



Bisley Camp and Ranges – Update 1st July 2020

We are *delighted* to confirm the following:-

Ranges

From 4th July, all NSC ranges will be open for affiliated club and member bookings, Wednesday to Sunday. Further details below.

Competitions

A busy programme of competitions, including the autumn NRA Imperial Meeting, runs from 26th August to 25th October. Further details below.

Ammunition Sales and Rifle Hire

From 4th July, the armoury is open for ammunition sales and rifle hire, Wednesday to Sunday. Contact the armoury armoury@nra.org.uk or 01483 797777 extn. 134

Training and Assessment Courses

Commence from Saturday 1st August. Further details below.

National Clay Shooting Centre

From 4th July, open for English and Olympic Skeet, DTL, and OT, Wednesday to Sunday. Contact info@nsc-clays.co.uk or 01483 797666

Clays Café

From Friday 17th July, serving a limited menu with hot and cold beverages, open Friday to Sunday.

Accommodation and Camping

From Thursday 16th July; online bookings open Monday 13th July via <https://nra.campmanager.com/CheckAvailability.asp?URL=CheckAvailability.asp>

NRA Offices

0830 to 1700 Monday to Friday; telephone 01483 797777

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Ranges

The relaxation of some of the restrictions put in place by the Government to combat COVID-19 will allow us to edge a little closer to normality in our procedures, but more importantly we will be able to open additional ranges and practice other disciplines. This will, however, require some adjustment to the way in which we are manning the ranges:

- The NSC supervision on the ranges will be reduced from the 4th July 2020. Range Safety staff will be visiting each range regularly but there will not be anyone encamped on the range, as in recent weeks.
- In an attempt to protect staff and customers we will continue to minimise the footfall through the range office. Lane allocation will be displayed at key points around the complex and radios will be provided in each area. If you have a problem please call the range office on the radio provided or 01483 797777 Ext 152. The range staff will respond.
- Rifle hire will resume but must be pre-booked and prepaid.
- Firearms and ammunition can be collected at the range office window

The additional facilities available are:

- o Melville Range with restrictions on targets available at 25m.
- o Cheylesmore Range using alternate targets
- o Manual targets with markers on Century, Stickledown and Short Siberia
- o McQueen Castles on Century only
- For the time being the Zero Range will continue to encompass Winans Bay B; this will be reviewed in a few weeks once the demand has become clear.
- Payment for and use of the Zero Range will revert to the normal procedure w/c 4th July. Zeroing Targets will be available at the range office window for £5.00 from the 4th July.

The opening of additional facilities and the return of services such as firearm hire are very welcome milestones but we ask that you bear in mind that the Range Services Team is not at full strength at the moment, with many of the team helping out in unfamiliar areas.

There are procedures for each range; please take the time to look at them prior to arriving at the National Shooting Centre. They do provide additional detail that you will need for an enjoyable visit to Bisley and can be found at <https://nra.org.uk/coronavirus-update-4th-july-range-booking-procedures-and-risk-assessments/>

Competitions

In light of the opening of accommodation, caravan sites and hospitality in early July, and following positive responses to surveys, we will now press on with launching the revised programme of late summer and autumn competitions.

We are working up COVID-secure protocols for each event and will publish details well in advance. The safety of all competitors, visitors, range officers and staff is uppermost in our minds. We are confident that if people follow the guidance, observe social distancing at all times and maintain good personal hygiene, these events will be safe and enjoyable for everyone.

For Match Rifle, Civilian Service Rifle and Target Rifle, the respective Meetings will be designated 'Imperial' competitions; major prizes will be awarded including the Hopton (MR), individual and Methuen team match for CSR, and the Grand Aggregate, St George's and HM Queen's Prize for TR.

The GB F Class Association (GBFCA) and NRA will stage a joint F-Class Meeting in early September – details to follow.

For Gallery Rifle, the GR Nationals and Autumn Action will go ahead broadly as scheduled - some minor changes will be explained in forthcoming announcements.

Target Shotgun shooters can look forward to their autumn festival in its regular position in early October, with the possible inclusion of the Cottesloe Heath Challenge.

Classic & Historic shooters can look forward to the Trafalgar Meeting. A revised Handbook is nearing completion and will be published shortly.

Details of each event will be released in the coming days and weeks, with entry forms to follow approximately 6 weeks before the start of each competition.

The outline dates are:

Match Rifle	26-31 August
Civilian Service Rifle	3-6 September
Gallery Rifle Nationals	5-6 September
F Class	10-13 September
Target Rifle	12-19 September
Target Shotgun Festival	3-4 October
Trafalgar	17-18 October
Autumn Action Weekend	23-25 October

Training

We will resume training from 1 August, giving priority to those who had their training suspended in March. It will take a few days to work through the backlog so please be patient, but we will be in touch.

We will add extra courses during the autumn to cater for pent-up demand for RSO, RCO and Club Instructor, both at Bisley and regionally, and re-schedule the Black Powder and Hand Loading courses where possible.

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