

# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

## Bisley General Meeting

### Minutes of the Bisley General Meeting

held in the NRA Pavilion, Bisley  
on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 from 9.00pm

#### Present:

Chairman:	Mr D Lacey
Secretary General	Mr A Mercer
Treasurer	Mr A Reynolds
Members:	6 Registered

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##### Notice of the Bisley General Meeting

The notice of the Meeting was taken as read.

##### ITEM 1 - SPEECHES

The Speech of the Chairman is attached hereto and initialled by the Chairman.

##### ITEM 2 - OPEN FORUM

There were no contributions for the Open Forum.



Chairman

## Proceedings

Welcome everyone to the Bisley General Meeting of 2021.

I am pleased to announce that I am joined by Andrew Reynolds, our Treasurer and Andrew Mercer, our Secretary General.

First I would like to welcome all of our Vice-Presidents who have either been here, are here or are coming here.

And now some competition results:

We started the 152nd Imperial with The Military Adaptive Championship on 24th June, since the military components of the Imperial were cancelled this year. It was both uplifting and humbling to talk with these young, and in some cases not-so-young, individuals. Their determination and positive approach in the face of life changing injuries sustained while serving our country truly is an inspiration. They are also more than just a little competitive!

The winner of the NRA Military Adaptive Championship this year was Ryan Goodman with a score of 336.30v in the Veteran class. The winner of the Serving class was Stuart Hill with a score of 341.31v.

The Civilian Service Rifle meeting that followed continues to grow, with their first competition taking place on 29 June. 258 competitors shot over 5 days. The class winners were:

Historic	Will Tong
Iron Sight	Sean Clarke
Practical Optic	Colin Hudson
Service Optic	Roy Wade

The CSR Meeting culminated in the team Methuen Cup Match, which saw 19 teams competing.

The Lee Enfield Rifle Association 'A' team won the Historic Class with 657 points, while the Highpower Rifle Association won the Practical Class with 1395 points, narrowly beating the London Practical Shooting Club by just 6 points.

The Historic Arms Meeting was run over the weekend of 10 and 11 July aided by volunteers to whom we owe our thanks. The event saw a slight increase in the number of competitors this year.

Turning to Match Rifle, the Hopton was won by Rob Lygoe with a new record score of 1017.160v, beating Alex Cargill-Thompson by three points. Alex won the Albert, the last shoot in the Hopton, with a score of 223 with 33Vs.

The Elcho was retained by England with a score of 1747.208v, beating Scotland by 17 points, with Ireland third on 1717.149v.

The Imperial Gallery Rifle meeting had over 1,300 cards returned, which is back to pre-COVID levels and indicates the enthusiasm of Gallery Rifle and Pistol shooters. Our thanks go to all the Range Officers, stats and admin team who help organise this very enjoyable and relaxed event.

The McQueen competitions, sponsored by Accuracy International, has had a very successful meeting and our thanks go to Martin and Mary Camp for the smooth running of this popular competition. The winner of the McQueen 'A' – the issued rifle class – was Daniel Watkins, a first time competitor. The winner of both the cadet and the Under 25 prizes was Oscar Deakin. At just 13 years, he is already showing impressive maturity!

64 competitors entered the F-Class matches across 5 days of competitions. The winner of the F Class St George's in F/TR was Carrie Ryan with a score of 148.15v, with the F Open St George's winner this year Darren Stewart who shot 149.19v.

The winner of the prestigious Farquharson for 2021 in F/TR was Simon Gambling with 314.25v. The F Open Farquharson champion was Gary Costello with 317.32v.

Overall, Target and Match Rifle has shown 870 entries, with 20 overseas countries represented. We have been both delighted and at times challenged by this support to the Imperial which certainly exceeded our expectations.

The Grand Aggregate had 618 entries, with Parag Patel emerging to retain his title from last year, scoring 721.115v, with David Luckman a close second and Chris Mitchell third.

235 Under 25s are competing which is about 32% of entries, and 172 Under 21 competitors. This is most encouraging and our special thanks go to the school masters and our friends at the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting, with whom we have an excellent working relationship.

Now I would like to extend my thanks to those who have worked very hard over the last 5 weeks of competitions.

To our Chief Range Officers: Peter Turner, John Miller, Lisa Railton and Rob Hughes.

To our Chief of Staff, Mike Turner, Chief Butts Officers, Colin Scoles on Century and Tom Hampshire and Rose Pettet on Stickledown, and all the RCOs and Butt supervisors who have kept things going throughout the competition. My sincere thanks also goes to all the markers who have done such a sterling job in all weather throughout the Meeting. I was down at the Century butts yesterday and it was certainly a long hard job, and so I give particular thanks to butt markers who work very hard in challenging circumstances.

My thanks to the staff who have prepared the Camp and the Ranges to receive so many visitors throughout this competition.

I would also like to thank the front counter team for ensuring that everybody had their squadding cards on time, the Stats team who have produced all the results, the Range Office and Armoury staff who have ensured the ranges run smoothly, as well as all those working diligently behind the scenes to ensure a successful Imperial Meeting for all.

We also had elections for positions on General Council this year. And I am pleased to announce the following people have been elected to General Council:

Mr Gary Alexander  
Mr Charles Brooks  
Mr Phil Northam  
Mr Tom Rylands  
Mr Robert Sayer

I would like to congratulate all the successful candidates and thank them for agreeing to contribute to the work of the NRA by serving on General Council.

I would also like to thank everyone who put themselves forward as candidates for the election.

That is the end of the formal proceedings. So at this stage, I would like to throw the meeting open to the floor as part of our open forum.

If anyone would like to step forward, we have microphones either side. It would be helpful if you could introduce yourself at the start, if anybody wishes to come forward.

If not, I will close the meeting. Anyone wishing to come forward? Last call.

In that case if, no one wishes to say anything, thank you all very much for attending.

Enjoy the rest of your evening.

Thank you very much.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm