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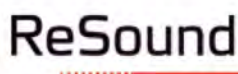
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Welcome



OPENFIRE

Chief executive Andrew Mercer looks back on a successful Open Day at Bisley, and explains how the NRA can safely champion civilian shooting on MoD ranges

Spring has brought the occasional bout of sunshine to the ranges, and there has been a noticeable increase in activity on camp. I have enjoyed my first (cold and horrible) Spring Action Weekend, Open Day, and Phoenix, as well as a host of club competitions.

Increased activity has highlighted the legacy of missed maintenance, and left us playing catch-up to deliver services to an acceptable standard. The mowing of grass is becoming a pet project for me, and our new equipment should give the estate staff a chance to establish a proper regime. There will be

makeovers all round, with Fultons having its roof repainted and wonky balcony straightened, and contractors already at work to turn the Old Bisley Gun Club building from an eyesore to a suitably attractive building.

On Century range, the new 100-yard firing point has been christened by the first shooters and we are awaiting the delivery of six new electronic targets. They will be set at 100, 200 or 300 yards, and can be booked by the hour. Electronic targets have had a mixed record at Bisley. The 300-metre facility is a good example of a successful installation, but

our own recent efforts on Century and Stickledown have not gone as smoothly.

Electronic targets across the main ranges at Bisley merit serious consideration as the costs of delivering reliable markers become ever more challenging. The capital costs are substantial, but so are the payments made each year for markers, target materials and target shed staff. Other important improvements include covered firing points and accessible car parking nearby, although I have been surprised at the vigour of the arguments voiced against providing simple covers



to protect shooters from the vagaries of the weather.

Away from Bisley, the issue of maintaining civilian shooting on MoD ranges is rapidly becoming a key challenge, and I attended a meeting with the Defence Land Ranges Safety Committee (DLRSC) at Abbey Wood, Bristol, to discuss access. In many respects the MoD's concerns are understandable. When a soldier steps up to the firing point they know he will have completed an annual weapons handling test and have a good understanding of the rifle, ammunition, target, and course of fire. Civilian shooters use myriad rifles, ammunition, targets and courses of fire that are in many cases a mystery to MoD and Landmarc range staff. The Shooter Certification Card (SCC) system gives the MoD confidence that the civilian shooter is competent and shooting a recognised discipline approved by the NRA. There has been confusion in the past with cards issued by the NSRA, but we have agreed with them that in future the NRA

will be the sole body authorised to issue SCCs for fullbore disciplines. As part of this scheme we are conducting audits of affiliated clubs to ensure the procedures agreed with the MoD are being properly adhered to. It is essential that the SCC processes are fully implemented to give the MoD and their agents the necessary confidence in the competence and safety of civilian shooters.

The May Open Day was a delight, with more than a thousand guests enjoying a spectacular array of shooting guided and coached by nearly 400 volunteers. In all, 43,000 rounds of ammunition were used. I had invited two 'mystery shoppers' to give a detailed review of proceedings, and their feedback was interesting. As expected, signage and general appearance of the site drew some sharp comments, but the enthusiasm shown by coaches and guides was highly praised. A later survey yielded some interesting statistics, with almost 50 per cent of guests saying this was their first open day. The investment in volunteer energy,

range and staff time, and ammunition is considerable, and we are musing over how best to maximise the yields in PR, goodwill and membership.

We have just completed the Phoenix at Bisley, and the range of shooting competition was genuinely confusing. I was astonished to see pistol shooting at 1,000 yards on Stickledown, and my impertinent questions to the range officer as to whether they were actually able to hit the target yielded the firm response that their accuracy would put some of the rifle shooters to shame.

Our new accounts team have finalised the annual accounts for 2012, which show that we are making good progress. All live litigation has been settled, as have the outstanding issues regarding PAYE / NI and VAT, and the overall result is a modest loss of £65k on a turnover of £4.9m. The full accounts and annual report are available on the website, and I am looking forward to meeting members at the Annual General Meeting at Bisley on Friday 14 June 2013. ■

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The International Sporting Rifle Championship, shot alongside the ILRPSA event at the Phoenix

News

GET INVOLVED

The National Rifle Association is once again making the call for members to get involved in making the Association stronger.

There are many areas you can get involved in – event co-ordination, RCO and coaching, and getting youngsters into the sport. But the area most relevant to concentrate on here is contributions to the Journal.

We are always looking to extend the range of disciplines and events covered in our reports and features sections, while maintaining the Journal's role as a 'journal of record'. To achieve



these goals, we are looking for more results and reports from competitions – not just at Bisley but from events further afield that equally deserve coverage.

If you are interested in contribution, email the managing editor on **colinf@blazepublishing.co.uk** or the head of membership on **Richard.Blackmore@nra.org.uk**.

BRITISH SHOOTING 2013-2020

British Shooting has published its latest strategic plan for the period 2013 to 2020.

The plan is the summary of the objectives and targets set out by the sport to deliver shooting throughout Great Britain.

Feedback and constructive suggestions are requested and should be sent to **admin@britishshooting.org.uk**.

The full document is available to download from the NRA website at **www.nra.org.uk/common/files/news/13/BritishShootingStrategyMay13.pdf**



OPEN DAY SUCCESS

On behalf of everyone at the NRA, I would like to thank all coaches, volunteers and staff who helped make the NRA Open Day on 4 May a success.

We enjoyed a cracking good day on Saturday and have received super feedback from large numbers of visitors.

The enthusiasm of the coaches and teams guiding the large crowds to the firing points drew much praise. Your patience, knowledge, good humour and passion for shooting sent our guests away with a positive impression and we will no doubt convert many to full membership of the NRA (25 signed up on the day and more to come).

We registered 1,053 guests over the day, and they accounted for over 43,000 rounds of ammunition. The Open Day is a huge investment in volunteer time and energy and we have made many notes and suggestions for improvements that will help the day run more smoothly and increase the yield for our sport. Better signs, improving the supply of rifles/shotguns and ammunition, and managing the long queues at some of the disciplines are all areas for discussion. Your thoughts, suggestions and observations will be much appreciated – please contact me by email at **andrew.mercer@nra.org.uk** or write to me at Bisley.

Our enthusiasm to review and improve the Open Day should not distract us from satisfaction for a good job well done – please accept my grateful thanks for your help and support.

Andrew Mercer, NRA Chief Executive

HBSA TURNS 40

The National Rifle Association congratulates

the Historical Breechloading Smallarms Association on its 40th anniversary.



The usual activities and shoots of the year will be complemented by a weekend of celebrations from 20-22 September.

The HBSA was founded in 1973 by a group of academics, students of arms and collectors concerned with the threat to the preservation of privately owned historical firearms, which represent an irreplaceable part of our social, industrial, military and sporting heritage.

A national organisation with branches and membership groups that provide a regional presence in Wales, Northern England and the Borders; the HBSA is the governing body for shooting with historical breechloading smallarms within the United Kingdom.

The fundamental aims of the HBSA are to encourage the preservation of breechloading firearms and ammunition and to foster the study of all aspects of the subject, from the aesthetics of sporting guns and the engraver's art to the functional aspects of firearms used by the soldier, target shooter and the sporting shooter. The HBSA considers that the private collection and use of historical arms and ammunition is essential to facilitate historical research, and to achieve preservation of these heritage artefacts for future generations.

As well as advising on care and conservation, and acting as a forum for the exchange of information, the HBSA pursues the study of historical smallarms through a combination of lectures, research reports and a programme of shooting activity. Monthly lectures are held at the Imperial War Museum in London and at the Royal Armouries in Leeds, venues where they are acknowledged as a specialist user group and given privileged access to arms and documents held in reserve collections.

HBSA maintains close links with other European collecting organisations through the Federation of European Societies of Arms Collectors (FESAC). Research papers, extracts from historical documents and articles written by HBSA members and others are published in an annual journal while the proceedings of meetings and other activities are published in a quarterly report.

For more information please contact the Secretary Chris Smith at general.secretary@hbsa-uk.org or visit the website at www.hbsa-uk.org.

HARROW CLUB HITS 122

Harrow Rifle and Pistol Club celebrates its 122nd birthday this year following another successful year shooting .22RF and air league and club competitions.

The club, whose members regularly shoot at Bisley, has seen an increased number of enquiries from young people and, as a result, new memberships.

President Derek Stimpson said the club, whose range is on land leased from the local council, relies on new members to maintain rent at a tenable level.

"For many relatively small local rifle clubs maintaining an influx of new, younger, members is vital," he said.

"Club facilities are good with prone .22 RF rifle (25yds); Standing Sporting Rifle (.22RF and air) and air pistol (20yds) and 10m air rifle and pistol."

MONMOUTH RC HELPS H4H

Monmouth & District Rifle Club will be holding a prize draw on 7 July in support of Help for Heroes.

Prizes on offer include a new Browning X-bolt rifle, kindly donated by BASC and Browning and several days' sport including partridge shooting and deer stalking in Scotland.

The event, which is supported by members of the Stalking Directory, hopes to raise several thousand pounds for the forces charity.

The club will also be holding an online auction of a special bottle of port, donated by the officers' mess at Hereford of 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

This is a rare opportunity to obtain a memento of a famous regiment while raising money for a most deserving cause and the club has already received bids in excess of £200.

Draw tickets, which cost £1, can be bought online at www.bmycharity.com/MonmouthSDRifleShoot.

To place your bid for the special bottle of port, email the club at MonmouthSD@gmail.com confirming your donation and giving your name and contact details.



YOUR *Views*

If you have an opinion or suggestion you would like to share, write to "Journal Letters" at NRA HQ or email nra@blazepublishing.co.uk

STILL HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Dear Editor,

It is with some interest that I read the letters page of the Spring Journal in which a number of writers responded to a previous article regarding an overseas shotgun match which I myself attended and had the satisfaction of being the highest-placed GB competitor.

Apart from complaining that Mr Granycome did not enjoy himself at the said event, not one of the correspondents provided any evidence of where he was incorrect despite all of them claiming his report was inaccurate.

Mr Bloss, however, made an excellent observation that only truthful reporting will maintain the integrity of our sport, something that is of vital importance. Therefore should you or your readers wish to check the veracity of this or any further articles regarding such Shotgun

events please feel free to contact me via targetshotgun@nra.org.uk

Yours sincerely

James Harris

**Discipline representative for
Target Shotgun – NRA**

Dear Sir,

I was surprised to read not only Mr Granycome's report on the IPSC World Championships in the Winter 2012 Journal, but also the three letters critical of it in the Spring 2013 Journal.

I have attended more than a 100 practical (i.e. dynamic fire and movement) shooting competitions over the last 15 or so years and Mr Granycome has been a fellow competitor and RO at most. He has written match reports on many of them, most of which were published by the UKPSA, and his style has been consistently entertaining, informative, accurate and positive; his report in the Spring Journal is representative.

That his report of the World Championships is uniquely critical actually enhances its credibility, in my opinion. His three critics have attended some of those 100+ competitions, but virtually none in the last five years.

Mr Granycome's own performances have been consistently towards the upper end of match results; a quick

CENTURY NUMBERS OFF TARGET

Dear Editor,

I shot at 600 yards on Century Range at Bisley on 10 March, my first TR of the year.

The target number boards that identify the targets have been changed during the winter, it appears. The replacements are beyond dreadful.

There were relatively few points in use, but there was significant cross-shooting. It appears certain that this was the result of the appalling quality of the new number boards. The numbers themselves are smaller, and the colour contrasts employed are deplorably bad.

Quite how or who decided these should be changed from the boards that worked previously is beyond me.

I will be very disappointed and surprised if these are not replaced again very quickly. However, I invite all users of Century to come to their own conclusions.

Keith McLuckie

Since this letter was written, further renumbering has taken place on Century to fix the problem.

scan of the World Championship results shows him to have beaten some of the UKPSA-selected GB team, impressive for an OAP.

He is used to a shooting 'diet' that is both varied and intellectually stimulating. It seems he entered the World Championships reasonably expecting a lavish banquet, but was served only a variety of cereals.

For those accustomed to a diet of only gruel, a bowl of muesli may seem exotic and 'full English' wantonly hedonistic; perhaps this explains the differences of opinion?

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Warne



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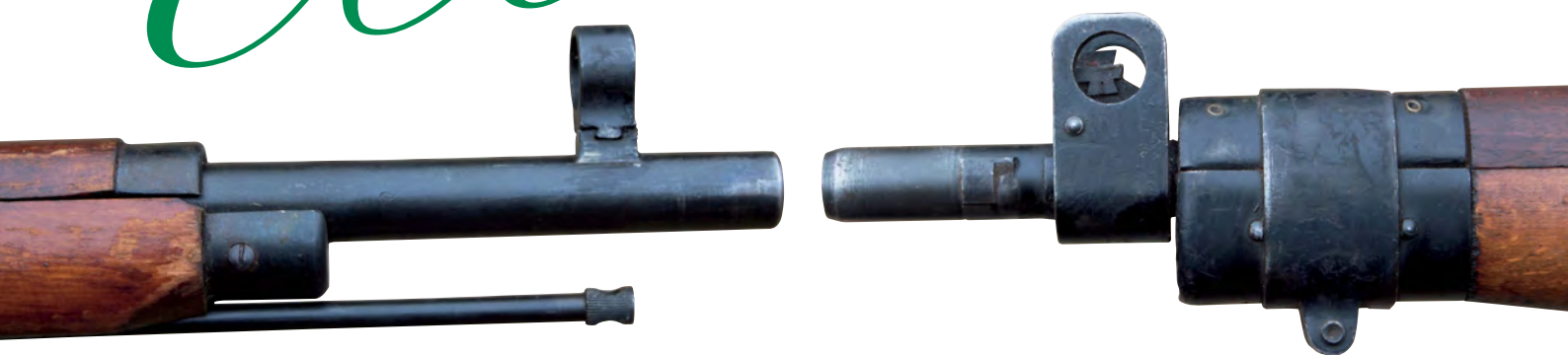
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Comparing the

classics



They may largely have been hoarded by collectors over the years, but if you look in the right place you can still find rifles from the First World War. Tim Finley compares a 1917 classic with a pair of WWII veterans

I don't know many shooters who have not shot a classic or veteran rifle. By classic, we mean a military rifle made before 1919, i.e. the World War One era. Veteran rifles are dated between 1919 and 1946, to be more specific.

As part of my probation when joining a fullbore club back in the day, the first gun I ever shot at the club was a .303 calibre short magazine Lee-Enfield – or SMLE for short – out at 600 yards. This is a true classic rifle, and suffice to say I enjoyed shooting it immensely, although I did find hitting the target with the open sights something of a challenge.

The same club uses the Lee-Enfield No. 4 from WWII, the later British army .303, on Christmas shoots for all the competitors. Trying to get the top score on a target, while also trying not to hit the balloon fluttering over the target at 100 yards, is hard work – though it's fun to watch someone else hit the balloon. These open-sighted old rifles

hark back to basic riflery and as such are very popular.

There are a few things you have to remember. Because we are dealing with old rifles, bear in mind that, being ex-military rifles, they are unlikely to have been looked after in the same way as a civilian rifle. The good guns are bought up by collectors who won't actually shoot them. This means the best and cleanest examples are unlikely to be on sale for shooting use. These rifles also come at a hefty premium.

The rifles for shooting use are not overly expensive, as long as the bore is clean and the actions safe. A bit of dinked woodwork and lack of bluing or blacking is not much of an issue. Do not expect to buy a Lee-Enfield with all matching serial numbers in pristine condition; these guns will have been squirreled away by a collector eons ago.

As with all guns, you cannot really shoot before you buy if you go to a dealer. What you can do is make sure you buy from a

reputable gunsmith. Always, always inspect the bore. If you cannot even see down the barrel for crud, do not buy it. If there is any sign of a damaged receiver, also steer clear of the gun. Check that the safety catch works and that the bolt operation is ok and it locks up. Look at the locking lugs and bolt face for signs of fractures or a deep ring around the firing pin hole.

The classic rifle – SMLE III*

It's not all horror stories – I picked up three good examples of classic and veteran rifles from Henry Krank of Leeds for comparison. First is the oldest and most expensive of the bunch, the SMLE III*. The rifle was stamped up as being made by BSA in 1917 – there had been some woodwork repairs and restorations but it is 96 years old.

I do like the look of the SMLE – the snub end to the rifle is very distinctive. It is a .303 calibre rifle with a detachable 10-shot



The SMLE's left-handed safety works in the classic manner. Rear for safe...



...and forward for fire, so you can take up the smooth and consistent trigger

magazine. The open sights are protected by metal side shields front and back. The rear sight is a simple 'V' and the sliding sight adjustment is graduated from 200 yards to 2,000 yards in 25-yard increments. It has permanently fitted sling loops, and shooting with a sling is part of the game of classic rifle shooting.

The stock is, of course, ambidextrous, with the bolt action operated from the right-hand side. The butt has a metal plate fitted; comfort when shooting was not high on the agenda for military rifles. The manual safety catch is at the rear of the receiver on the left-hand side. The trigger blade is highly curved and has a grooved surface. I checked the trigger pull on the SMLE; the first stage measured in at 1.7kg, while the second stage to release the shot was 3.1kg.

The pull weight was extremely consistent. This makes for an accurate trigger in the field, as the shooter will never be caught out

by an unpredictable trigger. In the front of the trigger guard is the magazine release catch – push this upwards and the magazine can be dropped out of the bottom of the action. The pressed steel 10-shot magazines are relatively cheap these days at £40-70 depending on condition.

The SMLE has a shorter sight base than the other two review rifles at 490mm. The rear sight is almost mid-rifle; there is even a wooden section of stock between the front of the action and rear sight elements. Shooting it at 100 yards, I did struggle with the short sight base and the short length of pull (length of the rear stock). A 90mm five-shot group was the best I could manage.

The veteran rifle – Lee-Enfield No. 4

The first relatively young rifle is the No. 4 Lee-Enfield, which is dated 1942; a MKI. The No.

4 has a heavier barrel than the SMLE and has its own distinctive silhouette. The protruding barrel and high side shields protecting the foresight element set it apart from the SMLE. It has an ambidextrous stock, sling loops and a sight base of 720mm. This longer sight base is because the rear sight has been moved from its position in front of the action on the SMLE to the rear of the action on the No. 4. The sights were also improved with a rear peep-style battle sight as well as a flip-up adjustable peep sight for more accurate long-range shooting out to 1,300 yards. They realised after World War One that having a 2,000-yard setting was a bit redundant.

The sniper versions of the No. 4 were the ones for accurate long-range shooting. They are very highly prized and cost an arm and a leg for examples with matching serial numbers. These are used in more specific sniper-type competitions. These guns are accurate out to 600 yards, and with the flip-



Rule of three: It's a head-to-head-to-head between a classic and two veterans

up open sights I managed 72.2mm for five shots at 100 yards. I did prefer the flip-up sights on the No. 4 over the other three.

The Russian veteran – M91/30

The Russian Mosin-Nagant M91/30 is also relatively young, having been in production since 1943. This is a big rifle, and it is fair to say it's the most crudely built, but I thought the trigger was the best of the three. It was a single-stage trigger with a pull weight of 2.1kg, which was the lightest of the three. It also gave the most consistent trigger pull readings. I can see why the sniper variants of this rifle were so highly rated.

The M91/30 was more than capable of one-inch groups at 100m. The long 29in (735mm) barrel dominates the rifle. I have shot the M38 carbine Mosin-Nagant with its 20in (510mm) barrel and can honestly say it was not a pleasant experience or one I wish to repeat any time soon.

Not so with the M91/30. This has simple sights akin to the SMLE, marked from 100 to 2,000 metres on a sliding push-button rear sight. This proved to be the most accurate of the three, and the easiest to zero. I set the crude sight to the 100m mark, and it was not too far off at 100 yards. I shot a 39.8mm five-shot group with the open sights at 100 yards. Then I put three aimed shots into a high-viz target marker at 100 yards, which measured in at 29.6mm. I couldn't get on with the bolt and how it finishes at the 12 o'clock position, but you cannot argue with the M91/30's accuracy.

Other rifles to look at are the Yugoslavian copies of the Mauser K98; German stamped examples are rare and expensive. There is also the straight pull (as opposed to bolt action) Schmidt Rubin from Switzerland. The latter uses the accurate 7.5x55 round and is very popular with classic rifle shooters.

There are still spares available and many gunsmiths who specialise in these old rifles. The history of the guns can be just as interesting as shooting them.

The ammunition used is readily available, ranging from ex-military surplus to modern made. Some examples are in the box below:

CLASSIC AMMO ROUND-UP		
Size	RRP	NRA price
0.303 British 174 grain FMJ BT	£77.00 a 100	£62.50 a 100
7.62mmx54mm 168 grain FMJ BT	£68.40 a 100	£65 a 100
7.5mmx55mm 174grain FMJ BT	£68.40 a 100	£65 a 100
8x57 198 grain JS FMJ BT	£82.75 a 100	Not stocked

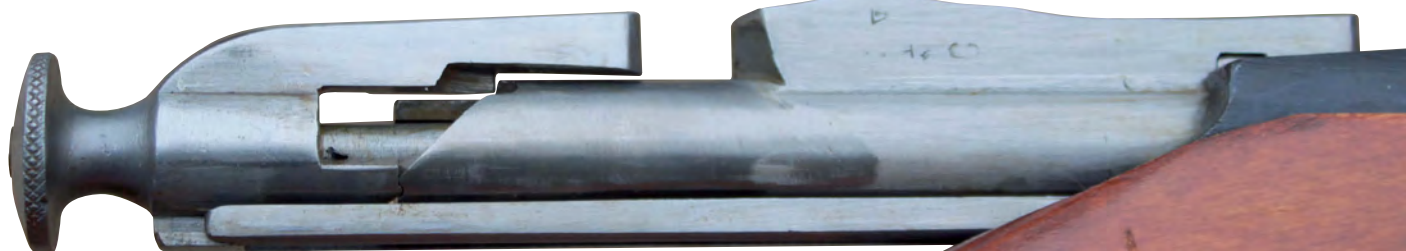
There are many clubs and organisations that shoot these rifles. They shoot prone off sandbags or use the rifle's sling to steady their aim, sometimes using older-style canvas jackets. The classic/veteran rifles are also shot from benches and even kneeling.

Courses of fire start with shorter-range, scaled-down targets, even indoors at 15, 20, 25 and 50 yards, which are popular. More popular are the outdoor shoots of 300 or 600 yards, which I have taken part in. These old guns have a lot to offer to the shooter – with factory loads it is more of a level playing field although competitions are nowhere near as cutthroat as some I have shot.

The joy of shooting is the real key to these guns. A spotting scope will be needed if you want to get the best out of your shooting but it is still a relatively cheap competitive type of shooting when it comes to fullbore rifles.

Thanks to all at Henry Krank for the help in producing this article. ■

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Keeping the Phoenix flying

With more than 75 competitions over one weekend, *Neil Francis* discovers that it's the unsung heroes who make the Phoenix a success



Welsh wonder: Gwyn Roberts collected the Phoenix Gallery Rifle Champion trophy

The weather was reverse echelon for the 2013 Phoenix meeting, held for the 17th time over its traditional end-of-May bank holiday weekend. Fine and sunny for the whole weekend, and horrible and wet both leading up to the meeting and again when everyone was back in the office afterwards. Ok, we know the meeting starts on Friday and that day was probably the most miserable, cold, wet and wind-ridden that's ever existed (unless you were at the SAW), but at least the range jackets the ROs received this year were put to good use.

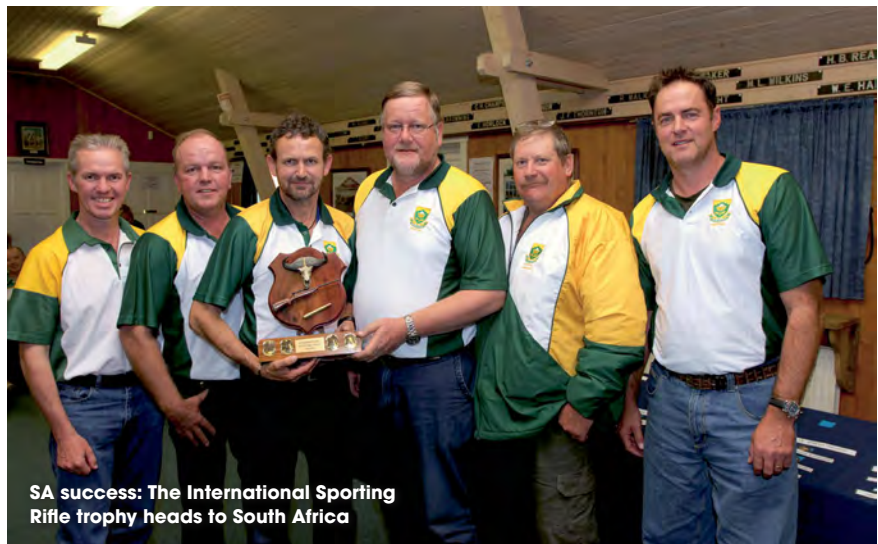
A bad day's shooting is still better than a good day in the office, and despite the difference of Friday's weather from that on Saturday and Sunday, which was truly astounding and quite frankly unbelievable, the meeting itself was a traditionally standard affair with no major

changes or surprises encroaching into the fold.

That was my take on it anyway. I personally spent this Phoenix helping with back-office duties. I didn't get time to shoot but I did get time to visit all administrative areas of the meeting and all the ranges. Some may have noticed the new NRA chief executive and head of competitions and shooting also roaming around the ranges seeing what was going on and chatting to people. This is a very welcome development as they are clearly taking an interest in what the meeting, Gallery Rifle and Pistol are all about.

The Phoenix is an NRA open meeting, and as such the shooting division team is where the planning and administration of the meeting takes place in the run up. At that point the army of volunteers come to the fore and make the actual meeting happen. About 100 volunteered for this year's meeting, and I'm sure I speak for more than 500 competitors shooting more than 3,000 match cards in extending my thanks to all who generously give their time to help out.

For those that may not be aware, the shooting division is the corner of the NRA offices off to the left of the main NRA



SA success: The International Sporting Rifle trophy heads to South Africa

reception. This is where your amiable front-of-house volunteers sometimes retreat to when competitors have questions that have to be passed down the line. These could be anything from late entries, scorecard or rules queries, squadding changes and, heaven forbid, complaints.

Shooting division doesn't actually handle the stats – that is again the work of volunteers. Usually the 'stats crew' is found in a car park isolated from the main drag, but it decided to abandon this salubrious

environment and take up residence in a much larger space at the back of the NRA building this year. Imagine a never-ending flow of scorecards rolling in from all corners of the camp. Unlike Sisyphus, the guys in there can actually see an end to their toil. Please pay a thought or two to them when shooting for the day has finished, however – they usually still have an hour or so left. I always stay out of stats on Sunday afternoon – it's probably advisable everyone else does as well.



Pistol plethora: It's one of the biggest weekends of the year for GR&P shooters

Of course, a lot of shooting takes place at the Phoenix. Having historic legacy in Pistol AD, it's primarily a GR&P meeting. However, the longer ranges are also put to good use. I also noted the old pistol range, Winans, had received a facelift. The IPAS crew was running a pay-and-play setup and one of their open competitions throughout the weekend. I chatted to the guys there; they run something every Phoenix, so if you fancy something a bit different, pay them a visit next time.

A few new trophies were on offer this year, including one in memory of Alan Whittle, a well known and enthusiastic gallery rifle shooter who died in 2012. The clubs Alan was most associated with over the last few years generously donated a couple of contemporary trophies.

Thanks go to Bristol and District Rifle and Pistol Club, Frome and District Pistol Club, Fulwood Shooting Club (Liverpool) and the Gallery Rifle Great Britain Squad for these generous efforts.

The newcomers' trophy, the Rifled Spiral, is awarded to first-time Phoenix entrants. The Gallery Rifle Classic Trophy, the Spear Bullet, rewards excellence in Gallery Rifle classic iron-sights shooting.

Thanks to Low Mill Ranges, who donated an exquisite Damascus steel folding bowie knife in an equally exquisite presentation case for the winner of the Sporting Rifle competition. The UKPSA is also to be thanked for recognising the excellent shooting achieved within the Phoenix standards points system. Anyone not familiar should consult the Phoenix

booklet. Personal objectives can always be achieved without being a top X class shooter so thanks to the UKPSA for appreciating and promoting this aspect.

For many years the meeting has hosted international shooting. The bank holiday Monday morning usually plays out to an international 1500 match between the nations of the International Gallery Rifle Federation (IGRF). This year witnessed the inaugural IGRF Gallery Rifle World Cup, which is set to become a bi-annual event. Launched in 2006, the IGRF promotes the development of competitive Gallery Rifle shooting worldwide. It now has five member countries, having recently welcomed Australia. ■

Results for all events are available at www.nra.org.uk or at www.galleryrifle.com



Fry up: Terry Fry was awarded Grandest Master and a prize donated by one of the meeting's gold sponsors, the UKPSA



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Sunshine aplenty at the 2013 Twenty

The long-awaited arrival of summertime worked wonders for the English Twenty spring meeting, reports Tony de Launay

The decision to allow competitors the choice of using their own ammunition paid dividends for the English Twenty Club organisers of the English Open Spring Meeting at Bisley. With 70 per cent of the 90 shooters opting to supply their own, the entry was up by nearly 30 per cent over last year.

Given that the council of the English Twenty broke with tradition in response to a groundswell of opinion against ever-rising costs, the organisers can be quietly satisfied with the outcome. Rightly or wrongly, the perception of ever-increasing costs of ammunition 'as issued' is one of a number of areas of critical importance for the future of the sport.

It was all change in the weather too. Brilliant sunshine could be seen and felt during the three days. That was the good news: it was the winds that were to test the top runners to their limits.

There were six maximum scores of 105 in Saturday's opening match, the Association, over a Queen's I course of fire. Paul Kent took the prize, with last year's Queen's Prize winner John Warburton second and Surrey's David Rose (fresh from his GB West Indies tour) third. Sunday was the Second Stage (Queen's II), where no one managed a maximum 150. Toby Raincock came nearest with 149.22, just one central bullseye ahead of Ireland's Alwyn McLean, with Kent third.

Fifteen shots at 600 yards for the Cortis followed, with talk of changes from three left to two-and-a-half right as the fish's tail waggled in earnest. Nevertheless, another six maximum 75s appeared, with Roy Booth counting out Jon Underwood on centrals to finish after both had made 75.12. Welshman Ed Jeens, part of the Welsh squad using the event as a selection trial, was third, one central behind.

And so to the deciders. All that scrub and tree removal down the left-hand side of Stickledown range has left its mark – in the form of open

Shaw took the championship title by one point, by dint of solid shooting and a little genius when it mattered



Shaw thing: Scotsman Ian Shaw proved a worthy overall winner

heathland over which the left-hand winds raced in. And they did just that with corrected brackets at 900 yards of 6-12 minutes. England's Paul Sykes took the Long at 900 by three centrals, best of only four 74s, followed by Wales's Chris Hockley.

Next it was a Scot, Ian Shaw, who gave the field a masterclass in reading the impossible winds at 1,000 yards in the final. With reported brackets from 8 to 14 left, changes invisible and changes visible but false, the field was tossed around in a state of bemusement. All except for Shaw with 72.6, warding off a fierce challenge from England's John Pugsley who managed 71 with no fewer than 10 centrals, but points win prizes. Andy Gent was third.

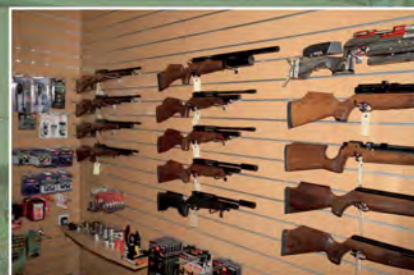
So when it was all added up, Shaw took the championship title by one point ahead of Pugsley, by dint of solid shooting and a little genius when it mattered. Paul Kent was the only one of the early leaders to hold position, eventually finishing third. All round it was an intriguing weekend. ■



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Early season in the sun



The England Rifle Team to South Africa April 2013

By James Watson, Team Captain

The South African Championships take place each year around Easter. This year, the English Twenty Club sent an England team of 21 people to compete in their matches. The ranges are located just outside Bloemfontein, approximately a four-hour drive from Johannesburg airport. Often tours to South Africa take in some of the impressive landscape or take the opportunity to spot the animal kingdom's 'Big Five'. On this occasion the main touring party chose to approach

Despite having to practise out in the elements of a Blighty winter, an England rifle team with young guns and old heads alike headed to South Africa in good spirits

it as more of a business trip – we flew out on Easter Monday, a couple of days before the first team match and left 13 days later, the night after competitions finished.

One of the challenges facing teams to South Africa is getting practice in so early in the season, and while in previous years teams have had the fortune of sunny weekends, our experience was more akin to practising for a tour to the Arctic! Snow and heavy rain greeted weekends in February and March, so our tour was a significant contrast.

My philosophy as captain was to select a core of strong shooters but take a large number of new caps. The team was made up of three ladies and 18 men and had an age range of 54 years – the youngest was 22, the eldest 76. This highlights how our sport really is a sport for life.

For the first time, the NRA of America had granted permission to shoot the America

Match outside of the US & Canada and this was scheduled after a local competition but before the main championships began. England put in a good performance but were beaten into third place – the fact that it was so early in our season showed.

The South Africans do not shoot on Sundays so, as God intended, it was a day of rest – much needed after the team had let off some steam in Bloemfontein on Saturday night. Peter Bramley, a local farmer and shooter extended his regular hospitality to the team who turned up in force to eat even more cow and shoot bows and arrows – one member managed to puncture Peter's irrigation



The team showed what unites them despite their 54-year age range

RESULTS: AMERICA MATCH

South Africa	2362.251
USA	2349.217
England	2340.218
Ireland	2303.164
Wales	2189.122

RSA INTERNATIONAL MATCH

South Africa	1741.147
England	1708.126
USA	1690.98
Ireland	1624.65

PROTEA MATCH

South Africa	1769.193
England	1767.182
USA	1766.172
Ireland	1702.110

SA CHAMPIONSHIP

Parag Patel (Eng)	951.113
PA Haasbroek	951.110
Johan du Toit	950.96

pipe! Others sat around enjoying some local wine and talking to General Mac Alexander, the CRO. A large number of the team had also taken the opportunity to visit the local cheetah sanctuary and meet some wildlife.

With the warm-up matches over, Monday saw the opening ceremony and the beginning of the Grand Aggregate. We experienced a range of conditions during the six days of the championships; the wind almost never blew from the same direction and one day we had a southerly Antarctic wind that made our winter training seem rather relevant. As the Grand finished we had a number of the team in contention and going into the State President's Final

(equivalent of our Queen's Final), all but two of the team qualified.

Saturday morning was the Protea Match, something of a monopoly for the South Africans who have only been beaten twice by GB teams. England took the unorthodox approach of having six people shoot and coach, with an additional six shooters making up the team. We won two of the three ranges, leading after 300m. But dropping an additional five points over the SA and USA teams at 600m meant we were beaten by two points, with the US one behind us. I have never shot in a match where the top three were decided by so slim a margin (0.01%).

The most significant trophy for the South Africans is the Championship, and

when the Grand scores were added to the second stage and the final (shot on Saturday afternoon), Parag Patel was declared the aggregate winner by a margin of three V-Bulls.

Touring is a valuable experience. It fosters relationships with other international sportsmen and sportswomen, it allows less experienced shooters the opportunity to learn from seasoned tourists and gives shooters something to aspire to; and then there's the shooting and the chance to visit overseas countries. ■

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Playing to the Gallery

Team GB struggles to acclimatise as South Africa hosts its first international GR event

Gallery Rifle GB tour to South Africa

By Charles Murton

In early October 2012, the NRA sent its first ever Gallery Rifle GB team to South Africa. The South Africans had become interested in Gallery Rifle (GR) three years previously and had been sending teams to compete at the Phoenix meeting; they were now ready to host their first international GR match.

The GB team consisted of Taff Wilcox (captain), Jim Smith (vice-captain), Dave Holt (adjutant), Steve Lamb, Mel Beard and Andy Summers. Jacky Lamb and I accompanied the team as individual competitors (which is a nicer term than hangers-on).

The weather in SA turned out to be a bit different to what we were expecting. We knew it would be warm, but apparently mid-30s temperature plus near-zero humidity are unusual for them at this time of year. We spent the first few days shooting precision events, "short" events and 1500 matches at a military range near Centurion, a suburb of Pretoria.



All in one: The GB team and guests line up behind the SAHGA's Nic Roets



The various events produced a few 'situations' for the GB shooters. Most of us overheated to some degree and lots of water was poured over heads and down necks. Some of our handloads turned out to be off-spec (low powder) and one rifle ended up with a ruined barrel. My Ruger malfunctioned so badly on the first stage of my 1500 match that I pulled out with only two shots fired. In the centrefire International match Taff put down the best score on the range – all the way up to the last stage, where his gun jammed and forced him to withdraw with several hundred points missing. Other guns also developed problems along the way – we suspect the heat was affecting the guns as well as their operators.

Fortunately our hosts provided good emergency gunsmithing support and most problems were fixed either by quick gun repairs or gun loans. I shot my centrefire short events with a borrowed gun and factory ammunition – and put in a better score than I usually do at home with my own gun and carefully tuned handloads. Go figure.

I'd never visited South Africa before and I'm glad I made the trip. The people made us feel welcome – not just our SA Hunters

hosts but everyone we came across. We worked as a team throughout the whole two weeks and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I think that, given the chance, any of us would go back again when SA Hunters hosts its next GR International – which will probably be in 2014. I will certainly go back if I can. Who knows – if I get some practice in (and fix my gun) I might actually be able to qualify for the team next time.

Full results, together with more photos, can be found on www.galleryrifle.com.

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Steve Lamb	2nd Multi-Target GRCF, 3rd 25m Precision GRCF	
Andy Summers	3rd Multi-Target GRSB	

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The individual TR/MR and F Class entry forms may now be downloaded from the NRA website. However, online entry is easier, quicker and more accurate and will save a postage stamp. If you are able to enter the Imperial Meeting online, please do so.

A 10 per cent surcharge will apply for entries to individual TR, MR and F Class events after 31 May with 25 per cent extra payable after 30 June. It is unlikely that entries for any squaddened competition will be accepted after 12pm the day before that competition.

If you are new to target shooting and need help with completing the entry form or advice about which events to enter, call the Shooting Division on ext 160. The 'aunts and uncles' scheme is there to provide real support for inexperienced shooters during the Imperial, and in every shooting discipline there are plenty of people on hand to offer advice and guidance. You need only ask!

Service Rifle

Entry forms for Service competitors may be obtained from the NRA website or NRA offices and should be returned by 24 June 2013. This year the NRA will run matches 46 and 47 on one day only – Wednesday 26 June.

The matches may be shot concurrently during the various Service Operational Shooting Competitions

(OSCs). However, with MoD use of Century Range becoming a premium, the NRA SR event offers an opportunity for units to win some fabulous trophies and medals, and also put in some valuable practice on Century Range.

Civilian Service Rifle/ Practical Rifle/Methuen

The Civilian Service Rifle/Practical Rifle (CSR/PR) programme offers challenging courses of fire for four classes: Historic Enfield, Any Iron, Optic Service and Optic Practical.

The Methuen match will be held on Sunday 30 June on Century, immediately after the TA Queen's Medal final. Teams of six compete in this increasingly popular event, which used to be shot alongside the military and is based on the 'Army 100 Cup'.

For a full description of these classes and other regulations specific to the CSR/PR discipline, please see the NRA Handbook (Bisley Bible) or contact Shooting Division.

Pistol and Gallery Rifle

Entry forms for the Pistol and Gallery Rifle events can be found on the NRA website and on the gallery rifle web site (www.galleryrifle.com).

Entries for the Trophy matches on Saturday and Sunday and the Grand Aggregates can also be made online via (only) the www.galleryrifle.com website (www.galleryrifle.com/imperial-pgr).

The meeting will run from Wednesday 10 July to Sunday 14 July. Unlimited entry events will be running throughout the meeting with squaddened trophy matches running Saturday and Sunday only.

For those not familiar with the meeting, it is renowned for offering an excellent mix of Gallery Rifle shooting disciplines, offering challenges not found anywhere else for the iron sight aficionado. Trophy matches are iron sights only. Unlimiteds are any sights (scopes allowed) but the Grand Aggregate, one nominated card in each event, is also restricted to iron sights. Choose when to shoot your nominated card with care.

New for 2013 are High Possible Score (HPS) jewels, which can be claimed in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Bisley Bible and offer a chance of recognition for that one-off card that may never be repeated.

Overall – with very reasonably priced entry fees and simple shooting challenges not found at any other meeting – the P&GR is worth a visit this year.

Imperial Historic Arms Meeting – July 6-7

This is a smaller version of the Trafalgar Meeting which is held later in the year. It's an opportunity to bring historic and classic guns and to compete 'in the spirit of the original'.

There are a wide variety of events on offer on Melville, Century, Running Deer and Boar and Short Siberia.

The entry form is available for download from the NRA website together with general information from the historic and classics discipline committee and the courses of fire and match conditions.

There are some changes this year in the programme: there are a few more events, and the dateline for post-veteran firearms has now been extended to 1960.

The biggest change this year is that the meeting will be fully squaddened in the same way as the Trafalgar. Pressure on range space at the Imperial is ever present and it is up to all the elements of the Meeting to make the best use of the targets.

Imperial Draws

Congratulations to the winners of the various draws for a cash prize or full or partial entry fee refunds.

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– **David Morris £100**

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MATCH REPORTS

Results and reactions from target rifle competitions around the country

Ibis Rifle Club Open Meeting

Bisley, 13 April

By Frank Harriss, Ibis Secretary

A good field of 41 turned out, depleted by some last-minute cancellations owing to school arrangements and motorway blockages – or had they read the weather forecast? Your correspondent found 300 difficult, but then he usually does. Things seemed to get easier at 500, where there were six possibles, but more difficult at 600, where the highest scores were two 49s. The clear winner was Layne Chisholm from High Wycombe with 149.18, followed by Simon Shouler from Langar RC with 146.17, counting out John Stirland from Club XXV.

After lunch came the special Ibis long-range shoot, at 1,000 and 1,100. As has been remarked before, such shoots change one's long-range perspective, since 1,000 becomes the easy range! As predicted, the rain began during the first detail at 1,000 yards but did not wait until the forecast 4pm to get heavier. It came from 7 o'clock, a demon angle for keeping one's scorebook dry. By 1,100 yards, the rain was grimly persistent and visibility was poor, causing a number of the less intrepid souls to call it a day. The rain made it difficult for the markers to find the shot-holes on a soaking target. The

RCO David Stevens, assisted by Eddie Young, worked valiantly to relay the messages to the butts and the replies to disconsolate firers, as the shoots slowly proceeded.

Of course, as usual in difficult conditions, some doughty firers came in with good scores. Vivian Robertshaw from Leeds had a steady 46.1 at 1000 and a sterling 44.2 at 1100 to finish on top with 90.3. Layne Chisholm was just a point behind, 89.6, very closely chased by the Ibis chairman David Smith with 89.5. Mention must also be made of the Ibis captain, Peter Griggs who came fourth with 86.6, made the hard way with 45.4 at 1,100.

There were four F/TR shooters, shooting at F-class targets, and John Chambers of the NRA won the Short, Long and Aggregate competitions. The prize for each was a bottle of port, so we hope you are feeling well when you read this, John! Tom Bond, an Ibis member, came second at short range, while Louise, his wife and an Ibis committee

member, beat him into second place at long range.

The stats team of Peter Griggs and David Smith did a grand job of deciphering all the soggy register cards, and Peter presented the prizes in the warm and dry of the clubroom. Layne Chisholm won the Aggregate Cup with 238.24, followed by Stephen Maris from Sheffield and Peter Griggs. The under-19 aggregate was hotly contested by a group from Wellington College, but the winner was Laura Kennedy from Nottingham City, beating Oscar Graziosi from Wellington. It should be recorded that Laura also beat her older brother and her father!

The prize for the under-19 aggregate was a £20 gift voucher from HPS Target Rifles, which sponsors the meeting by supplying four of these vouchers as prizes. We are very grateful for this support.

We still have room for more members and anyone needing details should consult the website www.ibisrifleclub.co.uk.

In F Class, John Chambers won the Short, Long and Aggregate competitions. The prize for each was a bottle of port

South Saxon Cup

Sussex CRA, 24 March

By Tony de Launay

It was certainly not the most welcoming of weather for the first Sussex match of the season, with the bitter east wind fresh from the Russian steppes, and occasional blasts of sleet dulling the picture. In fact the temperature did not rise much – if at all – above zero all morning on Century Range. So for the dozen or so competitors who made it to the firing-point it was a matter of

controlling the shivers enough to wobble it into the middle.

Hurstpierpoint's Alan Fitch emerged as the winner, pipping Horsham's Martin Woolger. Fitch was quick to acknowledge the misfortune of Reg Roberts who had one of his shots declared a 'miss' at 600 yards when he was heading for what would have been a winning score.

At the County AGM after the match the members of the association elected Les Wicker as their new president to replace the late Maurice Ayling. They also confirmed

the County's decision to move to 'supply your own' ammunition in an attempt to offer shooters a way of controlling their costs.

13 and 14 April

The Sussex season continued with a narrow team victory over Berkshire and Hertfordshire in a desperately close encounter. In blustery conditions Sussex scored 865.89 to 863.79 by Berks and 862.80 by Herts to snatch victory. In the Sussex Astor heat, Hurstpierpoint on 589.39 snatched the 'go forward' card from Horsham (588.48) by a single point with Hailsham third.

For full results see pages 56-57.

Crossing the divide

The National Clay Shooting Centre has provided expert tuition for more than 100 years. Barry Desborough urges members to try something different



As part of the National Rifle Association, the National Clay Shooting Centre (NCSC) – also based on Bisley Camp – provides an excellent place for the clay target shooter to develop and enhance their skills.

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NRA members are invited to the next 'Have a Go Day' event at Bisley, to be held Sunday 21 July. The session will last two hours, and the £40 ticket price includes 50 cartridges and clays per person as well as hearing protection and gun hire. ■

To book your place call: **01483 797666**.

Bisley Clubs' Easter Meeting

31 March–2 April

By Tony de Launay

Shooting does not get much colder than this. It seemed as though all the cold Easters of the 1970s had returned to challenge those of a hardy – or foolhardy – disposition. The bitter winds continued to blow, but at least snow and rain held off for the first time in several weeks for the first major rifle event of the year. At least the event resulted in hot competition, going down to the wire for a count-out on the highest score at the longest range after David Crispin and Dominic de Vere had finished on identical scores of 548 and 70 centrals.

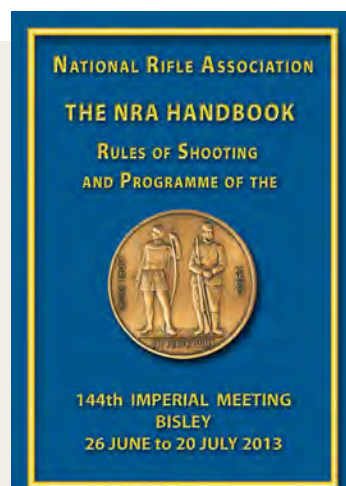
Careful scrutiny of the outcome of the sixth and final shoot at 1,000 yards revealed that Crispin had 72.6 and de Vere had 72.5. It was one central clincher that secured Crispin the spoils. De Vere had to make himself content with finishing off his packing, and catching the bus on which the England team left that evening for the airport and South Africa. John Pugsley took the third podium spot.

Bisley Bible

In the latest edition of the NRA Handbook (also known as the Bisley Bible) there are changes that pertain to many areas of NRA shooting and range behaviour. All changes of significance are listed in the foreword; the most significant relate to such subjects as unload and inspection drills, range supervision, radio code messages, dangerous ammunition, muzzle brakes and indiscriminate firing.

You can also read all the changes by visiting www.nra.org.uk and clicking 'Downloads' then 'NRA handbook'.

Please read the changes, as they directly affect conduct on the range.



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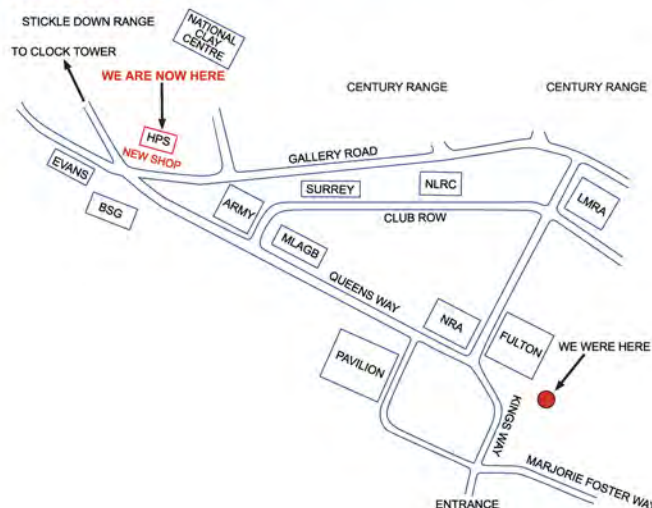
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Shotgun Scene



We round up the early season shotgun shoots from Shield's Hardy match to the SAW

The Hardy practical shotgun competition

Shield Shooting Centre, Dorset, 9-10 March
By George Granycome

The valley in which Shield ranges nestle shelters shooters from winds from all directions except due north – and from the north it blew, a cutting draught with knives in it.

This Hardy match had 10 stages, and all were excellent. The slug stage in particular was an interesting 20 rounds with 10 paper targets but a fearsome array of no-shoots. Provided the shooter did not permit the no-shoots to cloud his judgment, it was actually easy and very exhilarating.

Apart from the slug stage there were four longer stages of about 18 rounds and four shorter 'speed shoot' stages of about eight rounds, which made for a nicely balanced match.

The key to a good shotgun stage is that it presents a problem, or series of problems,

to the shooter – perhaps there are two or three different ways to shoot it. On one stage there was the opportunity of some long shots, and if you were confident of your aim and the knock-down capability of your gun/choke/cartridge combination, you could cut corners and go faster than shooters who lacked that confidence or knowledge.

For the light-on-their-feet there was a stage where the shooter had to move down-range, stepping from tyre to tyre without touching the ground, shooting targets from atop them. It was not so bad shooting from this position, but reloading caught me out. There was a longer stage where at one point you had to squeeze into a tight space to shoot targets. The better shooters planned their shooting to finish in the tight space although that did not at first appear the best way to shoot it. The speed shoots were brilliant – eight targets in a row, shoot 'em fast!

Another of the speed shoots entailed shooting down a steel pepper popper,

which activated shutters that fell away to reveal static clays. There were nine targets in all, and standard division shooters begin with nine in the gun. Should you load an extra one to be sure? I planned to shoot it to the empty gun, missed one and had to reload – a mini-disaster, but nothing ventured, nothing gained. Especially for me, an ex-matlot, there was a stage shot through a porthole. You stood in front of it with your empty gun laid on the deck, had to pick up your gun, load, open the porthole, and shoot a variety of targets through it.

The Hardy now counts as the first match of the Four Islands season. F4i runs a shotgun 'league' aimed at encouraging clubs to put on competitions shot in accordance with their own rules, safety procedures and range orders, with no overbearing interference. At the end of the year the results are calculated to produce champions of the various divisions, and the overall position of every shooter. For more information visit www.four4islands.org.

Andy Newman Memorial Competition

Misholt Copse, 21 April

By George Granycome

Romsey Shooting Club holds competitive shoots every month – most at their home range at Misholt Copse. It is a wonderful place for practical shotgun because, with careful selection of safety angles, several stages can be safely shot simultaneously without the need to build tyre or earth walls.

The Andy Newman Memorial Competition is shot in memory and tribute to Andy, who died in January. He would have shot the match with his usual skill and aplomb. Linda Newman presented an elegant trophy to the overall winner Mike Darby, which will be placed on permanent display in the Old Sergeant's Mess at Bisley.

The first stage had the shooter seated on a large cable reel, like a circular table, with their cartridge belt beside them and their empty gun several yards away in front of the targets. Shooters had to grab their ammo, load their gun, and hit eight plates. It was easy to fumble the load, and there were a couple of tight no-shoots. Stage two saw mini-poppers and a static clay on a high post. Some had to be shot at long range – the stage was not as easy as it looked. Next, three steel plates hanging on chains. You had to shoot them three times, each run timed and scored separately. I wish I had been as quick on the first run as I was on the last.

Stage four was a long course of 24 steel targets – not for the unfit. There followed a course of eight plates, a nothing-special blag,

followed by 'Zigzag' – 14 steel plates and five static clays. It was a long, physical stage. The clays could be shot up close, which, perversely, makes them easy to miss. Stage seven was an eight-plate speed shoot like stage five but with some subtle differences.

Stage eight featured 21 steel plate targets, and was shot with buckshot. Buck has longer range and more knock-down power, is more expensive, and the recoil is heavier. Stage nine was of 15 shots through two apertures. The competitor had to position himself and shoot through the apertures at awkward angles, which suited the elfin but not me!

There were a huge number of entries – 70 for a one-day competition, and they were still turning people away. It may be the first indication of practical shotgun taking off in this country after being in the doldrums for many years, and I would personally like to thank Romsey Shooting Club.

SAW 2013 Target Shotgun report

By James Harris, NRA Target Shotgun rep (targetshotgun@nra.org.uk)

Snow! Well at least Short Siberia was aptly named, in terms of both distance to targets and weather conditions. The Spring Action Weekend is the first time each year for many shooters that the solid slug is dug out from the gun box and lugged to the range. This year's SAW was another first, with the recently approved first edition of the Target Shotgun rules used for the first time in competition.

It is a pity the same could not be said of the target mechanisms that have taken a battering over the years and gave up the will to work in the afternoon. Praise to the NSC team for turning out promptly to repair them, but the rain and cold weather had put the kybosh on the electrics, so we continued with only half the target bank working.

For those familiar with the GR&P events TP1 and MT, the matches will hold no fear as they are exactly the same except the holes are generally 0.725in rather than .38. The NRA Embassy Cup is different as it requires the competitor to not only reload during the 20-second exposure time but to change positions as well; prone, kneeling or sitting as specified; something that is best performed while wearing waterproofs lest soggianness prevail for the rest of the day.

There were a few high but not quite high enough scores from the 50+ entries but no possibles this time. Who knows what the Phoenix will bring? Sunshine hopefully.

Speaking of the Phoenix, we looked forward to its eight shotgun events counting towards a Grandmaster Medal – if there ever was a time to dig out the trusty pigeon gun from the back of the cupboard, this was it.



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Powder priorities

Reloaders, rejoice – Laurie Holland has the low-down on a number of new powders from America and Europe



There is a shortage of US-sourced handloading components, owing to panic buying and hoarding. This has led to desperate enquiries about the availability of stock, as well as suggestions about substitutions.

Nevertheless, I'll delve into a quartet of 'American' powders (the nationality in quotes as only one is made in the USA): Hodgdon's CFE223 and IMR-8208 XBR; double base extruded Reloder 17 and AR-Comp from Alliant ATK. The Alliant products are of European origin, Switzerland (Nitro-Chemie AG) and Sweden (Bofors) respectively. IMR-8208 XBR (or XBR, as it's called by most retailers) is a single base extruded propellant made in Australia. Only 'spherical' CFE223 is made in the USA, by the St. Marks Powder Co.

New technology

Reloder 17 is a groundbreaking propellant as the chemicals that control its burning rate are not externally applied at a late stage in the manufacturing process, instead infused throughout the propellant mix using some special, secret process. It was originally developed for the venerable Swiss GP31 7.5x55mm ball cartridge, and is still used by the Swiss military in its machine guns. It's a dense double-base type whose burning rate is close to Viht N550 and the various 4350s. It provides superb performance and high MVs in many mid-size to large cartridges, in particular the new short magnums and medium capacity 6mm numbers, including 6mm

Dasher, 6-6.5x47mm Lapua and the 6XC Tubb. It also works well in .308 Win heavy bullet (200-230 grain) match loads, especially if used in Lapua's new Palma (small primer) brass. Unfortunately, there are no free lunches in internal ballistics, and it has acquired a reputation as a barrel-burner.

XBR is reportedly Hodgdon's most temperature-tolerant powder, more so than its justly renowned VarGet, and was originally developed for military use. It's slightly slower burning than H4895, and likely started out as H4895 before being modified in some way. That makes it a flexible number – I particularly like it in .308 Win for long range 155-grain match loads.

The CFE part of Hodgdon CFE223 is an abbreviation of Copper Fouling Eraser, another military-inspired innovation, which reduces the build up of metallic barrel fouling. It incorporates an ingredient that seals the microscopic barrel pores

and stops bullet jacket material being deposited. Hornady uses it in its .204 Ruger factory ammo, thereby avoiding the coppering problems that destroyed the earlier generation high-velocity micro calibre .17 Remington's reputation. CFE's burning rate is close to H4895, H335, and BL-C(2). This makes it useful in a large number of small to mid-size cartridges, including .223 Rem, with mid-weight and heavier bullets, and .308 Win, which has load data that promises very high MVs.

AR-Comp starts out as Bofors-manufactured, double base extruded Reloder 15 before undergoing treatment to make it temperature tolerant – which it successfully does, also making its burning rate slightly slower. I'd love to try it in .223 Rem with 90-grain VLDs where its Re15 base performs well, and it'll have a huge range of other mid-size cartridge applications. Derek Edgar of importer Edgar Brothers says it's unlikely we'll see





Lovex loads data are available in printed form from Westlander, and online at www.explosia.cz.

Budget conscious

For those on tight budgets, a small supplier called Commonsense Firearms imports and packages two Swiss-manufactured powders: TR140 and Elcho 17. TR stands for 'target rifle,' and 140 refers to Vihtavuori N140 – the newcomer having been apparently formulated to provide close, if not identical, characteristics to the Finnish product (both fine-grained, single-base extruded types). I tested it against genuine N140 in .223 Rem (Berger 77-grain) and .308 Win (155-grain Sierra MK) using identical charge weight ranges, brass and primers fired in a single session in the same rifles. MVs and performance were so close as to be indistinguishable in these two combinations. There are no published loads data, the advice being to use N140's and working up carefully from its recommended starting loads. Elcho 17 is double-base Alliant Re17 obtained direct from the original manufacturer, and the latter's loads data apply. Why use either? £55 per kg (£25/lb) RRP is an excellent persuader. A growing number of retailers stock them and there has been coverage of TR140 loads and availability on internet shooting forums.

There are more new powders, including Henry Krank's nine-product Ramshot range, which I've found impressive even in limited testing. I hope to cover them separately. ■

Reloder 17 works well in 200-230 grain match loads. Unfortunately, it has acquired a reputation as a barrel-burner

it, however. Alliant ATK markets AR-Comp primarily to US Service Rifle shooters, hence its name, and probably won't bother having it CE certified for European sales.

Czech-Mate

Few British handloaders know about Czech powders, but they've long been on sale (originally as Accurate Arms, now as Lovex). Made by Explosia in the country's Semtin industrial region (presumably where 'Semtex' explosives originate), there are 14 rifle and pistol grades in single-base extruded or double-base ball formulations. I've used the rifle powders in the past and reported on their usually excellent performance, so won't go there again. But I do want to mention two recent introductions: single-base extruded SO62 and SO65, the former previously known, often still sold, as Accurate Arms-4064.

This is a copy of the venerable American IMR-4064, one of the most useful medium cartridge powders ever produced. So far, I've had excellent results with it in 7.62x54R with 174-grain bullets and .308 Win with 155-175 grainers. The Lovex Reloading Guide 2012 lists SO65 with an identical burning speed to VarGet, which got people excited, especially with the latter in desperately short supply. However,

looking at the loads data and trying it in a couple of cartridges suggests it's slightly slower burning, and a bit bulkier too. The combination of these features restricts the performance that can be extracted from capacity-limited cartridges, including .308 Win, especially when loading heavier bullets to standard COALs. Nevertheless, it'll be a useful powder in many applications.

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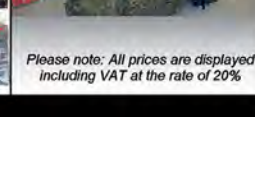
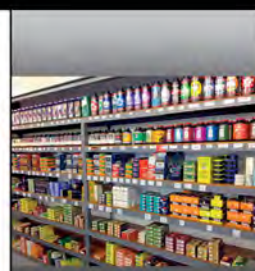


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2015 GB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

TO THE USA

I am privileged to have been invited by the NRA to captain the Great Britain Target Rifle Team to contest the next Long Range World Championships, the Palma. The match will take place at Camp Perry in the United States in August 2015 and I expect the tour to take just under three weeks.

I am delighted to announce that Nigel Ball and Toby Raincock

have accepted my invitations to be vice-captain and adjutant respectively. I intend to take the strongest team possible and I now invite applications to join the training squad from which the rest

of the team will be selected. I intend to hold a number of training/trials weekends this autumn and in 2014 before selecting the team.

I should like to encourage those who might not consider themselves ready for the full Palma team but who are eligible for and considering applying for the Under 25 team to contact me also. I intend to invite the Captain of the Under 25 team (soon to be appointed) to train their team alongside the main Palma squad, and hope to run some joint training weekends this autumn.

If you wish to apply or have any questions, please contact me by email to janepalma2015@gmail.com or by letter c/o the North London Rifle Club, Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0NY, by 20 June 2013 at the latest and earlier if possible.

Jane Messer, Captain, GB Palma Team 2015

NRA GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Chairman

Dr Robin Pizer has been re-elected unopposed

Committee Members

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Bisley General Meeting

The 2013 Bisley General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 July at 9pm in the Umbrella Tent.

Team Captaincies

Nominations are invited for Captains of the following teams:

- **Great Britain Kolapore Match 2014**
- **NRA Team to the Channel Islands 2015**

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2014 GB RIFLE TEAM TO CANADA

I am honoured to have been asked by NRA Council to captain the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada in 2014. I am delighted that Jane Messer and Martin Whicher have agreed to be my vice-captain and adjutant, respectively.

The tour will take place in August of next year and should last two to three weeks. As well as the Commonwealth and Canada Matches, there will be an America Match held at Connaught. We will also attend a set of warm-up shoots, with a provincial meeting or Camp Perry being possibilities. Details will be e-mailed in due course.

Applications will be welcome equally from prospective caps of all ages and from more seasoned GB team members. Applications are also encouraged from those who aspire to a position on the Palma squad, whose captain will look at performances on this tour.

Please submit your application, including evidence of your team shooting (or wind coaching) ability as well as individual achievements, in writing c/o NLRC or by e-mail to mjcharlton@gmail.com, no later than Final Saturday of the 2013 Imperial Meeting. If you are not yet known to me, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to me by that date.

The team should be selected by this autumn, and team members should expect to attend training weekends next spring, to help out with corporate days and ideally to help raise funds to defray the costs of the tour. I intend to take a team to Canada that will perform strongly, develop its members' skills, enjoy itself and represent the NRA and Great Britain well.

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Obituaries



WALTER MAGNAY

**1 NOVEMBER 1919 –
26 MARCH 2013**

Walter Magnay was the last of the great rifle shooters who emerged in the years just before the war. He was one of the distinctive characters among the Bisley-based "tigers" who topped the prize lists from the 1950s to the 1980s, and he was one of the finest shots ever to represent England and Great Britain. He was a respected ambassador for the sport, fostering goodwill and humour among the opposition. He toured Australia, Canada (five times), the Channel Islands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and Switzerland as a member of British and other UK teams.

He won the Lt Governor's Prize at Montreal, Quebec, in 1950, followed by the New Zealand Queen's Prize and Ballinger Belt in 1974, and the Queen's Prize at Bisley in 1976. In a shooting career spanning from 1947 to 1995 he won

51 caps for England, and 17 for Great Britain during the annual Bisley Imperial Meeting, together with a host of other individual honours.

Younger shooters would often see Magnay, Robin Fulton, Larry and Jean Orpen-Smellie and their illustrious shooting friends gathered at the back of the firing point in the setting July sun at the annual Bisley international matches, after shooting had finished for the day.

They were gathered for the evening ceremony of swapping hard or good luck stories on their day's fortunes, washed down by the inevitable pink gins. It was a sight that brought a degree of reassurance to hurried competitors, and the knowledge that there was time for relaxation among sportsmen and women in a hectic world.

Magnay's victory in the Queen's Prize in 1976 came after a three-way tie shoot with Libby Felton of Australia, and his friend Ted Molyneux. Molyneux recalled Magnay's advice on tie shoots: get your shots off quickly so as to disconcert the other competitors.

In a fitful breeze Molyneux did just that, but failed to find the bullseye with his first two shots. He looked across at Magnay to see him with a sizeable grin.

"I could have throttled him," said Molyneux, who joined double Queen's Prize winners Keith Pilcher, George Twine and George Arnold to carry the winner's chair from the firing point.

To the younger generation in the 1960s and 1970s, the elite of the fullbore rifle shooting world, holding court on the verandas of the Bisley Clubs in the early evening, could seem a forbidding crowd. Not so Magnay, a man of round-faced charm with a perpetual smile that easily turned into a guffaw of laughter. He had an unfailing ability to pay attention to the queries of youth. He delighted in sharing his experiences with those wanting to learn the ways of the sport and to improve their skills.

One young shot of the time recalled Magnay's disapproval of long hair. Flowing locks and extravagant sideburns had cost the youth a place on Magnay's 1969 British World Championship team to Canada. Having won the Governor-General's Prize the previous year at Ottawa, the young shooter determinedly travelled again, as a privateer, appearing in Ottawa at the British team's base with something approaching a haircut, to ask permission to use their facilities. "Yes," was Magnay's answer, and "While you are here would you like to join the team: we are one short as one of our number succumbed to flight-phobia and did not get on the plane." The youth turned in some of the tour's top scores.

Walter Humphrey Magnay was born in 1919. His father owned Guildford Sheet Metal Works. Educated at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, where he learnt to shoot, he left school in 1935 to join the family firm. In 1938, as the storm clouds brewed over Europe, he enlisted with 318 Royal Engineers (Territorial Army) Anti-Aircraft Company at Guildford.

He was mobilised for two weeks' training at Abinger Hatch village hall and, after postings to searchlight and anti-aircraft and transport units within Britain, he obtained a commission in December 1942. The following January he married Joyce, and in February sailed for the Mediterranean. However, his ship ended up in Durban via a stopover in Freetown. From there orders led him by train and motor transport to Kenya.

Directed to carry out an inspection of motor transport vehicles of East Africa Command, he, a staff sergeant and 10 other ranks circulated through Abyssinia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, ensuring all types of lorries and trucks were being kept in good order.

While there he organised his workshop African troops to take

part in the Eastern Command rifle meeting. They won the "Falling Plates" and his African regimental sergeant-major won the individual African championship, while he won the European championship, all to the chagrin of the King's African Rifles.

After a spell in Nairobi, during which he brought cheer to the troops by organising visits by Queen Alexandra nursing staff and vehicle-testing safaris to bag animals for the pot, he was posted to 11 East African Division, SE Asia Command. Jungle training in Colombo prefaced support action near Imphal. He recalled the bloody sights of recent battle areas and the construction of the longest Bailey bridge over the Chindwin River at Kalewa, for the British 2nd Division to cross in pursuit of retreating Japanese. He was promoted to major in 1945 just as the planned amphibious landing to recapture Rangoon was called off after the Japanese surrender.

He returned home in 1946 after delays to write engineering reports on the Burma campaign, allowing him a roundabout journey via Khartoum and the Valley of the Kings, Cairo, Alexandria, Toulon via Malta and, finally, train to Dieppe. He rejoined the family business, where wartime contracts for military and civil equipment were at an end. He set about finding new work in the private sector, concentrating on sheet metal work fabrication, car body repairs and vehicle repainting. The firm quickly established a reputation with components for Duple coaches and bodywork for D-Type Jaguars. Motor traders came to know that repairs and repainting would be done to the highest standards, contributing to the firm's move to Peasmarsh near Godalming to allow expansion for installation of the latest in hot-spray booth facilities.

Magnay retired from the family business in 1986 and moved to the Isle of Man. There he was able to indulge his love of sailing, having been tutored in dinghy sailing in the postwar years by his old shooting friend Tom Debenham. He had many adventurous trips out into the Irish Sea in what he described as his "gentleman's" Fairey Huntsman 28 cruiser, returning wet through but with his smile intact.

Never one to remain idle, he represented the Isle of Man at smallbore and fullbore shooting from 1986 to 1992. He won its fullbore championship in 1989 and captained it to victory in the Junior Mackinnon long-range match at Bisley in 1992. He returned to the mainland in 2006 to live in Locks Heath, Hampshire, near the River Hamble.

Magnay is survived by his wife of 70 years, Joyce, and their two sons.

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MARTIN WORKMAN

3 AUGUST 1936 –
24 FEBRUARY 2013

A great supporter of Gloucestershire shooting passed away suddenly in February. Martin Workman from Dursley was one of those people you could always count on as being there to do things for a club, to help out with a team in a match or to provide individual advice and encouragement. He was the kind of person who simply kept things going.

I admired his efforts especially as he had suffered health problems in more recent years. A particular event stuck with me – and indeed, although he never knew it, caused me to use Martin as an example when trying to describe the essence of fullbore target rifle shooting to visitors to Bisley who would comment on the difficulties of dealing with wind and weather.

Martin may have been surprised that I remembered something that happened back in 1976, but in that year he won both the Corporation and Monday Aggregate. No mean achievement but remarkable for the manner in which it was done.

At that time he shared a rifle with his brother Chris and, owing to a small early morning misunderstanding on where the sights had been set, Martin went off to shoot at 1,000 yards with a 900-yard

setting. Perhaps unsurprisingly he missed with both his sighters but he realised the error, carried on, scored 50, scored highly in the extra tie shots used at the time and came out on top.

I thus use a phrase that characterised him in that competition and that might be a motto for many a fullbore target shooter: 'Never give up'.

He didn't then, and he didn't in later years when afflicted with Guillain-Barre syndrome, which left him seriously ill and with some difficulties in mobility. He would not miss a trip to Bisley and the Imperial meeting, however, even if he was not shooting. In any type of weather he would be keen to make his way across the range to support Dursley Club or Gloucestershire County teams and to enjoy the company of those he knew at Bisley.

He will be sadly missed. He was a real help to us all and one of those people who make it a pleasure to be part of the target shooting sport. He took pleasure from a long-awaited Gloucestershire success in the county Short Range Championship Junior event in 2012 – a first ever victory – and was pleased to see how the young shooters he helped got established in the sport.

His well-attended funeral service at Dursley on 15 March caught the sense of how he helped people in spite of difficulties. He will indeed be missed by many in the sport as well as his family.

John Deane

IVAN SEACH-ALLEN

1938 – 2013

Pistol shot, pilot, property developer: Ivan's interests and talents touched many peoples' lives, in various fields, but his modesty and private nature meant few of his friends knew the whole picture.

Only fragments are known of his early life, although some years were spent in Central Africa, where his early shooting skills were learnt. Later, and as a strict vegetarian, he would always decline invitations to shoot game, explaining: "I only shoot at things that are shooting back at me." Very recently, he divulged that, "a very bad place to be shot at is on a metal railway bridge, because there is absolutely no cover."

He was a member of Marylebone Rifle and Pistol Club from the 1960s, and later joined the NRA, British Pistol Club and the Surrey Rifle Association, which he served as a successful chairman. He joined the Wandsworth Fullbore Rifle Club, initially to tour Australia on its 1988 Bicentennial Team, and later on its visit to Caylus, south-west France, where his skill with all firearms was deployed to spectacular effect.

In 1997, he was persuaded to send his pistols to Belgium rather than hand them in to the police for destruction. Later, he moved them to Switzerland, joining the British Alpine Rifles. It was here that his pistol shooting talent blossomed again, and where his gift for patiently teaching and enthusing others was generously shared. This gift for teaching displayed itself in another area: helicopter flying. He was one of the few UK instructors authorised to certify pilots for operating twin-engined machines in the US.

Another hobby of Ivan's was handicap air racing, winning most of the cups made famous by aces of the 1930s, including, in 2002, the world-famous Schneider Trophy, the replica of which he is pictured with. Typically, his modesty scuppered an attempt by his friends to get the magnificent trophy to Bisley for display during the Imperial.

Finally, he was a skilled and successful property developer. As a member of an early syndicate trying to launch the Hogleas Hall building at Bisley, he took part in the fraught negotiations to acquire the site, maintaining his impeccable manners throughout. He was instrumental in the decision to convert the existing building, rather than demolish and rebuild.

His friends across the shooting disciplines will miss him. We extend our sympathies to his beloved wife, Shiloo. *I.R.M.B.*



NORMAN BARTON

DECEMBER 1926 – FEBRUARY 2013

Norman Barton was born in 1926 on the Isle of Wight to a family that can be traced back to the 1500s.

During the Second World War he served as a home guard messenger boy and well remembered the bombing of Cowes in May 1942. He started a five-year apprenticeship in the ship drawing office at J.S. White's Shipyard at Cowes in 1943. From the 1950s Norman shot with the Newport and District Rifle Club, at the indoor range at Newport and at the outdoor range at Newtown Creek. He participated in summer visits by the club to Bisley. In 1964 the shipyard closed and Norman and his family moved to Brookwood, so he could commute to London to his new job as the Greater London Council's naval architect. The proximity to Bisley was obviously also a strong influence on his move.

In addition to work connected with the Woolwich ferries and the fleet of sludge vessels, he found time to shoot at the basement range at County Hall. Norman was a member of the Farnham Rifle Club since the 1960s and was club secretary from April 1981 until 2012, a grand total of 31 years. Members recall him as a helpful person and welcoming to new members. He was also regarded as a good wind judge particularly at long range – experience gained over many years shooting.

One of his most satisfying achievements was to reach the final of the Queen's Prize in 1978. To do so he used one of the first South African Musgrave rifles to have been imported into the

country. He joined the Crown Agents in the 1970s, rising to be in charge of the marine department, which entailed overseas trips to places as diverse as Brunei and Tanzania. Norman retired from this role in 1984 and became the NRA armourer until 1987. He then looked after the NRA trophies exhibition for a couple of years.

In 1988 he participated in the RAF Target Rifle Club goodwill team to the bicentennial tour to Australia, combining this with a four-month tour with his beloved wife Audrey. Norman always enjoyed visiting Bisley and continued to shoot with Farnham RC until early 2012, and he watched his final Queen's Prize final in July last year.

Unfortunately, increasing frailness and illness meant he moved to a local nursing home in October 2012 where he subsequently died on 20 February this year, having bravely battled prostate cancer. He will be missed by many shooters at Bisley.



ANTHONY ELLIS

1942 – 2012

Tony Ellis and I joined Leek Rifle & Pistol Club in 1972. The club was founded as a Home Guard Training Centre in the early 1940s and all the shooting was in a cement blockhouse in Alma Street in Leek.

Tony joined as a police officer member and was instrumental in helping to plan and build what is now The Leek Shooting Centre at Blackshaw Moor on the Buxton Road, three miles outside the town of Leek. It has a clubhouse, indoor 25-metre range, and outdoor 25-, 50- and 100-yard ranges. This enables us to shoot everything from air pistol, air rifle up to fullbore rifle.

Tony was not only a Police Master Pistol Shot but an excellent small-bore and fullbore enthusiast. He trained the Staffordshire Police Armed Response Group and the Riot Squad and

was Police Sniper trained. After he retired with the rank of Inspector he was invited back to take part in the Police Athletic Association Full Bore Bisley Competition in 2003, winning it with a score of 149.23 out of a possible 150.

He was a leading influence in inter-club co-operation, and our outdoor range at Thorpe Village in the Peak District is shared with several clubs from Derbyshire and Notts. To share meetings, competitions and real friendships with the Mansfield and Derwent Clubs has led to great relationships. Several years ago the Derwent and Leek fullbore sections were amalgamated under Leek's banner.

At various periods, Tony was team captain, competition secretary, chairman and president of the club. He had more influence for the good of every member than anyone else I know of. He was respected as the best type of police officer, companion, friend and sportsman with a sense of humour that was never far away. He is sorely missed.

Vic Smith

RALPH KINGSTON

4 MAY 1926 – 21 MARCH 2013

Ralph Kingston leaves Catherine, his wife of 62 years, three sons and six grandchildren. He was always proud and supportive of the family, though we suspect there was just the slightest of regrets that none of his sons had followed him into shooting.

His early years were spent in North Yorkshire and Surrey. He joined the Royal Navy during World War II and was on HMS Argonaut at the D-Day landings, and later as part of the British Pacific Fleet. He stayed in the navy after the war and I believe it was during this time his interest in shooting began – the first evidence I have come across is in the form of team photos from the mid-1950s.

After leaving the navy in 1966, he worked for the John Lewis Partnership in and around London. The family moved to Berkshire to enable that daily commute. However, being within easy distance of Bisley was also a factor in the choice of location. Later he moved successfully into financial planning. Again shooting was a factor, as being self-employed allowed him the time to undertake a number of trips with GB teams around the world, as well as attending meetings around the country.

I, as one of those three sons who did not follow him into shooting, am not in the best position to describe his shooting achievements. Now, as I sit in his study and look around me, I see some of the evidence of his shooting career and successes. There are cups, medals, tankards, badges, spoons, team and individual photographs. Great Britain Rifle Team tour photos contain a number from trips to Canada between 1978 and 1988. He was captain for the last of these. There were also trips to the West Indies, Australia, Channel Islands and more. There are team photographs for the England team at the Mackinnon Match for a number of years as well as group and individual photos – formal and informal.

My personal memories of his shooting include the winning of a national trophy in a close finish with Lord Swansea but then being unable to raise himself from a prone position as his back



had "gone" – again! I remember his pride when he did make it into the last 100 of the Queen's Prize. I recall one particular trophy – a Berkshire stag – being a fairly frequent resident at the house for a number of years.

He was always a private man. It was said that he did not speak just to fill a silence but only when he felt he had something he wanted to say. He was always competitive in his shooting. He chose to retire from participating when he felt he was not able to continue to the standard he had set himself, but he always retained his interest in the sport.

If there are friends who would like to share their thoughts and memories of my father, the family would be delighted to receive them.

John Kingston

MICHAEL CHARLES PUTTOCK

Michael Charles Puttock was a life member of the NRA and shot for many years at Bisley, at one time being captain of the London and Middlesex and acting as a wind coach for Middlesex.

He won numerous medals and was in the Queen's Hundred several times, his best result being twelfth. He was also in the British Team to the Channel Islands in 1974 and to Canada in 1978.

Although ill health prevented his visits to Bisley for some time, his shooting gave him great pleasure for many years and I hope some people will remember him still.

Michael died on 13 March after a long battle with lung cancer at the age of 83. He leaves me, two sons, a daughter and two granddaughters.

Deirdre Puttock

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Results

PHOENIX MEETING 24-27 MAY (SELECTED RESULTS – FOR FULL RESULTS PLEASE VISIT WWW.NRA.ORG.UK)

INDIVIDUAL		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
25M PRECISION GRSB		
1	Philip van Tonder	280
2	Brian Girling	278
3	Jacques Kriek	275
25M PRECISION GRCF		
1	Neil Jones	299
2	Brian Girling	298
3	Heinrich Strauss	296
25M PRECISION GRCF OPEN		
1	Les Pearson	297
25M PRECISION GRCF CLASSIC		
1	Martin Benton	298
2	Ian Grant	296
3	Neil Jones	295
50M PRECISION GRSB		
1	Brian Girling	288
2	Francis Berry	287
3	Neil Jones	287
50M PRECISION GRCF		
1	Gerrie de Beer	283
2	Neil Jones	281
3	Michael Nestor	279
50M PRECISION GRCF OPEN		
1	Pet Pearson	276
50M PRECISION GRCF CLASSIC		
1	Les Pearson	271
2	Nicholas Bailey	264
TIMED & PRECISION 1 GRSB X		
1	Gwyn Roberts	300 (18X)
2	David Hackett	300 (16X)
3	John Robinson	300 (14X)
TIMED & PRECISION 1 GRCF X		
1	Gwyn Roberts	300 (27X)
2	Taff Wilcox	300 (26X)
3	Jon Aveltoomyan	300 (25X)
TIMED & PRECISION 1 GRCF OPEN		
1	Terry Fry	300
2	Alan Sutton	299
3	Reg Buckland	297
TIMED & PRECISION 1 GRCF CLASSIC		
1	Alan Podevin	300 (17X)
2	Phil Cowling	300 (16X)
3	Matthew Peppitt	299
MULTI-TARGET GRSB X		

1	Robert Tonner	117 (18X)
2	Jonathan Cormie	117 (13X)
3	Glenn Gordon	116
MULTI-TARGET GRCF X		
1	Gwyn Roberts	120 21X
2	Greg Rastall	119 (18X)
3	David Hackett	119 (16X)
MULTI-TARGET GRCF OPEN		
1	Steve Denton	107
MULTI-TARGET GRCF CLASSIC		
1	Alan Podevin	117
1500 GRSB X		
1	John Robinson	1491
2	Andrew Jarman	1487
3	Gwyn Roberts	1486
1500 GRCF X		
1	Gwyn Roberts	1498
2	John Robinson	1493 (113X)
3	Taff Wilcox	1493 (111X)
1500 GRCF OPEN		
1	Linda Sutcliffe	1475
1500 GRCF CLASSIC		
1	Andy Summers	1477
ADVANCING TARGET GRSB X		
1	Jonathan Cormie	292
2	Philip van Tonder	288
3	Gerrie de Beer	287
ADVANCING TARGET GRCF X		
1	Gerrie de Beer	180 (27X)
2	Greg Rastall	180 (27X)
3	Taff Wilcox	179
ADVANCING TARGET GRCF OPEN		
1	Chris West	179
2	Steve Denton	177 (24X)
3	Terry Fry	177 (21X)
ADVANCING TARGET GRCF CLASSIC		
1	David Holt	178
2	Ian Grant	177 (27X)
3	Alan Podevin	177 (25X)
MCQUEEN		
1	Derek Healy	55
2	Brian Reacher	54 (5V)
3=	Mike Barton	54 (4V)
3=	John Dukes	54 (4V)
3=	Peter Lomas	54 (4V)
3=	Christopher McGill	54 (4V)

3=	Adam Chapman	54 (4V)
MCQUEEN ISSUED RIFLE		
1	Deon de Villiers	55
2=	Philip van Tonder	54 (5V)
2=	Riaan Kunneke	54 (5V)
AGGREGATES		
JOHN ROLFE TROPHY		
1	Keith Cox	1183
SUE MANSBRIDGE ROSE BOWL		
1	John Robinson	2985
BIANCHI AGGREGATE		
1	Keith Cox	3818
PHOENIX GR CHAMPION		
1	Gwyn Roberts	6777
PETE KINGTON TROPHY		
1	Peter Collins	338
GALLERY RIFLE CLASSIC AGGREGATE TROPHY (PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF ALAN WHITTLE)		
1	Alan Podevin	594
ALAN WHITTLE NEWCOMERS TROPHY		
1	Riaan Kunneke	35
GRANDEST MASTER		
1	Terry Fry	59
2	Colin McMichael	50
3=	Morné van Dalen	44
3=	Glenn Gordon	44
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES		
GRSB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL CUP		
1	Great Britain	5913
2	Republic of Ireland	5877
3	South Africa	5864
4	Germany	5785
GRCF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL TROPHY		
1	Republic of Ireland	5938
2	Great Britain	5938
3	South Africa	5937
4	Germany	5906
GALLERY RIFLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AGGREGATE		
1	Great Britain	11851
2	Republic of Ireland	11815
3	South Africa	11801
4	Germany	11691

BISLEY CLUBS' EASTER		
31 MARCH-2 APRIL		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
MATCH 1 (300YDS)		
1	J Pugsley	75.12
2	N Atkins	75.11
3	D de Vere	75.11
F CLASS		
1	J Chambers	75.11
MATCH 2 (900YDS)		
1	A Gill	75.11
2	de Vere	75.9
3	B Horwood	75.9
F CLASS		
1	W Scholze	73.7
MATCH 3 (QUEEN'S I): COUNT BACK		
1	D Crispin	105.15
2	R Kitson	105.15
3	C Evans	105.15
F CLASS		
1	I Boxall	148.16
MATCH 4 (QUEEN'S II)		

1	R Benest	150.19
2	W Langley	149.21
3	Pugsley	149.21
F CLASS		
1	Boxall	196.22
SHORT RANGE AGGREGATE		
1	Pugsley	329.47
2	Evans	327.45
3	de Vere	327.45
F CLASS		
1	Boxall	417.42
MATCH 5 (900YDS)		
1	Gill	75.12
2	S East	75.11
3	Evans	75.11
F CLASS		
1	B Dowsett	75.5
MATCH 6 (1000YDS)		
1	P Chapman-Sheath	74.7
2	East	73.5
3	Crispin	72.6
F CLASS		

1	D Lloyd	71.5
LONG RANGE AGG		
1	East	222.22
2	Crispin	221.28
3	de Vere	221.25
F CLASS		
1	Dowsett	216.15
EASTER GRAND AGGREGATE		
1	Crispin	548.70
2	de Vere	548.70
3	Pugsley	546.74
F CLASS		
1	Boxall	632.60
13-14 APRIL		
COUNTY MATCH		
1	Sussex (M Woolger 148.21)	865.89
2	Berkshire (A Witcher 148.16)	863.79
3	Hertfordshire	862.80
SUSSEX ASTOR HEAT		
1	Hurstpierpoint (P Barber 102.8)	589.39
2	Horsham (M Woolger 100.12)	588.48
3	Hailsham (J Payne 101.10)	574.28

ENGLISH OPEN WHIT CMPSHIPS		
25-27 MAY		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
THE ASSOCIATION (QUEEN'S I)		
1	P Kent	105.19
2	J Warburton	105.16
3	D Rose	105.15
THE SECOND STAGE (QUEEN'S II)		
1	T Raincock	149.22
2	A McLean	149.21
3	Kent	149.21
THE CORTIS (600YDS)		
1	R Booth	75.12
2	Underwood	75.12
3	E Jeens	75.11
SUNDAY AGGREGATE		
1	Raincock	224.32
2	Jeens	224.30
3	Kent	223.34
SHORT RANGE AGG		
1	Kent	328.53
2	Jeens	327.46
3	Underwood	327.45
THE LONG (900YDS)		
1	P Sykes	74.12
2	C Hockley	74.9
3	H Golaszewski	74.7
THE FINAL (1000YDS)		
1	I Shaw	72.6
2	J Pugsley	71.10
3	A Gent	71.4
MONDAY AGG		
1	Hockley	145.12
2	Shaw	144.16

3	N Cole-Hawkins	143.17
GRAND AGG		
1	Shaw	467.56
2	Pugsley	466.50
3	Kent	465.66

SOUTH SAXON CUP		
24 MARCH (SUSSEX CRA)		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
(300 & 600YDS)		
1	A Fitch	146.13
2	M Woolger	145.16
3	R Roberts	144.18
CLASS B		
1	J Brooking	139.10

MINI PALMA MATCH 2013	
NORTH LONDON RC	
Captain	S Cheslyn-Curtis
Coaches	C Dickenson, G Larcombe
SHOOTER	TOTAL
D Coleman	206.15
N Cole-Hawkins	206.09
C Weeden	204.15
J Sweet	198.14
P Chapman-Sheath	196.11
R Baker	194.09
C Leighton	193.08
J Messer	193.07
TOTAL	1590.88
ATSC (TR)	

Captain	R Riley
Coaches	C Sykes, R Riley, M Carberry
SHOOTER	TOTAL
R Kitson	207.17
J Nice	206.13
A Gill	200.12
R Riley	200.09
A Mitchell	197.09
M Carberry	192.11
S Hill	189.07
A Godliman	189.05
TOTAL	1580.83
WELSH XX	
Captain	P Gray
Coaches	P Gray, L Brister
SHOOTER	TOTAL
G Morgan	207.13
T Nokes	206.06
E Jeens	206.05
W Lewis	200.11
D Davies	197.09
P Waldron	195.08
C Hockley	185.09
D Williams	183.07
TOTAL	1580.83
BEDFORDIANS/ SUFFOLK A	
SHOOTER	TOTAL
N Hart	206.11
B Ebbetts	204.11
W Amberg	204.07
P Sykes	201.09
M Kirkillo-Stacewicz	196.11
P Dawes	192.09
N Hudleston	182.07

MINI PALMA MATCH 2013	
BEDFORDIANS/ SUFFOLK A	
SHOOTER	TOTAL
G Hart	180.05
TOTAL	1565.70
BEDFORDIANS/ SUFFOLK B	
Captain	A Barnes
Coaches	R Hatcher, H Day, B Moore, A Thompson
SHOOTER	TOTAL
R Hatcher	202.15
H Day	201.09
A Barnes	199.09
A Thomson	198.10
M Ebbetts	193.11
B Moore	190.09
S Dawes	187.09
M Schwartz	180.07
TOTAL	1550.79
HERTFORDSHIRE	
Captain	R Winney
Coaches	M Townsend, P Holden, R Winney
SHOOTER	TOTAL
A Daw	203.14
N Verduyn	198.08
K Sheead	197.14
J Thompson	197.10
J Ouston	192.15
D Raeburn	191.07
M Barr	188.07
P Northam	181.07
TOTAL	1547.82

IBIS OPEN 2013				
AGGREGATE				
POSITION	SHOOTER	SR	LR	AGGREGATE
1	L Chisholm	149.18	89.06	238.24
2	S Maris	146.11	88.06	234.17
3	P Griggs	145.20	86.06	231.26
4	V Robertshaw	141.13	90.03	231.16
5	D Smith	142.11	89.05	231.16
6	K Wilson	144.13	86.05	230.18
7	R Shaw	144.14	83.03	227.17
8	R Burden	141.10	86.03	227.13
9	P Chapman-Sheath	145.17	78.02	223.19
10	F Harriss	140.07	82.01	222.08
F Class 1	J Chambers	143.12	80.01	223.13
F Class 2	L Bond	122.07	63.00	185.07
F Class 3	T Bond	131.07	45.00	176.07
F Class 4	D Clarke	115.06	NA	115.06

IBIS OPEN 2013			IBIS OPEN 2013		
			SHORT RANGE		
LONG RANGE			POSITION	SHOOTER	SR TOTAL
POSITION	SHOOTER	LR TOTAL	1	L Chisholm	149.18
1	V Robertshaw	90.03	2	S Shouler	146.17
2	L Chisholm	89.06	3	J Robert	146.17
3	D Smith	89.05	4	S Maris	146.11
4	P Griggs	86.06	5	P Griggs	145.20
5	S Maris	88.06	6	P Chapman-Sheath	145.17
6	K Wilson	86.05	7	A Gent	145.16
7	R Burden	86.03	8	R Shaw	144.14
8	R Shaw	83.03	9	K Wilson	144.13
9	F Harriss	82.01	10	C Sherratt	144.09
10	D Leitch	81.05	F Class 1	J Chambers	143.12
F Class 1	J Chambers	80.01	F Class 2	T Bond	131.07
F Class 2	L Bond	63.00	F Class 3	L Bond	122.07
F Class 3	T Bond	45.00	F Class 4	D Clarke	115.06



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Marksman's Calendar

The events still to come in the second half of the shooting year

JUNE 2013

5 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

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7-9 SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLAIR ATHOLL, SCOTLAND)

Allan Mabon, maboonscotland@ntlworld.com

15-16 INTER-COUNTIES MEETING

Chris Farr, 01483 797777 x 146, chris.farr@nra.org.uk

16 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

NRA Shooting Club, nrasc@nra.org.uk

21 JUNE – 5 JULY SERVICE WEAPONS EVENTS AND AGGREGATES

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

22 HAMPSHIRE RA OPEN PRIZE MEETING

Charles Brooks, Charles.Brooks@penningtons.co.uk

22-23 RANGE CONDUCTING OFFICER COURSE

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

22-23 SCOTTISH LONG RANGE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (BLAIR ATHOLL)

Tim Kidner, 01224 321468, tlk762@aol.com

26-30 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING – CIVILIAN SERVICE RIFLE MEETING

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

29-30 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RIFLE CLUB OPEN PRIZE MEETING

British Commonwealth RC, edjeens@gmail.com

30 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING - THE NRA METHUEN CUP MATCH

Peter Cottrell, peter.cottrell@nra.org.uk

JULY 2013

3 NRA MILITARY ADAPTIVE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Olaf Jones, olaf.jones@tesco.net

5-11 NRA IMPERIAL MEETING – MATCH RIFLE EVENTS

Peter Cottrell, 01483 798808, peter.cottrell@nra.org.uk

6-7 IMPERIAL HISTORIC ARMS EVENTS

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

8-11 IMPERIAL SCHOOLS MEETING

Peter Turner, schools@nra.org.uk

10-14 IMPERIAL PISTOL AND GALLERY RIFLE EVENTS

Neil Francis, gallery@nra.org.uk

11 IMPERIAL SCHOOLS' VETERANS' MATCH

Heather Webb, 01483 797777 x 155, memsec@nra.org.uk

11-20 IMPERIAL TARGET RIFLE EVENTS

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

12-20 IMPERIAL F-CLASS EVENTS

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

20 HM THE QUEEN'S PRIZE – FINAL

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

22-24 COMMONWEALTH SHOOTING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Bloomfield, 01623 491199, jpsbloomfield@btconnect.com

27 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

NRA Shooting Club, nrasc@nra.org.uk

AUGUST 2013

3-4 INVERNESS-SHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CAWDOR

Mark Joyce, mark.joyce2@tesco.net

17-18 TULLIBARDINE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, BLAIR ATHOLL

James Bell, jwhbell@btinternet.com

18 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAY

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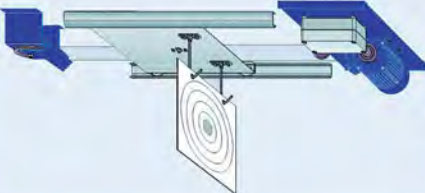
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