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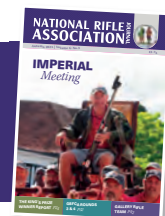
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Shaping the Future of Shooting

NRA Secretary General, **Simon Lee**, introduces the Autumn issue.

As we move into autumn following a tremendously successful 156th Imperial Competition, my focus is on the challenges and opportunities that we face as a National Organisation.

The future of shooting and the NRA depends on a stable pipeline of new members, critically including young people keen to take up the sport and develop their marksmanship skills. This is particularly important now that Defence has withdrawn funding for Cadet shooting. In July we announced the appointment of Samantha Frost in the new role of Youth Development Shooting Officer. Sam joins the Training and Competitions Team in September. This important appointment will allow the NRA to promote shooting to young people, provide support through training and development and encourage individuals who may have had some shooting experience to return to the sport. Clearly this initiative will require funding and investment to succeed.

The Secretary of State for the Environment recently announced the Government's intent to enact legislation to restrict the sale and use of lead in ammunition in Great Britain in mid-2026. This concludes a four year review and consultation process driven by the Health and Safety Executive which included the NRA and other stakeholders in the shooting sector.

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The restriction on lead in ammunition will have a significant impact on our sport, members and affiliated Clubs. I encourage you to read the Regional Ranges Manager's report on page 62 of this edition which provides more details about the restrictions

and what we're doing to support our members and Clubs through the transition.

One of the challenges highlighted to me by members is the perception that the NRA is heavily focused on the delivery of events, activities and competitions at Bisley potentially to the detriment of shooting elsewhere in the United Kingdom. There are other challenges for shooting away from Bisley; Pressures on the Defence Estate make access to regional military ranges more difficult with Clubs increasing reliant on

private or club operated ranges. The restriction on the use of 6.5mm ammunition on Defence ranges is likely to remain in place for the remainder of the year. I understand that there other issues for members in different parts of the UK. To learn more and better understand the issues and opportunities I will meet with the Regional Members of the NRA General Council. I encourage members to contact their Regional Member using the contact page on the NRA website here

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THE F-CLASS IMPERIAL 2025

Report by **Peter Dommett**, NRA F-Class Discipline Rep.

With fewer than 12 months until the 2026 F-Class World Championships arrive at Bisley, competitors from around the globe have been starting to take advantage of any opportunities to compete and practice on Stickledown Range, especially in the summer months.

This year we welcomed travellers from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Pakistan, USA and Canada, as well as a growing number of domestic shooters. In total, 28 F-Open and 38 FTR competitors

enjoyed four full days of competition, split between Century (300/500/600 yards) and Stickledown (800/900/1,000 yards).

In recent years, changes have been made to the F-Class Imperial programme to better reflect the modern format of F-Class competitions (fewer short range matches) whilst still encouraging newer shooters to take the plunge and enter their first major competition.

Therefore, the format for 2025 was more evolution than revolution, based around the feedback from the 2024 entrants and

moved to the first weekend of July to avoid fallback clashes with the Match Rifle Imperial. Fortunately, for those F-Classes who miss their TR roots, the F-Class Imperial still managed to coincide with the BCRC competition held on the same weekend.

Continuing the changes from 2024, the four days of competition were mainly split short-range (Thursday/Friday) and long-range (Saturday/Sunday), allowing entrants to just come along for the weekend's Stickledown Aggregate if they so wished. The Teams competition completed the programme on Sunday afternoon, this year limited to 'Allcomers' 6-man teams, while progress is made over the next year to re-establish a proper Home Countries International Match.

Blessed with fine weather until the Sunday afternoon (when the heavens

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Right: F-Open Grand Aggregate winner Alexander Kreutz (Germany) spares a moment for the camera.

opened) the event was run efficiently by the whole NRA team, with special thanks to Mick Williams and Matt Jeffes for their RO/CRO oversight.

With thirteen matches making up the Grand Aggregate, the Century and Stickledown Aggregates, three Finals (Donaldson, St.Georges and Farquharson), it is probably best to point readers to the NRA's online full results.

For F-Open, the Grand Aggregate was won by Alexander Kreutz (Germany) with 941.74, followed by Gianluca Majer (Italy) in second place with 939.75, and the UK's Tony Price in bronze (935.73).

For the F-TR Grand Aggregate, Mike Harris took Gold with 914.58, followed in silver by Peter Dommett (910.66) and David CW Lloyd in third place (908.71).

For anyone wishing to relive the whole four days, you'll find Mike's own account of his experience at the 156th F-Class Imperial in this edition.

The short range Century Aggregate was won in F-Open by Tony Price (438.41) ahead of Alex Kreutz (437.33) and Daniela Kroll (435.38). For F-TR, Ian McMillan took Gold (428.34), silver went to Jon Longhurst (427.39) ahead of Mike Harris on V-bulls in bronze (427.32).



“ The 2026 F-Class 157th Imperial is scheduled to be held just 28 days before the first shots downrange for the World Championships.

In the Stickledown Aggregate, honours in F-Open went again to Alex Kreutz (361.30), followed by Gianluca Majer (360.28) and Ian Boxall (355.25). For

F-TR, Italy's Guglielmo Pietro Ceccaroni took Gold (349.20) ahead of Peter Dommett (348.21) and Mike Harris (346.23).

Finally, the Allcomers F-Open Team event was won by the 'St Georges 7', and TEAM VV MXM took Gold in the F-TR Allcomers Teams. For a full half hour at the 1,000 yard distance, the markers were troubled by just four speculative sighter shots across the whole range, as a strong fishtailing headwind swept through Stickledown. With time running short, all the teams then found out just how fast their markers would be, with winners and losers swapping war stories at the Prizegiving and BBQ later that day.

The 2026 F-Class 157th Imperial is scheduled to be held just 28 days before the first shots downrange for the World Championships fortnight. We look forward to welcoming you all again next year!! 🍷



Left: F-TR Stickledown Aggregate winner Guglielmo Ceccaroni (Italy) takes on the Sunday rain.



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F-CLASS (F-TR)

Winner's Report

Report from the Imperial Meeting, by F-TR
Grand Aggregate Winner **Mike Harris**.

Fifty years ago, I shot at Bisley with the Cadets, did well at my first competition and was awarded my Marksman patch. However, as is usual with military families, we moved away and my new unit didn't shoot.

Leap forward to 2018 and I had the opportunity to shoot again; I always wondered what would have happened if I'd continued to shoot competitively.

I knew from the outset that I'd need a focus, and a search online introduced me to a video about F-Class produced by Mik Maksimovic, filmed at the F-Class European Championships. A quick phone call secured one of his Dolphin rifles, ready and waiting for my first FAC.

The next five years were a blur of practice, personal development, competition and a massive amount of help and advice from the F-Class community, culminating in the 156th Imperial meeting last month.

DAY ONE

I arrived a few days early, full of confidence. Day One started in a lovely 17C with light 3mph winds - 40 minutes later and a bump to earth left me in 13th place. A strong talking to myself saw me secure Gold in the Century (600y), with an inauspicious 5th and 8th places in the Daily Mail (500y) and Wimbledon (600y).

DAY TWO

Feeling somewhat battered, I headed to the Alexandra (800y) in 20C for what would be a very exhausting and tricky five-match day. With temperatures building to 26C and winds to 12mph, the shifting conditions saw more than 2MOA brackets with the Daily Telegraph (500y) running a 1/4 to 2 3/4 MOA spread.

Again, I started with a 13th place, improving with a 2nd place but finished the day on a pair of 4ths and a 14th. At

least I was going into the St George's Final in 1st place... what could possibly go wrong?

DAY THREE

A cooler day, 10 to 13mph, and the wind gods again deciding to blow in different directions; on the Dolphin Match (1,000 yards) we saw a 2.5-5.5 MOA bracket. We had an early start for the St George's Final (900y) and I finished in 2nd place, being well and truly outshot by David Lloyd.

Two more 5th places and the day ended with a 1st Place in the Hobson (1,000y) and heading into Sunday's Farquharson Final in 2nd Place.

I was starting to think finishing in the Top 10 in the Grand Aggregate was a big ask, but I saw everyone else was having an equally tough time, so I just thought 'positive mental attitude and make every shot count!'

DAY 4

The final day for F-Class, and first match was the Duke of Cambridge (900 yards) - 6th Place - going to need more of that positive mental attitude. The last Grand Aggregate match, the Conan Doyle (1,000 yards) and a very hard to read 1 to 4 MOA bracket, opened with a lovely V which very quickly led to a 3, a gaggle of 4s... digging deep and finishing with a string of 5s and Vs for a disappointing 69.5 and another 6th place.

No time to dwell on my performance, the Farquharson Final (1,000y) was calling. Winds were still building along with the temperature, no signs of the twitchy direction changes abating, best foot forward. I made a good start, converted a 5 and V, pulled a couple of 4s part way through, back in the V, 3 shots to go...a horrible pickup for a 3, followed by a 4. Another 69, but winning the Farquharson by 2 points. It just goes to show that, as bad as you think you're having it, you are not shooting alone, keep strong, don't be disheartened by a bad shot, fight to the end.

Grand Aggregate - 1st Place!!

A great week, excellent banter and superb competitors. Bring on the 157th Imperial in 2026 - just a few weeks before the 2026 F-Class World Championships at Bisley... what better preparation to take on the World's finest! 🍀



MATCH RIFLE MEETING 2025

Will Meldrum reports on the Match Rifle Imperial Meeting.



The 2025 Match Rifle meeting welcomed the Australian team for the Woomera match held every five years or so at Bisley. Happily the weather throughout was typical of the Imperial with lots of warm weather and only the occasional brief rain shower.

The Friday competitions were rather short on shooters as the GB Woomera squad met for their final practices before the match. So the Australians held sway at 1000x with the ex-Englishman Paul Monaghan taking line honours with 75.10, counting out his compatriot Steve Wingrove on Vs. At 1100x Paul was pushed into second spot by strong shooting from Mike Buchanan with a 75.9; at 1200x the Scots kept their advantage with Hannah Fisher making a solid 72.9.

Saturday dawned very hot, even early, with a very light right-handed breeze

Right: Hannah Fisher shooting in the supine position. **Top Right:** Some of the trophies on display. **Above:** Rob Lygoe with one of his many trophies.

which didn't change much throughout the morning. Scoring in the Whitehead was predictably high with a number of 75s at 1000x; at 1100x the wind was also gentle but there was enough going on that no one made a possible. Seven people made 148 but Angus McLeod won with 20 Vs, two more than Rob Lygoe and David Lindsay who took second and third places respectively.

In the afternoon, the wind built from the right at 1100x with some quick and large shifts at times delivering a greater

distribution of scores. Rob Lygoe made the only 75, also with the highest number of Vs (nine). At 1200x the details were very different – those in the first detail had it super hard with very changeable and strong winds; the weather then calmed down throughout the afternoon so the third detail had the easiest conditions. Claire Halleran took advantage of this, scoring the only 75 however it was not enough to overtake Rob who won with 149.17; Claire and Nick Brasier came in second and third with 148.15s.

Sunday opened cooler with a steady wind still coming from the right and lovely cloudless July sky above – all set up for some high scoring. Sunday is the first day of the 20 round shoots which changes the tempo of the day slightly. As the second detail of the Cottesloe (mainly consisting of those that scored well in 2024 Hopton) got down, the range officer informed shooters that they had to score a good 100 to win – adding a different sort



of pressure to proceedings. Mike Barlow and Nick Tremlett came off early with 100.16s however Angus McLeod flirted with perfection scoring a fantastic 100.19 (dropping his tenth) to take the jug.

By 1100x at the start of the Wimbledon the range was basking in 30+ degree heat; the sultry right wind was now flicking from side to side catching a few out. Again the range officer told the second detail what score they needed to win – this time a good 99. A few people matched this, but Zoe Woodroffe calmed her nerves and shot a solid 100.11; Adam Leech came second with 99.11 and Rob Bogie came third with one less V.

And so to 1200x and the first of the 2025 Match Rifle Classics – the Armourers. The prize is awarded annually by the Armourers Livery Company in the City of London with the winner given a heavy silver medal and invited to dine with the Livery company later in the year. 20 shots to go. By the first detail at 1200x the wind had become trickier although it steadied for the second and third details; clouds moved in from the west, providing occasional much needed shade.

By the second detail, the range officer told the shooters they would need to beat a 95 to be in the running. Ron Scaglione and Si Whitby both made 96s, Fiona Day beat them by one but Iain Thomson kept them all in until the last (dropping it well downwind) to make a fine 99.11. He then had to wait for the third detail to see if anyone could surpass him. It was not to be, so he took the medal, meaning Scots had won all three competitions on the day.

So at the end of the weekend, the leader in the Hopton was Rob Lygoe, a full ten points ahead of his nearest rival, Claire Halleran, with Tremlett three behind her. The places from there to tenth covered only two more points. So barring a disaster, Rob should be able to take the aggregate with everyone else likely playing for the runners-up spots.

On Monday the weather completely changed with a strong left hand gusty wind and a good amount of cloud breaking



Above: Ireland's Elcho Team – silver medal winners. **Below Inset:** The Elcho Shield.
Below: Scotland's Elcho Team, in third place, congratulate the winners.

up the sunshine. The Edge was the last of the twenty round shoots at only 1100x and 1200x. During the second detail at 1200x heavy cloud covered the sky and there were a few spots of rain.

At 1100x, as a mark of the difficulty, the best scores were 99s from Angus McLeod and Si Whitby with Mike Buchanan making 98. The scores dropped away rapidly from there. At 1200x it was quite blustery, with the wind bracket opening up to more than 4 minutes; when the sun came out it was very hot. Si Whitby continued his excellent form and made a 96 to win by five points from Ron Scaglione on 190, two

points ahead of Shaun Wingrove – the first Hopton competition where an Australian was on the podium. Rob made 187, giving up seven valuable points to Si who was now running second in the Hopton five points behind – so maybe Rob was human after all. Claire was pushed into third another seven points further back. Behind Claire it was tight.

In the afternoon, the teams raced back to 1100x to shoot the FW Jones. The wind, if possible, had become even harder and the spreads between the top teams and the bottom were one of the widest in recent years. The trophy was won by the semi-professional team of the Hopton Supper Club by nearly thirty points.

And so to the Grand Finale of the Albert – 15 shots at 1000x, 1100x and 1200x with no sighters. Having spent two days shooting 2+20s, the Albert always feels like it's over in a flash and you're left at 1200x with an ice-cream in your hand recovering from the whirlwind of four days of intense competition. It's always interesting that in the Albert, "shooters usually arrive at the firing point 30 minutes before their shoot so they can watch the flags and compare notes with their competitors on what wind they will start with. ►



The day started with a blustery wind from around 8 o'clock, regularly swinging towards 12; we had full cloud cover as the second detail finished at 1000x. Norman Clark made the only possible at 1000x; both Si and Claire made 74s, a point more than Rob. Only four points in it.

At 1100x, the wind didn't let up and the second detail started in a squall with a small rain shower that lasted about ten minutes. Those wearing waterproofs were regretting their decision by the end of the detail as the humidity shot up. It was hard but Rob showed his mettle and put in a solid 73 – the highest score on the range and two points more than Si. The Hopton was now definitely a two-horse game. In the Albert, Norman had put down a 71 so was joint leader on 146 with Rob; Si was one point behind and then a gaggle on 144.

At 1200x, as is the custom both the leaders of the Albert and the Hopton shoot in the first detail. The wind by this time was on full crazy with magpies and outers popping up across the range; by the end of the first detail there was another mini rain shower although did not affect the very fast shooters. The second and third details were harder still. Rob shot a 67 and came off thinking he may have blown it – not helped by the lack of range stats monitor. It wasn't clear which targets Rob was watching because only 4 people broke 70 with Si managing a 66 – so Rob had won the Hopton for the fifth time. In the Albert, it was incredibly tight with both John Lindsay and Ron Scaglione making 70.3 at 1200x; John however

made 22 Vs, pipping Ron by one. Third place, one point behind, was also tied but somewhat elegantly taken by Rob with 23 Vs, the highest on the day.

On Wednesday, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales competed for the Elcho, with the Australians shooting alongside – teams of eight with no sighters and 15 shots to count at 1000x, 1100x and 1200x. The weather was lovely throughout – a typical sunny July Bisley day. The wind started with steady left-hand wind but quickly became difficult, swinging to the north and back.

All teams started well at 1000x although England and Ireland quickly pulled ahead of Wales and Scotland. At the end of the range, England was the only team to have no one lower than 70, making 572, two points ahead of Ireland. Wales were 17 points behind on 553 with Scotland on 552.

At 1100x, the weather remained very much the same with tricky winds; England pulled further ahead making 571 to Ireland's 553, Scotland's 545 and Wales 526. Going to the final range, England were a clear 20 points ahead.

At 1200x England continued their run of good form, scoring 560 to Ireland's 549 allowing them to retain the Shield



once more. Ireland took solace by beating Scotland and posting the highest score of the day with Gary Alexander's excellent 219.25, three points ahead of the best English shot.

Although there were few real non-shooting excitements – no helicopters crash landing on the ranges and no cars being towed off with lost keys – it was a classic meeting nonetheless. There were winds to suit all – a few easier shoots to warm people up and some absolute screamers that tested the very best of wind reading. We had buckets of sunshine and were rarely troubled by rain. Interestingly, the scores were in an expected range and few complained or noticed the smaller target rings. 🍀

Above: The Winning Scoreboard. **Below:** The England Team.





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Left: The start of the Meeting was a wet one!

TARGET RIFLE IMPERIAL MEETING

Dan Richardson reports on the Grand Aggregate.

FIRST FRIDAY, 18 JULY

After a hot, parched summer that had left Bisley looking more like baked heathland than Surrey pasture, the weather was on the turn for the start of the 156th running of the Target Rifle Imperial Meeting. A stiff, awkward breeze greeted firers, with whispers of Saturday rain darkening the mood as much as the gathering cloud.

The Admiral Hutton at 900 yards set the tone: three fine 50.9s from Australia's Ben Emms, David Richards of the Old Malburians, and Canada's PLR Champagne. The Antipodean, making his first visit to the Bisley ranges, prevailed in the tie.

Over on Century, the scores told their own story. Only three shooters managed to make the HPS of 100, the best of them a superb 100.14 from Kelvin Ramsey of the Old Epsomians. Joining him were the ever-dangerous Chris Watson, and an American making his Bisley debut – Brandon Green. The US Army veteran, probably the closest our sport has produced to a professional marksman, would soon prove it was no fluke.

By day's end, Green had taken the Friday Aggregate, dropping a solitary point across the three ranges – an early marker, and one that hinted at much more to come.

And in the Astor, tradition prevailed: Wimbledon Common RC once again victorious, their grip on the Challenge Cup as firm as ever.

MIDDLE SATURDAY, 19 JULY

The opening day of the Grand Aggregate dawned with weather of quite biblical proportions. Sheets of rain lashed across Camp, waterproofs steamed, and scorecards turned to papier-mâché. And yet, by some strange quirk of the weather gods, a lucky handful ►

of shooters (yours truly among them) somehow emerged bone dry. Such is Bisley.

As often happens in heavy rain, the wind lost much of its bite, though it was still there to catch one out. Three ranges awaited: the Donegall at 300 yards, the Daily Telegraph at 500, and the Conan Doyle at 900.

At 300 yards, two veterans showed how it was done, Scott Brindley of Australia and David Calvert of the RAF both carding 50.10s. Brindley took the tie.

The Telegraph proved more cosmopolitan, with three scores of 75.14 leading the way - Mark Buchanan for Australia, Catherine Choquette for Canada, and Matt Millar for Great Britain. The tie went to Buchanan, though not before he had endured what might charitably be called a mixed day - having managed just 17 in the Donegall when his foresight misted up completely. From hero to zero, and back again.

Over at 900 yards, the Conan Doyle completed the day's programme. The Challenge Statuette went to James Watson, the only firer to keep his slate clean with a perfect 50.10.

Richard Stewart took the Saturday Aggregate, his full house of 175 with a remarkable 27 centrals the best of seven to finish clean on the day, and thus lead the Grand after the opening exchanges.

MIDDLE SUNDAY, 20 JULY

Sunday dawned overcast, the occasional shy shower wandering across the ranges, but mercifully nothing on the scale of Saturday. Yet conditions at Bisley are never entirely what they seem, and as the day progressed, shooters found themselves tested in ways both heartless and harrowing.

Three competitions were on the cards: the Daily Mail at 500 yards, the Alexandra at 600, and the much-feared Corporation at 1,000.

The Daily Mail belonged to a tyro. Cpl M Saberton of the RAF produced a flawless 50.9, demonstrating that raw talent, sometimes, needs only a moment to shine.

The Alexandra produced a three-way tie: Richard Stewart, Nigel Ball, and MP Blythe all carded 50.9s. Stewart took the tie, keeping his name firmly in the mix for the Grand.

It was shortly after 14.30 when the first reports of casualties began filtering back from Stickledown. Conditions, which had started the day with a benign smile, had grown anything but over lunchtime. Brackets swung wildly from three to up to 14 left on the extreme right hand side of the Stickledown Hill, with outers and magpies punishing even the most seasoned.

By the end of the day, Sasha Radkovskii of BYSA took the daily aggregate with a remarkable 149. But the real story lay atop the Grand leaderboard: none other than Simon Cleveland, six ranges completed,



led the way on two off. Rosanne Furniss was second on three off, with Rupert Fitzsimmons, Glyn Barnett, and Paul Sykes close behind.

SECOND MONDAY, 21 JULY

And so to second Monday, and the Times at 300 yards, the Duke of Cambridge at 900 yards, and the Prince of Wales at 600 yards.

A (relatively) calmer day, with high cloud and occasional warm bursts of sunshine. Winds remained strong, occasionally very strong, and freshened throughout the day, but were on an altogether different scale to those of Sunday.

“ Brackets swung wildly from three to up to 14 left on the extreme right hand side of the Stickledown Hill, with outers and magpies punishing even the most seasoned.

If Brandon Green was feeling any after-effects of scoring 39 in the Corporation, he didn't show it. He produced a barnstorming display, dropping just three centrals all day: a 50.9 in the Times, a 50.8 in the Duke of Cambridge, and a flawless 75.15 in the Prince of Wales. A remarkable display of marksmanship.

The Times ended in an extraordinary ten-way tie. After six shots of sudden death, John Wilson of the USA edged past Jeremy Langley to claim the Challenge Cup. In the Duke, Lewis Reid and John Warburton tied with 50.9s, Reid prevailing in the tie. And there was no surprise in the Prince - Green took the Prince of Wales' Badge with the only perfect score.

In the Grand Aggregate, Glyn Barnett now led the

Above: John Wilson of USA takes the Times win.

way as the best of five off, with Simon Cleveland, Matt Millar, Rupert Fitzsimmons and Rich Stewart all in close pursuit. Stewart, in particular, continued his quiet but relentless climb up the leaderboard, having steadily carved a path into contention.

If Sunday had been about survival, Monday was about revival – and none showed it more clearly than Green, who – apart from that chastening experience in the Corporation – was quietly having a quite remarkable debut Meeting.

SECOND TUESDAY, 22 JULY

And so to the penultimate day of the Grand. Three shoots, taking in the first stage of the St George's at 300 yards, the Wimbledon at 600 yards, and a potentially make-or-break Lovell at 1,000 yards.

Three scores of 75.14 led the way in the first stage of the St George's: Jim Corbett of Australia joined by two CJs – Watson of the Welsh and Mitchell of the Cardinals. Corbett edged the tie, with the cut for Stage II falling at 72.7.

Mitchell kept up his excellent run with a perfect 50.10 in the Wimbledon, joined in a three-way tie by Oli Russell of the Old Guildfordians and South Africa's Jason di Bona. This time, it was Mitchell who prevailed.

In the Lovell at 1,000 yards four shooters posted 50.8 – Luca O'Flynn, Jason di Bona, Katherine Fleck, and Jim Corbett – O'Flynn emerging victorious. Among the Grand Aggregate leaders, Cleveland, Stewart, Millar, and Fitzsimmons all

managed 49s, while Barnett, drawn on perhaps the most testing detail of the day, came away with a 47.

With just King's I remaining, the Grand looked to have boiled down to a duel between two of the finest stallions the OGRE stable has produced – Stewart and Barnett, both sitting on eight off. Millar and Fitzsimmons lay one behind on nine off, with Cleveland now ten down. The stage was set.

SECOND WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY

The final day of the Grand, and with it a task for Stewart: a 105 in the first stage of HM The King's Prize, and in all likelihood his lead would be rendered unassailable. A second Gold Cross would be his.

Barnett knew his only chance lay in applying maximum pressure, as he trailed Stewart (who led



the Vee-Bull as well as the Grand Aggregate) by several centrals. He did that and then some, producing an almost flawless performance – 105.20, more than good enough for the Bronze Medal.

Stewart,

meanwhile, began steadily, posting a pair of 35.4s. As he readied himself for the final distance, not a trace of nerves showed as he chatted happily with supporters and fellow firers. Your correspondent, shooting on the target next door, had a ringside seat to the action (and, in hindsight, ought to have been paying rather more attention to the flags than to Stewart's register keeper). Conditions were far from straightforward, but when his final shot was marked – a bang central vee-bull – applause from behind the point confirmed that the race was run. Stewart finished with a perfect 35.7, and with it a second Gold Cross to go with his first from 2006.

Barnett placed second, with Matt Millar (who had threatened all week) third, followed in fourth by Simon Cleveland, who had enjoyed a tremendous week. ☺

Above: Century Firing Point.

Left Inset: Times Tie Shoot with 10 competitors fighting for the win.

ST GEORGE'S *Winners Report*

Toby Little reports on his unexpected St George's Win.

Georges has never been a competition in which I have historically done well. Despite this being my tenth attempt, I had only reached the final once before, in 2021. Although I had made it through to the second stage five times, I had always crashed out dramatically at that point. The main culprit has usually been a combination of an ongoing struggle at 300 yards and nerves setting in at 600 yards.

While I was shooting better this Imperial than I had over the last couple of years, particularly at long range, I was continuing a frustrating trend of inconsistency at 300 yards. For example, this year I shot a 50.6 in the Donegall, only to follow it up with a disappointingly large group in the Times, leaving me feeling lucky to score a 47.

GEORGES 1

I went into Georges 1 with my confidence low after the terrible Times shoot the previous day and a hard Lovell earlier that morning. To make matters worse, the weather conditions were uncomfortable. It was too hot to be in wet weather gear, yet rain was an ever-present threat.

Mentally, I was not in a great place and didn't feel prepared. This showed in my first sighter, which just clung to the bottom right of the bull. My next three shots were equally shaky but still inside the bull, so I was happy to convert and start with three 5s and a V.

To get out of the mental slump for the remaining 11 shots, I decided to focus entirely on the wind, which was switching just enough to push a careless shot out of the bull and was a fight to keep in the V-Bull, rather than overthinking my shooting. The approach worked better than I expected. I was delighted, and slightly surprised, to put the rest into the V, finishing with a 75.12 and coming sixth. However, I was very disappointed that a Gurkha Appeals Kukri was just one V out of reach.

GEORGES 2

When I turned up for Georges 2 I was happy to find myself squadded with my friend Miles Horton-Baker, which instantly made the whole experience feel more relaxed. Having good company on the firing point helped keep the pressure off. I was just happy to be there, and I genuinely did not think there was any chance I was going to win. That mindset allowed me to simply enjoy the shoot.



Conditions, however, were challenging. The wind was lively, rapidly moving from about three-and-a-quarter right to one right making for a really exciting challenge. I made the decision not to fire when the wind was at its extremes, waiting instead for it to settle into the middle of that range. Even so, I nearly lost two shots out to the left, both landing right on the line. Thankfully, they stayed in, and the patience generally paid off.

I finished with a 75.13, giving a stage 2 score of 150.25. We kept an eye on the forecast cut for the final, and I was very surprised to see myself as the highest 150 on the board. There were plenty of 150s showing, and the wait was nerve-racking to see if I had won this stage. When it finally became clear, I realised I had won the silver cross and was going into the final for my second time ever and in an ideal position to do well.

Above: Toby realises he's won St. George's following the tie shoot.

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THE IMPERIAL MEETING KING'S FINAL

By **Alun Lewis**, with additional material provided by **Paul Charlton**.

The wind was slight but variable. The large crowd at the back of 1000 yards on Stickledown were riveted to the huge new electronic score board. Were we going to see the long time leader fire his last shot and get that elusive 300 in the King's (Sovereign's) final? The pixels flickered as Bedfordian Paul Syke's last shot was added, and then a gasp from the crowd. At the last gasp he had dropped to silver place as Brandon Green from the USA trumped him, and slid into gold. All thanks to a higher V bull count. Not the first time for that to happen, but an American winning? Well that was the first ever winner from the USA. It is only since the turn of the millennium when shooters who are not subjects of our monarch have been allowed to compete for the biggest prize.

And the American team was ecstatic. As they hoisted Brandon onto their shoulders for the "chairing" ritual they made us quite aware of that!

Above: The top three L-R: Paul Skyes Brandon Green Parag Patel. **Inset:** Alun Lewis commentary underway.

And as Peter Charlton noted at the time; 'At 1000, I was on target 39 between David Luckman on 38 and Brandon Green on 40. When he had won, Brandon's board keeper lifted him up and shook him up and down three or four times. I asked my score-board keeper, Stephen Penrose, - "please don't do that to me!" ' He didn't.

So how did it all happen? Well as ever there shooters from all around the world taking part in this 156th Imperial Meeting.

And in the King's Prize we had Americans, Canadians, South Africans, Australians, and after an enforced absence last year, we were delighted to see the Kenyans back again. Of course there was a full complement of the UK teams. Including of course the habitual Channel Isles rivalry was as ever there with five from Jersey RC and four from Guernsey RC.



In the famous last 100 we had veterans and youth alike. The youngest was an 18 year female and the oldest a 74 year old male. The British Young Shooters Association and GB Under 19s had five shooters between them, with Ms Lindsey McKerrell being the top of that tree with a very impressive 149.21 going into the stage 3. All in all there were 4 T class, and 10 O class making the grade. A very welcome total of 14 females. And accompanying the 10 serving forces shooters were 10 ex forces and 3 cadets.

Inter-family rivalry was there as well, with the by now annual, Negus Needle Match of Donna and Steve. This year Donna was leading going into the final stage although only by 3 V bulls. And as we all know those central shots can be not only satisfying to shoot but also crucial. Witness the final result!

There were, as ever, two Jeens shooting for Wales,. One of them of course the overall winner from 2014. But also, there was another badge of honour which was updated this year. The NRA Hall of Fame records those persons who have appeared (or qualified) 10 or more times in the final. This year there were three new entries; Alexander Cotzee from South Africa, David Nuthall of Old Epsomians and Sandy Walker of old Framlinghamians.

So much for the social side, now to the early indicators of possible winners of the King's. There is of course the Grand Aggregate and then there is the V-Bull aggregate. The former, because it is shot over a longer period, and varying weather conditions may or may not be a helpful indicator of form, especially if a competitor has an "off day." (Insert the excuse of choice in your own case!) For example, without mentioning names, someone in the top 10 of the Grand did in fact finish 85 places lower in the King's while a certain American shooter was only 87th in the Grand and look what happened to him.

Still it was good to see young and old, past winners and perhaps future winners all shooting at all the ranges and in all the conditions.

The Grand Aggregate winner was Rich Stewart of OGRE. A few Vs behind and also



only missing the bull eight times was Glynn Barnett and another regular to the podium Matt Millar a couple of shots behind. One notable feature of the top of the rankings was just how many V bulls had been shot.

What about the Vs then. At the top by the end of the week was that same Rich Stewart of OGRE (Old Greshamians), who managed to accumulate 95 out of a possible 135 Vs. Some going.

Parag Patel was up there with 90 before the King's, while equaling that score were Rosanne Furniss, and Brandon Green, and all pipped by Jason Di Bona with 93.

As it turned out this was, for the overall result a slightly better indicator than the Grand, though only just.

So with the Imperial beginning to ramp up to the big one, it was Wednesday of the second week and time for the first stage of the King's. 800 hopefuls were squadded, and let loose to do their best with "two sighters and seven" at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Topping the leader board with a mighty 105.20 (that's all but one shot in the inner V bull) was Dr Glynn Barnett. Hard on his heels were Sandy Walker and T Bourne with only one fewer Vs. Then just one more V adrift were Oscar Farrell, Chris Watson, and Christine Cuming. Impressive as the V count was, it is also noteworthy that the top 44 all went clean and plonked more than half their shots dead centre.

To prove that the conditions were kind, although the breeze could catch the unwary, the top 131 shooters only dropped one point. In 132nd place was Furniss and although she dropped two points, the V count was high. To prove that you should never give up, look where she ended up in the final. Only 5th! And there are many other such achievements if you are of a mind to trawl the scores.

Of course although the first round is important, as you have to be in the top 300 in order to progress to the next round, the score does not count in the final. Also this first "cut" is shot on the Century range at what the experts call "short range". (Though as a mediocre small bore shooter, even 300 yards looks like a ridiculously long way to me.)

By the close of play on Wednesday the "300" had been selected. The lowest score

was still a very respectable 102.8. It was ramping up to be a very close fought final.

Barely a day to rest and reset, and those that made the cut were on their way to the Century range again. This time the scores were really important. Not only does a competitor have to get into the top 100 to make the final but these scores at 300, 500 and 600 yards also get added to the final scores to determine the overall winner of the most prestigious award in the international full-bore calendar. And just to increase the pressure a little this time it was two sighters and 10".

Sitting atop the result sheet was Dr.

Barnett again, who had all but replicated his first round score with a clean sweep of fives and all but five of those had gone in the inner V bull. Almost as before the pack were hot on his heels with the next up just dropping a couple of Vs. In fact the top 12 were all reveling in a clean round (150) while the top 40 were all within a point of each other.

Paul Sykes was lurking just three Vs adrift of the top with Patel, Dave Luckman (last year's champion) and Kelvin Ramsey all within striking distance.

Also in the hunt was Furniss with one bull missed but a handy V count of 23. While Christine Cuming was up in 8th with the highest score of the 14 ladies who made it into the final and, at 150.20, clearly in the hunt. Keeping his powder dry was Brandon Green of the USA with what looked like, at this stage, to be a so-so score. How wrong we pundits were!

A rest day (although most of the finalists were in fact competing on Friday and Saturday morning) and then at half past two on Saturday the first shots of the final were fired on Stickledown. Now the range was increased, as was the course of fire to the draining "two sighters and 15". Starting at 900 yards the finalists took to their ▶

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Above: Brandon Green's Scores at 900x. **Below:** Canon fire at the end of the evening's celebrations.



randomly allotted firing points and in pairs took turns to shoot at one of the 50 targets. Firing alternately and of course watching closely how those nearest to them were coping with the wind, the game was well and truly "on".

For the second year running, the giant electronic scoreboard kept all of the huge crowd informed as to the position of the top 20 competitors. Well done to Mark Haigh and his team and the very skillful and dedicated RAF and Cambridge University helpers who collected the scores and transmitted them to the main IT centre.

The weather had been forecast as sunny intervals and light wind that morning but this was Bisley range, in the British summer. So we even had a slight short spell of drizzle as the shooters from around the world started to test themselves. The rain did not continue for long but the wind, though light was just enough to catch the unwary or inexperienced. By inexperienced I actually mean those who generally shoot in very different conditions. The Canadians for example told me that most of their ranges have very few firing points and they do not shoot in the rain on the whole due to the increased danger of lightning strikes there. The Kenyans and some of the Australians also have very different weather at home.

All in all though, every one did themselves proud. A large proportion of the 100 kept their hopes alive by only dropping two to three points but keeping the V count high.

At the end of the first stage of the final, Barnett, the early leader and a triple winner of the event, had dropped a couple of shots and had 223.32. But the order had dramatically switched. Paul Sykes had still steered clear of the 4 point "inner" ring so still and had a clean 225.29. He was the only one to have not dropped a point. And that V count looked good.

Right there was James Corbett who had an impressive score of 224.35.

Patel was just behind on 224.33, with Green a further 2 Vs behind. It was getting tight at the top. Furniss and Barnett were still in with a chance having only dropped



Above: The Final Scoreboard. **Inset:** Brandon signs the Winner's Book in the NRA museum.

two points while Ramsey and Luckman just drifted a little clear. Though Luckman, and Furniss did have the next highest V counts of the top runners with 34 apiece.

Then back to 1000 yards to find out who could read the slight wind best at this very challenging distance.

The crowd were beginning to notice that one shooter was still to drop a point.

We have to go back 20 years to see the last time that a Finalist in the Monarch's prize had actually gone all the way and scored 300. That was Jim Paton. I was there that day and remember it well. And just seven years before that was the only other time that has been achieved, and that was by Philip Bennison.

So the shooters were at it again for the last chance at glory. And as ever it never seems to turn out the way one expects. Of course the shooters had all moved to different parts of the range and were experiencing different conditions. For example our leader had moved from the target 42 up towards the highest and most exposed part of the range, to the more sheltered number 19. The wind though a bit on and off was still coming from the left on the whole. But the increase of just 100 yards at these long ranges does mean of course that the trajectory of the bullets causes them to fly quite a lot higher during their couple of seconds of unaided flight. And they are exposed to the wind just that bit more.

This did show in the scores as quite a few top flight shots dropped a point or two more than might have been expected.

The scores kept coming at a remarkable pace on the mighty and very welcome scoreboard. One by one the main challengers swapped positions. Then with just one shot left it looked likely that Paul Sykes could win with a clean 300 and a tidy V count. Brandon Green was all out with a fine 299.41.

Then in came Sykes' final shot and in an instant all changed. He had finally dropped a point and more importantly his V tally was 3 less than the American. So history was made.

With Sykes second, Patel had crept into third spot just pipping Ramsey. Luckman and Furniss completed the top 6. In the top 12 four shooters scored more Vs than the winner which is consolation indeed.

So the age old Bisley celebration. After the brief and well attended podium ceremony, and the traditional cheer for the hard working butts team as they came back in the cavalcade of cars and vans, the American team gathered round the famous chair and after a couple of seconds of huddling they loudly chanted "U ... S ... A" and punched the air in excitement. The band tuned up and started to play "Hail the Conquering Hero Comes" as they set off round the camp. And they all finished up in Canada House where the whole American team were billeted for the Imperial.

As ever a footnote: The friendly Negus V Negus was decided in favour of Steve this year. The highest O class UK Cadet finalist was Georgina Bohn. Ian Jones from Jersey took the overall O class victory in 21st place Rory McKenna was the top T class and topping the A's was Benjamin Danziger. 🍀



A woman is shown from the waist up, smiling and looking down at a shotgun she is holding. She is wearing a white baseball cap with 'BISLEY SHOOTING GROUND' on it, large black ear protection, and red-tinted safety glasses. Her outfit consists of a white long-sleeved shirt with floral embroidery on the cuffs and a green tweed vest. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

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THE 156TH IMPERIAL MEETING

Report by **Brandon Green**, King's Prize Winner 2025.

When driving through the gates at Bisley shooting grounds I quickly began to get a sense of the heritage and prestige that this historic facility carries. It had been 23 years since my first visit to Bisley and my return was long overdue. During my first visit, I was competing in an international air rifle event and had never even seen a TR rifle or 1000-yard range but I knew then that it was something that I wanted to try. Fast forward all of those years and you can imagine how excited I was to be back and competing in the 156th Imperial Meeting. After meeting our gracious hosts at the Canada Pavillion, I took the time to walk a lap around the camp to get my bearings and prepare myself for the days to come. The Opening Shot Team match would be my first opportunity to take a shot at the world-renowned Stickledown range and I was pleasantly surprised at how the experience went. After seeing how the ammunition performed at 900 and 1000 yards, I had confidence that the barrel and bullet combo would do its part as long as I did mine and focused on the task at hand. With initial zeroes confirmed, we were off to the races.

With this being my first time competing in the Imperial, I was very much reliant on my friends from the GB and Canadian teams to help me navigate the flow of the matches because to



“The day before the final Andy Luckman told me that he made a one pound bet that I would win the final. As I was being chaired off of the range, when I saw Andy standing under a tree taking photos I pointed at him so he would know that I appreciated his faith in me.”

be honest, I was completely lost! The first few days of competition showed us relatively mild conditions, which allowed me to gain more confidence in my new barrel, and allowed me to get a sense of how the flags and mirage reacted to the conditions. I saw some success early on at the short ranges where I managed to sneak away with a few daily aggregates and had mild confidence moving into long-range stages of the match. Unfortunately, I was

simply being lulled into a false sense of security before being “incorporated” by Stickledown. The Corporation match was an eye opening experience that I will not soon forget and after spending more time in the three ring than in the center of the target, I knew that any shot of a decent finish in the Grand Agg was out of the question. Luckily, I was able to pull a few bits of knowledge from the wreckage of that match and rebounded nicely during the Monday

Aggregate, keeping all of my points and even finding a 75-15V at the 600-yard line. This was another small boost in confidence, but was unfortunately short lived with all three ranges on Tuesday giving me quite a bit of trouble and reminding me exactly how important it is to give your shot process the attention that it deserves.

Moving on to St. George's Stage 1, I found myself continuing to struggle at the 300 yard line, unnecessarily dropping two points due to poor shot execution. This was a lesson that I didn't learn well enough and it cost me yet another point at the 600 stage of the King's first stage. At the completion of St. George's Stage 2, I had fought my way back into the top 100, but when you're sitting in 96th place there isn't much pressure moving into the final. Stage 3 went fairly well and I was pleased to have worked my way into the top 20 by the end of the St. George's Final. Considering the level of competition at this event I truly felt like making it into a final was a success and a respectable start to my Bisley shooting experience.

My short-range struggles continued during the King's Stage 2 where I dropped another point at 300 but kept them in the rest of the way back ending with a 149-20V that landed me in 30th place going into the final. I was one of three Americans to make it into the final this year and we were all proud to have made it into what we consider to be the most prestigious event in target rifle shooting. Walking onto the range the

next day I could see the staff getting everything set up but I would have never guessed how grand this event would turn out to be. While waiting to be called to the line I had the opportunity to talk to Ben Emms from the Australian rifle team and we had a laugh about how there was probably no chance of anyone below the top twenty making it to the top of the board so there was really no reason for any of us to get worked up. During that conversation, we discussed the excitement of shooting in a final and he said something that stuck with me through the entire match (and every string that I've shot since). As we were standing there talking he said "all you can do is keep yourself in it and the rest will end how it ends", and for some reason that stuck in my brain and was a constant reminder to execute the best shots I could without worrying about the outcome.



Above: Sharing this experience with friends and teammates will be a memory that stays with me for a lifetime. **Right:** I've never had a cowboy hat on my head nor a cigarette in my mouth but there was no way that I would deviate from this tradition. It was truly an honor.

“What followed was a truly unforgettable experience, one that I had heard tales of but honestly could never have imagined.”

The conditions were not overly complicated so I was able to give shot execution my full attention and the V bulls started to string together. Coming off of the 900 with a 75-11V I knew that I had not hurt my chances, but I figured that if I was able to do it, then there had to be others that did as well. As we walked back to 1000, I was blown away by the group of spectators that had gathered and I knew then that this is a truly special event and that is was a privilege to be a part of it. Even though I had moved up closer to the

scoreboard I made it a point to not look in that direction, knowing that nothing I would see would help me keep the shots in the center.

As the shooting started, I studied the flags and mirage, made my best guess of five and a quarter minutes left, broke a center shot, and watched the target come back up with a V bull. With the wind appearing to stay relatively steady, I was able to stay between my original call and six and a half minutes for the entire string. With controlled breathing, forced relaxation, and my



buddy Ben's advice ringing in my ears, I managed to complete fifteen well-executed shots and was relieved to see the last one come up out of the pits as a five. As I laid in position to score my point mate's last two shots, I did not realize that I had moved up to second place behind Paul Sykes, who was clean but still firing with three shots remaining. Unbeknownst to me, it all came down to Paul's final shot, and as fate would have it the shot came up a little high in the four ring and it was finished.

The reality of the situation still didn't really sink in until I turned in my scorecard and the handshakes started. What followed was a truly unforgettable experience, one that I had heard tales of but honestly could never have imagined. I don't believe that there is any other sport in the world where every competitor on the field is truly happy to see their opponent succeed and then help them celebrate until the sun rises on the very same range. A once in a lifetime experience to say the least. 🍷

IHAM 2025

Report by **Derek Stimpson.**

The amount of activity on Bisley Camp during the opening weekend of the Imperial is always striking. 2025 was no different and of course a part of that activity relates to Historic Arms. The Imperial Historic Arms Meeting took place during the first weekend of the 156th Imperial Meeting on the 12th and 13th July 2025.

Every year I remind everyone that the Imperial is the NRA's largest, most complex, and perhaps best known, indeed famous, meeting, including internationally, with many overseas competitors taking part, as evidenced by the flags flying on Exhibition Green. It culminates with the King's Prize.

As usual many historic arms could be seen being shot over the weekend, and the extensive album of photographs, which

accompany this article, shows many of them being put to good use.

The IHAM whilst an integral part of the Imperial Meeting is also a precursor of the Trafalgar, an NRA meeting dedicated specifically to historic arms.

During IHAM the NRA Imperial Sporting Rifle competitions also take place



concurrently on the Sporting Rifle complex, which includes Running Deer and Running Boar. Both historic and modern firearms may be used in those disciplines, plus the

Stalker's Test and Sitting Fox which are for Sporting Rifle only. Of course, shooting historic arms may cover all disciplines and types of firearm.





“Amongst the participants were many regular shooters returning again this year, although a number of old friends were missing, and a few new ones joined us.

The variety of firearms in use is a long list and to name a few - which may be seen in the photograph album; Lee Enfields, Mausers, Mosin Nagants, the Lebel, Martini Henrys and Sniders, BSA's, both military and sporting, Winchesters, Marlins, many Sporting rifles (my own .256 Gibbs Magnum, an unusual calibre, and a BSA Hunter in .222 Rem.), plus plenty of interesting small bore rifles (.22RF and Rook & Rabbit Rifles), and of course muzzle loading arms.

The IHAM weekend this year was during one of the heatwaves and it was certainly warm and the NRA ensured that plenty of water was to hand!

Amongst the participants were many regular shooters returning again this year,

although a number of old friends were missing, and a few new ones joined us. It would be good to see more newcomers, owners of historic arms, bringing them along and shooting them to good effect.

The most popular event was 3676, 200 yds prone Veteran Sniper Rifle, with 19 shooters, followed by 3674 Veteran Service Rifle with 18 shooters, 3657 Classic Service Rifle with 17 shooters and 2750 Classic Running Deer, Any Rifle also 17 shooters. The ever popular 2681, Running Boar, 55yds moving target, PV Miniature Calibre Rifle dropped to 8 although it was also shot by 6 CL Rook and Rabbit Rifle shooters (2651) and 5 PV Pistol Calibre Rifle shooters (2682), so in all 19 shooters on the Running Boar. The Running Boar, a moving target



discipline, usually attracts a good number of shooters and we hope to see more return at the Trafalgar.

As always there remain a number of events shot by one person -30 this year -up from 25 last year. However those competitions do vary each year.

I am sure that there are many of you who have classic and historic arms which don't get used. You will find great satisfaction in shooting well with a historic rifle or ML pistol. If you shoot already try something different - and start practicing for the Trafalgar! If you win a

competition - well that's a bonus! On top of which, you own and are preserving a piece of heritage, and may be contributing to research. By shooting your historic arms you are effectively researching their effectiveness as a firearm whether on the battlefield or sporting use. Like any artefact historic arms can benefit from careful use.

If you have any questions, requests, or suggestions about the meeting, there is plenty of advice available, so do not hesitate to get in touch and above all come and join us. Why not try an event you haven't tried before - the ▶





“Many historic arms could be seen being shot over the weekend.”



“historical” in the future! Thanks go to all those who gave input and much hard work to produce and update it.

The table below shows the numbers of shooters and competition entries. There was a modest increase in competitor numbers of four but slightly less cards shot this year. We are glad to note this upwards

trend in entrants, but we still need to see more of the owners and collectors of historic arms participating in the historic arms meetings - both IHAM

ML Pistol Surrenden or the moving target - Running Deer or Boar.

There is a new and updated Classic & Historic Handbook for 2025, with a more detailed numbering system, which will answer some of those questions and is available on-line. Significant changes to the structure of the handbook include the incorporation of the old “Gallery Rifle and Pistol” classes into the main historically based classification system and the addition of a new “Post Veteran” age class to cover the period from the end of WW2 until 1965 (although I understand this may be changing to 1970 to cover the change in rifle types around that time). Hopefully

this will make the task of accommodating new types of firearm as they become





and the Trafalgar, as well as other specific matches such as historic CSR and the sporting historic shoots.

At risk of repeating myself we do need more shooters to support these meetings if they are to continue, and hopefully grow and thrive. Young shooters, come along and help secure the future of our heritage, and learn about historic arms – there is something for everyone's taste.

Thanks go to the NRA and their team for their splendid support of the meetings, especially IHAM during the Imperial, when there are many

other pressures.

Finally, we must add that without the volunteers, notably the Stats Office and ROs, these meetings could not run. We were glad to note some new Range Officers joining the old hands this year. Thanks to them for their help and please keep it up. Deputy Match Director Bryden Ritchie not only dealt with questions and issues and worked with his wife Anne on stats, but also found time to shoot his Dreyse Needle gun to good effect in the 200 yd large bore Veteran Sniper Rifle competition.

• 2025 - 75 Competitors - 326 cards (incl GR)

- 2024 – 71 Competitors – 332 cards (incl GR)
- 2023 – 69 Competitors – 375 cards (incl GR)
- 2022 - Meeting cancelled due to fires
- 2021 – 79 competitors – 401 cards (incl GR)
- 2020 – no meeting due to Covid
- 2019 – 92 competitors – 430 cards (incl GR)
- 2018 - 90 competitors – 401 cards (incl GR)
- 2017 - 89 competitors – 455 cards (incl GR)
- 2016 - 103 competitors - 452 cards (incl GR)

The competition results are

shown elsewhere and the full list is on the NRA website.

Congratulations to the winners and the message to everyone – keep shooting!

We look forward to seeing you at next year's IHAM and at the 2025 Trafalgar – the 18th and 19th of October.

Circumstances allowing, we expect that there will be the usual arms fair and arms exhibitions, including Heritage Pistols, at the Trafalgar.

The Trafalgar formal dinner will take place at the Council Club, so don't forget to reserve your place when booking your shooting entries. 🍷



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RAF TARGET RIFLE CLUB

RAISES £5000 *for the RAF Benevolent Fund*

Report by **Colin Sach**.

Now in its eleventh year, the annual Guest Day run by the RAF Target Rifle Club and Royal Air Force Small Arms Association raised another £5000 for the RAF Benevolent Fund on the 6th June, taking the total to over £70,000. In addition, over 400 people mostly having no knowledge of shooting now understand the enjoyment, along with the benefits of focus, self-discipline and stress management that safely organised shooting can deliver. This initiative was started by Colin Sach when he was Master of the Bakers Livery Company. He and Chris Hockley developed the idea of inviting the Livery Companies to an annual competition at Bisley for teams of three. The Bakers Livery Company donated a marvellous silver trophy for the winning team and there are prizes for the top shots and top teams in each discipline. Local rules require that no team or individual wins more than once and the competition is keenly fought!

This year a very special VIP guest came to present the prizes. Colin Bell was a Mosquito pilot in the second World War, completing 50 missions over Germany. At 104 years old he recounted some of his experiences and his thoughts on life in general. On one sortie over Berlin his aircraft was hit by flak causing both engines to fail temporarily. Luckily both managed to restart and he was able to nurse the aircraft back to base rather than bail out over occupied territory. The following morning his ground engineer offered him pieces of shrapnel that had been recovered from the aircraft. When Colin asked where they had been found he was told in his seat and in the parachute he had been sitting on. Asked what his secret was to get to 104 years old and still be so sprightly, he said it was three things: good food, good alcohol and the love of good women – with a few bad ones thrown in as well.

One of the new events this year that was introduced to provide some light entertainment was the Bell Target, a popular event in local pubs in the Midlands using air rifles at 10 metres to enable the Bell at the centre of the target to ring. We managed of course to get Colin Bell to have a go on the Bell target. 🎯



Above: Carpenters Livery Team, overall winners.
Left Inset: Colin Bell tries the new Bell Target.



Above Right: Colin Bell and Chris Hockley with one of the Black Powder Pistols. **Below:** Target Rifle winner David Stevens of the Tallow Chandlers Livery Company with Colin Bell and Colin Sach.





GBFCA Round 3

THE NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

P.S.S.A Ranges (Diggle) 1000 Yards 7-8 June 2025. Report by **Richie Jones**.

There is still a large proportion of our Great Britain F-Class Association (GBFCA) membership that hasn't experienced shooting at Diggle (near Manchester) or Blair Atholl (near Pitlochry) for that matter and possibly view these rounds as an easier way for some to achieve league points, given the overall entry capacity at these rounds is generally 40% less than those seen at the Bisley rounds.

Although that's partially true and maximum entries are always lower than those seen at Bisley, both Diggle and Blair have a way of 'sorting the wheat from the chaff' and cruelly exposing any weaknesses.

Points earned at these rounds are always battles and if you haven't competed at either of these ranges, I'd certainly recommend putting them on your bucket list.

DAY ONE

Waking up on the range on Saturday (Day 1), I was very relieved to see that it wasn't raining and, although very chilly, it enabled a dry window of opportunity to run around the range, open the club house, get the generators and boilers running and make ready for the arrival of our competitors.

At 08:35hrs, everyone went in their relevant directions and as F/TR were shooting first, they headed to the firing point, with F-Open heading to the butts to mark for the morning session. F/TR's Detail 1 were set up in no time and blowoffs went down range promptly at 09:00am, with the first 2+20 Match starting soon after.

Things went well for Detail 1, with subtle winds running R-L between 2.2 – 3.6 MOA, resulting in some fine scores topped by a 99.05 from Asad Wahid.

By the time Detail 2 were ready, the wind had eased slightly and was now running around 2 MOA from the Right. The wave effect I'd seen on Friday afternoon then kicked in, and as Detail 2 got underway with their blowoffs, you could feel the sudden change in the air. By the time D2 were around their 5th shot for record, you could see a big black cloud and sheet of rain heading our way at speed. On this occasion though, it didn't skirt around us but bashed straight through the middle like a wrecking ball, soaking everyone on the line in Detail 2 - that's just the way the cookie crumbles!

The problem I now had was coaxing Detail 1 back onto the firing point from the relative comfort of their dry shelter. It was unfortunate but the wave effect was now in full force and despite a short period of respite from the rain while Detail 1 prepared for Match 2, it wasn't long before they were now as wet as the other guys. Detail 1 completed their match in around 25 minutes with no Message 4s called. This was testimony to good marking and more constant conditions. By the time Detail 2 were shooting, the flags were drenched, and the wind

had actually eased and now running between 0.6 – 1.4 MOA from the Right. This allowed some shooters to focus and put in some amazing scores, including local man Jim Marsden taking the top spot with a brilliant 98.07.

The F-Open shooters headed back from their duties in the butts and prepared to start their first matches.

Conditions for their first match initially looked slightly better than previously seen with the F/TR guys, but looks can be totally deceiving.

Although the rain for Detail 1 was now all but a very light drizzle, the wind had actually picked up quite considerably, the flags now hanging heavy with water and giving false readings. Consequently, many wind calls were undervalued and became costly to the competitors, with leaked 4s and 3s hitting the left side of the target throughout the match.

By the time Detail 2 were starting their Match 1, the rain had completely cleared and only a stiff cool breeze remained in the air. This was a relief to the Open guys who don't like getting their shiny parts damp. This offered a great opportunity to embrace the conditions, and as the flags started to dry out in the wind, our shooters raced ahead to finish their detail, with Paul Sandie taking Gold with a brilliant 95.08.

As Detail 1 started their Match 2, another 2+20, they soon got to grips with drier conditions.

Above: The South Westerly view from the 1000 yard firing point on Day 1.

Winds were now running 1.5 to 2.5 MOA from the right and remained fairly consistent throughout. Detail 1 finished their match within 33 minutes, and once the firing points were clear, Detail 2 rapidly got set up. It was clear that they wanted to get in and out before the possibility of any rain came back in and finished the day on a low.

When Detail 2 started their match, sudden and unexpected dropoffs were the biggest reason for lost points, and they certainly cost me more than 5 points overall. However, it was an enjoyable Match, and if you'd scored in the high 80s to mid 90s you'd done very well.

Some shooters excelled in the conditions and had no doubt seen them countless times before at Diggle. Proof of this was Jonathan Walker, a local shooter, taking an awesome Gold with a fantastic 96.11 and heading the F-Open Aggregate going into Day 2. In FTR, Asad Wahid maintained his lead through Day 1 to take gold in the Saturday Aggregate.

F-OPEN DAY 1 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Jonathan Walker	189.14
2	Les Groves	188.15
3	David Rollafson	188.11

FTR DAY 1 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Asad Wahid	194.11
2	Dan Lomas	194.09
3	Matt Jarram	192.16

DAY TWO

Due to local restrictions, shooting on Sunday couldn't start until 10:00am and, as I prepped the range for the day ahead, the rain was now quite heavy and had already penetrated both my normal waterproof coat and my backup Gortex waterproof coat with cool water now

dribbling down my legs and into my waterproof boots. The situation had now reached 'critical' and overall conditions were quite miserable.

Thankfully, my prayers for better weather were answered, and luck was on F-Open's side for once. As our shooters started to gather around the 1,000 yard firing point at 09:15hrs, you could see light spots in the sky and white clouds approaching in the distance, meaning some nice spells were imminent and approximately 10 minutes away.

Although the sun was out and it was dry, the atmosphere was sticky. This was a strong indication that we weren't out the woods quite yet (well F/TR wasn't) and there was a close thundery feeling in the air.

With F-Open beginning proceedings on Day 2, Match 3 was a 30 minute 2+15 and, from out of nowhere, Diggle decided to throw down the gauntlet and hit us with some extremely tricky hard-to-read wind conditions.

With the wind coming from the rear and headed in the direction of the targets, it fishtailed as it passed through the differing topography on the landscape and without any warning, would cast your bullets to either side of the target. Lightning-fast directional changes, added to our uphill flags made it very



Above: The face of a man (Mark Ellis) who dodged a bullet and knows what's in store for the F/TR afternoon detail.

difficult to read and although Detail 1 put down some good scores, there were a lot of heads being scratched on the firing point.

When Detail 2 prepared, conditions were even worse and this reporter could not get out from the 2-3 rings on either side of the target. Ping-pong was not what I signed up for!

If I started with 2 MOA R on the gun, I needed 4MOA and when I went up to 4 MOA, my next shot needed 2 MOA. This was rather frustrating, losing fourteen points within my first six shots to count.

When I realised the pattern, I had nothing to lose and ignored what I thought I was seeing and shot two

consecutive shots with the same value. The gamble paid off and I shot myself back into the right wind rhythm, not dropping a point in my remaining nine shots. You live and learn, and I wasn't the only one who got clobbered in Match 3.

The final Match 4 was a 2+20 and as F-Open's first detail got down to shoot, the clear spells from the SouthWest had all but vanished and specks of rain could be felt in the air. The wind was still fishtailing, but the changes slowed down, making it a little easier to adjust to and Detail 1 romped through their match. When Detail 2 got down, the heavens opened and we got absolutely soaked. The rain had brought with it a strong gust and the wind was now consistent from the right, running between 1.5 and 3.6 MOA.

F/TR were in no hurry to get started on their final two matches, and as I stood on the firing point surveying the situation, I could see the hesitation on many competitors' faces.

The rain was now that heavy, it obscured the view of the targets and more importantly the hill tops around the neighbouring valley, so we ►





delayed the start by 20-30 minutes, using the time to pray and try to study the weather fronts coming in from behind.

When F/TR's Match 3 Detail 1 got ready to start their match, the rain was still there but nothing like we'd previously seen and experienced.

We ended up racing through both Details 1 and 2 of Match 3 within 30 minutes, and you could tell they didn't want to be out in the open any longer than was necessary.

In Match 3's 2+15, the usual suspects had risen to the top of the tree, with Ryan Goodman being victorious with a 69.04. I'm unsure if anyone didn't hear him but he put that score in after dialling the wrong way twice!

At this stage, scores for the Grand Aggregate were rather tight at the top and several shooters were starting to eye up the podium and envisage themselves holding that winning silver salver. As we all know though, conditions can turn things on their head in a matter of seconds at Diggle and the range had saved its dirtiest move and best until last...

Detail 1 Match 4 got down on the firing point and made ready for their final 2+20. It was now quite hot (you couldn't

make it up!) with temperatures reaching a solid 20C.

Looking down range, the wind could be seen coming full value from the right and early shots predicted a value around 1.6MOA Right.

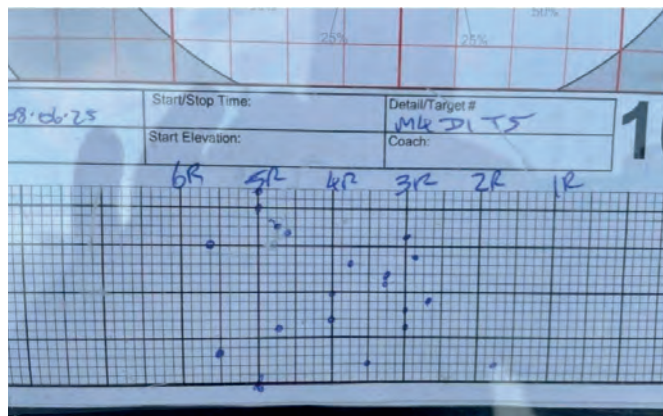
To their shock though, their shots trued out around 6 MOA Right, and you just couldn't see it anywhere.

This completely turned their match on its head and values that looked subtle were actually racing through full value at 3MOA, 5.6MOA, 2.5MOA, 5MOA, 4.5MOA etc between shots.

Dan Lomas was one of the first to come of the point having finished his match within 22 minutes. I could tell by his face that he was shell shocked and when I asked how he did, he remained silent and just handed me his weather



Above: Congratulations to all our podium finishers in the Grand Aggregate. Left to Right – F/TR's Jim Marsden 2nd, Matt Jarram 1st, Asad Wahid 3rd then F-Open's David Rollafson 3rd, Jonathan Walker 1st with Les Groves in 2nd.



Above: Thanks to Dan Lomas for sharing his wind chart for Match 4.

writer with his plotting sheet!

Winds remained the same for Detail 2's final match and big changes were experienced across the line. Lots of 1s and 2s cropped up and the shoot was extremely difficult. With changes anywhere from 1-6MOA and flags either wrapped around poles or down right lying, it took a large element of luck to keep the shots on the board. Well done to Chris Cairns for an awesome Gold with 92.04.

F-OPEN DAY 2 AGGREGATE		
	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Les Groves	163.09
2	Jonathan Walker	162.11
3	Gary Costello	161.07

FTR DAY 2 AGGREGATE		
	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Mike Harris	156.08
2	Jim Marsden	153.05
3	Chris Cairns	152.05

As we were very aware of the big black clouds forming in the distance to the SW, no one wanted to get wet again, so we ploughed through our ceremony with conviction and were wrapped up within 30 minutes.

National competitions are supposed to be the ultimate challenge, and I thank Diggle for delivering, including the P.S.S.A who generously allow us to use their range for our league event. Thanks, from all of us at the Association. 🍀

ROUND 4 GRAND AGGREGATE FINAL SCORES - F-OPEN		
	COMPETITOR	GRAND AGG
1	Jonathan Walker	351.25
2	Les Groves	351.24
3	David Rollafson	347.19
4	Gary Costello	347.17
5	Tom Reynolds	343.22
6	Phil Shambrook	342.18
7	Adam Bagnall	342.10
8	Gordon Waugh	341.18
9	Steve Rigby	340.15
10	Ian Bellis	338.16

ROUND 4 GRAND AGGREGATE FINAL SCORES - F-OPEN		
	COMPETITOR	GRAND AGG
1	Matt Jarram	344.19
2	Jim Marsden	344.15
3	Asad Wahid	342.15
4	Mary Marsden	341.22
5	Mike Harris	337.18
6	Dan Lomas	333.19
7	Ryan Goodman	332.14
8	Arnaud Martin	331.14
9	Mike Walker	330.15
10	Carrie Ryan	329.16

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GBFCA Round 4 MIK MAK'S LONG RANGE SUMMER F-CLASS CHALLENGE

28-29 June 2025 (Bisley). Report by **Richie Jones**.



Left: F-Open's Adam Bagnall getting ready for action on Saturday's Detail 3.

As F/TR's main detail started Match 1 at 800 yards, the wind was running between 3.6 to 6.0 MOA Left. Temperatures had already reached a sticky 19C, and it was a sure indication that we were in for a scorching day ahead. With flag angles remaining stable and consistent, some respectably high scores were submitted for record. Match 1's Mixed Detail 2 were up next, and conditions remained fairly similar for all involved. It was all about the velocity changes which were easier to spot on most of the flags across the range.

By the time F-Open's Detail 3 were in to bat, the wind had eased a little and they experienced subtle changes between 2 – 3.2 MOA from the Left. Although there were fewer maximums in F-Open, the V-Counts were higher, and their rifles were certainly humming. That being said, frustrating dropoffs proved the biggest issue and the main reason for any dropped points.

Honours for Match 1 went to Ryan Goodman in FTR with a 75.08, beating both Arnaud Martin and Asad Wahid on countback. In F-Open, David Rollafson scored an excellent 75.11, ahead of Dehane Cownley (75.04) and David Lloyd (74.10).

By 10.00AM temperatures had now reached 25C ►

GBFCA's Vice Chairman - Mik Maksimovic started this round many moons ago... somewhere around 2009. Originally designed to cover distances back to 1,200 yards, such was his sadistic nature, it quickly exploded in popularity and grew into a very well attended round within the Association's season calendar.

Whilst favouring the heavyweight F-Open rifles, the F-TR competitors soon adapted their own game to use heavier bullets in an attempt to keep them flying straight at 1,200 yards.

In anticipation of the F-Class World Championships in August 2026, which will 'only' extend to 1,000 yards, it was decided to drop the

1,100 and 1,200 yards for 2025 to give some more practice to the domestic and international (Ireland, Italy, Germany, Canada, USA and Netherlands) competitors who showed up in force this year. An added incentive to travel was the NRA's own 4-day F-Class Imperial competition which would follow just three days later.

If the World Championships happen in +30C heat, then the Friday practice will have been very worthwhile for those who attended.

DAY ONE

With markers in position by 08:15hrs and our safety brief complete by 08:19hrs, our RCOs

Phil and Steve had relevant conversations with the NRA Range Office and F/TR's Detail 1 were allowed to set up and make ready for blow offs at 08:33hrs. This was music to my ears, as getting off to a late start through no fault of our own has crippled our competition timings in previous years when poor weather intervened.



Left: Mik 'Mik Mak' Maksimovic still smiling during Round 4.

and light mirage could be seen building down range. The wind remained consistent from the Left, but the flags had become more active and were now jumping between the angles like music notes in the air.

This proved very hard to time your shots right and had devastating effects. Details 1 and 2 faced winds in the region of 3.0 – 5.4 MOA, and by the time F-Open's Detail 3 had started, cloud cover had formed, the sight picture had improved, and the wind switched between 4.5 to 2.6MOA Left. Again, frustrating dropoffs or, more accurately, subtle angle changes were causing frustrating line cutters on the downwind side of the targets across the full line. Gary Costello (75.09) took first place in F-Open for Match 2 with Mick Silles in FTR taking gold with a 73.05.

After lunch, we were back on the 1000-yard firing point and ready for FTR's Match 3 Detail 1 at 13:20hrs. Holy smoke! Conditions were getting nasty.

Temperatures were now hitting 34C, the sweat was dripping off foreheads, and even the southern Italian competitors were feeling the heat. Where was that ice-cream van when you really needed it?

Wind conditions had now become very tricky to read as it was starting to fishtail, despite it looking like it was still consistently coming in strong from the left hand side.

F/TR's Detail 1 needed 0.4 Right to 5.6 MOA Left to keep groups centred, and the 45-second rule meant shooters couldn't wait for conditions to revert to a familiar setting when it changed and were forced to shoot through the conditions and trust their basic instincts.

When F-Open's Detail 3 had



Above: The sheltered left wind effect on Stickledown - a result of the thick 200-yard tree line on the left side of the range.

started, the fishtailing effect had finished but the velocity was up and down like a yoyo between each and every shot.

Congratulations to Neil Gould (73.06) in F-Open, and Simon Gambling (69.03) in FTR for finishing on top in Match 3.

When Match 4 got underway at 15:20hrs, everything remained very similar to those conditions experienced in the previous match. This at least meant our shooters had a better idea of what to expect and the possible value of the changes they could encounter throughout their last match of the day. FTR's Detail 1 raced through Match 4, and it was almost as if they couldn't wait to get off the range and get ready for our AGM at 18:00hrs.

With the sun high in the sky and winds valuing between 4.0 – 5.0 MOA Left, Detail 1 were finished within 22 minutes, with the mixed Detail 2 not far behind them taking 23 minutes. When F-Open were ready for the off, winds had settled somewhat and were valuing between 3 – 4.2 MOA Left.

The Match 4 winners were

F-Open's Ian Boxall (72.06) and FTR's Pete Dommatt (73.05).

F-OPEN DAY 1 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Gary Costello	285.27
2	Neil Gould	284.26
3	Ian Boxall	284.21
4	Jonathan Walker	282.21
5	Robert Douglas	282.21

FTR DAY 1 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Simon Gambling	283.24
2	Asad Wahid	276.13
3	Carrie Ryan	271.13
4	Chris Cairns	270.18
5	Jim Marsden	270.13

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The Association took the opportunity of the larger attendance at Round 4 to hold its AGM on Saturday evening in the newly-refurbished Pavilion. I'd quickly like to thank Lance Vinall and Simon West for their efforts on the committee these past years and now welcome on board our new committee members Tom Bindley as Secretary and Ryan Goodman in a general capacity. Best of luck to everyone in their new roles, especially Pete Dommatt as the new GBFCA Chairman.

DAY TWO

In contrast to the previous day, Sunday was much cooler, and our trusty Range Officers, Phil and Steve, took up the slack and made ready for F-Open's Match 5 and Detail 1's blow offs. These went down range



like clockwork at 08:34hrs, and within 21 minutes, they had completed their match. Conditions remained cool and overcast which also made for a clearer sight picture. This was certainly news to my eyes as everyone was still suffering from the effects of the sun exposure from Saturday, and there was still a strong hint of



after sun lingering in the air.

Sunday was all about the subtle angle changes on the flags and if you spotted what to look for with the down wind flags, the changes jumped out at you. Wind value were around 0 – 1.4MOA Right and these conditions remained similar for both the

Mixed Detail 2 and main F/TR Detail 3.

David Lloyd (75.09) in F-Open, and Pete Dommett (73.04) came out on top for Match 5, and things were looking very interesting at the top of the leaderboard going into the final Match 6. Scores were extremely close going into the final Match 6, and

there were several shooters in either class that could have made it to the final podium if they kept it together (me included).

Temperatures were now warming up to around 24C and the mirage downrange was building rapidly. As Match 6 started for Detail 1, everything looked the same as in the previous match and I continued

to follow the same indicators that I had been happy with.

This certainly helped me spot the angle changes until wind then changed direction and started coming in from the Left.

Velocities throughout the remainder of our match now flowed from near zero to 1.4

MOA Left and this remained similar for the Mixed Detail 2. When our final F/TR Detail 3 were about to start, the wind picked up. They finished their Match 6 within 28 minutes, using almost all their time available to them. This proved that conditions were tough for them and the sudden angle changes were difficult to catch. The wind velocity fluttered between 1.0 to 2.4 MOA left and had cost several of the contenders valuable points. Once again, it showed everyone that it isn't over until the very last shot has gone down range. Celt Rideout (75.07) took the honours for Match 6 in F-Open, with young Garryk Campbell (73.02) reinforcing his solid earlier score to pick up golds in FTR's Match 6 and the Sunday Aggregate.

F-OPEN DAY 2 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	David Lloyd	149.13
2	Celt Ridout	147.11
3	Paul Sandie	146.13

FTR DAY 2 AGGREGATE

	COMPETITOR	AGG
1	Garryk Campbell	141.04
2	Pete Dommett	140.09
3	Kat Balakrishnan	139.08

This now concluded all our matches for Round 4 and appropriately 'Mik Mak' stepped up to the mound to

help distribute all our awards to our very worthy Grand Aggregate winners...Simon Gambling in FTR and Gary Costello in F-Open.

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with any duties both on and off the range, including our great team of markers and the range staff. See you all at Round 5 in August !! For full results visit

www.gbfcclass.com.

ROUND 4 GRAND AGGREGATE FINAL SCORES - F-OPEN

	COMPETITOR	GRAND AGG
1	Gary Costello	430.38
2	Neil Gould	429.30
3	Jonathan Walker	424.30
4	Paul Sandie	424.28
5	Alexander Kreutz	423.33
6	Gianfranco Zaroni	423.32
7	Tony Price	423.32
8	Robert Douglas	423.31
9	Ian Boxall	423.29
10	Des Parr	423.23

ROUND 4 GRAND AGGREGATE FINAL SCORES - FTR

	COMPETITOR	GRAND AGG
1	Simon Gambling	422.29
2	Asad Wahid	413.21
3	Pete Dommett	408.23
4	Mike Harris	407.25
5	Carrie Ryan	407.20
6	Dan Lomas	406.20
7	Kat Balakrishnan	406.19
8	Paul Russell	403.24
9	Julie Bagnall	403.20
10	Simon West	402.22

“Once again, it showed everyone that it isn't over until the very last shot has gone down range.”

Below: L-R: FTR's Asad Wahid (2nd), Simon Gambling (1st Place), Pete Dommett (3rd). In F-Open, Neil Gould (2nd) Gary Costello (1st Place), Jonathan Walker (3rd).





- GB GALLERY RIFLE TEAM - IGRF IRISH INTERNATIONAL & IRISH OPEN 2025

Above: The Irish, German and GB teams at the IGRF Irish International.

Laura Warwick reports on the event in Ireland.

The Great Britain Gallery Rifle Team emerged victorious from their visit to the IGRF Irish International and Irish Open 2025. The squad took home gold in the Gallery Rifle Smallbore 1500 Match and silver in the Gallery Rifle Centrefire 1500 match on a weekend that delivered some great scores and great atmosphere both on and off the ranges.

There are at least three International Gallery Rifle Federation (IGRF) competitions each year hosted by different member nations. In July the National Association of Sporting Rifle and Pistol Clubs (NASRPC) hosted the second international match of the year at Fermoy Rifle and Pistol Club. The match comprises a Gallery Rifle Centrefire (GRCF) 1500 Match and a Gallery Rifle Smallbore (GRSB) 1500 Match. The 1500 Match is an

all-round test of a gallery rifle shooter, requiring shooting from distances between 10 and 50 m in different positions, including with the non-dominant hand. As suggested by the name, the maximum score for the match is 1500.

Alongside the challenge of the match itself there was also the logistical task of transporting all the shooters and their equipment to Ireland. For help with this we would like to thank NASRPC and our hosts at Fermoy Rifle Club for their support. The squad was headed by tour captain Andy Summers and adjutant Laura Warwick. Malcom Stewart, Amiel Gardiner and Keith Kilvington were returning to the Irish Open for a second time and Joe Pugh, and Rob Wheeler were making their Ireland debuts.

Support for the GB team was provided by Ken Williams.

The International Match took place on Saturday 5th July and was contested by Great Britain, Germany and Ireland. Changeable and windy conditions made the shooting challenging, particularly at 50 m, but the rain mostly held off. The day started with strong shooting from all three

teams in the smallbore match with the GB Captain Andy leading from the front with a huge score of 1486 with 99 x. This was only topped by the German Captain Daniel Eggers who shot 1488 with 107 x. However, the depth of talent in the GB team showed its worth and the team were able to take gold with a combined score of 5925(377), closely

International Match GRSB 1500					
Great Britain		Germany		Ireland	
Andy Summers (C)	1486.099	Daniel Eggers (C)	1488.107	Mike O'Grady	1467.084
Rob Wheeler	1485.099	Andre Georgi	1475.091	Gary Newman	1467.083
Amiel Gardiner	1478.091	Jessica Eggers	1467.092	Declan Byrne	1462.082
Keith Kilvington	1476.088	Meik Waldvogt	1462.087	Andy McGowan(C)	1455.064
Joe Pugh	1473.089	Steven Zinke	1419.051	Julie Moran	1441.075
5925.377		5892.377		5851.313	

International Match GRCF 1500					
Germany		Great Britain		Ireland	
Daniel Eggers (C)	1496.117	Andy Summers (C)	1487.096	Aidan Corry	1485.099
Andre Georgi	1493.101	Rob Wheeler	1486.106	Andy McGowan(C)	1478.076
Jessica Eggers	1488.111	Malcolm Stewart	1484.098	Frank Feeney	1469.008
Meik Waldvogt	1473.009	Keith Kilvington	1480.109	Mike O'Grady	1463.077
Steven Zinke	1442.071	Joe Pugh	1469.083	Eugene O Rourke	0
5950.419		5937.409		5895.332	

“Despite the fierce competition on the ranges there was plenty of time to socialise with the other competitors once the shooting was done.

followed by Germany in silver and Ireland in bronze.

The competition was even closer in the centrefire match with just 55 points separating the three teams. However, Germany emerged victorious with a total score of 5950(419). Great Britain was second with a score of 5937(409) and Ireland third with 5895(332).

Scores were high in the individual competitions, see page 42-43 to find out

about Jessica Eggers historic performance! The GB team were also very successful individually, netting a total of 21 gold medals, 23 silver and 13 bronze. Not bad for a squad of 8 shooters! Highlights include 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Keith, Rob and Joe from team GB in the centrefire TP1, a feat that they repeated in the classic centrefire TP1, although with iron sights Rob took the gold medal. In both competitions none of the three shooters dropped a point!

The performance was particularly high in the smallbore events with Andy and Amiel taking first and second place in the GR SB short aggregate and Rob winning the GR SB champion aggregate. Despite having to borrow a pistol, Malcom won B class silver in the smallbore pistol TP1. Medals for both Laura and Ken meant that no one went home empty handed. For a full results list see: nasrpc.ie/results-irish-open-2025/

Despite the fierce competition on the ranges there was plenty of time to socialise with the other competitors once the shooting was done. Our hosts put on a fantastic gala dinner complete with live traditional Irish music and plenty of Magners cider which is brewed locally. There was also a chance for the squad to test their aim via an impromptu darts competition between GB and Germany, perhaps this could be added to the international match as a third event!

We would like to thank our hosts at the National Association of Sporting Rifle and Pistol Clubs and Fermoy Rifle and Pistol Club for all their assistance and for putting on such a great competition. The organisational team are gearing up to host the World Championships at Fermoy next year and signs of the preparation were already underway as we were treated to a brand-new range and plenty of new faces ROing. The squad are already looking forward to the return to Ireland and we hope to bring an even larger squad for the World Championship year. However before then the next International Match will be held at Leitmar in Germany in November. 🍀

Below: Shooting underway at 50 m in the centrefire 1500 international match.





Above: Match 3 target at 50m.

MAKING *Gallery Rifle* HISTORY

Article
by **Jacky
Lamb.**

The shooting discipline of Gallery Rifle was established following the pistol ban in 1997 and is based on the previous pistol courses of fire, but shot with smallbore (.22 rim fire) rifles and centrefire (.357/.38/.44) rifles. The blue ribbon event is the 1500, so called because that is the maximum score. Gallery Rifle is now an international shooting discipline and is governed by the International Gallery Rifle Federation (IGRF). See the separate article on the recent IGRF Irish International on Page 40-41.

Everyone who shoots the 1500 dreams of scoring 1500. However, the course of fire is incredibly challenging and it is very rare that it is achieved.

Photos by Julie Moran
and Jacky Lamb.



In fact, prior to the IGRF Irish Open this year, only 2 people had shot this previously and it's never been shot with smallbore. In 1500 Centrefire (GRCF), Gwyn Roberts is the holder of both the Phoenix Record (1500.122X in 2011) and the National Record (1500.129X in 2003) and John Robinson shot 1500.128x in the Phoenix International in 2014. Both Gwyn and John were shooting .44 calibre Marlin underlevers with tuned ammunition. Note that the Phoenix Records exclude international scores, as they are shot under IGRF rules.

In the Irish Open in July, history was made by a relative newcomer to the sport. You may not have heard of Jessica Eggers, but that is about to change! In her 1500 GRCF, Jessica scored the maximum 1500 with 115 x's. That in itself is quite an achievement, but when you add to that that she shot it using .38 factory Magtech ammunition, it was incredible. It may not have made the record books, but as the first lady, the first using a .38 and the first with factory ammunition to clean the 1500, she has certainly made history.

So, let's meet the person who's thrown the excuse book out of the window. By way of introduction Jessica was born and lives in Germany. The Gallery Rifle community in Germany is relatively small, but for context she is married to Daniel Eggers, the reigning IGRF GRSB and IGRF GRCF World Champion!

"I started shooting in 2012 out of curiosity as Daniel and I wanted to do a hobby that we both liked. As I used to enjoy shooting galleries at funfairs when I was young, it wasn't hard for him to convince me to try it out. Although I quickly realised that ISSF air rifle and air pistol shooting is not quite the same as funfairs, I was immediately enthusiastic. But at the beginning I

was only interested in pistol and revolver shooting.

When Daniel showed me to shoot with a semiautomatic smallbore rifle for the first time, I didn't like it and told him he was welcome to shoot with it, but I wouldn't. I didn't like that it was so heavy, I wasn't good at holding the rifle correctly and the scope made it even worse.

"But as always, when I am repeatedly encouraged to try something new, I also began to enjoy rifle shooting. In the beginning I only competed with smallbore in Timed & Precision 1 (T&P1) and Multi target disciplines. I still remember that we practiced T&P1 the day before one of my first competitions with the rifle and I struggled with the single shots at stage 2, 15 m. Daniel patiently explained to me how I am supposed to hold the rifle and that I should only focus on the target and do not move any other part of my body except my arms, which should guide the rifle with the scope precisely to my line of sight. The next day, I beat him in the discipline by one point. I was afraid he would never give me any useful tips again ;-)

"But I needn't have worried and his encouragement extended to the 1500 discipline. In 2015, I shot my first individual 1500 GRSB at the German Open. One year later I started to shoot with the underlever and shot my first 1500 GRCF at a competition in 2017.

"When we first travelled with the German team to Bisley to take part in the Phoenix Meeting in 2018, I was really amazed by the Gallery Rifle community. Everybody was welcoming and friendly, people approached us, even though they didn't know us, asking about our story to come here and shared their own stories as if we knew each other already.

"I wasn't mentally prepared to shoot in the International and was very surprised when Dietmar told me the day before the Phoenix International Match that I would be on the GRSB line the next day. I was so nervous about shooting badly that I was shaking like a leaf! My score wasn't really good but okay and I still have to battle my nerves in international competitions.

"In 2019 at the Irish Open I shot the underlever for the first time for the German team in the international match. I am very happy that since then, I have been a regular member of the German team and have the opportunity to travel to international competitions, competing in both smallbore and centrefire. I am really enjoying being part of this great Gallery Rifle shooting community!

"Last year I practised more intensely with the underlever, as I was progressing in the smallbore disciplines but not that much with the

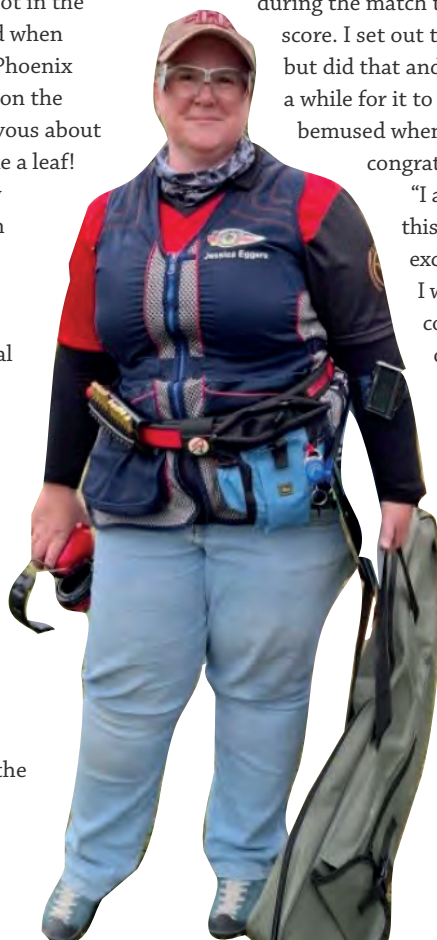


underlever. At the Irish open last year I used Magtech .38, for the first time and it turned out that this ammunition worked pretty well with my underlever. Both, my training and the ammunition helped me lift my personal best from 1485. I scored 1487 in the individual match and 1493 in the international match. I was very fortunate and delighted that I was able to maintain my level in the following competitions and score around 1490 in the matches, but I would never have dared to dream that someday I would clean the 1500.

"In the Irish Open this year, I was so happy with my first clean 50m match 3 that I didn't really realise during the match that I was about to shoot a full score. I set out to shoot a new personal best, but did that and some! Even afterwards it took a while for it to sink in. I think I still looked bemused when the first people came up to congratulate me!

"I am very happy that I achieved this, but at the same time I am both excited and ambitious to see how I will perform in the upcoming competitions. It is always a battle of the mind and controlling the nerves, but it is always great fun!"

So there we have it. It has taken encouragement, training, a good coach, determination and patience and Jessica is now making history! There are several rising stars in the Gallery Rifle Community who will recognise the early path that Jessica has trodden. I hope they will be inspired by where that path can take them. 🍀





BIRMINGHAM BISLEY 2025

Report by **Frank Harriss.**

Thunderstorms were forecast for the morning of Saturday 14th June but the dozen FTR shooters and 14 TR shooters who arrived early at Kingsbury Ranges were undaunted. They were greeted by Andrew Sutton, Pete Cox and Ian Saturley and others from WFRA Bromsgrove Rifle Club, the new organisers, spearheaded by Andrew, the Secretary, who acted as lead RCO throughout. He had worked hard with Nic Couldrey (NRA Regional Ranges Manager) to get the two-day booking, after the range had been too fully booked in 2024 for the competition to occur. And they were rewarded by no rain and pleasant conditions on both days!



The course of fire on each day was 300, 500 and 600, with the TR shooters firing 2+10 at the shorter ranges and 2+15 at 600 and the FTR shooting five more rounds at each distance. Competitors either shot in the morning and marked in the afternoon, or vice-versa.

There was also shooting on B range for those who did not want to commit themselves to entering the competitions.

SATURDAY

Simon Shouler was first out of the traps in the TR 300/500 competition, scoring a fine 99.13, with a possible at 300, to win the W.H.Smith Cup. He followed this with a 72.5 at 600, which won him the Birmingham Post Aggregate Cup but only placed him third in the 600 shoot, as both Keirin McCamley and Henry Sanders also got 72 but with more V-bulls. In fact, Henry and Keirin had exactly the same scores at all three ranges, aggregating 96.9 which after count-backs resulted in Henry winning the Nightingale Cup for the 600 shoot and Keirin coming second overall.

The leading O/T shooters were John Stevens in the 300/500 shoot and the aggregate and Paul Johnson in the 600.

Meanwhile Asad Wahid led off the FTR with a splendid 148.13 for the Burley Cup, including a 75.7 at 300 that must have left

the target centre in tatters. The best Paul Russell and Mike Harris could do against this was 137, with Mike having more V-bulls. Asad gave the others a chance at 600 by scoring 90.3, coming second to Mike Harris with 94.4, winning the CCM Burley Cup. Bob Dashwood came third with 89.4. However, Asad won the Plant Cup for the aggregate. For this meeting there is an FTR 'M' class, for those not in the GBFCA leagues. Nigel Scott took the honours here, with 216.9 overall. In team matches, the Guardians Trophy for FTR was won by the Dorset Riflemen and the Goodman Cup for TR by Surrey.

It was a pleasure to have Phil Finch, the new DIO Training Safety Officer for Kingsbury Range, to present the prizes. He commented on the calm, safe and efficient manner in which the ranges had been run and he congratulated all the prizewinners. It was good to be able to show Phil how civilian shooting is conducted and his visit was mutually beneficial on both sides.

SUNDAY

On Sunday, the wind was from nine o'clock and less tricky and the weather was fine. The TR cups went to a variety of individuals with John Kennedy winning the Worcester Regiments Cup (300/500) with 98.9 and the Oakham schoolboy Henry Fearn the Staffordshire Cup at 600 with a fine 74.6. John Stevens was the highest O/T in the first competition



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and James Kennedy in the second. The Sunday aggregate and the overall aggregate (The Queen Elizabeth II Cup) were won by Keirin McCamley with John Stevens winning the attractive Australia Trophy for the top O/T over the two days. Oakham School won the Painter Shield

for the team pairs competition and it should be recorded how well the Oakham pupils shot overall. Henry Fearn was the top school pupil over the two days and he won the Stowe Bowl, a relic from the NRA Ashburton Meeting that used to be held on the Friday before Birmingham Bisley. Paul Johnson was the leading HWRA shooter, winning the James Cup for Sunday and the Rosebowl overall.

For FTR, Asad Wahid won the Derby Memorial Bowl (300/500) with 148.17 by just one V-bull over Mike Harris and the Sunday aggregate and the Watson Bowl for the overall aggregate, allowing Paul Russell to win the Dyer Cup for the 600 shoot with 98.9. The top class M in the Derby competition and the Daily and Grand aggregate was Tristan Asker, with Ste Gough leading the M class in the Dyer. The Pandas won the Solihull Tray for the team shoot.

So please try to join us next year when WFRB Bromsgrove will again be running the competition. Phil Finch, the new DIO Training Safety Officer for Kingsbury, already securing the dates for next three years competitions: 13/14 June 2026; 12/13 June 2027 and 10/11 June 2028. Please put these in your diaries. ☺





Above: David Richards with his remarkable haul of silverware.

HAMPSHIRE RIFLE ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING

Report by **Nick Mace.**

The 2025 Hampshire Rifle Association Open Meeting was held at Bisley on 21 June. For the second year running, we had 60 entries which is very encouraging. There was a good mix of experienced and less experienced competitors: 14% X class, 20% A class, 40% O class and 26% T class. As usual, we had a strong school pupil entry. It offers them an opportunity to experience self-coached competitions in a less intense environment than, say, the TR Imperial Meeting.

The weather was extremely hot (around 30 degrees Celsius) but some persistent high cloud thankfully took the edge off the worst of the heat in the afternoon. As is often the case, the heat bought with it some fickle breezes bringing wind reading skills to the fore

at the longer ranges.

Due to target booking constraints, the competition started in the morning at long range (2 sighters and 10 to count at 900 and 1000 yards) before moving to short range after lunch (2 sighters and 10 to count at 300 and 600 yards).

At 900 yards, the wind was still behaving itself before the day really warmed up and the scores were good. My wind bracket on the second detail was a modest 1¼ to 3 minutes right. Vern Putter scored the only possible on the second

detail with 50.6v. On the first detail, David Richards also got 50.6v but he and Vern were pipped by Henry Sanders and Jeremy Thompson who both scored 50.7v. Jeremy won the Humphrey Cup on countback – his fifth shot being a V to Henry’s 5. The top school pupil was Ricky Celesia of Wellington College with 49.3v.

1000 yards was a lot more ‘fun’ as far as the wind was concerned. My true wind corrected out to 1 minute right to just over 3 minutes left although I heard several reports of larger wind brackets. To make matters worse, the changes were fast. I had three consecutive shots requiring 2 right, 1 left and 2½ right. Sadly, I didn’t get those corrections right... You might have thought

that experience would count for a lot in such conditions, but three of the younger shooters all made excellent 48s. Roanna Weinberger of Bradfield College (more of her later!) scored 48.1v, Alex Gauci (also Bradfield) made 48.4v, and Chris Voncheck was second with 48.5v. However, experience did win out in the end with David Richards getting an incredible 50.5v to win the Symmonds Cup.

Of course, David also won the Wooldings Cup for the long-range aggregate. His 100.11v, was fully 3 points ahead of Vern Putter (97.9) and 4 points ahead of Henry Sanders (96.10v). Could David defend that lead in the afternoon’s short-range shoots?

Most shooters sought shade at lunchtime and came back fed and hydrated to take on 300 yards for a chance to win the Excellent Cup. It is excellent by name and nature, being the largest trophy up for grabs at the Hampshire Open. The wind was playing either side of zero, but it seemed readable and, at 300 yards, was manageable. Fabian Reis (Wellington College) saw his

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second shot fall into the inner, but the rest were in the v-bull for a superb 49.9v. Elliot Sewell and Roanna Weinberger both got 50.6v but Nigel Ball (a perennial winner of the Excellent Cup) was the winner with 50.9v. Richards had a bit of a wobble at 300 yards with a 48, allowing Roanna Weinberger to close the gap to 2 points.

With high cloud, the wind was more benign at 600 yards and the scores were good as a result. There were 7 'possibles'. Roanna Weinberger (50.5v), Charlie Asquith (50.5v), Jamie Allum (50.5v) and Chris Vonchek (50.2v) took fourth to seventh places. Jeremy Thompson with 50.6v was third, and Ricky Celesia on 50.7v was second. With his v-bull count, David Richards just needed 48 to win the

Roanna Weinberger also did extremely well. Her pair of short-range 'possibles' won her the Solomons cup for the short-range aggregate. She was second in the Open Championship (196.16v) and also won the John Gilmour cup for the top cadet/school pupil ahead of Ricky Celesia (192.18v). It's great to see young shooters not only developing their own skills and confidence but also vying for the main competitions. It's one of the best attributes of our sport that new shooters can compete alongside the best.

Vern Putter (193.19v) was third in the Open Championship just ahead of Chris Vonchek (193.18v).

Full results are available at **shootr.app/results/2025-HampshireOpen**.

With the assistance of the excellent Shootr.app scoring system, prize-giving was well underway before the 5:30pm hooter sounded the end of the day's shooting. Charles Brooks, the HRA President, presented the trophies and we all went our separate ways variously contemplating good shoots, rued shots, baffling wind, the need to wash extremely sweaty shooting kit and, in David's case, the need to purchase a new bottle of silver polish!

I would like to thank the markers and our range officer,

Guy Larcombe, who did great work in oppressively hot conditions.

Whether you're a complete beginner or already a top shot and want to enjoy a friendly one-day competition, please consider entering the Hampshire Open in 2026. Entries will be open on Shootr.app early next year. I'm also open to hearing from any schools or cadet units that would like to use our meeting to introduce newer shooters to self-coached competition. We offer discounts to school pupil/cadet entries. If you're interested in that, please email me at nick.c.mace@gmail.com. ☺

Below: Roanna Weinberger. Top school pupil and winner of the short-range aggregate.

“ Her pair of short-range ‘possibles’ won her the Solomons cup for the short-range aggregate. ”

grand aggregate but he wanted to win it in style and did just that by scoring 50.8v to also win the 600-yard Heygate Vernon cup.

David, who dropped just 2 points all day (198.24v) had a very successful day winning the Symmonds (1000 yards), the Heygate Vernon (600 yards), the Wooldings (long-range aggregate), the Chairman's aggregate (600 and 900 yards), the Hampshire District English XX silver jewel, the Hampshire Closed Championship and the Hampshire Open Championship. He also won most of the trophies in the Manydown Rifle Club Championships being held concurrently.





DERBY OPEN 2025

Jim Smith reports on this year's event.

The Derby Open is an annual, regional Gallery Rifle & Pistol competition, organised by the Derby Rifle & Pistol Club 1999. It has an excellent reputation and draws shooters from all over the United Kingdom and from Ireland too.

What a scorcher! 105 competitors braved the heat and all left with a smile on their face. Close to 1000 events were shot. Many stayed over the three days, and it was perfect for those who camped. Others brought campervans or stayed locally.

Despite the heat, the scores were top class and very close, which was to be expected with shooters travelling from far and wide. Congratulations to Steve Lane for setting a new National Record in TP3 with a perfect score.

Results are available to view at galleryrifle.com/data/2025/07/Derby-Open-2025-Full-Results.pdf

This year, there was more shooting on Friday, which eased the pressure on the ROs Saturday and Sunday. The meeting comprised six disciplines; Timed & Precision 1, Multi-Target, Timed & Precision 2, Timed & Precision 3, 1020 and 1500. With most competitions being available to five types of firearms and T&P1 to ten types, there were thirty six events competed for and, in most cases, prizes down to third place.

The Derby Team pride themselves in encouraging new and junior shooters and are pleased that there were four new GRID numbers issued, of which three picked up a prize. The NRA also provides free entry vouchers to Bisley competitions for Junior shooters to further encourage their participation. The photo shows Chris Beard and Percy New picking up their prizes.

The Home Countries International Match was competed for by England, Scotland and Wales. Each Team of five (with 4 to count) shot Timed & Precision 1 and Multi-Target, with Gallery Rifle Small Bore (GRSB), Gallery Rifle Centre Fire (GRCF), Long-Barreled Pistol (LBP) and Long Barreled Revolver (LBR). The Brownells Trophy goes to the Country with the highest aggregate

Photos credit: Leslie Kong and Percy New.



of GRSB and GRCE. This Trophy and medals were presented to the England GRSB and GRCE Teams. England also won the LBP event and Scotland the LBR.

The Derby Open really is a team effort and would not be possible without the 30 plus Range Crew who worked unbelievably hard over the weekend in uncomfortably high temperatures. Stats deserve a special mention for again producing the results so soon after the last shot, and most importantly Pam & Mick, Rupert, Hillary on the BBQ. Also the guys who set up on Thursday deserve a mention, as does Lesley for the first ever Derby Open cake, it was delicious.

Whilst the BBQ is free, there is a donation box for the local Air Ambulance Service and people generously donated £210. Thanks also to everyone who purchased, or donated, goods from or to the GBGR & HG fund stall, raising £840. This fund provides financial assistance to those competing for Gallery Rifle and Handgun GB Teams abroad.

The amazing Prize Table was sponsored by 14 companies this year, which is unique in its variety of prizes. Please support the sponsors if you can and thank them. There were more competitors than ever

that stayed behind for the prize giving, a sure sign that Derby Rifle & Pistol Club 1999 have got it right! 🎯

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ENGLISH TWENTY CLUB SPRING MEETING 2025

By **Adam Leech** and **Laura Haley**.

Taking place over the late May bank holiday weekend, the English Twenty Club Spring meeting was well supported with over 100 competitors.

Before the start of the competition, a weather warning was issued for the Sunday, threatening high wind speeds that could possibly stop the competition, and so shooters were gearing up for tricky wind conditions.

The meeting kicked off on the Saturday afternoon with The Association: 2 sighters and 7 to count at 300, 500 & 600yds.

The wind conditions that threatened Sunday shooting were warming themselves up nicely, resulting in only one 105 (13V) from Peter Bromley, followed by a handful of 104s. Chief amongst these was Rory Mace with 16Vs, then Jeremy Tuck on 15V.

A new day on the Sunday, but more of the same challenging conditions that were seen on Saturday. Due to the threat of wind preventing shooting, a late squadding change had all of the Second Stage shot in the morning, rather than the 600x in the afternoon.

Competitors at least dodged the threat of rain, which blew through before any alarm clocks went off, but the wind that so swiftly moved it on stuck around to have a similar effect on bullets.

A handful of 50s appeared at 300yds (led by Claire Holland's impressive

50.10V) but falling back to 500 & 600yds these thinned out, and 49s or 48s became good scores. Only one person kept them all in, with David Luckman finishing the morning on the sole 150(.21V). With no 149s, John Warburton finished 2nd (148.20) and Matt Button 3rd (147.20).

This switched the Grand Aggregate around a little, with overnight leader Peter Bromley sitting 3rd (250.28) and Sunday morning's high performers Matt (250.34) and David (254.34) talking the top spots.

While the winds were tricky on the Sunday morning, the strength was in our favour and no shooting had to stop, therefore the Sunday afternoon Cortis shoot, which had also been threatened, went ahead.

EXX Club Spring Meeting Winners

Grand Aggregate	David Luckman	474.64V
Cadet Grand Agg	Grace Sanderson	444.31V
Top A Class	Keirin McCamley	464.45V
Top O Class	Jason Curd	459.52V
Top T Class	Grace Sanderson	444.31V
Top U25	Rory Mace	458.46V
Top U19	Grace Sanderson	444.31V
Ted Molyneaux Bowl	Euan Monro	153.19V
Association	Peter Bromley	105.13V
Second Stage	David Luckman	150.21V
Cortis	Peter Bromley	75.12V
The Long	David Luckman	75.14V
The Final	Andy Tompson	73.6V
Sunday Aggregate	David Luckman	223.28V
Short Range Agg	David Luckman	327.41V
Inner Aggregate	David Luckman	298.42V
Monday Aggregate	David Luckman	147.23V





Afternoon conditions largely followed the morning, with strong winds and significant angle changes for The Cortis after lunch. Results were again well spread and with 15 shots for a maximum of 75.15V available, scores in the 60s were far from uncommon. It'd be hard to say that conditions were any easier so it must've



been that people were instead getting the hang of it with 4 75s, led by Peter Bromley maintaining form with 12 Vs. Following him was Rich Stewart on 75.8, just pipping 3rd place Hannah Cook with the same score on countback.



This meant more of a mix than a change at the top; David Luckman leading the Grand Aggregate overnight on 327.41, with Peter's afternoon 75 bumping him up to 2nd (325.40) and Matt Button sitting 3rd on 323.43.

Monday morning's long range competitions saw a slight settling of the wind and a glimmer of sun. 900 yards was lead by David Luckman with a very impressive 75 (14V) with Jerney Tuck in 2nd on 75 (8V) and Matt Button in third on 74 (11V).

Falling back to 1000x the wind picked up, with everyone dropping at least two points. However Andy Tompson came out on top at this distance with 73 (8V), with Matt Button in 2nd (72.9) and David Luckman in 3rd (72.9) on countback.

After the conclusion of the long range shoots, there was another mix for the top three competitors, seeing Peter Bromley finishing in 3rd (469.51V), Matt Button in 2nd (469.63V) and David Luckman winning the Grand Aggregate and the Johnson Lion Trophy with (474.64V). 🏆



FOUR CADETS, ONE GOAL: FROM CCRS SELECTION TO THE KING'S FINAL

Profiles of the 2025 GB U19 Rifle Team.

The 2025 GBU19 Rifle Team brought together some of the UK's most promising young shooting talent, organised in partnership between the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting (CCRS) and the National Rifle Association (NRA).

As part of our focus on youth development, we wanted to share the stories of four young shooters selected for this year's GBU19 Rifle Team. All of them competed in this year's NRA Imperial Meeting and earned their place in the prestigious King's Final, an achievement that is testament to the strength of the CCRS selection process.

BRADEN MORRIS - ELIZABETH COLLEGE CCF, GUERNSEY - 62ND IN KING'S STAGE 3

"I've loved every second of my journey and I plan to carry it on for as long as I can."



Braden Morris's shooting journey began in Year 10, fuelled by curiosity that his school had a small-bore range underneath it. "I thought it would be really cool to go and 'shoot a gun', which I now know to call a rifle, having been corrected multiple times at our local range." With one of the most scenic full-bore ranges just five minutes from his house, the leap to full-bore shooting was inevitable. Hearing shots echo across the island on Saturday mornings (depending on wind direction) only furthered his interest.

Shooting has given Braden far more than a skill; it has taken him beyond Guernsey to competitions across the UK and introduced him to friends and friendly rivals. Representing both the Athelings and the GB Under 19 team has broadened his network, boosted his confidence and honed his discipline and responsibility both on and off the range. "Seeing these people each year is one of the things I most look forward to at Bisley," he says.

The Cadet Force has been central to his success, with supportive staff and older student mentors encouraging him to improve his skills.

During his upcoming gap year, Braden plans to

volunteer with the CCF, coaching new members of the shooting team, before pursuing his goal of joining the Royal Marine Commandos and competing in their rifle team. He is grateful to everyone who helped shape his journey, from Lt Jory and the staff at Elizabeth College, to CCRS, fellow shooters and members of the Guernsey Rifle Club. His long-term ambition is simple: to remain a member of the Guernsey Rifle Club and continue representing his island and Great Britain.

GEORGINA BOHN - GRESHAM'S SCHOOL CCF - 63RD IN KING'S STAGE 3

"I'd love to help bring new people into the sport and share what I've learned along the way."



Georgina Bohn first picked up a rifle in Year 9, starting with small-bore shooting as a school sport.

"It wasn't something I'd considered before then," Georgina recalls, "but once I gave it a go, I really enjoyed the process." The challenge of reading the wind and working over longer distances soon drew her to full-bore shooting, and she hasn't looked back since.

Over the past five years, shooting has given Georgina far more than just competition results, it has built friendships, focus and resilience. The Cadet Forces have been central to her development, providing the training, opportunities and structure to progress to national level. "The Schools Meeting at Bisley has always been a highlight," Georgina adds. "The teams that CCRS organise have had a big influence on my journey."

"We're absolutely thrilled that four of our protégés made the King's Final this year, it's a credit not just to their skill and determination, but also to the Cadet Forces system that nurtures them from the very beginning." – Brigadier (Ret'd) MN Pountain CBE, General

Secretary/CEO, Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting.

Looking ahead to university, Georgina plans to join a rifle club, balancing study with competition and helping to inspire the next generation of shooters. "Shooting has opened so many doors for me," she says. "Long term, I'd love to stay involved in the sport and help it grow for young shooters. I'm really excited to keep going and see where it all leads next." And we are thrilled to report that Georgina won the Grand Aggregate at the Guernsey Rifle Club's Summer Prize Meeting (Open Championships) in August.



**AMELIE WEINBERGER –
BRADFIELD SCHOOL
CCF – 90TH IN KING'S
STAGE 3**

**"A bit of sibling rivalry
definitely pushed me to
keep getting better."**

Amelie Weinberger's journey into shooting began later than she would have liked.

COVID restrictions meant she missed out on trying small-bore in Year 9, but when the opportunity came round again at the start of Year 10, she seized it. Her sister, then in Year 9, started at the same time, turning it into a shared family pursuit. That summer brought her first experience of full-bore target rifle shooting, a step up in challenge that Amelie embraced, even though the Imperial Meeting was off the cards that year.

For Amelie, shooting has been more than just a sport; it's been a way to connect with students across year groups, build lasting friendships and develop patience, focus and discipline. The Cadet Force has been central to her progress, providing both the platform and encouragement to keep improving, with her instructors offering unwavering support.

Looking to the future, Amelie hopes to study Mechatronics Engineering at university, but plans to keep shooting through a club or local range. She's realistic about the challenges, from finding a club to covering equipment and competition costs, but is determined to make it work. Above all, Amelie is grateful to those who helped her along the way, especially her coach, Steve Bates, and her sister Roanna, whose sibling rivalry kept her striving to improve.



**OTTO ROUSELL – [201
(OS) SQN RAFAC]
– 86TH IN KING'S
STAGE 3**

**"Only time will tell but
I'd like shooting
to remain a constant
in my life."**

Otto began target shooting in Year 10, starting with small-bore

before quickly moving into full-bore through the CCF. Drawn by the challenge, he saw it as a way to test and expand his knowledge of shooting while developing his skills.

The sport has shaped him both on and off the range, teaching stress management, organisation and focus. Skills he applies in many areas of life.

The Cadet Force has provided regular practice, expert coaching and encouragement, helping him to analyse and improve with every detail.

Looking ahead, Otto plans to move to the UK and join the RAF, where he hopes to compete for their shooting team while continuing to represent Great Britain, potentially with the GB U21s. "Only time will tell," he says, "but I'd like shooting to remain a constant in my life."

LOOKING AHEAD

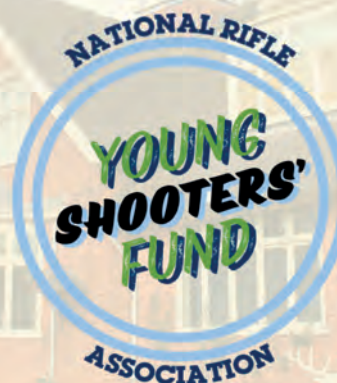
These four cadets represent the very best of youth full-bore target rifle shooting; disciplined, determined and deeply committed to their sport. Their success is a credit not only to their own hard work, but also to the systems and people who have supported them: the CCRS, NRA, their schools, the Cadet Forces, coaches and fellow shooters.

We look forward to following the journeys of these talented shooters as their careers progress and the inspiration they will provide for others.

Congratulations and best of luck for the future! 🍀

APPLICATIONS OPEN

The fund provides essential resources, including the loan of a rifle or spotting scope, to help young shooters continue their development in the sport.



Visit the NRA website for more details.

THE NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE 2025: A YEAR OF RENEWAL, RANGE DEVELOPMENT AND RISING STANDARDS



Article by **Richie Vallance**, Head of Operations.

It has been a remarkable few months at the National Shooting Centre. From new facilities and long-overdue refurbishments to the launch of exciting training initiatives, the site is really starting to come alive again. We have invested time, effort and care into every one of these projects, and I wanted to take the opportunity to share a personal update on what has been achieved so far over the following pages of this edition. Firstly...

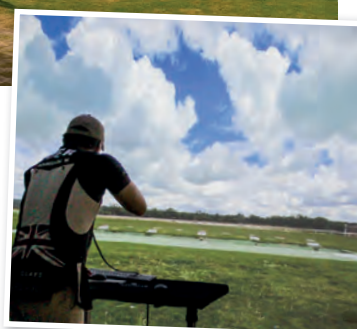
THE BISLEY SHOOTING ACADEMY

Housed in the newly repurposed Reed Pavilion, the Bisley Shooting Academy represents a bold new chapter

in training and marksmanship development at the National Shooting Centre.

This purpose-built facility brings together cutting-edge tools, professional instruction, and a commitment to technical excellence across multiple shooting disciplines. At its heart lies a simulator suite capable of supporting shotgun and rifle training, from Olympic Trap and Skeet through to Sporting Rifle scenarios. This allows detailed coaching and diagnostics before shooters even set foot on the range.

A fully equipped classroom supports formal instruction and NGB courses, enabling organisations such as the



CPSA, NSC, and Home Office to run structured modules on site. Independent coaches and training providers also benefit from access to this space.

The Academy includes a dedicated gun fitting and demonstration room, which allows trade partners and sponsors to showcase new products and technology in a professional, client-facing environment.



Above: The new training suite available for your technical training needs.

Together with residential and hospitality support from The Pavilion, and access to ranges including Chobham Ridge and Bisley Sporting Rifle, the Academy forms a central hub for all levels of marksmanship, from grassroots to elite.

The diagram below showcases the Bisley Shooting Academy, the central hub for marksmanship training and development at Bisley. It brings together the best facilities, expertise, and disciplines across the estate into one integrated centre of excellence. From first-time shooters to seasoned professionals, the Academy offers a complete pathway for skill progression, underpinned by world-class coaching, cutting-edge technology, and access to every discipline the site has to offer. ☺

Below: Bisley Shooting Academy on a page.



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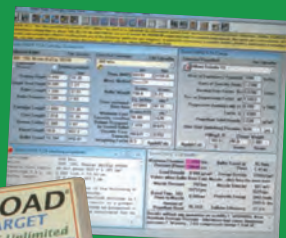
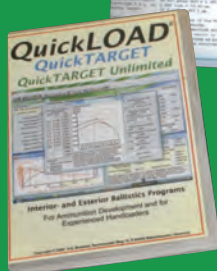


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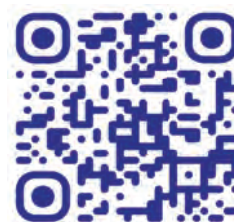
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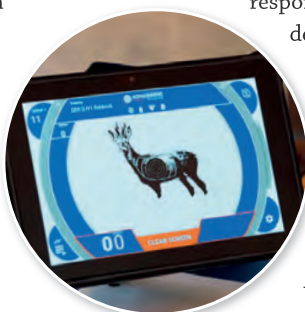
BISLEY SPORTING RIFLE

Richie Vallance, Head of Operations reports on the Sporting Rifle facility.

Since reopening on 1 May 2025 under the auspices of Bisley Shooting Ground, the facility has been fully rebranded as Bisley Sporting Rifle, marking a new era for the complex. From a standing start in April, the site has undergone a complete transformation in just a few short weeks. The clubhouse has been fully refurbished, now featuring a modern reception area, gun room, and office with soundproofed walls and new glazing. The result is a welcoming and professional environment where visitors can enjoy a coffee while watching the shooting.

The target systems have been completely replaced through a new partnership with Kongsberg Targets. The upgrades include two running boars, a 100-yard moving deer, and six electronic static targets. The static system, designed by the new team, is fully retractable and automated. Member feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting that paper targets are now rarely needed thanks to the precision and clarity of the new system.

The Time Limit Range has also been fully refurbished and now provides a smart, open area ideal for miniature rifle training and corporate use. The installation of new turning and duelling targets has enhanced both functionality and appeal.



Since reopening, demand for lessons has grown steadily. Instructors have received additional training to support novice clients, helping to create a friendly and accessible introduction to rifle shooting. The deer stalking community has responded positively, with several describing BSR as the best facility of its kind in the UK.

The BSR complex now also includes the outdoor Bisley Air range, offering over 70 reactive airgun targets and a four-lane archery facility. These additions compliment the structured rifle work and expand BSR's appeal to a wider shooting audience. Further detail can be found in the Pavilion article which follows on from this one.

BSR MEMBERSHIPS

Current NRA members are automatically eligible to use the Bisley Sporting Rifle ranges and do not require additional membership. Providing you hold a valid SCC, you will only need to attend a brief range orientation session to begin booking. If you do not yet hold an SCC, a two-hour safety introduction is required.

If you are not currently an NRA member but hold a valid FAC, you are also very welcome. You will be asked to attend a two-hour safety introduction and upon successful completion, you will become a full member of Bisley Sporting Rifle, with a valid SCC allowing unsupervised practice bookings. All new members are subject to a three-month probationary period.

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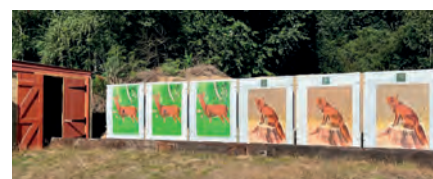
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Whether you are a seasoned shooter or brand new to the sport, Bisley Sporting Rifle has something for everyone.

NRA members are very welcome and do not need to purchase an additional membership to access BSR. If you are new to the range, we would be delighted to help you get started. 🎯



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The Vickers Room A VERSATILE NEW VENUE AT THE HEART OF THE PAVILION BISLEY

Richie Vallance reports on the new Pavilion facilities.

Back in the Spring 2025 edition of the NRA Journal, we shared news of the refurbishment works underway at the Pavilion Bisley Ballroom, with a target completion date of 1 May. We're pleased to report that the project was delivered on time, and the results are already proving to be a game-changer.

Now officially renamed The Vickers Room, the fully refurbished space has quickly become one of the most versatile venues on Bisley Camp. Just days after reopening, we were proud to welcome Accuracy International for a major corporate event marking their 20th anniversary. In May, the room was put through its paces again as part of the Phoenix Arms Fair, hosting both traders and guests in a refined, professional setting. In June, we joined forces with, Bisley Shooting Ground, to co-host a well-attended fundraising dinner, drawing together members, guests, and stakeholders for a good cause.

Feedback from these early events has been consistently strong, praised for its layout, quality of finish, and flexibility. The original vision for this project was to create multiple distinct, yet interconnected spaces within the Pavilion that could operate independently or be combined for larger functions. That concept is now fully realised and includes a decked area, the conservatory, the 10m air gun range, and the Vickers Room itself.

Thanks to bespoke bifold doors, the range can be concealed or revealed depending on the event requirements, allowing two smaller function rooms to operate independently or seamlessly open into a single large space capable of hosting 170 to 230 guests.



The refurbishment also included a brand-new set of fully accessible washrooms, ensuring the entire facility is welcoming and inclusive.

We were also keen to retain elements of the building's heritage, which is why the brick walls of the conservatory have been preserved, lending the venue a subtle industrial feel that honours its history while supporting modern use.

The Vickers Room is now open for bookings and ready to accommodate a wide variety of events, from corporate evenings and social functions to shooting competitions and hospitality days. Whether you're planning a small private gathering or a larger celebration, this venue offers the flexibility, character, and quality to match.

We look forward to welcoming many more events and visitors to the Vickers Room in the coming months. For bookings, please contact Velma on events@nra.org.uk or phone +44 (0) 1483 798810

PAVILION AIR – A NEW ERA FOR PRECISION SHOOTING AT BISLEY

Bisley Air brings together all the airgun offerings now available at NSC and at the heart of it is the 10m airgun range, now open inside the newly refurbished Vickers Room.

This ISSF-compliant facility features ten permanent firing lanes, each fitted with SIUS electronic scoring targets – the benchmark for Olympic competition. Designed with accessibility and technical excellence in mind, it caters to elite shooters, club teams, cadets, schools, and complete beginners alike.

The range is already in use by Olympic athletes, national coaches, and youth groups, and plays a central role in the NRA's wider initiative to make





shooting more accessible to new and younger participants. Whether for serious training, selection matches, or first-time experiences, Bisley Air sets a new standard.

INCLUSIVITY BUILT-IN

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LANE BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN VIA THE PAVILLION BISLEY WEBSITE.

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GET IN TOUCH

For full-range bookings or group enquiries, please contact us directly at pavilionair@nra.org.uk





EXHIBITION HUT EXTERIOR RESTORATION COMPLETE

The Exhibition Hut, often referred to as the Muzzle Loaders Association building, has now had its external refurbishment completed. The structure has been repaired, repainted, and brought back to its original condition. We are now waiting on planning permission before we can complete the internal restoration, but the exterior is now in great shape and stands proudly once again as part of Bisley's heritage.

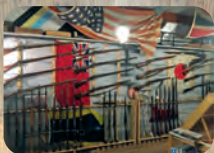


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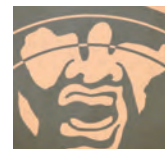
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REGIONAL *Ranges*

By **Nic Couldrey**, Regional
Ranges Manager.

On 10 July 2025, the Government announced its intention to introduce legislation restricting the use of lead ammunition by summer 2026, followed by a three-year transition period ending in 2029. This announcement, made by Environment Minister Emma Hardy, marks a significant change in the regulation of shooting sports across Great Britain.

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) decision document is available here gov.uk/government/publications/uk-reach-restriction-for-lead-in-ammunition-27-june-2025

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- Military, police and non-civilian applications
- Elite athletes
- Permanent Outdoor ranges under derogation
- Small calibre bullets for live quarry shooting and airguns
- The restriction will apply in Great Britain
- The use of lead shot on indoor ranges will be prohibited
- To benefit from the derogation range operators will be required to submit certain details and a declaration to the Enforcing Authority (Environment Agency/Scottish Environment Protection Agency/Natural Resources Wales) with effect mid 2028
- The sale of large calibre lead bullets (greater than 6.17mm) for live quarry shooting will be restricted from mid 2029
- Manufacturers will be required to label packing for large calibre ammunition for target shooting with the phrase “must not be used for live quarry shooting”
- Collections of lead ammunition will be excluded from the restriction
- Target shooting on indoor ranges is already subject to Control of Lead at Work (CLAW) Legislation and not in scope of the restriction

NEW CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DE- LEADING OUTDOOR RANGES

In anticipation of these changes, the NRA has been working closely with a small working party of range-



operating clubs to develop a Code of Practice for De-leading Outdoor Target Shooting Ranges. The Enforcing Authority is expected to require evidence of de-leading and supporting documents as part of the derogation process.

This practical guide is rooted in the NRA's long-standing experience, incorporates guidance from the Range Design and Safety Handbook, and draws on the real-world experience and input of our clubs. The new Code of Practice is now available to assist all NRA members and NRA Range Operating Authorities (ROA) in managing lead on their sites.

nra.org.uk/all-downloads/nra-handbooks/

The NRA defines a Range Operating Authority (ROA) in NRA Rule 108b which follows;

A Range Operating Authority (ROA) is the person or organisation responsible for ensuring that a range is constructed and maintained to recognised safety and legal standards and for providing a physical and regulatory environment within which an RO (Range Officer) can run that range in safety and within the law.

The NRA Club Agreement includes a provision for the Chairman to identify the Club as a Range Operating Authority. Clubs are encouraged to ensure that this information is included as part of the 2026 affiliation renewal process later this year.

The NRA and other sector stakeholders will meet in early September to discuss the implications of the new legislation and appropriate next steps including engagement with the Enforcement Agencies.

KINGSBURY USER GROUP AND THE BIRMINGHAM BISLEY

Congratulations to all those that entered the Competition this year, and to WFRA Bromsgrove Rifle Club and others for organising the event, a full report is included elsewhere in this Journal. Great to see this event return to Kingsbury and to have future dates confirmed by our colleagues in Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

Continuing the West Midlands theme, John Bloomfield and I were pleased to meet the Kingsbury User Group recently. The Group comprises officials from Clubs that shoot regularly on Kingsbury and seeks to optimise range availability by sharing bookings. The Group has developed a good working relationship with the newly appointed Training Safety Officer for Kingsbury.

The meeting objective was to introduce John who is a member of The Council (Board of Trustees) and The Shooting Committee. John provided the Group with an opportunity to learn more about the NRA, it's Charitable Objectives, Governance and structure and critically the role of the General Council including the Member for the West Midlands. Feedback from participants suggests they found the discussion useful and informative especially for members unfamiliar with Bisley and the workings of the NRA. I'd be interested to hear from Clubs that would be interested in a similar format meeting in their Region. 🗺️

2026 RANGE BOOKINGS

Information regarding range bookings in 2026.

RANGE BOOKINGS

In August of each year we request all major club competitions (6 targets or more for Century and Stickledown) to be submitted via email to the Range Office. These bookings provide a template layout for the ranges and determine the remaining availability. If your club are planning to host a large event and have not informed us please contact the Range Office ASAP for the template form.

These major bookings are subject to our cancellation policy of 6 weeks which can be found on our website. Applying a policy of this time frame has consequently meant in 2024 we were able to make available 701 lanes back to other members and clubs with only 35 of these being subject to a charge, and in 2025 so far we have received a reduction of 781 lanes, with 62 being subject to a charge.

RANGE CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 28th October at 1400 at the Pavilion we will be hosting our annual range conference. During the conference we will discuss any updates to our ranges and procedures, as well as issues that have occurred throughout the year. The conference will be streamed online via Facebook and emailed to all members afterwards.

2026 BOOKINGS

The online range booking system is due to open on approx. 0900 on the 3rd of November for 2026 bookings. Bookings will begin to be processed shortly after this period. Please note that all major bookings that have been pre-organised will need to be submitted by no later than the 1st of January 2026. After this date they are subject to be removed and availability will be opened back up to other range users.

When the system opens in November we expect a large influx and it may take us a while to process all bookings. As such, unfortunately the team will be unable to provide you with realistic availability over the phone due to the backlog of bookings. Please bear with us, we will try and assist, accommodate and offer alternatives where possible. If you are willing to accept alternative dates/ranges/

distances, please note this in the comments of your booking rather than submitting multiple bookings.

To help you with your bookings, please use the following guide.

- 1 Upcoming 3 week availability:**
<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/range-availability/>
- 2 Long range dates**
<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/range-events/long-range-dates/>
- 3 Fallbacks**
 - a. Scheduled: <https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/range-events/fallback-dates/>
 - b. Weekday fallbacks, or requests for dates not shown in the above link will be subject to range availability and may only be confirmed approx. 1 week prior to the date requested
- 4 Other events (including member days)** <https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/range-events/>
- 5 Hourly bookings (excluding Melville Bay A and electronic targets)** will be subject to range availability and may only be confirmed approx. 1 week prior to the date requested
- 6 Butt Zero/1100x/800x Booking:**
 - a. During high season weekends, bookings will only be confirmed approx. 1 month prior depending on remaining availability on Stickledown Range.
 - b. All other times will be reviewed approx. 1 week prior to the date requested

If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact the Range office on 01483 797777 ext 152 or via email at Range.Office@nra.org.uk. 📧



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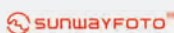


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I recently read the brief obituary in the NRA News of my shooting chum and friend Graham Jackman, in which it was mentioned that in 1986 on the WI tour of Barbados, of which Graham was the British Captain, he had won the Governor General's prize in Barbados. That piece of news might invoke some manner of interest. But there is very much more behind it.

At the time, I was living in Barbados, and of course shooting there as well! I am very fortunate to have had the pleasure of starting my interest in target rifle shooting in the land of my birth 70 years ago! However, in the run up to the tour and with my background, I wanted to do something very special, so researched what used to happen in the earlier tours of the 1950's and 1960's and learned that there used to be a Governor's Prize. So I suggested to the Committee that we approach the Governor General and enquire whether she would provide a Prize and also host a cocktail reception at Government House. She agreed to carry out both of these requests. But trying to make the match very 'Barbadian' in nature. I suggested that the first detail at 1000 yds. Should have the highest scores and compete for the

Governor General's Prize, while the second detail would compete for a separate prize. Thus placing a very unusual spin to a 'Final'! Graham won the G.G.s Prize and I am afraid that I forgot who won the Prize presented jointly by my late Uncle – Aubrey Roberts, and myself. In the years since 1986 there has never been another G.G. prize shot for in Barbados. And of course, since Barbados is now a Republic, there can never be another such prize. Well done Graham!

I hope that brief note has shone a light on some part of the past and our sport.

Sincerely

Stephen Brooks

Stephen Brooks
Dr. S. A. Brooks

Ps. When I brought the Barbadian team to Bisley in 1990, because Graham had won this prize I invited him to be our Guest of Honour at the Team Dinner, as well as attend the Cocktail party held for the team at the Barbados High Commission in London.



NOTICES

National Rifle Association notifications and news.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

2025 NRA GUEST DAYS

Guest days offer NRA Members the opportunity to invite friends or colleagues (up to maximum of 4) for an introduction to the world of target shooting with a special offer for the guest if they also decide to join the NRA.

GALLERY RIFLE – CHEYLESMORE RANGE

We still have spaces available for our last Guest Day of 2025, which is being held during the morning session on Saturday 8th November 2025 from 8.30am to 12.30pm

A selection of gallery rifle/carbine firearms will be available on the range on the day for those members who do not own their own firearms. Ammunition is not included in the fees, but can be purchased on the day.

Saturday 8th November 2025

25 yards Cheylesmore Range (AM only).

Cost £85 per booking – includes the hire of the Range, Range Officers and Targets. Book online - <https://online.nra.org.uk/guest-days>.

REMAINING 2025 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAYS

The NRA Shooting Club runs twice monthly at Bisley and all NRA members are welcome to book and attend these days. Three attendances at the NRA Shooting Club at Bisley in a 12 month period using all your different firearms will provide automatic qualification for an NRA 4 year SCC.

We have four different ranges running throughout the day allowing the majority of firearms to be used at varying distances, and you may book to shoot on all ranges.

All sessions are overseen by NRA Range Conducting Officers/Instructors.

Annual Renewals

The team will be sending out reminders to all our NRA members, and club affiliation paperwork to all Club Secretaries, via email, by the end of September. Please look out for the email which will come via our mailing system – MailChimp.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you all into 2026 and beyond.

NRA Member SCCs – if your 4-year SCC is due to expire in December, you will be receiving an email from susan.conway@nra.org.uk with details of how these can be renewed. Please look out for the email.

Club Member SCCs – these will be renewed as part of the club affiliation process.

Team Captain Announcements

We are pleased to announce the following team captaincy and team manager position:

David Harris has been appointed GB Handgun Team Captain 2026

Rebecca Laird has been appointed as Team Manager for the GB Under 21 Team World Long Range Championships Bisley 2028.

SESSION TIMINGS

8.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 4.30pm (low season) or 5.30PM (high season)

- Saturday 20th September – 300E, Winans B, 600E, 1000E - AM & PM SESSIONS
- Saturday 4th October – 300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E – AM ONLY
- Wednesday 15th October – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY
- Wednesday 12th November – 200E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY
- Saturday 22nd November – 300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY
- Wednesday 10th December – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E – AM ONLY
- Saturday 20th December – 300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY

Online bookings available - <https://online.nra.org.uk/shootingclubs>

New Team Member

Alastair Brown joins the team as our new Firearms Liaison Officer, having served 30 years in the Metropolitan Police, culminating in 8 years in the Firearms Licensing Department, with responsibility for Home Office approved clubs, museums, Firearms Dealers and Section 5 authority holders.

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OCTOBER

- 04-05 Target Shotgun Festival - Autumn 2025**
Target Shotgun, NRA
- 04 Historic SR Match - Autumn 2025**
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA
- 05 CSR Winter League - Oct 2025**
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA
- 11 Ages Match 2025**
Target Rifle, NRA
- 18-19 Trafalgar Meeting 2025**
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, Gallery Rifle
& Pistol, Muzzle Loading, Match Rifle, McQueen,
Sporting Rifle, Target Rifle, NRA
- 25-26 Autumn Action Weekend 2025**
Gallery Rifle & Pistol, McQueen, Muzzle Loading,
Target Shotgun, Civilian Service Rifle, NRA

NOVEMBER

- 01 CSR Winter League - Nov 2025**
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA
- 02 Precision Rifle Shooting (PRS): Competition Nov 2025**
Precision Rifle, NRA

DECEMBER

- 07 CSR Winter League - Dec 2025**
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA

RESULTS

TR IMPERIAL

The Grand Aggregate

The DCRA Challenge Shield,
The NRA Gold Cross, a Gold Bar
and £200.00

- 1 Mr R Stewart 772.110v
- The NRA Silver Cross, a Silver
Bar and £175.00
- 2 Dr GCD Barnett 772.102v
- The NRA Bronze Cross, a
Bronze Bar and £150.00
- 3 Mr MRM Millar 770.102v

H.M. King's Prize

The NRA Gold HM Medal, NRA
Gold Badge, NRA '100' Badge
& His Majesty the King's Prize
of £250.00 and The Jersey Rifle
Association 150th Anniversary
Trophy

- 1 Mr BK Green 299.41v
- The NRA Silver Badge, NRA
'100' Badge and £100.00
- 2 Mr PD Sykes 299.38v
- The NRA Bronze Badge, NRA
'100' Badge and £50.00
- 3 Mr PM Patel 298.39v

St. George's

The Challenge Vase, The Gold
Cross, The St. George's Badge
and £100.00

- 1 Mr TO Little 149.20v
- The St. George's Badge and
£50.00
- 2 Mr D Lowe 149.20v
- The St. George's Badge and
£25.00
- 3 Air Cdre WD Cooper 149.20v

The National

The National Challenge Trophy

- 1 England 2068.262v

The Kolapore

A Pair of Challenge Cups and
Fifteen NRA Gold Medals

- 1 Great Britain 1185.162v

The County Championship Long Range

The Challenge Cup and Eight
NRA Gold Medals

- 1 Surrey 589.70v
- Eight NRA Silver Medals
- 2 Gloucestershire 584.60v
- Eight NRA Bronze Medals
- 3 Norfolk 583.69v

Yorkshire Volunteer Shield

A Challenge Shield and Four
NRA Gold Medals

- 1 OGRE A 768.68v
- Four NRA Silver Medals
- 2 Old Epsomian 767.88v
- Blue
- Four NRA Bronze Medals
- 3 OCRA A 766.76v

MR IMPERIAL

Hopton Aggregate

The Hopton Challenge Cup,
the Hopton Gold Medal and
£50.00

- 1 Mr RJ Lygoe 991.107v
- The Hopton Silver Medal
and £20.00 and the Albert
Challenge Cup for the highest
non-HME competitor
- 2 Mr SJ Whitby 984.97v
- The Hopton Bronze Medal and
£10.00
- 3 Mr RJ Scaglione 977.103v

The Elcho

A Challenge Shield and Eleven
Gold Miniature Shields

- 1 England 1703.146v
- Eleven Silver Miniature Shields
- 2 Ireland 1672.136v
- Eleven Bronze Miniature Shields
- 3 Scotland 1631.115v

F-CLASS IMPERIAL

F Open Grand Aggregate

The Challenge Cup and an NRA
Gold Medal

- 1 Mr AK Kreutz 941.74v
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 Mr G Majer 939.75v
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Mr AJ Price 935.73v

FTR Grand Aggregate

The Dunsfold Challenge Cup
and an NRA Gold Medal

- 1 Mr M Harris 914.58v
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 Mr PA Dommett 910.66v
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Mr DCW Lloyd 908.71v

Farquharson

The Challenge Cup, an NRA
Gold Medal and The F-Open
Farquharson Badge

- 1 Mr G Majer 284.20v

The Challenge Cup, an
NRA Gold Medal and The
FTR Farquharson
Badge

- 1 Mr M Harris 274.15v

CSR IMPERIAL

CSR Championship

Historic X
An NRA Gold Medal and the
SLRC Cup

- 1 McBride, R 756
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 Tong, W 687

Historic A

- An NRA Gold Medal
- 1 Ellis, B 735
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 Murgatroyd, G 583
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Wen-Sheng Kao, S 512

Iron A

- An NRA Gold Medal and
The LERA Pete Bloom Quach
- 1 Yardley, R 598

Iron X

- An NRA Gold Medal
- 1 Page, S 883

Practical X

- An NRA Gold Medal and
The PR Pete Bloom Trophy
- 1 Timms, J 1049

An NRA Silver Medal

- 2 St Aubyn, N 1035
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Eustance, M 1020

Practical A

- An NRA Gold Medal and
The Pete Bloom Challenge
Trophy
- 1 Greenall, M 1043

An NRA Silver Medal

- 2 Russell, H 1039
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Day J, 1011

Practical B

- An NRA Gold Medal
- 1 Frankland, J 972

An NRA Silver Medal

- 2 Dolski, T 962
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 Jenkins, S 944

Service X

- An NRA Gold Medal & The
HRA Challenge Trophy
- 1 A Chapman 1075
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 R Wade 1048

Service A

- An NRA Gold Medal
- 1 D Atraghji 1005

An NRA Silver Medal

- 2 D Wylde 996
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 2 G Lavandera 972

Service B

- An NRA Gold Medal
- 1 A Defreitas 921

An NRA Silver Medal

- 2 E Gadd-Chapman 916
- An NRA Bronze Medal
- 3 D Cross 912

Civilian Methuen - Historic

The Mons Trophy & 7 NRA Gold
Medals

- 1 LERA A 928
- 7 NRA Silver Medals
- 2 TCRA 736

Civilian Methuen - Historic

Civilian Methuen - Practical
The Mauser Trophy & 7 NRA
Gold Medals

- 1 HRA A 1357
- 7 NRA Silver Medals
- 2 LPSC A 1314

7 NRA Bronze Medals

- 3 PSSA 1290

NRA/ARA ADAPTIVE IMPERIAL

Veteran Championship

An NRA Gold Medal

- L O'Connor 299.32x
- An NRA Silver Medal
- S Cook 297.28x

An NRA Bronze Medal

- W Hargrave 296.31x

GR&P IMPERIAL

GRCF Grand Aggregate

An NRA Gold Medal

- 1 M Deakin 1772.116v
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 S Finch 1606.18v

An NRA Bronze Medal

- 3 A Robinson 1081.39v

GRCF Classic Grand Aggregate

An NRA Gold Medal

- 1 K Kilvington 1735.101v
- An NRA Silver Medal
- 2 R Fowler 1711.76v

An NRA Bronze Medal

- 3 S Voak 1365.53v

GRSB Grand Aggregate

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 M Deakin	1864.119v
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 D Barrett-Payton	1807.73v
An NRA Bronze Medal	
3 P McGuinness	1799.77v

LBP Grand Aggregate

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 S Lane	1176.70v
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 A McGee	1143.39v
An NRA Bronze Medal	
3 A Barker	1124.37v

LBR Grand Aggregate

1 D Barrett-Payton	1016.15v
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 C Lennon	793.26v

MLR Grand Aggregate

An NRA Gold Medal	
R Philpott	298.5v

MCQUEEN IMPERIAL**McQueen Targets Aggregate**

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R Philpott	298.5v

McQueen Targets U25 Aggregate

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Two NRA Silver Medals	
Bodie & Doyle	100.13v

McQueen A

The Entente Cordiale Cup, a bottle of Piper Heidsieck Champagne, an NRA Gold Medal and a Gold Bar	
1 J Binder-Swash	50.10v
An NRA Silver Medal and a Silver Bar	
2 S Walker	50.10v
An NRA Bronze Medal and a Bronze Bar	
3 D McGill	50.10v

McQueen A (Cadet)

A Challenge Trophy & NRA Gold Medal	
1 E Tillett	50.7v
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 M Groves	50.6v
An NRA Bronze Medal	
3 A Cunningham	49.7v

McQueen A (U25)

The AI Salver, an AI Model Rifle, an NRA Gold Medal and a Gold Bar	
1 H Johnstone	50.10v

An NRA Silver Medal and a Silver Bar	
2 J Ferns	50.6v
An NRA Bronze Medal and a Bronze Bar	
3 S Winter	49.8v

SCHOOLS IMPERIAL**The Ashburton**

The Challenge Shield and Eight NRA Silver Medals and the Allhallows Salver	
1 Wellington College CCF	764.48v
The Montague-Jones Challenge Trophy and Eight NRA Bronze Medals	
2 Epsom College CCF	752.49v
Eight NRA Bronze Medals	
3 Greshams School CCF	742.37v

Cadet Grand Aggregate

The Challenge Plate, an Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Gold Medal	
1 J Leung	294.24v
An Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Silver Medal	
2 B Morris	294.18v
An Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Bronze Medal	
3 H Hamlyn	293.25v

The Cadet International

The Challenge Bowl and Ten NRA Gold Medals	
1 England Cadets	824.92v

Cadet Rifle Aggregate

The Challenge Trophy, an Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Gold Medal	
1 A Dawnay	103.11v
An Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Silver Medal	
2 H Hamlyn	102.10v
An Engraved Silver Spoon and NRA Bronze Medal	
3 F Cowling	101.12v

Schools Veterans Aggregate

The Challenge Cup	
1 OGRE	740.102v

SERVICE RIFLE IMPERIAL**Service Rifle Championship**

The Martins Challenge Cup, an NRA Gold Medal, £20 & a Gold Bar	
1 M Al Sakmani	425
The Sultan of Oman's Challenge Trophy, an NRA Silver Medal, £10 & a Silver Bar	
2 H Al Mamri	424
An NRA Bronze Medal, £5 & a Bronze Bar	
3 P Tamang	424

Queen Mary

The Challenge Trophy, a Queen Mary Gold Medal, £20 & a Gold Bar	
1 M Baduja Pun	187
A Queen Mary Silver Medal & a Silver Bar	
2 H Al Mamri	187
A Queen Mary Bronze Medal & a Bronze Bar	
3 M Al Salmani	185
An NRA Gold Medal	
1 P Tamang	183
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 N Thapa Magar	180
An NRA Bronze Medal	
3 S Al Shamli	179

Bisley Bullet

The Challenge Trophy, an NRA Gold Medal, £20 & a Gold Bar	
1 M Al Shamli	242
An NRA Silver Medal & a Silver Bar & an NRA Gold Medal	
2 A Thapa	242
An NRA Bronze Medal & a Bronze Bar & an NRA Silver Medal	
3 P Tamang	241
An NRA Bronze Medal	
1 M Al Salmani	240

Inter Services Urban Contact Match

The Royal Marines Challenge Bowl and Nine NRA Gold Medals	
1 BACST	2804

Inter-Unit Championship

The King Hussars Challenge Cup	
1 SOAF A	54
The Africa Challenge Cup	
2 1 RGR A	47

International Service Rifle

The Llewellyn Challenge Cup & Ten NRA Gold Medals	
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1 Great Britain	1990
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SPORTING RIFLE IMPERIAL**Running Deer Championship**

The BSRC Running Deer Challenge Trophy	
1 A Wahid	159

Running Boar

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 R Jeffery	160
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 A Burgess	151

Running Deer

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 R Jeffery	41
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 A Christmas	35

Swedish Deer

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 A Christmas	49
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 A Burgess	45

Fox Test

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 A Christmas	100
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 R Jeffery	96

The Stalkers Test

An NRA Gold Medal	
1 R Jeffery	100
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 A Christmas	99

300M CHAMPIONSHIP**The British 300m Championship (Free Rifle)**

The AI Challenge Cup & an NRA Gold Medal	
1 S Aldhouse	595.29v
An NRA Silver Medal	
2 M Hartung	591.26v
An NRA Bronze Medal	
3 M Raiber	582.24v



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Full name: Richard Stewart
Age: 44

How did you get into shooting and at what age?

I started shooting at Gresham's School at the age of 14 as part of the school CCF and rifle club.

What is the most memorable moment in your career?

My final shoot to win the Grand Aggregate on my 25th Birthday in 2006, trying to control my nerves and how tough it was to complete.

What was the biggest hurdle you had to overcome as a shooter?

The psychological side of the sport, maintaining positivity and harnessing nervous energy to my advantage rather than allowing it to be destructive. I am not a natural optimist so I need to continually work at this.



What role does your family/friends play in your shooting?

They play a massive role both through supporting me, especially my family who make sacrifices so that I can be away from home both practising and competing. Recently, shooting tours have been more numerous than family holidays though I have promised to redress the balance in the very near future!

What sort of music do you listen to?

I am pretty easy going with music choice and it really depends what mood I'm in. Sometimes classical although I think like a lot of people I enjoy listening to the influential music of my childhood so 80s and 90s music rock, electronic, & Britpop etc.

What Club are you a member of?

OGRE (Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment)

Who has been your biggest inspiration?

I am not sure I could name a single individual. The great thing about shooting is even as a beginner you are competing with and learning from the greats. Glynn Barnett as a former Gresham's pupil and with all that he has achieved was a great inspiration from early on in my shooting career.

Which is your favourite country in the world? Is it somewhere you have visited on tour?

Currently in Canada with the GB team.

How has Bisley and the NRA influenced you?

Bisley has been a second home for me over the years both through being the centre of competition but also through the social side and community surrounding the sport meaning I have developed a network of lifelong friends.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I don't seem to have much spare time any more but I like spending time with family and friends. I also like to be outside so spend lots of time walking with my dog and cycling although I need to find time to do more...

Do you have a pre-competition routine?

I like to ensure all my equipment is present and correct so check everything over and eliminate any issues before they occur. Beyond that it is about relaxing and getting in the right headspace so catching up with friends and having a bit of banter and a laugh. I do not want to be carrying any external stress with me into a shooting competition as I can't switch off and relax.

What advice would you give somebody who wanted to take up shooting?

Come and try it we're a friendly bunch! I knew nothing about shooting and had no particular interest but fortunately I had the opportunity through the CCF and within a few weeks I was hooked...

So, what Next?

GB Australia 2026 and of course I would love to win the King's Prize! 🍀

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