

# THE RAJAH OF KOLAPORE'S IMPERIAL CHALLENGE CUP

## FOREWORD

This is the latest version of the Kolapore Match records compiled by Colin Cheshire and now updated by Karen Robertson.

The following publications have been used in researching the records:

- The NRA of GB Records of Proceedings 1871 onwards
- The Volunteer Service Gazette
- The English XX Handbook
- The History of the India Rifle Club
- The DCRA Records of Proceedings
- Various team photographs and newspaper cuttings
- The Rifleman's Who's Who 1935
- The History of the Sussex Rifle Association

As all readers will appreciate we can only reproduce what is found in these publications. Some of these books in themselves also have errors many of which have now been corrected.

The current GB abbreviations for ranks have been used for ease of reference. Readers should note that the ranks, titles and decorations shown are those accorded to the shooter or team officer at the time of the particular Match. Many people will have been promoted and/or awarded decorations at a subsequent date which have not been shown.

In the days of the Volunteers people were promoted and demoted with incredible speed and readers should not be surprised to see shooters with a variety of different ranks, both up and down, in successive years.

It was not until 1905 that the NRA recorded the initials of the team members. Most of them have been found by using the regiment of the shooter as a guide to his county and then referring to the NRA Membership list for that county, however there may well still be some mistakes.

We would welcome any corrections, amendments or additions and would ask that all shooters ensure that their initials are correctly filled in on all international team registers. If you haven't checked then we can only print what is shown.

We are also seeking any photographs of Kolapore teams from all competing countries for a future large photographic section on this website. If you have photographs of your teams that you are happy to have published on the website please send them to Karen Robertson either by e-mail to [karen@bang.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:karen@bang.eclipse.co.uk) or by post to Karen Robertson c/o National Rifle Association, Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0PB. Please include the year that the photograph was taken.

If you should notice any errors or omissions (including any formatting or spelling errors) please contact Karen Robertson at [karen@bang.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:karen@bang.eclipse.co.uk). Updated files will be uploaded to the website regularly.

Thank you

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