil Fawlty. It was also his idea that the letters on the hotel's sign should be in a permanent state of flux. He won two Baftas: one for best

director for the first series of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and later for the first series of *Fawlty Towers*.

He later joined Thames Television, where he oversaw the pilot of *Men Behaving Badly* and directed *Mr Bean*. John later moved back to the BBC where his credits included *The Vicar of Dibley*.

John achieved great success in his work but also liked to relax. He loved old motorbikes, rugby, sailing, shooting and Bisley.

John joined the Welsh Rifle Association in the late 1980s and proved to be a fine shot. John was first selected for the Welsh National Match team in 1990 and made an unbroken 20 appearances in the match thereafter. His first selection for the Mackinnon came in 1993, which started 15 consecutive (16 in total) appearances. John's early impact was such that in 1993 he was elected as captain of the Welsh team for 1994/5 and he was immensely proud of leading his country. John also shot match rifle and made a number of appearances for Wales in the Elcho.

John appeared in HM The Queen's Final in 1994 and in 1995 finished in the top 20 in the Grand Aggregate and shot in the St. George's final. John represented Wales in the first Commonwealth shooting Championships in New Delhi in 1995, claiming a team silver medal for the 300m PSK event.

John was always generous to those who did well and always ready with a cup of coffee or a glass of something stronger at his caravan for those who didn't. When things didn't quite go to plan he could always see the funny side. He developed a remarkably consistent habit of shooting at the wrong target, but only in the second stage of HM The Queen's Prize. Touring with John was a delight. He could single-handedly keep a shooting team entertained throughout a long tour.

Everyone who met John was richer for the experience. He was generous, kind and encouraging, and the next laugh was never far away. He will be missed, but we should be grateful that we were lucky enough to be a small part of his life. John died of cancer at his home with his family at his side. Linda, his wife, and William and Georgina, his son and daughter, will miss him terribly but they know they were blessed to have him as a husband and father.

Paul Grey

BRIAN SILVESTER

Brian was born in Bexley, Kent, and moved to Cambridge a few years later. He was a long-term active member of the NRA, BPC, and others, but a very active member of both the BRPC and Bedford Rifle Club of which he spent some time as chairman – albeit only for a year due to his illness.

He was a regular pistol shooter, and a member of the BPC, shooting the Free Pistol discipline, which was a particular passion of his. After the pistol ban, Brian took to

rifle shooting, favouring .22 Rifle and 300m.

Brian was very well-liked by all who knew him, and was known as a man quick to spot a problem, but always willing to find a solution for a better score. Apart from shooting, he liked nothing more than tending to his plants on his allotment.

Sandra Silvester

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General Notices

Annual General Meeting

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Bisley General Meeting

The 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held on 18 July at 21:00 in the Umbrella Tent.

Team Captaincies

The following are appointed as captains for the following teams:

GB Gallery Rifle Team 2012/2013:

Taff Wilcox

Sporting Rifle Team to Norway 2012:

Steve Wallis

Future GB Target Rifle Tour Programme

The GB Target Rifle tour programme has recently been updated from that published in the Summer 2009 Journal in order to take account of Home Country tours and accommodate future major matches, in particular the Palma and Australia Matches. As a result of this, it has been decided to cancel the proposed tour to South Africa in 2014. The next GB tour to South Africa will be in 2017 to include the Australia Match.

This updated programme will be distributed to the Home Countries to allow them to plan their future touring programmes. If you would like a copy of the updated programme please contact karen@nra.org.uk.

Nominations

Nominations are required for a captain for the following team.

GB TEAM TO CANADA 2014

Nominations should be sent to the secretary to the trustees and received by 14 May 2012.

Nominations are required for a captain for the following team.

GB PALMA TEAM TO THE USA 2015

Nominations should be sent to the secretary to the trustees and received by 1 September 2012.

Procedure for the General Council Elections 2012

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES AND PROPOSERS

Only persons who are registered members of the Association and who have fully paid their subscriptions for 2012 by 31 March are eligible to be candidates for election to the general council and to be proposers for such candidates.

REGIONAL AND SHOOTING DISCIPLINE CANDIDATURE AND VOTING

Those voting for regional candidates must live in the appropriate Sports Council region even though their nominated candidates for election may live elsewhere.

Those voting for shooting discipline candidates must have previously declared that shooting discipline to the NRA as their primary shooting discipline.

ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING WILL BE DETERMINED AS AT 30 APRIL 2012

Nomination forms for candidates and proposers and an explanation of the procedures for nominations are available from the chief executive's office.

CURRICULUM VITAE

To assist members with their choice of representatives in the election, a CV for each candidate will be provided with the voting papers. A draft of no more than 150 words should accompany the nomination. A passport-sized photograph of the candidate will accompany all CVs. A content layout for the CVs is on the pro forma.

The chief executive will refer back to authors where CVs are too long or are, or appear to be, factually incorrect.

PROGRAMME OF KEY DATES FOR ELECTIONS

31 March 2012

All candidates and proposers must be fully paid-up, registered members of the Association by this date.

30 April 2012

Nominations for all vacancies must be returned to the chief executive by 17:00 on

this date.

Registered members must be qualified for voting for their respective regional or shooting discipline candidate by this date.

All members desiring to vote must be fully paid-up, registered members by this date.

25 May 2012

Voting slips will be posted out to all entitled Members by this date together with the procedures for voting.

16 July 2012

Voting slips in the correct envelope supplied must be received by the NRA office by mail or by hand, no later than 17:00 on this date.

SCRUTINEERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL

To be notified after the council meeting on 5 April 2012.

ROUTINE VACANCIES

There will be the following vacancies in 2012, all of whom are entitled to stand for re-election.

Five Ordinary Members

GK Alexander

CM Brooks

EJ Gardener

* Prof AR Horrocks

* JA Watson

Five Regional Members

Mrs ID Bennett West Midlands

PR Coley Western

GAE Larcombe Southern

JF Miller Greater London &

South East

MP Watkins Wales

Three Shooting Discipline Members

AJ Duffy Target Shotgun

P Hunter Civilian Service Rifle &

Practical Rifle

* JM Kynoch Sporting Rifle

* Not standing for re-election

Marksman's Calendar 2012

All events at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley unless otherwise stated.

(i) indicates source of further information and entry forms.

JANUARY

06 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

07 CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION

Mark Bradley, mark@bradleyarms.com

14 GALLERY RIFLE XMAS SHOOT AND SOCIAL

Brian Thomas, 01483 797777 x 148, brian.thomas@nra.org.uk

15 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

FEBRUARY

04-05 HAND LOADING COURSE

Phyllis Farnan, 01483 797777 x 150, training@nra.org.uk

04 CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION

Mark Bradley, mark@bradleyarms.com

04-05 FOUR GUN MATCH

Paul Hunter, hazhunter@btinternet.com

07 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

17-19 F CLASS GB SQUAD TEAM TRAINING

Mik Maksimovic, 01780 481567, mik@mikdolphin.demon.co.uk

18 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

18 TARGET SHOTGUN FESTIVAL

Brian Thomas, 01483 797777 x 148, brian.thomas@nra.org.uk

18-19 RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER COURSE

Maureen Peach, 01483 797777 x 149, maureen.peach@nra.org.uk

MARCH

04 CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION

Mark Bradley, mark@bradleyarms.com

04 ATSC WAPPENSCHAW

ATSC TR Captain, atsccaptain@gmail.com

07 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

10 LMRA V CITY RC LMRA,

01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

10-11 CLUB INSTRUCTOR COURSE - GENERAL SKILLS

Phyllis Farnan, 01483 797777 x 150, training@nra.org.uk

18 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

18 ATSC V LLOYDS TSB

ATSC TR Captain, atsccaptain@gmail.com

22-23 FREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA)

Kevin Seager, kevinseager@live.co.za

23-31 SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA)

SABU, sydlainy@iafrica.com

24-25 LMRA COACHING COURSE

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

24-25 GALLERY RIFLE - SPRING ACTION WEEKEND

Chris Farr, chris.farr@nra.org.uk

24-25 RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER COURSE

Maureen Peach, 01483 797777 x 149, maureen.peach@nra.org.uk

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01 COUNTY OF LONDON V YORKSHIRE V SURREY

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

01 ATSC V NLRC V NRA CHANNEL ISLANDS TEAM

ATSC TR Captain, atsccaptain@gmail.com

05 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

Caroline O Connor, caroline.oconnor@nra.org.uk

06-08 ISLE OF MAN EASTER SHOOTING

FESTIVAL 2012 (SINCLAIR RANGE, ISLE OF MAN)

Ina Glover, eastershoot@isleofmanshooting.com

07-09 BISLEY CLUBS EASTER MEETING

NLRC, easter@nlrc.org

07 CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION

Mark Bradley, mark@bradleyarms.com

14-15 F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 1 (DIGGLE (ENGLAND))

Mik Maksimovic, 01780 481567, mik@mikdolphin.demon.co.uk

14 LMRA V MANYDOWN RC

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

14 IBIS RIFLE CLUB OPEN MEETING

Bill Rowland, 0207 696 5249, billbull@yahoo.co.uk

15 GLOUCESTERSHIRE OPEN SPRING MEETING

Simon Cox, 01242 512711, shandmacox@talktalk.net

15 LMRA LEAGUE ROUND 1

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

15 SURREY KNOCKOUT

Surrey Rifle Association, 01483 473159, secretary@surreyra.org

15 SURREY LEAGUE ROUND 1

Surrey Rifle Association, 01483 473159,

secretary@surreyra.org

21-22 TEES VALLEY TARGET SPORTS CLUB PRESIDENTS CUP

Tees Valley Target Sports, david.hart1@sky.com

21 LMRA V SURREY VENTURE SCOUTS

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21 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

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28 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

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28-29 WEST OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))

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28 WESTERN COUNTIES TARGET RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

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05 LMRA SCHOOLS MEETING (PM)

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05-06 F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 2 (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))

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05-06 ATSC TARGET RIFLE OPEN MEETING

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06 HEREFORD & WORCESTERSHIRE RA OPEN MEETING

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06 LMRA PRE-SERVICE CADET MEETING

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12-13 CLUB INSTRUCTOR COURSE - TARGET RIFLE

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12-13 THE ENGLISH EIGHT CLUB, NATIONAL RIFLE CLUB OF SCOTLAND & WELSH RIFLE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

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12-13 TARGET RIFLE SKILLS COURSE

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19-20 NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING (PONTELAND, NEWCASTLE (ENGLAND))

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19-20 NRA 300M CHAMPIONSHIPS

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20 LMRA LEAGUE ROUND 2

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26-27 NRC OF SCOTLAND CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))

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01-03 PHOENIX MEETING

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02-03 SCOTTISH LONG RANGE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))

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02-04 ENGLISH TWENTY CLUB OPEN MEETING

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09-10 F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 3 (DIGGLE (ENGLAND))

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16-17 NRA INTER-COUNTIES MEETING

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19 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

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27-01 JUL NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE MEETING

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27-21 JUL NRA IMPERIAL MEETING

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29 F CLASS GB SQUAD TEAM TRAINING

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30-01 JUL F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 4

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30-01 JUL BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RC MEETING

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30-01 JUL TEES VALLEY TARGET SPORTS CLUB THIEPHALL TROPHY

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JULY

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06-12 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - MATCH RIFLE EVENTS

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07-08 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - HISTORIC ARMS EVENTS

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09-12 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - SCHOOLS MEETING

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11-15 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - PISTOL AND GALLERY RIFLE EVENTS

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12 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - ASHBURTON SHIELD

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12-21 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - TARGET RIFLE EVENTS

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11-12 F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 5 (DIGGLE (ENGLAND))
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17-25 DCRA CANADIAN FULLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS (OTTAWA, CANADA)
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18-19 TULLIBARDINE (TAYSIDE) OPEN MEETING (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))
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18 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY
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25-26 GALLERY RIFLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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14 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY
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15 EAST OF SCOTLAND MEETING (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))
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15-16 RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER COURSE

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15-16 SURREY RIFLE ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING
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22-23 LMRA OPEN TR MEETING
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23 SURREY LEAGUE ROUND 3
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27-30 COMMONWEALTH SHOOTING FEDERATION (EUROPEAN DIVISION) CHAMPIONSHIPS (JERSEY (CHANNEL ISLANDS))
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29-30 LMRA V SCOTTISH RA (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))
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29-30 THE ENGLISH EIGHT CLUB AND IRISH EIGHT CLUB AUTUMN MEETING
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29 COUNTY DURHAM OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BATTLE HILL, CO DURHAM)
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29-30 TEES VALLEY TARGET SPORTS CLUB METCALFE CUP
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06 CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE COMPETITION
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06-07 WIND COACHING COURSE
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06-07 F CLASS LEAGUE ROUND 6 (BLAIR ATHOLL (SCOTLAND))
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13-14 EUROPEAN LONG RANGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
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20-21 CLUB INSTRUCTOR COURSE - GENERAL SKILLS
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20-21 TRAFALGAR MEETING
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23 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY
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27-28 AGES MATCH
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27-28 CLUB COACH COURSE
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27-28 GALLERY RIFLE – AUTUMN ACTION WEEKEND
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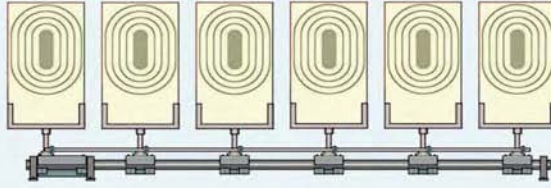
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