

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

FINAL

THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council Meeting held
on Friday 5th June 2026 from 3.00pm in the NRA Pavilion

Chairman:

Mr J Djanogly (JD)

Members:

Mr JPS Bloomfield (JPSB)	Elected Member / East Midlands Member
Mr N Brasier (NB)	Elected Member
Dr AMW Cargill Thompson (ACT)	Match Rifle Member
Mr DP Chalmers (DCh)	West Midlands Member
Mr A Dagger (AD)	Gallery Rifle and Pistol Member
Mr CES Dickenson (CESD)	Target Rifle Member
Ms A Gran (AG)	BSRC Chair
Mr R Hallows (RH)	South Western Member
Mr GAE Larcombe (GL)	Southern Member
Miss SS Lohmann (SL)	Elected Member
Mr D Lowe (DL)	Elected Member
Mr MD Jenvey (MJ)	Elected Member
Mr G Morgan (GM)	Ordinary Member
Mr FPR Northam (PN)	Elected Member
Mr A Reynolds (AR)	Treasurer
Mr B Ritchie (BR)	Scotland Member
Mr R Stebbings (RSt)	Elected Member
Sir FC Sykes (CS)	Elected Member
Mr I Thomson (IT)	Elected Member
Dr JD Warburton (JWar)	Yorkshire & Humberside Member

Ex-officio:

Mr D Stimpson (DS)	HBSA Chair
Mr AJD Saunders (AS)	English Target Shooting Federation Chair

In attendance:

Mr S Lee (SLe)	Secretary General
Mrs G Thatcher (GT)	Secretary to Meeting
Mr C Lloyd (CLd)	Trustee

Apologies for absence:

Mr GK Alexander (GA)	Elected Member
Mr HRM Bailie (RB)	Northern Ireland Member / Chair SF of NI
Mr S Aldhouse (SA)	300 Metres Member
Cdr NWJ Benstead (NB)	RNRA Chair
Wg Cdr DP Calvert (DC)	Elected Member
Mr P Dommett (PD)	F Class Member
Mr J Harris (JH)	Target Shotgun Member
Mrs J Hilger-Ellis (JHE)	Elected Member / Trustee (from 15.30pm)
Mr R Kelvey (RKel)	Eastern Member
Mr N Macfarlane (NM)	Historic and Classic Arms Member
Mr C Rennick (CR)	Sporting Rifle Member
Mrs K Robertson (KR)	Elected Member
Mr T Rylands (TR)	Elected Member
Mr N St Aubyn (NSt)	CSR & Practical Rifle Member
Mr R Vary (RV)	Greater London & SE Member
Mr G Trembath (GTr)	Northern Member
Mr MP Watkins (MW)	Wales Member
Mr AM Whiffin (AW)	MLAGB Chair (Member)
Mr P Wolpe (PW)	Muzzle Loading Member

Ex-officio:

Mr G Burns (GB)	NSRA Chair (Member)
Mr M Cotillard (MC)	Jersey Rifle Association President
Ms C Halloran (CH)	Fullbore Chair Scottish Target Shooting
Wg Cdr CJ Hockley (CH)	Welsh Target Shooting Federation Chair
Dr J Martin (JM)	CPSA Chair
Brig. M Pountain (MP)	CCRS Chair (Member)
Mr C Steele-Benny (CSB)	RAFSAA Chair (Member)

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The Chairman declared the meeting open.

1. G844 – APOLOGIES

- 1.1. Apologies were received as noted above.

2. G845 – STANDING REMINDERS

- 2.1. The Chairman reminded the meeting that, in line with Charity Commission guidance, the meeting should be cognisant of the distinction between the role of the NRA as the charity and the National Shooting Centre Limited (NSC) as the commercial subsidiary of the Association.
- 2.2. The Chairman requested that members declare any conflicts of interest relating to the business of the meeting. No declarations were made at this time.

3. G846 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 3.1. The Chairman confirmed the minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2026 had been approved.
- 3.2. The Chairman asked if anyone had any matters arising from the minutes of the February meeting.
- 3.3. There were no other matters arising.

4. G847 – REVIEW OF ACTIONS

- 4.1. The Meeting received the review of actions report and noted the updates from the professional staff.
- 4.2. **Membership Fees Review** – The Secretary General clarified that the non-member fees review would now form part of a full review of the membership offer, rather than only non-member fees. An earlier paper from 2023 was identified as relevant and will be revisited at the next Membership Committee meeting.
- 4.3. **Strategic Framework 2026-2030** – The Chairman confirmed the Strategic Framework had been reviewed and updated by the Senior Management Team and is now being implemented. IT noted positively the target timescales for the implementation of the new framework document actions. The Secretary General confirmed a 'traffic light' system will be implemented to monitor the delivery of the strategic framework.
- 4.4. **On-site Ablution Facilities** – PN informed the meeting that positive feedback had been received from the caravan owners following the installation of a ground level Elsan facility on Site 7. PN asked the Secretary General to consider installing a similar facility on sites 1 and 2 which have a greater number of caravans and therefore would benefit from such an installation. The Secretary General will consider this as part of the 2027 CAPEX budget.
- 4.5. **ABC Lines Wifi** – The Secretary General informed the meeting that BT Openreach have commenced the installation of broadband facilities to the camp which will improve the availability and strength of signal across all areas of the camp. The Real Estate Manager has been asked to obtain an update on progress from BT Openreach.
- 4.6. **Estates Working Group (EWG)** – The EWG Chairman confirmed a calling notice had been published on the NRA website and one expression of interest had been received. PN explained the applicant's CV had only been received yesterday. The meeting agreed that the CV should be circulated to the General Council members with an informal email vote to co-opt the candidate to the EWG.
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- 4.9. No further questions were raised.

5. **G848 – BUSINESS PLANNING & OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

- 5.1. The Secretary General and Chief Executive reports were circulated prior to the meeting. The Secretary General highlighted the following points:
- 5.2. **Membership Renewals** – The membership renewals were slightly down on the previous year. Reasons for non-renewal that were given included end of the free Under 21 membership, retirement from the sport, affordability, distance from Bisley, and reduced participation in shooting. The Secretary General also highlighted the delay in police checks which had resulted in over 190 new applications being held up for 4 months. All outstanding checks had now been received.
- 5.3. **Bisley Familiarisation Course** – A Bisley familiarisation course is being adapted for new shooters or visitors to the ranges to help increase knowledge and reduce potential incidents. The Trustees have supported the development of an online/digital video course. The professional staff will review whether there will be a fee for the online course, or whether it is offered as a membership enhancement.
- 5.4. **Relevant People Review** – The Secretary General confirmed the Trustees had received and reviewed PN's paper on including Under 25's in the Relevant People calculation to ensure all competitions remain charitable. The Trustees had agreed to review the original correspondence with the Charity Commission to clarify whether Under 25s can be included as one of the NRA's charitable objectives. AG had offered to review the documentation and provide a proposal for consideration at a future Trustee meeting. An update will be provided at the next GC meeting in September.
- 5.5. **Range Management System (RAMS)** – Progress on the new RAMS is accelerating with renewed momentum and support from a new Trustee with IT expertise.
- 5.6. **MoD Relationship** – The Secretary General confirmed the relationship with the MoD is being rebuilt positively. Progress includes licensing support for civilian use of MoD ranges, continued use of lead ammunition on MoD ranges beyond 2028, and expected approval for 6.5 calibre shooting on MoD ranges – awaiting written confirmation. The NRA will be meeting with the MoD on a quarterly basis moving forward with a regular agenda. BR thanked the Secretary General and Nic Couldrey, Regional Ranges Manager, for all their hard work. MJ remarked that the good news should be shared with the membership.
- 5.7. **Communications Strategy** – MJ requested visibility of the new Communications Strategy Paper before it is finalised, noting there were a number of GC members with expertise in communications. The meeting agreed their input would be valuable.
- 5.8. **Site 103** – MJ ask for an update on Site 103 and the proposed use of the building. The Secretary General confirmed the initial proposal is for the NRA Range Office and Armoury to be moved there, and renting out space to a commercial tenant. More work is to be undertaken on costings, design and options. The Secretary General confirmed the majority of work to date has been undertaken by the professional staff within the CAPEX budget. The building is now weatherproof and internal works will commence in the coming months.
- 5.9. **Firearm Storage Facilities** – PN asked whether storage facilities could be available on site for competitors and shooters who do not have club facilities or unable to store firearms in caravans. The Secretary General confirmed this is already under consideration by the professional staff as either an option for Site 103 or elsewhere on camp, but would have to be part of the 2027 CAPEX budget.
- 5.10. **Exhibition Hut** – AD asked for an update on Exhibition Hut. The Secretary General confirmed external work and retrospective planning had been completed. No decision has yet been made on the building's long-term use and was still under consideration by the Real Estate Committee.
- 5.11. **NSC Activities** – The Chief Executive highlighted the positive performance of the NSC including new development of an air range, archery range, increased accommodation income, café income, filming enquiries and a positive visit to the British Shooting Show promoting the NSC's brands. PN asked that the air range offer a novice lane with protection screens as teams do not wish to use the brand new lanes in case of damage. PN to provide a briefing note to SL on scouts events and possible scouting events utilising the NRA's accommodation and ranges.
- 5.12. **Ammunition Visit** - A visit to GGG in Lithuania had been strategically valuable for maintaining ammunition supply and strengthening partnership relations.
- 5.13. **ABC Lines** – AD asked whether C Lines could be improved as soon as possible, as the facility is substandard and not fit for purpose, yet is the accommodation provided to volunteers during the competition season. The Chief Executive confirmed the Real Estate Committee are reviewing the accommodation in the coming weeks. AD will email SL with his feedback for consideration.
- 5.14. **Hot Rod Hayride** – The Chief Executive acknowledged the reschedule of the Hot Rod Hayride had impacted on range availability for GB training sessions and other disciplines and confirmed it would

not happen again in future. The event had been moved because of the F-Class World Championship taking place in August.

5.15. No further questions were raised.

6. G849 – FINANCE

- 6.1. The Treasurer presented the Finance Report to the meeting.
- 6.2. The Treasurer informed the meeting the organisation's financial performance to end March 2026 shows a slight loss, which is normal for this point in the year. Variance to budget remains higher than usual. The cash balance remains healthy and KPIs are all within range.
- 6.3. The Acid Test Ratio remains >1x cover and the CAPEX is within budget.
- 6.4. April figures are down £90k year to date, mainly due to the poor weather in the first quarter. The year is expected to improve as the competition season is underway.
- 6.5. PN asked for an update on the legal event as legal fees are showing a six-figure amount in the accounts. The Chairman confirmed the NRA had won the case but was unable to discuss any further as the matter was still in litigation.
- 6.6. SL asked whether early entry incentives should be re-introduced for Imperial entries to increase the participation and help the income. SL added that better communication and promotion of the competition would be beneficial. ACT pointed out that encouraging earlier entries could assist with the NRA's cashflow. The Secretary General will take that back to the Competitions team for consideration.
- 6.7. No questions were raised.

7. G850 – COUNCIL

- 7.1. The Chairman noted that the Report from Council had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 7.2. **Membership Survey** – The Secretary General thanked GC for the feedback received to date on the proposed member survey which had been circulated this week. GC members are asked to provide any feedback or comments on the survey to GT by end of June. It was noted that regional structures and categories may need refining, especially for Scotland and Wales, and include asking for volunteers.
- 7.3. AD asked whether consideration could be given to providing discounts for RSO/RCO qualification renewals to volunteers as a 'thank you'.
- 7.4. No further questions were raised.

8. G851 – SHOOTING COMMITTEE

- 8.1. The Chairman confirmed there was no report from the Shooting Committee.
- 8.2. The minutes of the January meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
- 8.3. CESD informed the meeting:
 - 8.3.1. the Trustees have agreed the Handgun Team Captain election process.
 - 8.3.2. Trustees approved the Team Captain's Handbook which has had the fundraising element separated out due to the NRA not being able to fundraise. GL asked why the NRA couldn't fundraise as it was a charity. The Treasurer confirmed the NRA is not registered with the FCA to be able to fundraise. This could be reviewed if needed.
 - 8.3.3. the GB Team Tour Programme had been updated to 2030.
 - 8.3.4. The ICFRA GB F Class Rep is standing down in August and a replacement is being proposed and will be approved by the Trustees by Written Resolution.
- 8.4. PN asked whether better support can be provided for the UK Armed Forces Shooting Competition as it is only awarding one prize. JPSB responded participation is usually too low to meet the threshold for second-place medals. It was noted that England and Scotland usually compete, while Wales and Ireland have not participated recently. PN asked whether any data is being collected to understand why some home countries are not entering. JPSB believes possible barriers include cost, limited numbers, or competing shooting commitments and identifying these barriers could create an opportunity to support participation and align with the charitable objective of supporting the UK Armed Forces. The Secretary General agreed the NRA could reach out and start that conversation.
- 8.5. No further questions were raised.

9. G852 – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 9.1. The Chairman of Membership Committee presented the draft minutes of the meeting held in May and asked if there were any questions.
- 9.2. MJ asked whether consideration could be given to improve the meeting technology so that hybrid meetings could be run to maximise attendance. The Secretary General confirmed this could be considered as part of the 2027 CAPEX planning. MJ added that Bob Sampson, an NRA member, had provided a proposal for consideration.
- 9.3. PN asked whether modern apprenticeships could be considered as part of the Youth programme. AG responded that work experience placements had taken place in April and again in June. Feedback will be reviewed before any other options are considered.
- 9.4. No further questions were raised.

10. G853 – ESTATES WORKING GROUP

- 10.1. **Caravan Site Lighting** - The Chairman confirmed that a caravan site lighting plan had been finalised as discussed earlier in the meeting. The Secretary General thanked RSt for his assistance with the new provider of the lighting whose project costs were a third of the initial quotation. He also thanked PN for all his assistance with the site survey. PN offered to assist walking the site with the contractor. PN asked whether the costs will be borne by the NRA or the caravan owners, noting that improved lighting will also benefit other users of Bisley Camp, and resetting the relationship with the caravan owners would be beneficial. The Chief Executive agreed to review the possibility before any final decision was made.
- 10.2. No questions were raised.

11. G854 – ELECTION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

- 11.1. For information under Second Schedule Rule 7(g), the following members have been nominated for these vacancies and are unopposed:

Five Ordinary Members

JPS Bloomfield (GM2 SC)
NRJ Brasier (GC)
Wg Cdr (Retd) DP Calvert MBE (GM3 SB3 SC2)
SS Lohmann
RN Stebbings

Two Regional Members

HRM Bailie – Northern Ireland
JPS Bloomfield (GM2 SC) – East Midlands

Three Shooting Discipline Members

Dr AMW Cargill Thompson – Match Rifle
Mrs J Lamb – Gallery Rifle & Pistol
N Macfarlane – Historic & Classic Arms

- 11.2. For information under Second Schedule Rule 7(g), the following members have been proposed and seconded for the following vacancy. An election will be held:

Regional Member - Scotland

BD Ritchie
RJ Scaglione

12. G855 – ELECTIONS TO GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- 12.1. For information under Rule 8 e) of the Second Schedule, the following members have been proposed and seconded for election to the Disciplinary Body and Membership Committee. The results of the election are as follows:

Lay Members of Disciplinary Body – Griff Morgan and John Bloomfield duly elected
Membership Committee – Phil Northam duly elected

13. G856 – CASUAL VACANCIES

- 13.1. For information under Second Schedule Rule 7(g), the following members have been nominated for the casual vacancies. A ballot was held and the results are as follows:

North-Western Regional Member

Alice Gran nominated by Richard Stebbings – elected by a unanimous show of hands

300M Discipline Member

Simon Aldhouse nominated by Phil Northam - elected by a unanimous shows of hands

The Chairman thanked and congratulated all the successful candidates for their continued support of the association.

14. C857 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1. **Conflict of Interest Policy** – The Chairman asked the meeting to confirm, as part of the annual review, whether they were happy with the policy or whether they wished to make any amendments. The meeting confirmed they were happy with the policy.
- 14.2. **Dedicated Email Addresses** – The Elected Members were asked to confirm to GT that they have successfully accessed their NRA email addresses. Future emails will be sent to these addresses and a Sharepoint folder will be created to circulate future meeting agendas and supporting paperwork to reduce IT security risks. A number of members reported difficulties access their email accounts. All GC members to inform GT of any access issues so they can be addressed.
- 14.3. **NSC Range Regulations** – PN had put forward a resolution that all proposed changes to NSC issued range regulations, rules, conduct of shooting on camp are reviewed by the Shooting Committee or GC before being approved and published. An extensive discussion took place about how range regulation changes should be reviewed and communicated and general agreement was that expertise be sought from relevant discipline reps, noting that accountability remains with permanent staff. The Secretary General agreed that communication can be circulated to GC members to keep them informed of changes when pushed out to the members. SL asked for better signposting to the range regulations as they are not easily found on the NRA website. PN remarked that the range regulations are no longer published in the Bible. JPSB responded that they used to be but were then out of date for the year if any amendments were made. RSt suggested that they be included in the Bible again with a QR code that members can scan for any amendments. The meeting agreed that would be a sensible way forward.
- 14.4. **Membership Reminders** – MJ asked that regular reminders are sent out to members regarding the AGM and elections to ensure maximum attendance. GT confirmed additional reminders have been diarised for future AGMs. ACT suggested that advertising the opening of the NRA Museum on the day of AGM in future might help increase AGM attendance.
- 14.5. No further items were raised.

15. C858 – MEMBERS QUESTIONS

- 15.1. The Chairman thanked the GC members for collating the questions and reminded the GC members to report the answers back to the relevant members. All responses are included at the end of the document.
- 15.2. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting's Member Questions** - No items were raised.
- 15.3. The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the Member Questions presented for the meeting.
- 15.4. **Caravan Tree Damage** – MJ asked whether the EWG could review the insurance conditions for caravan licence holders. Concerns were raised about the fairness and legal enforceability of liability wording particularly around tree damage risk, and gas storage conditions. The Secretary General will ask the Real Estate Committee to review the policy conditions.
- 15.5. **Electronic Targets** – GM asked that any future purchases of electronic target systems be reviewed by relevant discipline members and CESD recommended that a formal requirements document is produced, with input from relevant disciplines, to ensure that future purchases meet the needs for accuracy appropriate to the intended uses. This is especially important if the targets are intended for use in competitions.
- 15.6. **Noise Suppression** – The Meeting thoroughly supports the proposal to review the solutions to reduce excessive noise on Winans and Zero range.
- 15.7. No further questions were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 17.30pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Djanogly', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

J Djanogly
Chairman

Date of next meeting: Saturday 19th September 2026 from 2.00pm via TEAMS

REVIEW OF ACTIONS

Action Item	Responsibility	Action to be Taken
Membership Fees Review - The Secretary General clarified that the non-member fees review would now form part of a full review of the membership offer, rather than only non-member fees. An earlier paper from 2023 was identified as relevant and will be revisited at the next Membership Committee meeting.	Secretary General Membership Committee	A full review of non-member fees and the membership offer to be undertaken by the professional staff and reviewed by the Membership Committee.
Strategic Framework 2026-2030 - The Chairman confirmed the Strategic Framework had been reviewed and updated by the Senior Management Team and is now being implemented. IR noted positively the implementation of the new framework document. The Secretary General confirmed a 'traffic light' system will be implemented to monitor the delivery of the strategic framework.	Secretary General	To implement a "traffic light system" for the implementation and delivery of the strategic framework.
On-site Ablution Facilities – The Secretary General to consider the installation of a ground level Elsan facility on Sites 1 and 2 following the successful installation on Site 7.	Secretary General	To consider the installation of a ground level Elsan facility on Sites 1 and 2 following the successful installation on Site 7.
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Communications Strategy – MJ requested visibility of the new Communications Strategy Paper before it is finalised, noting there were a number of GC members with expertise in communications. The meeting agreed their input would be valuable.	Secretary General	Secretary General to circulate the Communications Strategy paper for information and input from GC members with relevant expertise.
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Awards for UK Armed Forces Competition - PN asked whether better support can be provided for the UK Armed Forces Shooting Competition as it is only awarding one prize. JPSB responded participation is usually too low to meet the threshold for second-place medals. It was noted that England and Scotland usually compete, while Wales and Ireland have not participated recently. PN asked whether any data is being collected to understand why some home countries are not entering. JPSB believes possible barriers include cost, limited numbers, or competing shooting commitments and identifying these barriers could create an opportunity to support participation and align with the charitable objective of supporting the UK Armed Forces. The Secretary General agreed the NRA could reach out and start that conversation.	Secretary General	Secretary General to reach out to the Home Counties to see if anything can be done to increase participation in the competition to allow more medals to be awarded.
Hybrid Meeting Technology –MJ asked whether consideration could be given to improve the meeting technology so that hybrid meetings could be run to maximise attendance. The Secretary General confirmed this could be considered as part of the 2027 CAPEX planning. MJ added that Bob Sampson, an NRA member had provided a proposal for consideration.	Secretary General	Secretary General to consider hybrid meeting technology as part of the 2027 CAPEX budget.
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Caravan Tree Damage – MJ asked whether the EWG could review the insurance conditions for caravan licence holders. Concerns were raised about the fairness and legal enforceability of liability wording particularly around tree damage risk, and gas storage conditions. The Secretary General will ask the Real Estate Committee to review the policy conditions.	REC	REC to review the insurance policy conditions for caravan licence holders and will provide an update at the next meeting.

MEMBER QUESTIONS – JUNE 2026

1. National Rifle Association

The NRA is a registered charity that carries out a range of charitable activities in pursuit of its charitable objects. Questions from Members that relate to the charitable activities of the NRA (including the management of the Camp) are set out below.

1.1 Questions from Chris Clark, Member 22498 – RCO qualifications and 6.5 Creedmoor ammunition

Clubs that solely shoot on MOD / DIO land, the RSO training is irrelevant, can it be dropped as a pre-requisite to RCO?

ANSWER

The RSO course is the NRA foundation training course for Range Officers. It has two main functions; firstly to ensure RSOs understand the principles and application of the NRA safe shooting system, allowing them to support and advise their clubs; secondly, it tests them in their ability to safely conduct the duties of a Range Officer running a live firing point.

RCO training is mostly irrelevant as we align with local range rules, can a review of the RCO content be conducted? Both courses can be delivered in half a day, why are they both bloated and delivered over 3 – 4 days in total?

ANSWER

The RCO course is structured around the NRA and Ministry of Defence (MoD) agreed curriculum to train qualified RSOs how to correctly operate on all MoD ranges. This cannot be delivered in a half day without compromising safety standards.

6.5 Calibers; I had direct communication from the NRA to say they were building a case, what happened? Altcar is now cleared for .338 (military use) which means the WDA has been authorized for HME, 6.5 calibers are not HME can the NRA please contact Altcar for comment and authorization to continue as we have done for 30-40 years?

ANSWER

Page 59 of the Winter 2025 NRA Journal includes a detailed update on the use of 6.5mm ammunition on Defence ranges. A link to the Journal article can be found here - <https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRA-Winter-Journal-2025.pdf>

The Defence Ordnance Safety Regulator is currently reviewing the NRA's proposal to allow use of 6.5mm ammunition subject to the HME Procedure detailed in DSA 03 OME. More to follow when we know the outcome of the review.

1.2 Questions from Griff Morgan, Member – Member 12110 – NRA SCCs, 300x reduced format for Imperial Meeting

NRA SCCs - Would it be possible for members to qualify for a 4-year SSC when entering and completing either of the 300mtr events held during the Imperial Meeting? This would support TR members of alternative calibres and reduce the need for annual renewals.

ANSWER

The NRA will automatically renew a 4-year SCC for any full NRA member who has entered an NRA competition overseen by a qualified NRA ROC, within the 12-month period leading up to the expiry of an SCC.

300x Imperial Meeting Details - In a bid to enhance the appeal of entering 300mtr details during the Imperial Meeting would it be possible to consider a reduced format i.e. 20 shots + sighters. The Monday & Tuesday 300mtr availability falls within matches making up the TR Grand Aggregate where timings between distances can be tight. The full 300mtr 60shot match can take up to 85mins where a 20 shot match could be completed within 45mins. Also, a reduced format would be less fatiguing to a TR competitor with a primary focus on their Grand Aggregate score whilst also providing the opportunity to participate in a different format event and increase participation in the 300mtr discipline.

ANSWER

Regarding the 300m Championships, any changes would need to be agreed with the 300m Rep.

1.3 Question from James Mehta – Member 8405 – HotRod Hayride Event

I'm writing with regard to the Hayride. I'm sure you will have heard that the Hayride has been moved from August to June, and a contract signed for three years. Moving it to June is thoughtless: there are so few weekends in the TR season before the Imperial and it's hard enough to get bookings, particularly fall-backs, that taking a weekend out in June is utterly bonkers.

This year there are at least four senior teams (including my own GB Canada 26 team) who have planned for training prior to tours and who now cannot shoot at 1000 yards which as you are well aware is a crucial distance for training to win matches.

I have nothing against the good folk of the Hayride. I've visited the Camp when it's on and it looks great fun. It's obviously a good earner for the NSC, and nobody would object if it was held when the Camp and ranges are not in such high demand.

Please express my concern about the planning of this and the consequences for shooting. After all we are the National RIFLE association, not the National Camping Association, and our concern should be with the promotion of rifle shooting, and not providing a convenient facility for other activities. I look forward to hearing your comments and hope you will present the concerns of TR shooters during the Council Meeting.

ANSWER

The HotRod Hayride event was rescheduled to June in 2026 to accommodate the F-Class World Championships taking place in August. The 2027 HotRod Hayride event is booked for August and dates for the 2028 event are under discussion. No contract has been signed for a three year period – this information is incorrect.

2. National Shooting Centre Limited

The NSC is the wholly-owned subsidiary of the NRA that carries out a range of commercial activities including operating rifle and clay shooting ranges. The NSC operates independently of the NRA in accordance with Charity Commission guidance. The NRA has an interest in the effective operation of the NSC for commercial and reputational reasons. Questions from Members that relate to the commercial activities of the NSC (which include the operation of the ranges at Bisley Camp) are set out below.

2.1 Question from Michael Jay, Member 9946 – Use of .22 rifles on Zero Range

In all the years I have been a member, it has never been explained to me exactly why the Zero Range cannot be used for zeroing .22LR rifles. I have been told that this is not because of safety concerns. The rule is that this range can only be used for zeroing .22 rifles prior to a booking on another range. That means that a shooter cannot simply check zero in a few minutes without having another booking. That makes a simple zero check not only extremely expensive but inconvenient. It is quite possible that a member does not have the time to use another range on any particular day but WOULD be able to make a five minute zero check. Surely this is in the interests of safety? It appears to be simply a money make money making scheme for the NRA. Why does this rule not apply to every calibre? Most other firearms can be zeroed on the Zero Range so why not .22s?

ANSWER

Members using .22 rifles and Gallery Rifle/Pistol are permitted to zero their rifles on any of the Gallery Rifle and Pistol ranges (such as Melville, Cheylesmore, Winans, or Butt Zero), all of which provide facilities to shoot at 25 yards, equivalent to the Zero Range.

The Zero Range (Winans Bay C) is a high-demand facility intended to support zeroing for longer-distance shooting. Accordingly, use of the Zero Range for zeroing gallery rifles and pistols is permitted where it directly supports shooting on longer-distance ranges such as Century or Short Siberia, via the purchase of a zero card from the Range Office.

The Range Regulations were amended in 2026 to state that Gallery Rifles / Pistols may be zeroed on the Zero Range, replacing the previous reference to .22 rifles specifically.

The NSC, as the range operator, will not be amending the regulations to permit routine use of the Zero Range for .22 or Gallery Rifles/Pistols, as suitable alternative facilities already exist on the other 25yard ranges. This approach ensures that the Zero Range remains available for the wider range of firearms and calibres that specifically require it.

2.2 Question from Mark Dryden, Member 11612, Reinstating of turning targets at 25 yards on Melville Range

I would like to raise the issue regarding the reinstating of the turning targets at 25 yards on Melville range as it was some years ago on behalf of all the members of the Cinque Ports Rifle Club.

ANSWER

Targets were removed from the mid-point of Melville around 2019. The position of the targets, 25 yds in front of the stop butt, resulted in incidents of ricochets and rounds escaping the range. Following review, targets are only mounted in the frames directly in front of the stop butt at 50 yds, with shooting conducted from the defined distances.

Follow up question from Mark Dryden re Turning Targets

Regarding the ricochets and rounds escaping the range at 25 yds would this been down to larger calibre's i.e. 38.357.44. I was wondering if there could be a compromise at 25 yds to have fixed targets and only shoot .22 LR at 25 yds from the existing firing point and if you had a lager calibre i.e. long barrel revolver in 38,357,44 you would have to dress forward to 25 yds to shoot as you currently do.

ANSWER

The range incidents applied to all calibres, indeed .22LR likely presented a higher ricochet hazard due to the velocity of some ammunition types. The issue was the lack of height of the stop butt when targets are positioned 25 yds in front. As a result, there are no plans to reinstate targets at 25 yds on Melville.

2.3 Question from Nicholas Clifford – Member 12640 – Range Standing Orders

Range Standing orders on Chobham Ridge permit anything up to and inc .30 cal within a defined energy limit. When I asked if I could shoot 300WM up there the answer was no and I was told only .308/762 or smaller. Yet now I hear from the RSO that various 6.5 and 7mm are fine!! Given that both flavours are more than 1 mile capable why can't we shoot the larger 30's? This seems bonkers,...if this is a trust/safety issue then clarify the situation and apply an even hand in regard to safety.

ANSWER

For clarification, .300 Winchester Magnum (300WM) is classified under High Muzzle Energy (HME) due to its muzzle energy exceeding 4,500 joules. HME firearms are not permitted for use on Chobham Ridge because of the specific design and orientation of the range, particularly the increased risk associated with rounds potentially travelling beyond the designated safety template in the direction of camp.

While calibre size is one factor, it is not the sole determining criterion for range approval. The key considerations are muzzle energy, velocity, and the resulting danger area template. Cartridges such as 6.5mm and 7mm (e.g. 6.5 Creedmoor) are smaller than the 7.62 round and fall within the established safety limits for the range. In contrast, larger .30 calibre magnum cartridges generate significantly greater energy, which exceed the safety parameters set for Chobham Ridge.

2.4 Question from Martin Gurney– Member 15736 – Potholes and Range Bookings

Potholes – Although there has been some work to improve the situation I do not think the current status of the roads around the camp are acceptable. Notwithstanding the potholes in the tarmac roads, the gravel road that leads to short Siberia has always been poor and wouldn't take much to be flattened out using a JCB (or equivalent).

ANSWER

We continue to address the worse of the potholes on Hobson's Way with NRA resources; contractors are scheduled to level and grade the track, including the 300 yds car park, in the next few weeks.

Range bookings – There is something fundamentally wrong with the range booking process. When I book more than one lane on any range it is disappointing to discover when I go into the range office that only one lane has been allocated. It is patently clear in the request that more than one lane has been requested, and approved. There also appears to be a mismatch between what is reported to be available on the web pages and whether a request is approved or denied. In addition I shoot at Bisley with my affiliated club and for this our POC places bookings well in advance. Unfortunately, on many occasions there is a significant delay (weeks) and then the requests are denied (in spite of the availability showing green). Other requests are approved and then later turned down. How can this be? Apart from the disappointment, some of our club members book leave from work only to find the booking has later been denied and their leave is wasted. Surely first-come-first-served should be the priority.

ANSWER

At present, there is no direct integration between the booking request system and the range allocation process, meaning that certain elements remain manual and are therefore susceptible to human error. While this does not diminish the inconvenience caused, it does provide some context as to how discrepancies can occasionally arise. To mitigate this risk, multiple checks are conducted on bookings prior to the shooting date. As such, although only one lane may at times

be reflected on the sign-in sheets, I would expect that the full allocation requested and approved, whether two or more lanes, has in fact been allocated on the range itself.

With regard to the availability displayed online, it is important to note that the published range availability reflects only a three-week period ahead and is updated manually by a member of staff on a weekly basis. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the information is accurate, due to the significant volume of bookings processed and the daily amendments made to allocations, the availability shown cannot always be considered fully live or guaranteed at the point of viewing.

Each November, the booking system opens for the following calendar year and, by the end of December, approximately 4,500 booking requests are typically received. This creates a considerable administrative workload for the team and can unfortunately result in delays before requests are fully processed and members receive confirmation or refusal notifications. For clarity, bookings are processed on a first come, first served basis once the system opens in November, and every effort is made to manage requests as fairly and consistently as possible within the limitations of the current system.

Regarding occasions where bookings were reportedly approved and subsequently cancelled, without details of the specific bookings in question I am unable to provide any further comment on those individual circumstances. However, if examples can be provided, these can be reviewed further. I would also hope that, in such circumstances, an explanation would have been provided to your point of contact at the time.

To address these ongoing challenges, work is currently underway on a new range booking software project, which is intended to improve integration, accuracy, and overall efficiency within the booking and allocation process.

2.5 Questions from Griff Morgan, Member 12110 – Clock Tower, 300x firing point, Tree Surveys

Clock Tower - The Clock Tower is looking quite tired. Will the necessary maintenance to return it to its expected standard be completed before the 2026 Imperial Meeting & F-Class World Championships?

ANSWER

The Head of Operations will discuss the painting of the Clock Tower with the Buildings & Maintenance Team, upon the release of CAPEX funds to undertake the works.

300x firing point - There was a recent fall from the 300x firing point on the right-hand side of Century Range resulting in the member needing surgery to pin the fracture that resulted from the fall. Has an investigation been undertaken to determine the root cause of the fall and any works undertaken to prevent future incidents?

ANSWER

An accident investigation was carried out and RIDDOR report submitted to the local Borough Council.

The slope behind the FP was designed to be shallow enough to enable users to walk up and down the slope to access their designated FP. In addition, steps were installed on the right-hand side and two ramps at equal distance on Butts 18/19, providing alternative access.

We are installing an additional set of steps between Butts 18 and 19; note this was scheduled before this accident. We will examine the position of the lane number pegs before they are moved back in Oct/Nov; there is room on the FP to position them in such a way that access behind firers will not be hampered.

Tree Surveys - Given that the tree surveys are not made available for general viewing are members to assume that all trees are to be considered 'safe' between surveys or, similar to a vehicle MOT, are the trees only considered safe at the time that the survey is conducted and then considered 'at risk' after the survey has been completed? When the next tree to fall damages another van will the NRA refuse liability for the damage caused by their property if it is considered 'safe' or refuse liability when it is 'a risk'? Will the NRA reverse their position and

accept liability for the damages caused by their real estate in the same way as if a tree fell on a members vehicle claiming off NRA insurance and how a member would be expected to accept liability if they caused damage to NRA property and costs claimed against them?

My caravan was written off in 2025 from a fallen tree. My replacement caravan has, as I have found out today 15.05.26, been hit AGAIN from a fallen tree causing damage. Is Bisley, its staff, its members & visitors safe from falling tree debris?? It appears not!! Something just be done to protect the people not just the trustees determination to not pay out for damage cause by the Estate!!

ANSWER

Trees across the site are surveyed annually and those identified in poor condition are tasked to a qualified contractor to deal with as recommended by the consultant. This can include pruning, cutting out dead branches, pollarding or felling. The report identifies trees with signs of, or the potential for deterioration, with recommended works, all of which are actioned.

Trees can deteriorate over time but even apparently healthy trees are susceptible to sudden decline, where healthy branches break off. If a tree is considered safe it would normally take some considerable time for it to then become 'unsafe'.

The caravan licence T&C's state that:

It is the responsibility of the owner of the caravan to ensure it is properly insured, as the NRA takes no insurance responsibility.

26 (a) The NRA accept no responsibility for:

Any loss, damage or injury to persons, goods, tents, caravans or property howsoever suffered, caused or incurred within Bisley Camp.

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of condition (a) above, the NRA desires to emphasise that caravans are accepted for standing entirely at the risk, in all respects, of the owner or hirer, and shall not be liable for the loss or damage caused or resulting from the conditions of the site provided.

2.6 Question from Michael Lawton, Member 18762– Electronic Targets

Can you please ask about more investment in electronic scoring targets as its very clear there is far more demand amongst clubs and individual shooters hence why members keep getting declined, after waiting sometime after the application for a response from the range office., I am sure the investment would be quickly returned due to the popularity of electronic scoring.

ANSWER

Electronic target systems are constantly reviewed to ensure the distances offered reflect demand. Any new electronic targets must be carefully planned to meet the needs of customers and operational requirements. They must be balanced with the demand for manually marked targets, especially when shooting at multiple distances (for example 300/500/600 yds during a session).

2.7 Question from David Richards – Life Member 3585 – Target Numbers

I note from the latest NRA Journal (which landed on my doormat today) a small note on page 41 about target numbers on long ranges (Stickledown, presumably. I have struggled for many years to read the numbers whilst shooting at 1,000 yards. I am ONLY able to read the numbers whilst using a 0.5 diopetre eagle eye. My prescription is up to date so there is no point in trying to amend that. Not a problem, you might say. BUT when it is raining and an eagle eye cannot be used it becomes extremely challenging to aim at the correct target. This is made even worse because I am red/green colour blind and the red number boards (which have faded significantly over the years) simply merge into background, making them all but invisible in certain light conditions (the same is true on Century range). When I first started shooting the number boards were alternating black and white and were far more legible for the colour vision challenged shooter. When the NRA eventually replaces the number boards please could some consideration be made for those of us who struggle with colour vision and also those of us who are getting older and would definitely benefit from larger number boards

ANSWER

The Stickledown target numbers were replaced after the heath fire in 2022. We expect the numbers to last up to 10 years and have no plans to change the colour format on Century or Stickledown at this time.

2.8 Question from Martin Bruton – Member 13024 – Noise Suppression

I'd like to ask whether it is possible to investigate having some type of noise suppression, i.e. cladding/insulation under the metal roofing sheets to deaden or at least reduce sound, on the ranges with a metal roof. In particular, the Zero range. I find that the noise from rifle fire, which bounces back down off the metal roof, is almost unbearable, and I'm sure, even with good ear protection, it is still dangerous to hearing.

ANSWER

There is sound proofing on the rear wall of the Zero Range but we will check sound levels and consider possible solutions to reduce excessive noise on Winans and the Zero Range