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# New Beginnings



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

**F**irstly, I am delighted and immensely honoured to have been appointed as Andrew Mercer's successor. He leaves the NRA in very good health indeed, and I am grateful for the enormous support he has been giving me during my handover. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

In early June I was fortunate enough to attend, as an observer, Council and General Council meetings, as well as the AGMs of the NRA and NSC.

This gave me a good flavour of the successes achieved by, and challenges facing the NRA.

My initial focus will be on meeting as many members and stakeholders as possible, in order to listen, learn and understand both the challenges and opportunities that we face.

I am also keen to learn about the challenges faced by affiliated clubs in the regions from those who operate their own range, and those who shoot on military ranges.

Whilst I have some shooting experience, initially with air guns as a child, then competing at Bisley as a cadet, followed by shooting in the Armed Forces, I recognise that I have much to learn.

I am also looking forward to my first Imperial Meeting, and to talking to members on the ranges

and firing points, where, I am told, the passion and positivity is extraordinary!

In the autumn, I will be reviewing the Strategic objectives 2025-2028, our governance practices, and our operational processes, with a view to building

on the successes achieved by Andrew and the team.

Whilst continuity is important, I will also be looking to use my considerable experience in membership organisations to meet, head on, the challenges and opportunities that we face.

This will inevitably involve introducing positive change where it is needed.

For this to be successful, I will be looking to engage and communicate regularly with members, and continue to

strengthen the golden thread which runs from the membership, through General Council, through my team and I, to Council.

Clearly promoting, growing and supporting youth shooting and encouraging returning shooters is an immediate priority and I welcome the appointment of a Youth Shooting Development Officer.

Finally, I look forward to working together to take this wonderful and iconic organisation to the next level! 🍀

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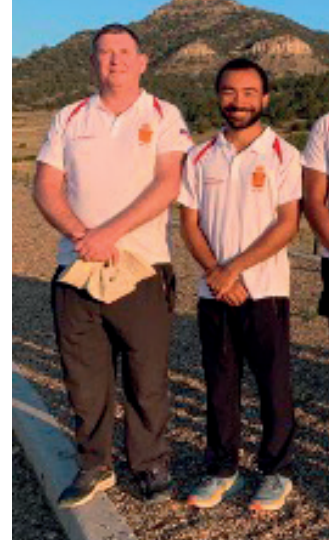
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# ENGLAND RIFLE TEAM TO RATON, NEW MEXICO, USA 2024

Report by **Alastair Brown.**

**O**n Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, the England Rifle Team departed Bisley to travel to the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico in the USA. The objective: to compete in the 2024 Spirit of America Matches, culminating with the prestigious America Match.

The England team had been selected earlier in the year by the elected Captain Tom Rylands and comprised 20 individuals, ten of whom were being awarded their first England touring cap – a worthy testament to Tom’s

**Below:** Buffalo head in range accommodation.



enduring support for young shooters and special emphasis on the England Lions Squad in particular, which contributed no fewer than eight members to this tour. Unfortunately, Tom was subsequently taken ill and Vice-Captain Jon Underwood stepped up to become the touring Captain, supported by tour Vice-Captain Matt Button.

The check in process at the United Airlines desk in Heathrow Terminal 2 was smooth and proceeded without fuss. Safely packed onto the flight, the team enjoyed an uneventful ten-hour flight to Denver International Airport,

Colorado. Once in Denver, the team were swiftly reunited with their rifles and other luggage and made their way to Avis to pick up four Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles. Amy Xu also joined the team here, having flown in domestically from her temporary home in California. Cue four separate discussions about who should be in charge of the music for the seventy-mile journey to Colorado Springs.

## COLORADO SPRINGS

Somewhat jetlagged due to the five-hour time difference, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September saw the team emerge bleary-eyed to enjoy a fun-packed day of meticulously planned R&R in Colorado Springs. The morning activity was a hair-raising, hairpin bend laden drive in our convoy of Chevrolets up to the summit of Pikes Peak, otherwise known as ‘America’s Mountain’, standing at an elevation of 14,115 feet. On the way back down, roadside checks tested brake temperatures and any vehicle deemed to be overheated was pulled over for an enforced cooling off period.

The two remaining team members, Dave Rose and Jon



**Above:** Randy Pike doing a stint in the pits.

Cload, joined us later this afternoon to complete the 19-strong touring team. Jem Hinde had booked us into ‘The Famous Steakhouse’ that evening for dinner, which was very enjoyable, one of the highlights being the wine list. Afterwards, several team members stopped off at the Crooked Cue pool hall to work off some calories.

## RATON

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September the team packed vehicles and headed off on the four-hour journey through beautiful expansive landscapes to Raton, stopping off en route for various activities including visiting a local zoo, Walmart



**Left:** English 'Lions' contributed eight members of the 19-strong England team to Raton, USA. **Below:** Members of England rifle team at the summit of Pikes Peak, Colorado – R&R day.



or hunting sports shops. Upon arrival at the NRA Whittington Center, we were delighted to find ourselves in very presentable range accommodation, comprising three main wings off a central communal hall area, the walls adorned with impressive hunting trophies of the local wildlife. Neighbouring wooden buildings housed the Scottish and America teams. Each wing had an adequate kitchen (by normal shooting standards) and most of us had our own rooms, some with external wooden balconies.

As we all busied ourselves with unpacking and rebuilding of rifles, John Friguglietti delivered our 'handCloaded' ammunition, which he had very generously driven for 20 hours across the USA.

Now that we were all together as a team at our final destination, the tour Captain presented everyone with their England tour badges under the watchful gaze of a buffalo trophy looking benignly down on us from the wall.

The shooting itinerary over the next eight days commenced with a practice day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September followed by seven days of individual and team shoots as part of the Spirit of American

Competition, followed by the America Match on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The course of fire is similar to what we are used to from Bisley, but at over 6,000 feet altitude, on the edge of the Rockies and the parched New Mexico plains, new ammunition (for most of us), different targets and a different approach to shooting, there was plenty to focus our minds on for our first day of shooting.

#### **THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – INDIVIDUAL DAY 1: CAMARADERIE MATCH**

The beginning of each day at Tubb range in Raton commenced with firer registration, followed by the ceremonial firing of the cannon and then the playing of the USA national anthem over crackly speakers, everyone standing to attention and facing the flag, many in

full military salute. The Bald Eagles Rifle Club, organising and hosting this event, was actually formed in the days following the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre. The first day comprised Match #1, which included two and ten to count at 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards and Match #2 of two and fifteen to count at 900 yards. All shooting at 'Tubb Range' is on ICFRA targets, so the first day's total score was out ►

**Below:** Raton, USA- weather rolling in over mountain tops to the West, mid-afternoon. **Inset:** School Bus.



of 450 and 45 'X's. Simon Hayton showed the way for the England team coming second on the day, dropping only two points for 448.28. His 150.12 at 900 yards won him Match #2, three X's clear of second placed Mike Halsey, followed by Jon Underwood and Dave Rose with 149's. Impressive performances also for Jason Pepera-Hibbert finishing on 446.29 and Jon Underwood on 446.23. Pete Holden came third in the short-range aggregate for the day with an impressive 299.16 ex-300, followed by Jason, Simon, Matt and Jeremy also making the top ten placings. A promising start, but clearly some work to do and further acclimatisation required for the rest of the team. The Aggregate for the day was won by the US' Mike Halsey with 449.31 ex 450.45, followed by our very own Simon Hayton with 448.28, with Jason Pepera-Hibbert and Jon Underwood also in the top seven.

At 6,300 feet of altitude, the wind has less effect on the bullet compared with Bisley, so its more like shooting at Bloemfontein, South Africa. Like Bloemfontein, the wind follows a pattern through the day, being gentler in the morning as the sun rises above the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colfax County, New Mexico, and begins to warm the range. As the sun gets higher in the sky and its effects become stronger and the heat more intense throughout the day, by the afternoon this either translates into a brief, but intense rain shower or spectacular thunderstorm, or just really strong winds that can change strength and direction very quickly, due to the effects of wind channelling through different mountain



**Above:** Pete Holden being presented with his first place in the Freedom Trophy Match, by Rick Hunt).

passes. Around mid-afternoon we notice the American shooters increasingly focused on watching the cloud formations rolling over the top of the mountains to the West of us, for early signs that the weather was about to break. Many afternoons at around three to four pm, the heavens opened and the wind pattern became more chaotic. The England team quickly learned to shoot efficiently to avoid these disruptive conditions.

Another feature of Tubb Range that is different to Bisley is competitor marking, which required a quick changeover between details at each range, switching between shooting and marking all day. A few old school buses were used to transport markers from range to butts which allowed some time for making new friends and swapping stories between shooters.

### TEAM MATCH #1: THE CIMARRON

The first team match of the tour was The Cimarron. The format was that of an Empire Match, shot by teams of four firers plus a wind coach over four ranges, with two sighters and ten to count at 300, 600,

900 and 1000 yards. England split into four teams, 'Red', 'White', 'Rose' and 'Crown'.

After the morning routine of shooter registration and firing of the cannon, followed by the USA national anthem and flag raising ceremony, a brief prize giving followed to mark yesterday's individual achievements. Well done to Simon Hayton for winning the long range, and to Pete Holden who was third overall on the day for the first day of the individual.

Under a cloudless blue sky all the teams advanced to the 300 yard point to prepare for shooting or butt marking duties. Light winds allowed for high scores at the first

range, with many teams finishing with only one, two or three points dropped ex-400 points. England White team coached by Jon Cload scored an impressive 399.25, closely followed by Scotland Claymore team on 399.19. Slightly trickier winds at 600 yards caused wider dispersion of scores, but this didn't affect Brian Mrnak's team who went clean with 400.21. After lunch the wind had picked up and shooters had to put up with stops to avoid the worst patches. England held both high team scores of 397.20 and 397.18 at 900 yards, helping nudge England Crowns into first place by the end of 1000 yards. Top team for the day was the English Crowns (1586.86), followed by the American USNRT team (1583.77). Top individuals within the teams were Jon Underwood (398.29), followed by Curt Bohlman of the USA (398.25). Another hot day but we did manage to avoid what looked like a torrential downpour in the next valley.

Dinner this evening was chicken curry, cooked up by Ali Brown with the assistance of a number of sous chefs, followed by home-cooked chocolate brownies from Keisha Farley.

**Below:** "Did you make these yourself, Keisha?"





**Above left:** England Rifle Team, Keisha Farley in centre. **Above right:** England coaching heartthrob Jason Pepera-Hibbert preparing to 'twiddle the knobs' at 600 yds.

## SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER – INDIVIDUAL DAY 2: US ARMED FORCES TROPHY MATCH

Another beautiful morning on this stunning range set the scene for the by now familiar shooter registration, cannon fire and USA national anthem and flag raising ceremony. Day 2 of the individual competition saw us firing two and ten to count at each of 300, 500 and 600 yards in the morning (Match #4) followed by two and fifteen at 1000 yards after lunch (Match #5). Benign morning conditions with a gentle drift in the wind resulted in high scores, with the Tour Captain Jon Underwood and Tour Vice Captain Matt Button leading by example, scoring 300.20 and 300.19, respectively, and pipped only by USA shooter Mike Halsey on 300.22. Other notable England scores in Match #4 came from Simon Hayton (299.22) and Jem Hinde (299.15).

Then came the wind! Having been warned of impending thunderstorms, the afternoon was about to start promptly at 1000x, when a bolt of lightning, followed by rolls of thunder issued from the southwest and the range staff called a pause to proceedings. As the clouds started to move away to our south, the first relay was reluctantly called forward to the point, but the flags were not showing a great deal of wind. As the targets rose our resident colonel (retired), Charlie, confidently wound on ¼ left and fired his first sighter, the resulting wide right 7 indicted the building breeze and following a couple more downwind the smoke was rising from his sights as he rapidly wound on up to 10 minutes left! The whole range was challenged by some extremely rapid changes and the highest score returned was a 144 (ex.150). The second detail was readable, and the average rose significantly.

The first pair of shooters, having been dealt a rather challenging set of conditions moved to the butts for marking duty, while the second pair (expecting the worst) returned to 1000x. There they were met by slightly more steady conditions and at several team members managed to put them all in for a full score of 150, Matt Button and Jon Underwood continued their good form and finished clean on the day, with Jem Hinde hot on their heels with 449 ex 500 on the day. At the halfway stage of the individual Jon Underwood leads the Grand four points off, closely followed by Mike Halsey and Simon Hayton, both on five off.

Another hot and dusty day on the range and the England team were pleased to get back to the shade of their accommodation wing for another sumptuous meal prepared by Ali Brown and various sous chefs.

After a fantastic dinner, some of us joined the

Americans at the 'Eagle's Nest' for a Cornhole match. Despite being new to the game, we more than held our own. Once Dave Rose and Alex Sadler progressed to the centre stage, they took on Seth and Zack. In the first match they were at one stage 19-0 down but came back to win! Next they played Verne and Brian and at one point were 17-0 down, the match went on for a while with a number of nail-biting passages of play, and was eventually 20-20, but unfortunately Dave and Alex were pipped by the experts. We had a great evening and a fun introduction to a game that may well feature in a Bisley clubhouse near you in the near future.

## MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER – TEAM MATCH #2: THE ANGEL FIRE

Morning ceremonies completed, England reconvened into its teams of four plus a coach for The Angel Fire Match. This match was the same format as for The Cimmarron Match two days earlier, two sighters and ten to count at each of 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. The England Crowns team (Rose, Button, Holden and Underwood) put ▶



**Left:** Final range of America Match, 1,000 yards, Raton, New Mexico, USA. England team in foreground.



in a very respectable 400.28 at 300 yards, leading the pack and closely followed by USNRT Theurer 2 on 400.22 and England White on 400.20. At 600 yards England Red (Sadler, Welford, Feast and Hayton) coached by John Ritchie delivered the only 400 on the range, with 19 'X's. England Crowns on 399.29 were beginning to consolidate their position, but with the possibility of thunder and lightning arriving in time for long range, anything could still happen. Whilst many team's scores at 900 and 1000 yards were reflective of trickier wind conditions, somehow the self-coaching England Crowns team managed to pull it out of the bag once again and secured an impressive win, dropping only six points out of a total team score of 1600.160 to achieve 1594.95, beating second placed USNRT Theurer 2 who scored 1577.71 by an impressive 17 points and 24 'X's.

## **TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – INDIVIDUAL DAY 3: FREEDOM TROPHY MATCH**

There is an impressive array of wildlife dispersed around the 33,300 acre NRA Whittington Center ranges, including a variety of deer, coyotes, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, turkeys and black bear. The waste bins located next to the accommodation units are bear-proof, but it doesn't stop

them trying to gain access in the middle of the night. The day started with some signs that the early mornings might be beginning to make their mark, though certainly not helped today with the cacophony of Deer and coyotes, breaking the silence of the small hours.

The third day of individual competition was the Freedom Trophy Match, consisting of three two and ten shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards with a two and fifteen to count at 900 yards. As the day dawned and hats were donned ahead of the first detail after the daily Colours ceremony, the weather began to show its hand, dust devils and rain came at random intervals with one particular deluge observed at lunch time making quite the spectacle, so much so that a member of the Scottish team was spotted wearing a full-length poncho! So much for it staying dry as we had been informed.

In terms of shooting, the competition was as tough as ever with many people putting in some fantastic scores, notably, Pete Holden

who went clean throughout the day in some very challenging conditions to post a 450.29, beating off all of the competition in impressive style. Matt Button came fifth with 448.26 and Simon Hayton came tenth with 447.21. Dinner tonight was curry and chocolate brownies, courtesy once again of Brown and Farley, with various sous chefs assisting.

## **WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER – TEAM MATCH 3: THE RATON**

Today's Colours ceremony was followed by a minute's silence in memory of 9/11, and the flags were kept at half mast all day. In the daily morning prizegiving, Matt Button and Pete Holden collected their prizes for coming 3rd and 2nd, respectively in the short range yesterday. Pete Holden took 2nd in the long range, and therefore Pete won the day overall and the Freedom Trophy Match!

This was the final day of team shooting ahead of selection for the America Match on Friday. England Crowns once again hit a home run at the first range, 300 yards, scoring a maximum 400 with 27 'X's. Hot on their heels

in second place with 400.22 was the USNRT 'Bubble Boys' coached by John Friguglietti, with third place USNRT Blue on 399.32. USNRT Bubble Boys and USNRT Blue both scored an impressive 399 ex-400 at 600 yards, pipping England Crowns by a point. England White, coached by Jason Pepera-Hibbert were in fourth place having dropped three points at each of the first two ranges. It would be all to play for at long range in the afternoon.

At 900 yards England Crowns and England White put in impressive performances, dropping only two points between them but with seven out of eight of the England firers in these teams achieving 100 ex-100 and with a maximum possible team score of 400 for England White, coached by Jason Pepera-Hibbert. The two USA teams responded to the pressure and clawed back in the placings by each scoring 398 ex 400 at 1000 yards. Overall England Crowns won the match with 1591.93 on the same gun score as USNRT Bubble Boys but with 20 more 'X's. USNRT Blue

**Below:** Team USA – America Match 2024.



came in third with 1590.99. The competition was certainly stepping up a gear ahead of the America Match in two days' time. Notable individual performance by Pete Holden who scored 400.23 on the day, matched only by Koa Van Hoven, also on 400.23.

Luckily, we managed to dodge the largest storm clouds and enjoyed a relatively early finish on the range – especially as it started to thunder and rain just as we were driving back to our accommodation. The team made use of the late afternoon in different ways, with some cleaning rifles, doing laundry, going for a run and doing some rock-lifting, and exploring the historic Santa Fe Trail marker and memorial just inside the NRA Whittington Centre.

After dinner, Tour Captain Jon Underwood announced the England team selected for the America Match on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 15 strong with a match captain and vice-captain, 8 firers, 2 line coaches and a main coach, and 2 reserves. Supper was leftovers, as we enter the climax of the tour and concurrently start to wind down the commissariat. The three kitchens competed with each other and delivered pizza, spicy beans and spaghetti carbonara.

**THURSDAY 12TH  
SEPTEMBER –  
INDIVIDUAL DAY 4:  
END OF THE TRAIL  
TROPHY MATCH**

This was the final day of individual competitions and with Simon Hayton, Jon Underwood, Matt Button, and Pete Holden all in the top seven, the Grand Aggregate was all to play for. Match #10 was a two and ten at 300, 500 and 600 yards, followed by Match #11 which was a two and fifteen to count at

1,000 yards. Only four shooters scored the maximum 300 ex 300 over short range, the result of more challenging winds versus previous days.

But the story of the day has to be the 1,000 yards. The last shoot of the Grand provided a reminder that Raton still has much to teach us 'greenhorns'. A fishtailing wind that changed both speed and direction with a rhythm that bemused even the most seasoned shot brought us back to earth with a bump. While there will be enduring arguments about which detail had it worse – none had it easy. Jon Cload's magnificent 148.6X was 2 clear points ahead of the next best score to win both the long-range match and the day's aggregate by one point. Many of the team (whether caned by the wind or improving on their string-shooting strategy and carrying a little bit of luck) agreed it was the most fun shoot of the day, if not the tour. However, we strongly suspected that this one shoot will have shaken up the Grand Aggregate result.

In the end the Grand Aggregate was won by Verne Conant, with Eric Smith in 2nd and Oliver Milanovic in 3rd place. England achieved four places in the top ten of the grand aggregate, with Jon Underwood in 4th, Matt Button in 5th, Pete Holden in 6th and Simon Hayton in 7th.

**FRIDAY 13TH  
SEPTEMBER – THE  
AMERICA MATCH**

Match day and the England team is up bright and early, mainly well rested. Apart from Jeremy Hinde, who

was awoken at 3am by a loud animal scratching at his door (not the birthday boy Dave Rose, apparently). After the usual morning routines involving cannon fire and flag raising, teams made their way down to the 300 yard firing point to prepare for the match and to draw targets. The America Match is a team of eight firers each shooting two and fifteen to count at each of 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, for a maximum total team score of 4,800 and 480 'X's.

Message 1 and the first rounds go down. Jeremy Hinde on the left target and Matt Button on the right. Clean start with a pair of 150's set the tone for the England team. The wind is fairly benign with a quarter minute of wind in either direction required to centre the groups in the 'X'. The other six firers follow suit with laser like precision. Only three points dropped at 300 from a possible 1200 across the team. 1197.82 ex 1200.120 – a phenomenal start.

The USA finish 300 yards with 12 points off (with a cross

shot sadly) and Scotland with six off leaves the match all to play for. Wind early afternoon in Raton is often strong with quick changes. A good start but no room for complacency yet. Back to 600 yards for the 2nd range.

At 600 yards Jeremy and Matt start again under the watchful eyes of Jason Pepera-Hibbert and Jon Cload. England has a strong start, only dropping one point between the first two firers. The flags started to show some signs of movement giving main coach Reg Roberts pause for thought. Matt walks off the 600 yard point with a 150.5. Listing and changing wind flags keep the coaches on their toes at 600 yards. Raton, being surrounded by the Rocky Mountains, means very quick changes as the wind whips through the mountain passes. The England team find themselves on a wait, held by coaches a few times to let the wind play through, but didn't stop the pace. With 600 yards finished, and only seven points dropped from ►

THE AMERICA MATCH 2024						
USA Team						Total
1st	USA	1188 v 73	1185 v 70	1170 v 40	1166 v 45	4719 v 228
THE AMERICA MATCH 2024						
England Team						
2nd	England	Captain: John Ritchie. Vice-Captain: Ian Ashworth. Main Coach: Reg Roberts. Reserve(s): Ali Brown, Alex Sadler.				
Coach	Firers					Total
Jason Pepera-Hibbert	Jeremy Hinde	150.07	149.04	142.03	148.08	589 v 22
	Simon Hayton	149.11	150.11	150.06	146.06	595 v 34
	Ed Welford	150.11	147.05	141.03	146.02	584 v 21
	David Rose	149.07	149.10	148.04	145.04	591 v 25
Target Total		598.36	595.30	581.16	585.20	2359 v 102
Jon Cload	Matt Burton	150.12	150.05	140.04	148.06	558 v 27
	Pete Holden	149.11	149.06	141.05	148.07	587 v 29
	Keisha Farley	150.10	150.08	142.02	146.07	588 v 27
	Jon Underwood	150.13	149.07	149.08	147.06	595 v 34
Target Total		599.46	598.26	572.19	589.26	2358 v 117
Team Total		1197 v 82	1193 v 56	1153 v 35	1174 v 46	4717 v 219
THE AMERICA MATCH 2024						
Scotland Team						Total
3rd	Scotland	1194 v 70	1180 v 50	1128 v 23	1151 v 35	4653 v 178

a possible 1200, England remain in pole position. Keisha Farley leads the English charge with a 300.18 ex 300.30 – a form she has demonstrated throughout much of 2024, this being her fourth England cap of the year.

Tidy shooting from the USA team at 600 yards sees only five points dropped at this range, with the right-hand target coached by John Friguglietti going clean with 4 x 150's, all achieving eight or more 'X's.

Moving back to 900 yards after a light lunch and brief chance to cool off in the shade at Eagle's Nest, the temperature on the firing point has gone up a notch, as has the wind. A stiff breeze doesn't do much to cool the hot air. Even though the match had started, all of the teams held off on allowing their first firers to send their sighters down the range. Strong and fast changing winds would have been costly to shoot in. After 10+ minutes of wait time, the first English sighters rang out. 2 in, 2 converted.

This proves to be a very challenging range and the wide dispersion of scores reflects that. Only two firers across the entire range put in 150's – USA's Oliver Milanovic on

150.8 and England's Simon Hayton on 150.6 – very creditable performances from firers and coaches. Mike Halsey and John Wilson from USA and Jon Underwood from England each put in 149's and Dave Rose achieves a 148.

Otherwise, it's a veritable blood bath of points dropped. USA comes off with 1,170.40, England with 1,153.35 (57% of the team's total match points were dropped here) and Scotland retreats into the shade with 1,128.23. This range has marked a major turning point in the match and it stings.

USA goes back to 1,000 yards with an aggregate 3,553 points, ten points ahead of England who are on 3,543 and Scotland on 3,502. For the time being, the 'X'-count doesn't matter, but it just so happens that the USA also lead England by ten 'X's.

The heat and wind machine grinds on, firers try to minimise their time on the point, hiding under the shade of vehicle tailgates conveniently situated just behind the firing point at 1000 yards. Line coaches try to use their time wisely, stopping to let wind gusts play through until the wind is more readable. England starts

**“A pleasant finish to what has been quite simply the most outstanding tour to an absolutely beautiful location.**

with a pair of 148's to USA's 149 and 148 – close enough, but England need to keep cool and remain focused. Scores improve across the team at 1,000 yards and England finishes first with 1,174.46, a remarkable recovery compared to 900 yards. All eyes are on the USA scoreboard and everybody knows its very close, a handful of points in it at the final stages. The wind gusts up and coach Brian Mrnak instructs the final firer on the USA team Oliver Milanovic to put his gun down. We all wait for twenty minutes while Mrnak stares down range. Milanovic un-hooks his sling, stands up and chats to the crowd. We all wait. The 2024 America Match will be decided by the final shot of the final firer on the USA team – eight or better, USA has it; seven or lower, England has it. Milanovic gets down, sights now set, and fires his last shot. A ten. USA has it. What an unbelievable end to a really great match, a worthy win for

team USA. One for the record books. Nobody need mention Curt Bohlman's cross-shot at 300 yards ever again!

### **SATURDAY 14TH – SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER – CELEBRATIONS, BBQ, DEPARTURE AND FLIGHT HOME**

As a final thank you to our USA hosts, team England prepared a sumptuous barbeque of ribeye steaks sourced directly from a local slaughterhouse and butcher in Raton and cooked expertly by tour chef Ali Brown. Keisha Farley ran the bar like a pro and everyone enjoyed several games of cornhole in the Eagles Nest clubhouse.

The final day started early. Awake at 6am to pack our kit and equipment before driving 250 miles from Raton to Denver Airport. A couple of cars set off early and stopped at Sheels Sports Store at Colorado Springs for last minute purchases. Check in at the airport was relatively smooth. Night flight and fairly standard arrival with customs checks at Heathrow, before a smooth bus journey back to Bisley for the final unpacking of kit and some emotional goodbyes.

A pleasant finish to what has been quite simply the most outstanding tour to an absolutely beautiful location. We look forward to seeing many of our USA friends at Bisley this July, where we will be sure to return the fantastic hospitality. 🇬🇧

**Left:** 2024 England Team to Raton, NM, USA.





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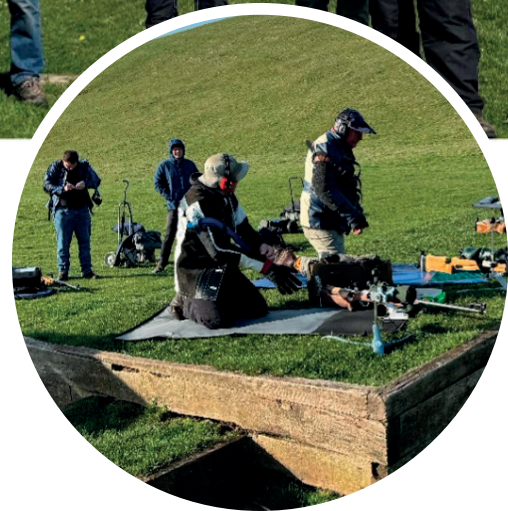
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# THE DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE 2025

Report by **Mr Simon Favell**, Range Warden.



**Main:** The TR detail mid-morning on the 400 yards firing point, having mastered the wind turbulence at 300 yards, everyone had settled into what turned out to be a fantastic day, with some very good scores being achieved.

**Above:** Mr Radford Ramage, with his NRA first prize certificate towards his entry into the NRA Imperial Grand Final Aggregate at Bisley 2025.

**Above inset:** A few quick prayers before we started at 300 yards, and good luck wishes to all.

**Right:** Our thanks go to everyone who attended, with one competitor having had well over a three hour drive from Norfolk to attend his first NRA Derbyshire Challenge.

The NRA Derbyshire Challenge took place at Thorpe Cloud Rifle Range on Saturday the 5th of April with an excellent turn out of 9 TR and 11 F Class competitors taking part. The shoot started at 08.00hrs with the safety briefing and the Range Warden, thanking the NRA once again for their support in providing such great prizes. A coin was tossed and the F Class shooters opted for the second detail. 3 degrees with quite a strong

fluctuating down the range wind, may have had something to do with it.

The competition was shoot for both disciplines as 2 convertible sighting shots and 15 to count, at 300, 400 and 500 yards. As the NRA does not have an official 400 yard F Class target, we use a standard 1995 pattern 200 yards face, with a white patch centre, just to make things interesting.

The details changed over just after lunch time, with the



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TARGET RIFLE				
Competitor	300 yds	400 yds	500 yds	Total
Radford Ramage	73.4	73.11	75.11	221.26
Alice Southall	73.7	74.9	74.6	221.22
John Kennedy	72.5	72.10	74.7	218.22
Paul Wright	72.5	71.5	71.6	214.16
Steve Maris	71.7	74.9	68.3	213.19
James Kennedy	70.5	68.5	71.8	209.18
Vlad Korolkov	68.5	70.6	71.8	209.16
Mike Wright	65.6	73.7	70.4	208.17
Peter Kelly	60.3	63.2	70.6	193.11

F Class shooters all commenting on the very high standard of shooting from the fist detail, especially with the changes in wind that the morning had brought. Anyway, on to a more settled afternoon's shooting for the F Class detail.



## THE RESULTS

The winner of the TR competition was hard fought between the young couple of Miss Alice Southall and Mr Radford Ramage, both of whom scored 221 ex 225. Radford just managed on his V bull count

to achieve first place with 26 V's against Alice's 22 V count. Well done Radford! With a very respectful score of 218.22,

in third place was Mr John Kennedy.

Our thanks go to everyone who attended the shoot and also to the NRA for their generous support with

the two first place

prizes for half price entry into this year's Imperial meeting Grand Aggregate Final and for the medals for first, second and third places. Well shot everyone and we look forward to seeing you next year. ☺

### Above:

The F Class competitors on what turned out to be an excellent day for shooting.

**Right:** Mr Mark Smith with his second-place medal.



**Left:** Mr Mark Daish with his first prize certificate towards his entry into the NRA Imperial Grand Aggregate Final at Bisley later in the year.

F-CLASS				
Competitor	300 yds	400 yds	500 yds	Total
Mark Daish	72.4	73.8	74.8	219.20
Mark Smith	71.3	75.11	69.4	215.18
David Sutton	70.5	69.6	68.2	207.13
James Mitchell	70.3	66.6	67.2	203.11
Jason Schofield	67.4	64.1	68.3	199.8
Nick Yates	65.4	68.4	63.3	196.11
Phil Atkinson	70.2	65.2	60	195.4
Kay Airey	70.5	64.4	59.2	193.11
Shaun Baker	67.3	61.1	64.1	192.5
Peter Smith	58.2	68.5	65.1	191.8
Pieter Beukes	64.1	64.2	63.2	191.5

**Left inset:** Mr David Sutton in third place.

**Left:** Miss Alice Southall, with her medal from the NRA.

**Right:** Mr John Kennedy in third place.





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*Frome & District Pistol Club***RIMFIRE FESTIVAL 2025**Report by **Ash Dagger**, RFF Match Director.

**F** DPC's Rimfire Festival (RFF) has run in one form or another since 2012, although the clubs acquisition of their new indoor range in 2016 allowed the competition to expand into its current size and format when it was opened out to a wider audience. Five challenging Gallery Rifle competitions are shot with either GRSB or LBP's. Squadding (the nightmare for most Match Directors) is simple; each of the 4 squads alternate, either shooting or helping out, thus allowing both ranges to remain fully utilized throughout the day.

This year's matches were the Granet, America Match, T&P1, MT and the 1020. All are shot in accordance with the latest GR&P rules and as a Classified event, scores are collated for National rankings and classes. All matches also contribute to an overall aggregate, weighted accordingly so as not to favour the high scoring events. As everything is shot rimfire, there's no time consuming reloading, or 'brass-ing' at the end of each match; a formula that allows the day to run at a decent pace and of course

keeps the cost down for shooters. It's an ideal event for new or experienced shooters alike and always attracts National Squad members to take up the challenge.

Frome's prize table has always been generous, thanks in part to the match sponsors, particularly Optics Warehouse and Kranks. If you ever shop with them (and why wouldn't you?), please make sure you thank them for their support of our sport. Prizes were awarded for each of the matches, and the overall aggregates, with at least 50% of those attending walking away with one or more prizes. After a hotly contested battle where every point counts, the overall aggregate winner this year was Chris West. Congratulations to him, and all the prize winners. Thank you to all who took part, the range crew, those



who helped out on the day and those who worked behind the scenes to ensure a safe and enjoyable competition. Next year's RFF will be Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – get it in your diary!

For those not familiar with the Frome Club, it's been running for over 50 years and now (thanks in part to the support from the NRA) operates from an indoor range at Shepton Mallet, with 25M and 50M ranges, turning targets and cleared up to full-bore rifle. A spacious club room and decent toilets make shooting there a more pleasurable experience. That 50+ year legacy has seen the club run some of the biggest and best competitions in the UK, with 200+ shooters at events like the Transvaal Trophy, the Heytesbury Invitation, the famous 3-Gun matches, the Western Winner and now of course the RFF. More details about the club can be found on our website [fdpc.org.uk](http://fdpc.org.uk) 📍





**Above:** Euan Munro with the Cup.

The date chosen for this year turned out to be full of other events, including an English Lions training weekend. In view of this, the entry of 36 (all Target Rifle) was not at all bad. It was a slightly murky day with patches of Sun and light winds. Not too cold and no rain!

The initial shoot at 300 indicated that it was the first shoot for many. There was only one possible, an excellent 50.8 from Edward Feast (LMRA). There were then ten 49s, the best being 49.8 from Euan Munro (West Atholl) followed by Robert Eayrs on 49.7.

This year we could only get two distances on Century so we fell back to 600 where the wind flicked occasionally but there were five scores of 50 on the new smaller bulls. Edward Feast was going strong and won the Short Range with a splendid 100.17, including an excellent 50.9 at 600. Euan Munro put in a strong 50.7 to come second with 99.15 and Simon Shouler, shooting in the morning only, scored 50.7 to come third overall with 99.12. Other possibles at 600 were achieved by Kevin Wilson (Ibis) and Keith Pugh (City of Newcastle) who both made 50.7.

After lunch, the ranges available were 900 and 1000 as we couldn't get the

and Bob Shaw (Ibis) 50.3. After 900 Euan Munro was in the lead from Henry Sanders by one point in the Grand and one V-bull in the long-range competition.

Things got harder at 1000 with poorer visibility and some tricky changes in the light winds. Henry scored 48.5 and Euan 48.3, meaning that Henry won the long range by one V with 98.11 but Euan held on to his one point lead to win the Grand, 197.25 to Henry's 196.19. The other 48 (with 5 Vs) was John Kennedy of Nottingham City RC, placing him third in the long range with 97.11. Third in the Grand was Robert Eayrs with 193.23 and fourth was Gary Feast (LMRA) with 192.20.

The efficient stats team of David Smith and Peter Griggs soon had the prize-lists worked out and a jovial prize-giving was held in the garden of the Ibis Club. Peter Griggs, Club Captain, presented the prizes and was kind enough to thank the author for running the competition and Dave Crisford for helping him on the firing point. For the short, long range and Grand competitions there were choices of gift vouchers, bottles or chocolates for the first three, followed by the traditional 'spot' prizes lower down the order. Henry chose a £50 HPS gift voucher for his winning

# THE IBIS OPEN

Held on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Report by **Frank Harriss**, Ibis Assistant Secretary.

'traditional' 1100 yards. With quite a tricky fish-tail and slightly smaller bulls, there were only four possibles at 900. Euan Munro scored 50.7, Henry Sanders (Northants, Leicester and Rutland) scored 50.6, Rob Eayrs (Dursley) made 50.5

score in the long-range. Euan received the Cup for the Grand and another HPS £50 gift voucher. We are very grateful to HPS for continuing to sponsor the Ibis Open by providing these vouchers. The third £50 voucher went to Kyla Chung of Greshams School with 184.11 in the Grand. It was good to welcome six students from Greshams shooting in the competition with their affable coach Freddie Grounds on hand. Henry Fearn, a student from Oakham also shot and was third among the under-19s. Kyla was the top u-19 in the Long range but Jonathan zu Bentheim was best u-19 in the short range with a fine 49.5 at 300 yards and 96.11 overall. Ibis rifle club spoons were presented, two to Kyla and one to Jonathan.

We hope to see you all again next year on a weekend that is not quite so full of other activities! 🍷

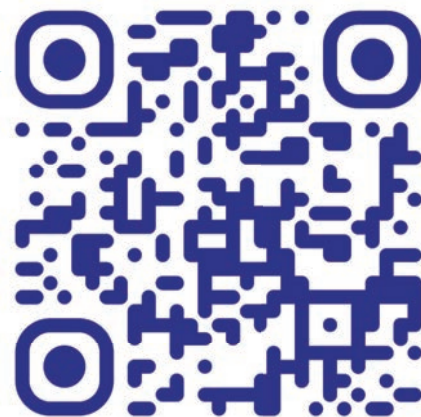
**Below:** Ed Feast celebrates his double possible at Short Range.



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# GBFCA 2025 F-CLASS MID-RANGE CHALLENGE

Round 1 (5-6 April) Bisley, UK – 800 Yards.  
Report by **Richie Jones**.

**T**his season has been long-awaited by many competitors around the UK and beyond, and with so many big competitions on the horizon this year and next, it came as no surprise that many of our competitors were eagerly awaiting our entries for Round 1 going live. When they did, they were swallowed up in no time, and it was a bit of an eye opener as to how the rest of the season could pan out this year.

The weather forecast ahead of Round 1 looked ideal and I was praying for warm and windy weather for the event which would be held at 800 yards on Stickledown for all the matches.

At the time of entries closing, we had a healthy 105 competitors booked in, with an even split

between classes that tilted in favour of F-Open. These were good numbers for a Round 1 and made even better by a strong travelling contingent entering from Germany, Italy and Ireland, including several competitors that were entering our league for the first time (Simon Wragg and his young son Max to name just two).

We were also very pleased to see Robert Mellay joining us. Robert was one of our students on our “Introduction to F-Class” training weekend held at Bisley in March with GBFCA’s Mik Maksimovic at the helm. This was great to see, and we really hope that you all felt encouraged and welcome, as you guys certainly made a good account of yourselves on and off the firing point.

## DAY ONE

The course of fire for Saturday’s Day 1 was two AM matches of 2+15s and two PM matches of 2+15s in pairs. With 300.60 points on offer, it was anyone’s guess how the day would pan out.

F/TR were first into the breach and although we’d lost a few shooters in the run up to our competition, we still had 40 F/TR competitors in the mix and all raring to go. With our markers now safely under the mantlet, the morning hooter sounded, and our RCOs Tony Lawson and Nik Batson signalled the start of a 1-minute barrage of blowoffs heading down range. There’s no better way to wake up the senses!

Match 1 Detail 1 was followed by a mixed Detail 2, then the main F-Open Detail 3, consisting of 55 F-Open shooters. At 08:30hrs the temperature had climbed to a steady 13C and throughout Match 1’s

details, the mirage was starting to become visible, angles on the flags had become an important factor and the wind came from the right in a 3.5 – 5 MOA ballpark for F/TR and 3 – 4.5MOA in F-Open.

One thing I was dreading ahead of Round 1 and a weekend at 800 yards was the nightmare I experienced at the previous year’s European Championships, where on the first 800-yard match of the official individuals, we

saw the first 80+ competitors in both classes all on cleans, with

overall positions being decided on a devilish countback and an absolute shocker of

a situation for our busy stats team.

Thankfully, this wasn’t the case and there was enough wind to split the field without it becoming a V-Bulls race. Some high scores were submitted, and I was very pleased that all the competitors who scored 75s were rewarded with stage medals. ▶



**Right inset:** Max Wragg (14) shooting his first ever league competition.

With no fallback to deal with, and only a precarious navigation of heavy kit and trolleys around the busy rear of the 800 yard firing point between lanes 1 – 14, we were soon under way with Match 2. Conditions throughout remained fairly similar to Match 1, except the mirage was becoming heavier, there was a dust storm in the air, and we were starting to lose the nice sight picture we'd taken for granted in Match 1.

If anything, the wind value had now decreased by a small percentage and although everything looked the same, it was all about spotting the subtle angle changes on the flags down range and keeping a close focus on the POI of competitors' bullets on the targets either side of yourself. It didn't always work though, and I went off other people's shots on two occasions and reacted to pickups or dropoffs on neighbouring targets, only to find I shot myself out of the 5 and hit exactly where I was aiming in the four ring.

If I took a guess at the wind values in Match 2, I'd say it was around 3 – 4 MOA Right for F/TR, as I needed 2 – 3.5 MOA in my 300 WSM in F-Open. This did not seem to matter, scores between the classes were very similar throughout and certainly highlighted the 308's capabilities. There was then a mad rush to the TV screen to check up on the morning aggregates before everyone dispersed around Bisley for lunch.

By the time Match 3 had started at 13:30hrs, our competitors were dealing with completely different conditions to those of Match 1 and 2, and we were now faced with a fast-running wall of heavy mirage that was clearly visible from ground level, all the way up and above the targets. Although I've seen mirage a thousand times at Bisley over the years, it was quite unexpected and made precise aiming at the Bull almost impossible, even on 25x scope magnification.

Scores, although still high and very respectable, were certainly affected by the conditions we faced and there were no cleans submitted for record. However, there were those who excelled in the conditions, mainly from the flag watchers as opposed to those following mirage. Match 3 values were between 2 – 5 MOA for both classes and very entertaining to watch.

The difference a bit of good weather makes, from an organisational perspective, is like the similarity between chalk and cheese. With good weather, people move about quicker, shoot quicker and timings rarely become an issue. The NRA were very helpful in facilitating a rapid early start, and we were flying through our match details, and with all the correct protocol of sighting targets and equal set-up times in place. This is certainly something we will be implementing at all our Bisley league rounds moving forward, as the ability to get off to a punctual start will be critical when we face adverse weather and a greater numbers of competitors.

Match 4 got underway shortly after 15:00hrs and conditions at the time were now easing, the flags told

DAY 1 AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg
1	Gordon Waugh	FO	296.32	1	Carrie Ryan	FTR	288.28
2	Steve Rigby	FO	296.31	2	Mike Harris	FTR	288.23
3	Tony Marsh	FO	294.18	3	Matt Jarram	FTR	288.17
4	Tom Reynolds	FO	293.33	4	Simon Gambling	FTR	287.24
5	Des Parr	FO	293.28	4	David Lloyd	FTR	287.18

the truth, and the mirage had become thinner than my wife's gravy.

On this occasion it was welcomed (unlike at Sunday lunch), and a better sight picture had thankfully returned and helped the majority of our shooters finish the day happy and on a high. Wind values throughout Match 4 ranged around 2 – 3.5 MOA Right in both F/TR and F-Open, and credit must go to Tony Marsh for being the only competitor breaking a 75.

## DAY TWO

Congregating on the firing point at 08:15hrs, after several strong coffees and a hearty breakfast of custard creams and leftover digestives, our ROs then got us off to another punctual start, with F-Open's main detail sending blowoffs down range at 08:31hrs sharp.

I'm unsure if the cold feeling was down to the self-induced blood thinning from the night before or the chilly breeze that passed straight through my insulated clothing, but it was proper chilly, and temperatures struggled to get above 8C all morning.

Range conditions throughout all three details of Match 5 were much better than that of Saturday and the standard of shooting was through the roof, with amazing scores submitted for record.

Wind values balanced out around 2.6 MOA – 3.6 MOA Right in both classes, and although the sight





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DAY 2 AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 2 Agg
1	Hermann Scherf	FO	150.17	1	Ryan Goodman	FTR	149.09
2	Steve Rigby	FO	150.16	2	Andrew Charleton	FTR	148.14
3	Alan Baldry	FO	149.19	3	Mark Webb	FTR	148.09
4	Adam Bagnall	FO	149.17	4	Mike Pearson	FTR	147.14
5	Grahame Doe	FO	149.14	4	Abigail Day	FTR	147.13

picture was ok, there was still a trace of mirage that could be seen down range. Also, and quite weirdly, my elevation had dropped by almost 3/4 MOA compared to what I had needed on Saturday.

With no hanging about, nor delays, Match 6 followed, and everyone had their game faces on to ensure they went out with a bang. Conditions remained almost identical to that of Match 5, and the smiles on everyone's faces coming off the firing line certainly confirmed that it was less twitchy than earlier, which came as a relief to many who were watching on and had struggled to get to grips with the fast changes.

Throughout Detail 2, the mirage was building and as Detail 3 got set up (F/TR's main section), I'd say they had the worst of it, especially as the temperature started creeping up and the sun was blazing. They dealt with it like professionals though, and as conditions became consistent again, fewer points were being dropped, making a move up the score board very difficult.

That being said, you still had to react to the subtle changes and aim either side of the 5 Ring between shots to deal with the subtle 0.2 – 0.5 MOA changes in strength and direction from the right. Frustrating linecutters on the wrong side of the five rings were a prolific occurrence across the full line and became the main frustration for the Sunday matches.

Well done to all those who bettered the conditions and shot consistently all weekend.

GRAND AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 2 Agg
1	Steve Rigby	FO	446.47	1	Ryan Goodman	FTR	435.28
2	Gordon Waugh	FO	444.47	2	Matt Jarram	FTR	433.26
3	Tom Reynolds	FO	441.44	3	David Lloyd	FTR	432.31
4	Celt Ridout	FO	440.42	4	Peter Dommett	FTR	431.43
5	Des Parr	FO	440.42	5	Mike Pearson	FTR	431.33
6	Tony Marsh	FO	440.31	6	Mike Harris	FTR	431.30
7	Alan Baldry	FO	439.49	7	John Longhurst	FTR	431.30
8	Adam Bagnall	FO	439.40	8	Andrew Charleton	FTR	431.28
9	Gary Costello	FO	438.51	9	Mark Webb	FTR	430.30
10	David Raybould	FO	438.38	10	Shaun Miller	FTR	430.26

By 12:00hrs, we had all the stats processed, the range kit was packed down and we started our awards ceremony by our range HQ.

We don't hang around with this aspect anymore as we appreciate competitors have long journeys home, including flights or ferries to catch, so it's important that we have as many in attendance as possible, and honour the worthy winners, so thanks to everyone that stuck around and showed their support.

Well done to all our final podium finishers, stage medal winners and competitors in general as everyone shot their best and hopefully enjoyed themselves enough to want to do it again.

A final thanks goes to all our marking team run by Gary and Fred "The Private Markers", our RCOs Tony Lawson and Nik Batson, and all our competitors who travelled across country (and continent!) to be with us.

Congratulations to all our final podium finishers, for consistently shooting well throughout our weekend of competition. You guys were the well-deserved winners and have certainly raised the bar of the standards for the long season ahead.

For anyone interested in competing in F-Class, please visit [gbfclass.com](http://gbfclass.com)

**Below:** From Left to Right:- F/TR's Matt Jarram 2nd, Ryan Goodman in Champion 1st with David C. W. Lloyd in 3rd then F-Open's Gordon Waugh in 2nd, Steve Rigby in Champion 1st with Tom Reynolds in 3rd.



# GBFCA LEAGUE ROUND 2 – THE DIGGLE F-CLASS CHALLENGE

*P.S.S.A Ranges – 1000 Yards –  
10-11<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

Report by **Richie Jones.**

**W**hen you speak to the general GBFCA membership about their opinions of Diggle, they either love the place with the passion (as I do) or are fearful of the range and the conditions that can be unleashed when it's in a mischievous mood.

Weather for the weekend looked fantastic, with no sign of rain on the horizon. Temperatures were predicted to be in the high 'teens throughout, with mild winds expected Friday and Saturday, and easing Sunday... so far, so good!

For our Diggle league shoots, each class takes turns in the butts to mark for the other class, so F/TR mark for F-Open and vice-versa. This allows one class to experience, at close quarters, the joy or suffering of the other.

**“ Match 1 had a good shoot by all accounts and although dealing with winds coming from the right to the value of 4-6 MOA, the scores looked very good.**



## DAY ONE

By 08:45hrs, our range taxi had already done multiple trips to the firing point and butts, delivering competitors, heavy kit and edible provisions where needed. Our sentries and range staff were in place, and as F-Open were shooting first, they were poised behind the firing point and itching to get started.

We had 28 F-Open competitors, with Day 1 consisting of two Matches of 2+20s at 1000 Yards, with 40 minutes allowed per match in pairs.

As blowoffs for Detail 1 went down range and with the sun high in the sky, the temperature was already hitting the high 'teens and mirage could be seen down range, making the splash in the sand hard to view.

With 'Message 1' passed to the butts, all nine targets were raised and the firing began. Our F/TR markers had obviously had their fill of breakfast that morning as marking was very fast and well executed, with very few Message 4s being heard across the line. Good effort everyone!

Detail 1 Match 1 had a good shoot by all accounts and although dealing with winds coming from the right to the value of 4-6 MOA, the scores looked very good, with the average being around the 87 mark, with high 90s topping the scale. These were very good scores for the conditions and ones which would prove hard to match for the remainder of the weekend ahead.

As Detail 2 Match 1 got set up and ready for blowoffs, conditions remained similar, but I was very wrong and the conditions became very difficult.

As Message 1 was passed to the butts, the targets were raised, and a fast volley of shots went down range. From memory, 5 out of 9 targets were complete misses, 1s if they were lucky... and a complete nightmare ensued.

What a great start and the “did I dial the right way?” played in my mind as I started shooting. I’ve been a member of the P.S.S.A at Diggle since early 2011, and I’ve shot hundreds of long-range competitions there over the years. Without any shadow of a doubt, this shoot was the hardest I’ve ever experienced at Diggle. As I type out this report and reflect, we experienced the common factors that also affect most of our shooters when competing at another range – Blair Atholl in Scotland.

As most of us had spotting scopes set up by our rifles, we could clearly see all the flags down range showing a moderate right wind of approx 4 MOA in value. The mirage was also running fast from the right but, at this stage, it wasn’t as ‘pea soupy’ as it was during our blowoffs, which at least meant



the sight picture of the target rings was clear and aiming was good.

My first sighter to count went down range on 4.5 MOA right and resulted in a scoring 1, waterline on the far right hand side of the target.

I then checked the flags and mirage, and everything had clearly increased in value, but I said to myself, “you’ve been here before, Richie” ignore the increase and go with a good correction. I then shot my second sighter on 2 MOA right and saw a splash to the far right but thankfully my target went down. However, it came up blank and indicated a miss!

My first to count went down on zero setting and to my disbelief, the target came up with another miss!

My head was a little scrambled at that stage, but as I could clearly see everything running strong from the right side, it was a puzzle!

The penny then dropped, and I realised that yes, the wind was coming from the right, but it was so strong that it was bouncing off the opposite hillside and back through the channel of

shots, effectively causing a stronger left wind effect.

The stronger the right wind, the more left wind that was required on the scope turret to compensate. This was an utter head scramble for anyone’s zero and frankly if you held the 3-ring for the entire shoot, you’d navigated the match well. I ended up setting my scope to zero and aimed off, but with so much going on downrange, I came off the point completely lost and I can honestly say that every shot was a ‘spray and pray’, and I finished with a wind bracket of 1.5 – 4.5 MOA left.

Detail 1 Match 2 had a chance to experience the same phenomenon, and as they got stuck into their match, conditions remained the same, although they now had an idea of what was happening and were better prepared with their match strategy.

As Detail 2 Match 2 got set up, I was ready and waiting for another go and the wind direction switched in front of my eyes and the conditions had now become even worse. Not only did I have a 1.5 MOA increase in elevation mid-match, but the flags were also now showing a moderate left wind, and the opposite effect to our earlier experience was now happening.

I now needed right wind when all the flags and mirage ran from the left and as it was gusting and bouncing off the opposite ►





Detail 1 had finished their first match within 33 minutes, and after a quick detail change over, it wasn't long before Detail 2 Match 1 were readying for their 1 minute of blow offs. They were faced with similar conditions to that of the first detail and also had to decide which end of the range to focus on for relevant wind velocity and general information, as both halves of the range (1000 – 500 & 500 – Targets)

were still showing different wind directions, as the wind followed the contours of the valley and flowed through the length of the range from behind the targets and towards the shooters. Detail 2 shot quicker than the first and were done with their 2+20s within 26 minutes.



Detail 1 Match 2 then got set up for their final match of the day and the wind had now increased in velocity, but now consistently from a left direction. As we got started, either our markers were feeling the long day in the butts or conditions had taken everyone by surprise, as Message 4's were being shouted out across the line. Scores for this match were very respectable, but they had certainly got it hard and encountered a 4-5 MOA wind bracket, with big dropoffs and angle changes causing the majority of leaked points.

Detail 2 Match 2 followed under the same conditions, but for some reason, were then hit with a whole bunch of cross shots, despite there being two large numbers on the corners of each target frame. Proof of tunnel vision syndrome which resulted in an instant 5-point loss for record. This affected several shooters and acted as a costly reminder to take your time and concentrate.

This detail had finished in 38 minutes, not due to slow marking but more a focus on using the time wisely and really trying to make sense of what was happening down range. ►

hillside, it now resulted in a right wind correction to hit the target.

F-Open then headed to the butts to mark for the afternoon session and F/TR hesitantly made their way towards the firing point. The only saving grace at this point was F-Open's shooting had scared the living daylights out of our F/TR contingent, as they witnessed the fall of shot for our big Magnums and the utter lack of scoring 5s and Vs throughout four details.

To say that their faces spoke a thousand words when they arrived on the firing point was an understatement.

Our F/TR entries stood at 31 competitors, with some of the strongest shooters separated onto the second detail, after missing Round 1 for various reasons, including attendance at the South Africa Open in the case of Asad Wahid.

By 13:00hrs, F/TR's Detail 1 Match 1 were about to start their blowoffs and conditions down range were different

again to the morning details, with significant mirage to contend with. Although the wind had now eased, it was now fishtailing across the full length of the range and switched from 1.5 MOA left to 3.5 MOA right, with the first half of the range showing one direction and the second half another. This left our F/TR shooters with a different set of problems to contend with, but equally as challenging for all those involved. Temperatures had now broken the 20C mark, and to be honest, it was very pleasant to be ROing high on the hills, with a nice breeze running through the range. A stark contrast to some of the shoots we've had at Diggle in years gone by.

## GREAT BRITAIN F CLASS ASSOCIATION ROUND 2 – THE DIGGLE F CLASS CHALLENGE 2025

DAY 1 AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 2 Agg
1	Tony Marsh	F0	181.10	1	Dan Lomas	FTR	170.04
2	Craig Titmus	F0	180.05	2	Kathirvel Balakrishnan	FTR	169.08
3	Les Groves	F0	177.07	3	Asad Wahid	FTR	166.07
4	Adam Bagnall	F0	176.07	4	Julie Bagnall	FTR	165.07
5	Steve Rigby	F0	176.07	5	Carl Needham	FTR	160.05
6	Gary Costello	F0	173.09	6	Ryan Goodman	FTR	160.03
7	Richard Huby	F0	170.04	7	Amaud Martin	FTR	160.02
8	Ian Bellis	F0	170.03	8	Jon Longhurst	FTR	159.05
9	Alan Baldry	F0	170.00	9	Peter Dommatt	FTR	159.02
10	Tom Reynolds	F0	169.07	10	Matt Jarram	FTR	158.02



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DAY TWO

F/TR were first into the breach on Sunday and by 09:50hrs we were ready for a prompt start.

Detail 1's Match 3 blowoffs went down range at 10am sharp. Match 3 was a 30 minute 2+15 and the shooters on that detail didn't hang around, with the first pair to finish, coming off the firing point in an amazingly quick 11 minutes and 49 seconds.

Although conditions were very tricky and ranged between 1 – 2.5MOA left, the wind's velocity was a far cry from that experienced on Saturday, and the wind, that could be seen coming from the left, remained an actual wind from the left on the scope turrets.

Already, this was going to be a better day than the previous, and it was more a matter of looking at the angles and pickups on the flags, than being absolute guess work.

Detail 2 Match 3 followed suit with their blowoffs and for their 2+15 they experienced identical conditions as the first detail, with subtle changes making it interesting throughout the shoot.

After a quick turnaround, Detail 1 were back in the hot seat for their final Match 4, a 2+20. As it was overcast, the mirage hadn't presented itself quite yet, but a mischievous fishtail with a 4 MOA bracket started to form and Message 4s soon started sounding up and down the line.

Marking then slowed down, as finding the shots on the boards became a little more difficult, and some competitors' composure started to deteriorate, as did their scores.

Detail 2 Match 4 then followed, and conditions remained pretty consistent for the next 40 minutes, albeit the wind had picked up slightly and was still very difficult to deal with. We did have a couple more cross shots to contend with, but everyone came off the firing point smiling or at least relieved that it was all over.

By 12:40hrs, everyone was off the firing line, the range made safe and opened up for the final changeover of the weekend.

**“ We did have a couple more cross shots to contend with, but everyone came off the firing point smiling or at least relieved that it was all over. ”**

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ROUND 2 – THE DIGGLE F CLASS CHALLENGE 2025

DAY 2 AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 2 Agg
1	Tom Reynolds	FO	148.04	1	Paul Russell	FTR	161.04
2	Tony Marsh	FO	148.02	2	Ryan Goodman	FTR	155.06
3	Noel McCarthy	FO	147.04	3	Dan Lomas	FTR	154.05
4	Jonathan Walker	FO	146.06	4	Arnaud Martin	FTR	153.05
5	Richard Huby	FO	144.06	5	Mary Marsden	FTR	152.03
6	Des Parr	FO	143.05	6	Asad Wahid	FTR	151.00
7	Gary Costello	FO	142.06	7	Kathirvel Balakrishnan	FTR	150.05
8	Mark Ellis	FO	142.05	8	Michael Harris	FTR	149.07
9	Pat Allen	FO	142.03	9	Peter Sheffield	FTR	149.07
10	Richie Jones	FO	141.03	10	Jon Longhurst	FTR	149.06

F/TR raced to the butts, with F-Open making a sprint up the hill from the butts to the firing point to shoot the final afternoon session at 1,000 yards.

At 13:30hrs we were ready to start blow offs for F-Open's Detail 1 Match 3. By now, the sun was high in the sky, temperatures had settled around 18C mark, and the wind could be seen coming in from the left. However, conditions were far more difficult than they initially looked

and when Detail 1 got started with their 2+15s, they had a battle on their hands to hit anywhere near the 5 ring, with the majority of competitors playing a dangerous game of ping-pong with each other.

What was presented on the flags and mirage was

a delayed reaction to what was actually happening, and overall scores suffered greatly, with lots of 2s and 3s being displayed, to the utter disbelief of the shooters involved.

When it was Detail 2's turn to bat in Match 3, the flags and mirage showed true and conditions now seemed to follow the pickups and drop off that were presented to the shooters, making it a little easier to understand. That being said, it was by no means easy, with wind fluttering between 1.6 – 3.6MOA left. The overall scores

for the match speak volumes for the fun and games we had, and we certainly set off Sunday right where we had left on Saturday, but it was very enjoyable all the same and great fun.

Detail 1 Match 4 got under way and the range hadn't finished with us yet and unleashed a very twitchy wind that started around 1.5 MOA left and built to 6.5 MOA left, with sudden drop offs of 2.5 MOA hitting everyone out the blue throughout. Several shooters got the measure of it, but for most, it was the final nail in the coffin, and a score sheet to write off or release into the wind (aka bin).

When it was Detail 2's Match 4, they faced the same conditions, and it was very hard to know what to look at. When we started, the mirage had now eased, and the sight picture was great. At least that helped with precise aiming off, but what the wind was doing remained a mystery. Far too many 2s and 3s leaked from the score sheets killed most of the advantage anyone had made in the previous match.

Unfortunately, that's the way the cookie crumbles and you can only accept it, move on, learn from it and come back stronger and more prepared. By 16:00hrs, the range had been cleared, a large portion of the range kit at both ends of the range had been taken down and gathered, and while we watched some competitors scurry off the range with intent, a worthy proportion remained at the range to honour all our worthy winners.

I want to thank everyone that attended for their support, including all those who



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helped with specific duties throughout our weekend of competition. You helped make it an enjoyable experience for everyone involved and it was very much appreciated by everyone, especially me.

A huge congratulation goes out to all our stage medal winners throughout our weekend of competition. It was an extremely tough competition and you guys forged the way to victory and came up trumps at each stage – Well done!

As for our podium finishers, it was a pleasure to witness such a display of good shooting, and I was pleased to see you all coming out on top. Well done to F/TR's Dan Lomas 1st, Kat Balakrishnan 2nd and Paul Russell 3rd, and F-Open's Tony Marsh 1st, Craig Titmus 2nd and Tom Reynolds 3rd. 🏆

### **GREAT BRITAIN F CLASS ASSOCIATION ROUND 2 – THE DIGGLE F CLASS CHALLENGE 2025**

GRAND AGGREGATE							
F-Open				FTR			
Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 1 Agg	Pos	Competitor	Disc.	Day 2 Agg
1	Tony Marsh	FO	329.12	1	Dan Lomas	FTR	324.09
2	Craig Titmus	FO	320.09	2	Kathirvel Balakrishnan	FTR	319.13
3	Tom Reynolds	FO	317.11	3	Paul Russell	FTR	318.08
4	Les Groves	FO	316.13	4	Asad Wahid	FTR	317.07
5	Steve Rigby	FO	316.10	5	Ryan Goodman	FTR	315.09
6	Gary Costello	FO	315.15	6	Arnaud Martin	FTR	313.07
7	Richard Hubby	FO	314.10	7	Julie Bagnall	FTR	309.10
8	Noel McCarthy	FO	313.07	8	Jon Longhurst	FTR	308.11
9	Jonathan Walker	FO	310.08	9	Matt Jarram	FTR	306.05
10	Ian Bellis	FO	310.04	10	Mary Marsden	FTR	306.04

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# MATCH RIFLE

Report by **Harriet Mansell.**



**M**atch Rifle has come back in full swing for Spring 2025. It is not just training for the Woomera that has had people out on the range this spring, but preparations for the Elcho and the Hopton are already beginning.

We saw a few hardy souls join the first NLRC shoot of the season back in March – blowing off the cobwebs whilst several of the shooters tried to remember which way the dials go; something that was still being remembered by the time we got to the English VIII Spring Meeting early in May. With various

North London shoots allowing us to keep our hand in across the season, we've seen wins from Alex Harrison, Fi Day and others- and most importantly seen a new crop of keen shooters join us from BYSA as well as Oxford and Cambridge's Easter camps. We've also seen Garmins galore as shooters gear up for the Hopton, testing ammo to try and guarantee success later in the season.

But the North London shoots have not been the only game in town so far this season. The LMRA has hosted two excellent shoots this year, with the match rifle individuals being won by 1st Rob Lygoe 220.28, 2nd Gary Alexander 218.21 and 3rd Richard Whitby 216.21, as well as their Ultimate Catastrophe match. Whilst the latter was not ostensibly an MR shindig, it turned out to be a day that encapsulated everything that draws us onto Stickledown: good shooting, good friends and plenty of tea.

We come then to the big event of the Match Rifle Spring calendar- the English VIII Spring Meeting. A weekend of tricky winds, humbling 1200 yard shoots and (un)surprising winners. A weekend where fortunes turned on the fickle winds at 1200,

with top shooters knocked down the leader board depending on the detail they were squadded into. The already angling winds began to fishtail left & right. Approaching from behind and with firers at the rear most point on the range, there was little to nothing available upwind to give an indication of what was about to happen next, other than listening out for gusts and making a judgement of approaching angle by deciding which side of your head was feeling it the most. Results were therefore variable, but Rob retained his previous day's form with the only 74 (6V) on the range. Si Whitby and Normal Clark returned the only 72s, with 8Vs and 6Vs.

However, ultimately, this resulted in more of a shake-up of the top 5 rather than a sweeping change. The result of this? Congratulations to Rob Lygoe (439.51), Adam Leech (432.48) and Derek Lowe (430.46) for 1st/2nd/3rd respectively in both the English & Welsh aggregates, with Nick Tremlett a close 4th (428.41). Angus McLeod's 5th place (427.41) gave him the Scottish Eight Cup, Gareth James' 8th (425.42) the Welsh Challenge Cup and Sophie Wentges 7th (426.37) the Powell Ladies' Trophy. Emma Stratford took the OCRA (Under 25s) Trophy again with a 407.36 and Rob won pretty much everything else! 🍀





# THE THREE COUNTIES OPEN 2025 AKA THE COBWEB BUSTER

Held on 27 April, report by **Frank Harriss**, Secretary Hereford and Worcester RA.



Above: Ed Feast won the Short-range aggregate.

This took place on a lovely sunny day with light winds that required watching but the visibility was very good. At 300 yards there were three possibles, a fine 50.9 from Richard Dyball, 50.8s from Euan Munro and Alastair Haley and 50.6 for Edward Feast. Only Edward managed to convert that into a 100.13 at 600, with a 50.7, meaning that his total of these shoots with the Ibis Open short ranges the previous day was 200.30, just ten 'cooking bulls', really impressive scoring! With his 100 he won the Baldwin Cup and it was most unfortunate that he had another shooting commitment that stopped him chasing victory in the afternoon. Second

in the short range competition was Sandy Forsyth with 99.13, scoring 50.7 at 600. Third was Richard Dyball with 98.13, also with 50.7 at 600. The other possibles at 600 were from Matt Blythe (50.7) and Robin Hatcher (50.6).

So we returned in the afternoon carrying one score of 99 and six scores of 98 – anyone's match! However, at 900, David Colegate appeared, fresh from his English Lions training, and scored a zingy 50.6, the only possible, which won him the Royal Artillery Cup. Ricky Celesia from Wellington College, Henry Sanders and Euan Munro (last year's winner) followed on 49.5. Back at 1000, we had to cope with



**Above left:** David Colegate with the Royal Artillery Cup.  
**Above centre:** A proud Henry Sanders with the Dean Cup.  
**Right:** Ricky Celesia with the 'Tyro' Cup (top u-25).



the partially roped-off firing point and the Range Officer Frank Harriss and his assistant Tony Hopkins managed to run the firing point without trampling on the legs of any competitors. This was helped by the excellent marking of Jim and Christine Stevens and their team which meant that messages were rare. The wind was a little tricky but there were four scores of 49, from Henry Sanders (5V, winning the Deerhurst Cup), Matt Blythe, Robert Eayrs and Nigel Ball (all 4V) and Alastair Haley (3V). Henry had been biding his time just behind the leaders. His 98.10 was the top score at Long Range and gave him the Dean Cup for the Grand with 194.22, just beating Robert Eayrs by 4 V-bulls. Third was Matt Blythe with 193.20, counting out Alastair Haley on the same score.

Rob Edwards, the indefatigable organiser, in addition to shooting well had been using Alastair Haley's new method of scanning the score cards straight to a spreadsheet (which left the ancient Range Officer full of wonder). So the results were available even more quickly than in previous years. The Cups mentioned above were presented by Alastair Haley, the Gloucestershire Chairman. Other trophies awarded were the President's salver to the top Veteran, won once again by Keith Pugh

– this trophy knows its way up north by now! The 'Tyro' cup for the top under-25 went to Ricky Celesia (Wellington College) who came 9th overall with 191.16. This also gave him the Officers' Cup for the top O/T shooter, beating several O-class Bisley regulars! Fabian Reis won the WCRA Cup for the top cadet not winning the Tyro Cup. It was good to see five young shooters from Wellington College, with their former master i/c Nigel Ball. They shot well and, of course, conducted themselves excellently on the firing point. They are the future of our sport. Reg Curtis took the three Hereford and Worcester reserved cups and Robert Eayrs won the Gloucestershire members' Cup. The Baker cup for the top team of three went to Dursley B (Eayrs, Ashworth and Blythe), beating Dursley

A and Dark Horse. The HWRA County Secretary had some hopes for the Three Counties Cup this year but CGRA won it again so we shall have to keep trying!

There were also the traditional Outers, Inners, Odds and Evens aggregates. This year, instead of small brown envelopes, the winners were told they were entitled to £5 off next year's entry and those coming second, £2.50 off. Alastair Haley led the Outers (300 and 1000) with 99.11, with Henry Sanders second on 91.13. The Inners (600 and 900) was won by Tom Hendriks with 97.10, just counting out Keith Pugh on the same score. The Odds (300 and 900) went to Euan Munro and 98.13, counting out Henry Sanders. Finally, the Evens at 600 and 1000 was won by Matt Blythe on 99.11, ahead of Robert Eayrs with 98.9. 🍀

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# ENGLAND RIFLE TEAM TO TRINIDAD 2026



**Edward Feast** introduces the England Rifle team travelling to Trinidad to compete in the West Indies Fullbore Championships.

**H**ello and welcome to the first article to introduce the England Rifle team, travelling to Trinidad in March 2026 to compete in the West Indies Fullbore Championships.

Despite this being our first entry, we have been working hard since the announcement of the squad on the 8th of April. With less than a year before touring, we have already made a start with fundraising, a much-needed element with the ever-increasing costs of our sport, especially when enjoyed at overseas ranges!

Didn't I say the team had been busy? The first training weekend was held on the first weekend of May where the squad came together for the first time, setting the bedrock of camaraderie for the challenges ahead and what better way to break the ice than a social evening hosted at the North London Rifle Club,

where introductions were made between the members and the management team; Captain Phil Chapman-Sheath, Vice-Captain Martin Liversage and Adjutants James Lewis and Adam Leech.

A talented squad has been selected, from which the final touring team will be selected in early August, giving management the additional scores from the Imperial Meeting. The weekend was a busy one, with several squads for upcoming touring teams out on the ranges. Some of the England squad have applied for more than one team and opted to train with the GB squad this weekend.

For the England squad, training was the focus of the first weekend, with everyone eager to shake off winter cobwebs and begin sharpening their skills, with both the competitive season hotting up and the ultimate prize to be won of team selection for the tour to Tucker Valley Range very much on one's mind.

An intensive program was laid-out from the get-go, the team starting strongly at both

600yds and 300yds on Saturday, shooting on electronic targets to simulate the range in Trinidad, with shooters being rotated amongst the coaches, allowing the sharing of personal preferences and allowing close optimisation of target teams, with many individuals only meeting for the first time.

Conditions were a challenge across both days, with varying temperatures and wind brackets, presenting conundrums for the coaches – where the electronic targets made wind calling harder where the 'fall of shot' couldn't be seen from other targets around them. Adding to the rigours of training were 'malfunction' drills, where individuals were asked to stand up and reset their position after 4 shots, putting to the test their ability to perform under added pressure of "unforeseen" issues in a detail.

As though all of this wasn't enough to put the team out of their comfort zones, the Sunday concluded with a "School House" team match, with shooters selected in turn by team captains (Adam Leech / Charles Dickenson & Edward ▶

This will be my first captaincy of an England touring team, and I am immensely proud to be trusted with this opportunity. As you would expect, the final team will be made up of experienced tourists whilst also developing the future younger talent of England. We will be working closely with Ian Ashworth, Captain of the NRACI26 team, bringing together our experience to help develop the future of Target Rifle shooting.

**Phil Chapman-Sheath**





I am delighted at the initiative of overlapping both the fund-raising and training for both teams. The CI tour is predominately for those starting their touring careers and so to be able to train and socialise with a senior touring team is a great opportunity. I believe both teams will benefit greatly from this and I wish the England team every success on their tour.

**Ian Ashworth, Captain  
NRACI2026**

Dickson / Rick Webb) much like one would in a playground game of football.

The Sports day ribbons that fateful day went to Charles and Adam's team with a fantastic performance by all involved – Henry Waldern posting the top score with an impressive 50.4v.

There were some exemplary performances from Kit Crabtree with the highest score of the weekend (291.27v ex 300), Ed Dickson for posting 197.18v ex 200 on Saturday and Rupert Knight the Sunday top scorer with 98.11v ex 100.

With such brilliant momentum behind us at this early stage in training and the team working together already, it's also a pleasure that we have the additional support of some fantastic sponsors. We are delighted to announce endorsements from TenPointNine Tailoring, Phoenix Barrels and HPS Target Rifles.

Additionally, there will be a chance for two lucky individuals to win either a 10.9 Tailored FullBore Shell Jacket or a Phoenix Barrel (fitted by HPS). These incredible prizes can be won in the raffle being held by the team – tickets will be available from the English XX meeting weekend and



throughout the season. The winning ticket will be drawn by the winner of the HRH Kings Prize at the conclusion of the TR Imperial meeting.

But wait, there's more!

Following on from the generosity shown by all shooters over the past couple of years, the team is renewing the "Brassed for Cash" initiative, which previously raised over £1000 for the Down Syndrome Association. We are truly passionate about supporting another great charity and so from August

2026 we will be officially supporting the "Guide Dogs for the Blind" as our official team charity during the "Brassed for Cash Too" collection drive.

Indeed, the wheels are very much in motion and all of us in the England squad are fervently working hard to make this tour a true success. It's humbling to see the support from the whole Bisley community so far and we appreciate all your enthusiasm in helping us "travel" the 4400 miles to the Tucker Valley Range next March. 🍀

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# GALLERY RIFLE *Updates*

By **Ash Dagger**, NRA GR&P Discipline Rep.

**B**y the time you read this article, the 2025 Phoenix will have come and gone. The Phoenix is the pinnacle of the GR&P calendar with such a wide range of competitions – I hope you were able to get there. But if not, there are plenty of other GR&P opportunities that remain this year, including the Imperial (mid July) and the Nationals in September. There are also numerous club level events that are open to all, including Derby, SLG Bisley, The Cornish and the Scottish and Welsh Opens. Check out all the dates and results so far at [www.galleryrifle.com](http://www.galleryrifle.com)

If you are new to GR&P and need some development before you feel able to compete, we run skills development days at Bisley – the next being the end of September. This allows newer shooters to understand what is involved in the sport, it provide practical advice in competing, but also the range protocols and procedures that sometimes deter newer shooters from entering. For the more able, we run event specific development days – the most recent being for the Bianchi match (run at the end of April). Eight candidates, with a wide range of experience

(newcomers to old hands) were taken through all of the common Bianchi matches and they received hints and tips on shooting the event, together with plenty of practice (especially on the Mover).

From an International perspective, GB Gallery Rifle hosted teams from Germany and Ireland at the Phoenix – competing for the trophies in both GRSB and GRCF 1500 events (full results on the [galleryrifle.com](http://galleryrifle.com) website). GB managed to convincingly win the

GRSB match, with a valiant 2nd place (to Germany)

in the GRCF event. The GR captain, Morne van Dalen, has also selected his teams for a return match in Ireland in early July. And, at the end the year, the squad will compete in the final International in Leitmar, Germany; both matches will be hotly contested.

In addition, the Handgun Captain (Dave Harris) will be leading the GB team in the WA1500, World Championships, in Alsfeld, Germany, in August. However,

**Above:** Ash Dagger presents the GR&P's thank you to Andrew Mercer. **Inset:** A standing ovation from the attendees showing their gratitude to Andrew Mercer. **Below:** International Match Results.



looking forward to next year, the process for the next Handgun captain starts again in earnest. That person will likely stay in post for 2 years, to enable the development of a strong team for the following World Championships, in 2027. Details on the process (which starts now) and links to the required form are elsewhere in this journal.

If you want to be considered as a shooter in either the gallery rifle or handgun squads, then there are three key criteria for selection:

- **Capability** – The ability to achieve the high scores required in International shooting
- **Consistency** – A track record that

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							Ireland	5627	252														
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Robert Wheeler	239	22	180	16	232	6	239	15	587	33	Jessica Eggers	240	19	179	11	235	7	239	15	596	40	1489	92
Jake Mossom	239	18	179	10	231	10	238	13	589	40	André Georgi	239	21	180	14	233	8	240	15	596	41	1488	99
Keith Edwards	240	19	179	14	230	12	235	13	588	37	Meik Waldvogt	240	19	179	11	231	7	239	9	588	31	1477	77
Aniel Gardiner	240	21	178	10	228	10	235	15	587	34	Steven Zinke	214	7	173	10	207	4	233	9	576	22	1403	52
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Jessica Eggers	240	22	180	14	228	8	235	9	586	32	Ian Archer	240	21	180	15	227	6	238	16	595	36	1480	94
André Georgi	240	18	178	4	219	4	237	14	582	31	Malcolm Stewart	240	21	178	9	231	9	237	12	593	32	1479	83
Meik Waldvogt	239	13	177	9	230	2	232	8	527	21	Dave Hackett	240	21	179	14	232	3	237	13	589	34	1477	85
Steven Zinke	239	15	173	5	220	3	229	5	538	17	Chris Douglas	240	24	179	11	221	5	240	18	593	31	1473	89
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Ireland							Ireland																
Frank Feeney	236	14	178	12	230	8	238	12	583	26	Mark Nolan	240	18	178	11	233	8	237	17	593	33	1481	87
Mark Nolan	239	22	177	11	227	5	236	13	581	37	Stephen Wall	240	22	178	10	233	9	238	10	586	29	1475	80
Shaun Bull	236	7	173	4	180	3	206	1	565	18	Declan Byrne	239	19	178	7	234	10	236	9	580	26	1467	71
Declan Byrne	240	18	112	2	217	6	234	9	539	24	Frank Feeney	219	14	177	11	227	3	215	11	584	35	1422	74
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demonstrates repeatable high performance in Competition

- **Commitment** – The willingness to support the Team at home and abroad

There is a lot more information on the current squads and the processes for Captain and Team selection on the GB GR&P website at [www.gbgr.org](http://www.gbgr.org)

So... I hope to see you all at some of the GR&P matches this year. Please continue to use me as the conduit into the NRA for anything GR&P related.

Finally from me – As most of you may be aware, it was Andrew Mercer's final Phoenix prize- giving, as he departs in June for a well earned retirement. Andrew has led significant change at both Bisley and the wider NRA, and certainly leaves the organisation in a much better state than when he arrived. At the prize ceremony he noted that "at least the toilets are much better" (which they are!) but undersells the significant improvements he led in his 12 year tenure. Andrew had been a good friend to GR&P and was certainly the only General Secretary that I can remember who took the time to walk the ranges, meet the people and understand the challenges that we all face. He supported the grassroots shooters as well as the International teams and was always willing to chat and engage whenever he was available. I was privileged to represent the GR&P community to both say a few words and present Andrew with a departing gift on behalf of us all, and the ceremony closed with a rousing standing ovation from all that were present. We wish him well as he departs for new challenges and a well earned rest. 🙏

**Below:** The award.



#### NOMINATION FORM FOR GB GR&P HANDGUN TEAM CAPTAIN (2026).

Candidate:

Name:	Email address:
Address:	Phone Numbers:

Proposers / Referees:

Proposers may be contacted as referees and a statement from one or more of them to support the nomination.

	Name	Signature
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2		
3		

- Candidates and Proposers must be Registered Members of the Association in who have Gallery Rifle & Pistol as one of their declared disciplines (and have subscriptions due).
- Nominations must be received by the Secretary General by 5pm on the publication date.
- A condition of applying for a Captaincy is that, if elected, the candidate will requirements around Confidentiality, Duties and Responsibilities set out in handbook.

I have read the guidance to team captains (Team Captain's handbook\*) and agree it. I declare that I am eligible for nomination for the GB Handgun Captaincy, I agree and confirm that the information in this form is accurate.

Signed:	Date:
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\* Any successful Captain will be signing up to the NRA's guidance and requirements stipulated in the Handbook. It is required that potential captains read this prior to their application.  
Team Captain's handbook: <http://captain.nra.org.uk/> (Login using user: shooting and password: shooting)

#### SHOOTING CURRICULUM VITAE (GB GR&P - Handgun)

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- Age:
- Current Position/Occupation:
- Immediate/Previous Occupation (if any):
- Qualifications Business and/or Professional:
- Shooting Career
- Reasons why you think your qualities make you a suitable candidate for the Team Captain role and ensure the success of the Team

Contact Details

## CAPTAIN OF THE GR&P GREAT BRITAIN HANDGUN TEAM

Nominations are sought for the role of "Captain of the Great Britain Handgun Team" for 2026. (Appointments are annual, although traditionally extended to two years, where approved by Council).

It is recognized that the selection and appointment of the Captain for a Great Britain team is a highly important decision. To be appointed Captain is a great honour but it is also a great responsibility. The ability to create a winning team is not the only criterion needed for a successful Captain. The manner in which the team conducts itself, both on and off the ranges, could affect the standing of the NRA, target shooting and indeed the country. It is therefore vital that the person selected should have the appropriate personality and skills to carry out all aspects of the task in the appropriate manner. The selection process, while being transparent and fair, should result in the appointment of someone who meets these requirements.

The criteria for selection are :

- Nominees must be full Members of the NRA for a minimum continuous period of 3 years before they become eligible for nomination and must remain so during the entire period of appointment. A nominee's

subscription (where appropriate) must be fully paid up at the date of nomination.

- Nominations must be supported by signatures of three NRA Members who have Gallery Rifle & Pistol as one of their declared disciplines and whose subscription (where appropriate) must be fully paid up at the date of nomination. However, nominations may not be supported by any current member of the GR&P Working Group (although any member may be nominated, including members of the working group)
- Candidate CV's and nominations should be submitted in writing, bearing original or electronic signatures of the candidate and supporters and must reach the Secretary at the NRA Offices by 12pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Forms are available for download from the following link: [nra.org.uk/grp-great-britain-handgun-team-captain-2026-nominations-invited/](http://nra.org.uk/grp-great-britain-handgun-team-captain-2026-nominations-invited/)  
Nominations (Shooter CV and supporters) will be evaluated by the NRA Council during August and acceptable nominees are passed back to the GR&P Working Group for a final recommendation; the preferred nomination is then notified to the NRA Council for endorsement and formal appointment.



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# UK REACH

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

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**“The draft Code draws on the NRA’s experience, advice published in the Handbook and the real world experience of our Clubs.**

The HSE Proposal to restrict the use of lead ammunition on outdoor target shooting ranges includes a provision for a derogation for the use of lead bullets at ranges where appropriate risk management measures are in place. Range operators will be expected to take action to reduce the identified risks to the environment, so far as is reasonably practicable, and provide documentary evidence to the enforcing authority (Environment Agency).

Range operators will be expected to make a declaration to the EA that appropriate risk mitigation actions are being taken.

The actions will include the appropriate de-leading of ranges, following the guidance published by the NRA in the Range Design and Safety Handbook (2022).

The Environment Agency is expected to work with shooting organisations including the NRA to amend guidance to better consider the

identified environmental risks. This process has yet to start.

In anticipation of the new restrictions, the NRA is working with a small Group of Clubs that operate ranges to develop a Code of Practice for de-leading outdoor ranges. The draft Code draws on the NRA’s experience, advice published in the Handbook and the real world experience of our Clubs. Once completed we will present the Code to the EA as part of the process previously described.

The environmental risks associated with outdoor shooting are not applicable to indoor shooting; exposure to lead on indoor ranges is already regulated by the Control of Lead at Work (CLAW) regulations. Indoor shooting is not in scope of the proposed restriction.

The HSE’s proposals are with ministers, we await the announcement of a Statutory Instrument from Government.

All Clubs that operate an outdoor range are encouraged to review their range maintenance, de-leading procedures and supporting documentation. The NRA’s published guidance on de-leading contained in the Range Design and Safety Handbook (2022) is available to download from the

NRA website. [nra.org.uk/range-design-and-safety-handbook/](https://nra.org.uk/range-design-and-safety-handbook/)

## ACCESS TO MOD RANGES

Charges to access the Defence Training Estate will increase this year, details have been sent to Clubs that hold a MoD range licence. The new charges will come into effect in July and will apply on DIO and RFCA sites. Any queries should be directed in the first instance to the local booking cell/event co-ordinator.

I recently attended a meeting for Clubs hosted by Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and Landmarc in the South West of England. The meeting was well attended and provided Clubs with an opportunity to discuss current range availability and detailed questions with DIO and Landmarc staff. The ranges at Yoxter and Langport are still closed because of civilian headcount restrictions, Salisbury Plain will be busy this year and this will have a downstream impact on availability throughout the South West.

My thanks to our hosts and Club officials, these face to face meetings are invaluable; collaboration between Clubs to make best use of limited

range availability is becoming increasingly important.

## AMMUNITION RESTRICTION ON DEFENCE RANGES

The NRA was invited to attend the Defence Ranges Safety Committee meeting in April, this follows our request for an update on the restriction on the use of all 6.5mm ammunition on constructed ranges. The Regulator confirmed that the restriction is likely to remain in place throughout 2025. The NRA occupies a unique position in being the only civilian shooting organisation represented on DRSC. We will continue to monitor the restriction and provide a further update when more information is available. In the meantime, Clubs must ensure compliance with the restriction.

## KINGSBURY AND THE BIRMINGHAM BISLEY

The Competition is back this year and will be held at Kingsbury over the weekend June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to DIO for making the ranges available for this important pre Imperial event and to WFRA Bromsgrove Rifle Club for organising the competition. 🏆



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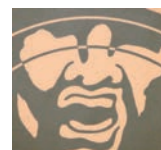
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## WILLIAM LANDER RESPONDS TO MARTYN ASKER'S SPRING JOURNAL ARTICLE

The event from a Range Conducting Officer's point of view who has experienced being at the Trafalgar many times.

My name is William Lander, a brief resume of my attending Bisley:

1962 aged 12 years watched my father who also was a registered Firearms Dealer, compete. (I was hooked)

1974 first attended as a serving Police Officer to compete in Rifle and Pistol events, attending almost every year up to COVID, first shot historical rifle at the inaugural South London Rifle Club shoot organised by Jim Hallam around 1986, then carried on when it became the Trafalgar meeting, started volunteering to help as a Range Conducting Officer after passing my first NRA RCO course in 1998 up to the present.

Martyn Asker, describes his first experience shooting in the Trafalgar Meeting 2024, I would like to make the comments below.

I read Martyn Asker's article with interest and an understanding of his feelings, I do remember him competing in the 200yd snaps events, and yes I was the RCO who 'disqualified him' not once but twice!

In the interest of fair play, equality, call it what you will, I would like to share my view as a Range conducting Officer.

The single and double snap events are somewhat different from most in that, two RCO'S supervise the shoot

and only a maximum of two competitors can shoot at a time. One RCO looks after the competitors and controls the target exposures, the other RCO sits at a table just behind the competitors and has the squadding entry card for each competitor, he enters the scores on the cards that are relayed to him by the RCO looking after the competitors & targets.

I remember Martyn, not because he was awkward or argumentative, far from it, he was a perfect gentleman.

Martyn attended the 200 meter firing point to shoot his snaps events, accompanied by his supportive wife, he explained it was his first attendance at the Trafalgar and that he hailed from the west coast of Scotland. He talked about his rifle, an SMLE and the fact he had acquired a Tippins rear sight, which was fitted to it.

When I was handed his card, he was the only competitor on his detail, I noticed it was for event 539 Agony Snaps, Service Rifle! I told Martyn that he had a Tippins target sight fitted to his SMLE and therefore he could not compete in the Service Rifle event as that required 'as issued sight'.

Martyn responded by saying he had checked with the NRA office staff by telephone before he had selected his entries and was told it would be ok, as long as it was in the spirit of the original. The Tippins target sight was actually original so it



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fitted that criteria but I explained to Martyn that it was not an 'as issued sight' so not eligible for a Service rifle event.

The decision to tell Martyn that he could not shoot a qualifying score due to his target sight in the two service rifle events I supervised was not taken lightly and it was made after conferring with my fellow RCO and the Chief RCO in charge of the 200 yard firing point.

The guidance is always to allow a competitor to shoot, if safe, after making them aware their score will not be counted.

He was offered the opportunity of changing his

card for the appropriate entry for target sights, open rifle but he declined and decided to shoot for the experience, which he was allowed to do, the same conversation took place re 544 double snaps, service rifle.

After the shoot's, Martyn had a conversation with me, he enjoyed the events, was still a little upset after being assured by NRA office staff that in the spirit of the original was OK, I explained again the problem with Service rifle events and 'as issued sights'. The conversation was amicable at all times, we also discussed our respective SMLE's, mine being an Australian MK III\* made ►

in 1916, re-barrelled in 1945 and put into store until it was sold as surplus, I purchased it for £6 in 1967 and still shoot it today. We talked about Martyn's hobby of collecting watches, shooting in Scotland compared to his experiences at Bisley, Martyn was a very pleasant, amicable shooter to RO for and spend time with.

Having studied all of Martyn's article, and noted the events he entered, it seems he has gone with the manufacture date of his SMLE rather than design date, but I cannot be sure. His SMLE, although made in 1941 is a pre 1919 design and therefore eligible for classic events, albeit it can be shot in non-specific dated Veteran events (a copy of the NRA Classic & Historic handbook 2024 would perhaps have helped with this).

Regarding the other events Martyn shot with his Tipping equipped SMLE, Running Deer 615 is for service rifles under 9.5mm, as issued. Should not have been allowed to use the SMLE with Tippins target rear sight, might be considered lucky to have got away with it but unfair to all those who used a rifle 'as issued'.

This trend is followed in all the service rifle events Martyn shot his SMLE in, however he had asked NRA office staff and thought he was OK to use his Tippins target sight, so I do not think Martyn tried to circumvent the rules in anyway.

A copy of the NRA Classic & Historic handbook 2024 would be of great help to Martyn and any other shooter not sure of classifications rules for different competitions etc and enable use of their rifle on a level playing field.

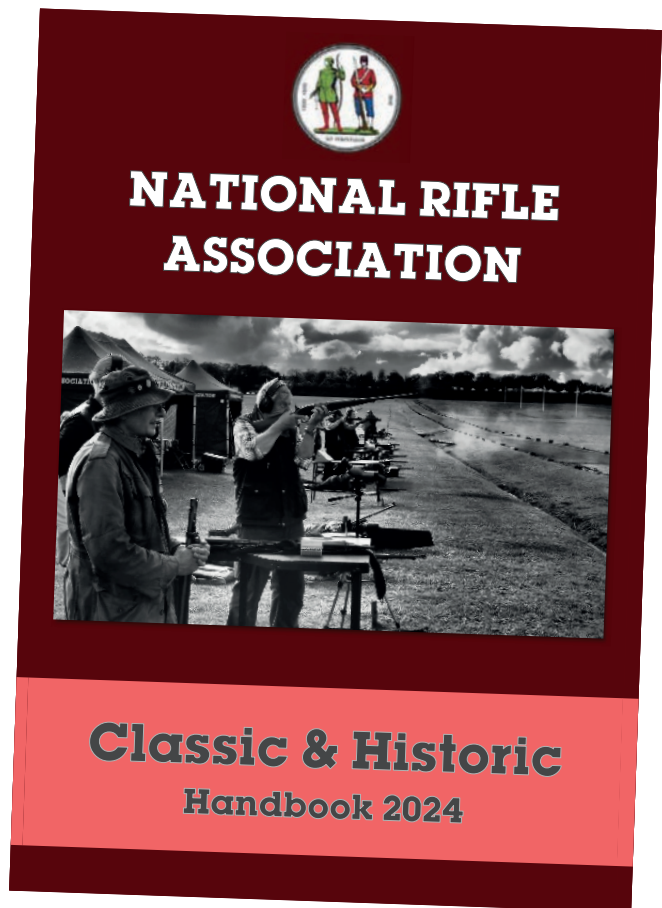
You do get one or two chancers at each meeting who try to push the rules as far as they can, I remember one

gentleman in the early years who tried at least three years running to shoot service rifle events with a Parker Hale target sling. His comment each time he was challenged was, "but it's the only one I have" I suppose we ought to have considered ourselves lucky that he didn't only possess a Swing. The said gentleman still competes, is more compliant and usually shoots very well.

Remember all RCO's are volunteers with vastly different levels of expertise in the many different types of firearm used at the meeting. We try our very best to make the events run smoothly to the enjoyment of all. Also RCO's sometimes have a hectic time with competitors in different matches simply presenting match cards to the RCO or more commonly exchanging them with fellow shooters on the detail to mark and have all sorts of questions and queries thrown at them.

There are lessons to be learnt in the circumstances outlined in Martyn's excellent article.

All competitors should be encouraged to look at the excellent NRA Classic &



Historic handbook 2024 and be familiar with the rules and regulations of the events they wish to enter.

Anyone including RCO's and NRA office staff, should be wary of specific advice unless they have the rule book to hand.

In my humble opinion the 2024 Trafalgar meeting was a great success, despite the weather trying to put a damper on things (those who were there will appreciate the pun! I hope).

Looking forward to The Trafalgar 2025.🕒



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## 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.

### CENTURY RANGE / SHORT SIBERIA RANGE BOOKINGS

Two members and their guests will be assigned to a target, sharing the firing point for the session. The day is designed for you to introduce your guests to prone target rifle shooting, taking alternate shots on the shared target throughout the session. Benches will be available by request. Muzzle brakes are not permitted.

Ranges will be overseen by NRA Range Conducting Officers/Instructors, but guests are the responsibility of the NRA Member and must not be left on the target unattended.

### COST

**£85 per booking** – includes the hire of the Range, Range Officers, Targets and Markers.

A selection of 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.

We will be running two distances on each Guest Day:

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025

100 yards Short Siberia Range (and) 300 yards Century Range

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

300 yards Century Range (and) 600 yards Century Range

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025

25 yards Cheylesmore Range

Online bookings available - [online.nra.org.uk/guest-days](https://online.nra.org.uk/guest-days)

### 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.

### SESSION TIMINGS

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

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

200E, Winans B, 1000E - AM & PM SESSIONS

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

200E, Melville, 1000E - AM & PM SESSIONS

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

200E, 600E, Winans B - AM & PM SESSIONS

## Bisley General Meeting

The 2025 Bisley General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 9pm in the NRA Pavilion.

## Team Captain Announcements

We are pleased to announce the following team captaincies and team manager positions:

**Ian Ashworth** has been appointed NRA Team Captain Channel Islands 2026.

**George Bramwell** has been appointed GB Under 25 Team Captain Australia 2026.

**John Ritchie** has been appointed GB Rifle Team Captain Canada 2027.

**James Postle** has been appointed as Team Manager for the GB Under 25 Team to Australia 2026 and the GB Under 25 Team World Long Range Championships Bisley 2028.

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

300E, Winans B, 600E, 1000E - AM & PM SESSIONS

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E – AM ONLY

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

200E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E – AM ONLY

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E - AM ONLY

Online bookings available - [online.nra.org.uk/shootingclubs](https://online.nra.org.uk/shootingclubs)

# NRA SCCS LAUNCHED FOR DIGITAL WALLET



We are excited to announce that NRA Shooter Certification Cards (SCCs) have now been launched through the Digital Wallet option available on Smart Phones.

All NRA members, and affiliated club members, will have been invited to add their valid SCC credentials to their Digital Wallet on their smart phone from **16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, via an email message from the Membership department through JustGo, the NRA's database providers, (see example below).

By selecting the Google or Apple

option, depending on your phone type, you will be able to download the credential to your Smart phone Digital wallet.

If you do not have the Digital Wallet application (app) already installed on your phone, you will first need to download the app through your Google or Apple store option.

Your SCCs, once downloaded should appear in your Digital Wallet and will be displayed as per the images shown left and right:

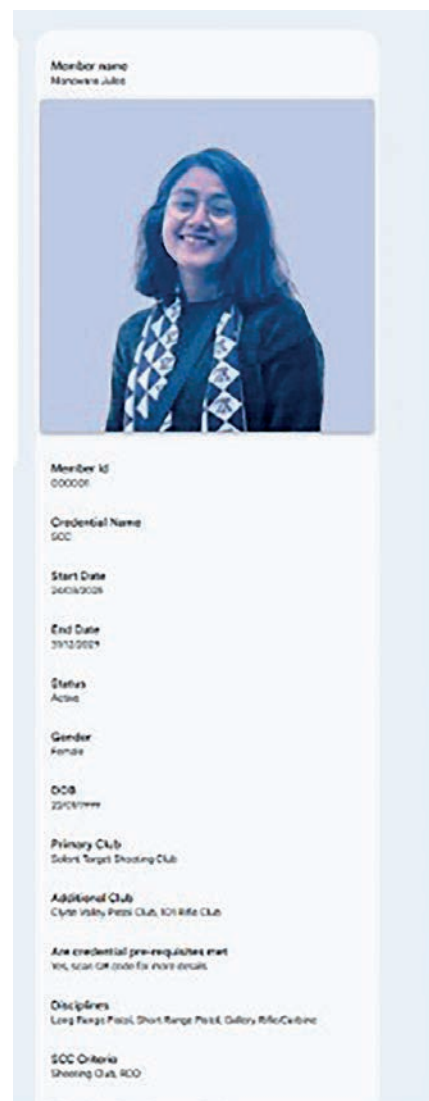
It means you can now carry your digital membership card and valid SCC cards

everywhere you go and you'll be able to simply present them on your phone when required. **Current in-date plastic SCC cards remain valid.**

In order to be able to download the credentials, we must hold a valid email address on our database for you to receive the email with the download links.

We hope you will take advantage of this new initiative.

If you do not have a Smart Phone, or do not wish to utilise the Digital



Wallet, you will be able to continue to receive plastic cards from the Membership Department.

Please do let us know if you would like to continue to receive plastic cards for your membership and/or SCC cards by emailing [membership@nra.org.uk](mailto:membership@nra.org.uk) and we will update the database accordingly.

Hi #FirstName,

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 Add to Apple Wallet

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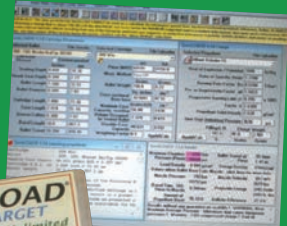
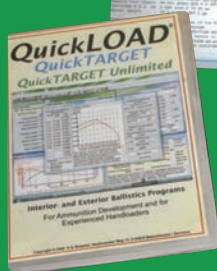


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# Obituaries

**Stewart Davis** (1941 – 2025)

London for, among others, a company called Dictaphone – he taught the actors Peter Vaughn and Frank Sinatra how to use the machines for a film they were

and medals that he earned over this time have been stored and categorized. He was also very proud when he was selected to shoot for Scotland.

Alongside his NRA membership, Stewart was a long-term member of the Army Rifle Association, participating in many competitions and tours with the team. He would always spend Queen's Final day (unless he was shooting) at the ARA club house, before heading up to the ranges to watch. He was often accompanied by Eleanor and their daughter, Sarah, on these occasions.

In addition to his passion for rifle shooting, Stewart had a major interest in all things 'Bisley / NRA' – he amassed a large collection of pictures

Sarah and her family. Stewart continued to work in Surrey and stayed at his caravan on the Bisley grounds frequently when weather conditions permitted. Sadly, he suffered from a stroke in 2016, which meant, physically, he was no longer able to shoot – he took this disappointment in his typically stoical fashion, but he was devastated to no longer be able to participate in the sport he loved.

Unfortunately, Eleanor passed away unexpectedly at the end of 2023, and from then, Stewart's health started to decline more rapidly. But again, his stoicism and sheer determination kept his mind active, embracing telephone and online shopping. He was determined to stay in the home he had shared with Eleanor – he had a lovely group of carers who enjoyed having 'small' chats with Stewart (and if you knew Stewart, you'd know what that meant). In January this year, however, his health took a sudden turn for the worse, and after several admissions into hospital over the following weeks, he passed away peacefully on March 5.

Stewart was a social, positive, extroverted man with a great love for his family and his chosen sport and will be missed by many. He loved a healthy debate – his knowledge on all things was immense – he never lost his love for learning about anything and everything.

He left instructions for his ashes to be scattered at Bisley – this will be done on what would have been his 84th birthday, just after the Inter Counties competition. ☺

**S**tewart was born in a military wives nursing home in Fulmar Chase in the summer of 1941. His family lived in North London after the war, with Stewart attending the local grammar school. It was at school, in the school cadet force, where he discovered that he rather liked shooting and was pretty good at it!

After school, he enrolled at Welbeck College, having decided that an Army career was for him, and then moved on to RMA Sandhurst. There are rumours of motorbikes being naughtily ridden around campus after dark, although these cannot be confirmed...

He was commissioned into the Royal Signals and spent time in (what was) Aden and Germany. He met Eleanor, his wife-to-be, in Hannover, in military hospital whilst he was suffering from scarlet fever. Eleanor was in the QARANC at the time – urban legend has it that Eleanor nursed him back to full health. Stewart and Eleanor both left the army in 1966 and got married in Saintfield in County Down, Northern Ireland.

They moved in and around Southampton for the next few years. Stewart worked in

shooting. He travelled to work on the train every day, and passed the time playing cards regularly during his journey in the old train compartments.

It was around this time that Stewart returned to competitive shooting at Bisley after making the move to Aldershot in the early 1970s – he became a life member

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of the NRA. As he had been born in Buckinghamshire, he also started rifle shooting for the county, becoming the full bore Captain for many years during the 1980s and 1990s. He always enjoyed the Inter-Counties weekends and took part with great enthusiasm.

Stewart would be a constant presence at the Bisley Imperial Meetings until ill health would force him to stop competing. He always appeared in many prize lists and qualified for the Queen's Prize finals several times. All of his various badges

and shooting memorabilia. With this in mind, he worked alongside (amongst others) Ted Molyneux, Sandy Ewing & Dick Ellis on creating and maintaining the NRA Museum. He loved attending antiques fairs in the hope of discovering artefacts that he had never come across before. It was Stewart's wish that items of his collection would be donated to the museum.

Coming up to retirement, Stewart and Eleanor moved to Kelvedon (near Colchester) after the millennium to be closer to

# RESULTS

## PHOENIX 2025 PRIZE LIST - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

### 25m Precision GRSB

1	Colin Hudson	280 5X
2	Joseph Mabbitt	272 6X
3	Keith Cox	266 5X

### 25m Precision GRCF

1	Clive Ward	296 16X
2	Charlie Horner	296 14X
3	Keith Cox	294 19X

### 0103 25m Precision GRCF Open

1	Colin Hudson	296 13X
2	Les Pearson	290 5X

### 0104 25m Precision GRCF Classic

1	Les Pearson	292 13X
2	Steven Voak	292 12X
3	Neil Francis	291 11X

### 0121 25m Precision LBP

1	Neil Francis	286 7X
2	Steve Lane	285 5X
3	Charlie Horner	284 3X

### 0122 25m Precision LBR

1	Adam Chapman	282 3X
2	Jonny Cormie	280 6X

### 0123 25m Precision AP

1	Andrew McGee	276 5X
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### 0141 25m Precision MLP

1	Jon Avetoomyan	139 1X
2	Alan Robinson	136 0X

### 0142 25m Precision MLR

1	Alan Robinson	123 2X
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### 0201 25m Precision Benched GRSB

1	Mihai Boc	300 22X
2	Les Pearson	300 21X

### 0202 25m Precision Benched GRCF

1	Clive Ward	300 15X
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### 0204 25m Precision Benched GRCF Classic

1	Les Pearson	289 8X
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### 0301 50m Precision GRSB

1	Chris West	290 7X
2	Colin Hudson	288 11X
3	Joseph Mabbitt	285 4X

### 0302 50m Precision GRCF

1	Daniel Eggers	281 5X
2	Cer Douglas	274 4X
3	Les Pearson	274 3X

### 0303 50m Precision GRCF Open

1	Les Pearson	278 3X
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### 0304 50m Precision GRCF Classic

1	Les Pearson	269 8X
2	Andrew Graver	268 2X

### 0321 50m Precision LBP

1	Joseph Mabbitt	268 5X
2	Steve Lane	253 0X

### 0341 50m Precision MLP

1	Jon Avetoomyan	110 1X
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### 0342 50m Precision MLR

1	Alan Robinson	81 0X
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### 0401 50m Precision Benched GRSB

1	Mihai Boc	293 19X
2	Les Pearson	282 13X

### 0402 50m Precision Benched GRCF

1	Les Pearson	272 5X
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### 0404 50m Precision Benched GRCF Classic

1	Les Pearson	260 3X
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### 0501 America Match GRSB

1	Colin Hudson	290 10X
2	Oscar Deakin	286 11X
3	Keith Cox	281 5X

### 0502 America Match GRCF

1	Charlie Horner	281 7X
2	Michael Deakin	281 7X

### 0503 America Match GRCF Open

1	Colin Hudson	265 4X
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### 0504 America Match GRCF Classic

1	Meik Waldvogt	271 6X
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### 0521 America Match LBP

1	Steve Lane	278 4X
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### 0701 Timed & Precision 1 GRSB

X 1	Ian Archer	300 21X
X 2	Graeme Dodds	299 13X
X 3	Steve Lane	298 20X
A 1	Scott Lyon	299 16X
A 2	Amiel Gardiner	299 15X
A 3	Daniel Eggers	298 22X
B 1	Andre Georgi	298 16X
B 2	Graham Gough	295 10X
B 3	Gail Podevin	295 9X
C 1	Jim Cooper	298 15X
C 2	Harry Tooth	297 10X
C 3	Charles Murton	296 11X
D 1	Andrew Kitchener	294 7X
D 2	Gareth Kerr	292 6X
D 3	Timothy Offen	288 6X

### 0702 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF

X 1	Christopher Douglas	300 26X
X 1	Oscar Deakin	300 26X

X 3	Joe Pugh	300 26X
A 1	Charlie Horner	300 22X
A 2	Glenn Gordon	300 21X
B 1	Jessica Eggers	300 24X
B 2	Alan Barker	300 17X
B 3	Jim Cooper	300 16X
C 1	Meik Waldvogt	300 15X
C 2	Les Walker	298 17X
C 3	Harry Tooth	298 16X
D 1	Sophie West	300 16X
D 2	Gareth Kerr	298 13X
D 3	Andrew Robinson	296 14X

### 0703 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF Open

1	Charles Bestwick	300 19X
2	David Hackett	299 9X

### 0704 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF Classic

1	Joe Pugh	300 23X
2	Keith Kilvington	300 20X
3	Alan Podevin	299 22X

### 0721 Timed & Precision 1 LBP

X 1	David Gwalter	300 18X
X 2	Steve Lane	300 18X
X 3	Peter Watts	299 14X
A 1	Andrew McGee	298 14X
A 2	Percy New	298 14X
A 3	Morné van Dalen	298 10X
B 1	Tom New	296 10X
B 2	David Cully	294 10X
B 3	Alan Smith	291 4X

### 0722 Timed & Precision 1 LBR

X 1	Lee Townsend	297 19X
A 1	Nigel Porter	298 15X
A 2	Mihai Boc	297 8X
A 3	Ian Archer	295 9X
B 1	Simon Rafferty	296 14X
B 2	David Cully	292 9X
B 3	Bryan Hall	289 7X

### 0723 Timed & Precision 1 AP

1	Andrew McGee	298 14X
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### 0724 Timed & Precision 1 LBP Iron Sights

1	William Horne	298 19X
2	Mike Reynolds	294 9X
3	Alan Podevin	293 8X

## NOTES

In classified events, the overall event winner is the competitor with the highest score – regardless of class. If there is a trophy for the event, it will be awarded to the overall event winner, who may not be the winner of the highest class.

Where an event or class has only one entry, the competitor's name, GRID and score are shown in italic text. No medals are awarded in these cases. However, if there are two or more entries in a classified event then, regardless of class, the highest scoring competitor wins the trophy (if any) for that event.

**0725 Timed & Precision 1 LBR Iron Sights**

1 William Horne 297 16X  
2 Mike Reynolds 295 10X

**0735 Timed & Precision 1 SGM**

1 Mark Nolan 297 17X  
2 Paul Stockill 296 9X  
3 Tim Felstead 293 7X

**0736 Timed & Precision 1 SGSA**

1 Lucius Hilger-Ellis 299 18X  
2 Mark Nolan 298 16X  
3 Adam Chapman 297 16X

**0742 Timed & Precision 1 MLR**

1 Dave Berry 292 7X  
2 Paul Griffiths 291 8X

**0901 Timed & Precision 2 GRSB X**

X 1 Jonny Cormie 592 23X  
A 1 Mark Nolan 584 26X  
A 2 Scott Lyon 584 25X  
A 3 Laura Warwick 580 19X  
B 1 Graeme Dodds 586 25X  
B 2 Declan Byrne 576 15X  
B 3 Ian Cox 572 13X

**0902 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF**

X Jonny Cormie 593 28X  
A 1 Jessica Eggers 595 31X  
A 2 Daniel Eggers 594 41X  
B 1 Graeme Dodds 587 29X  
B 2 M Reynolds 584 19X

**0903 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF Open**

1 Anthony Defreitas 540 20X

**0904 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF Classic**

1 Meik Waldvogt 586 27X

**0921 Timed & Precision 2 LBP**

X 1 Neil Francis 590 20X  
A Paul Stockill 559 12X  
B 1 Mihai Boc 553 15X

**0922 Timed & Precision 2 LBR**

Paul Stockill 528 13X

**1021 Timed & Precision 3 LBP**

1 Dave Morrow 244  
2 Ian Archer 242

**1022 Timed & Precision 3 LBR**

1 Mel Beard 223  
2 Dave Berry 223

**1101 Multi-Target GRSB**

X 1 Oscar Deakin 118 15X  
X 2 Scott Lyon 118 15X  
X 3 Steve Lane 117 9X  
A 1 Lee Townsend 118 13X  
A 2 Daniel Eggers 117 15X  
A 3 Keith Edwards 113 10X  
B 1 Joseph Mabbitt 113 7X  
B 2 Gail Podevin 112 10X  
B 3 Andrew 110 11X  
Kitchener  
C 1 John Farrell 111 8X  
C 2 Les Walker 106 11X  
C 3 Julian Fox 104 6X  
D 1 Simon Rafferty 108 4X  
D 2 Roger Taylor 104 4X  
D 3 Victor Hazelton 98 6X

**1102 Multi-Target GRCF**

X 1 Christopher 119 16X  
Douglas  
X 2 Joe Pugh 119 14X  
X 3 Peter Watts 118 16X  
A 1 David Guest 118 17X  
A 2 Oscar Deakin 117 14X  
A 3 Charlie Horner 116 14X  
B 1 Stephen Wall 117 12X  
B 2 Trevor Maund 115 11X  
B 3 Matthew Wilson 114 14X  
C 1 Andre Georgi 116 15X  
C 2 Joseph Mabbitt 115 13X  
C 3 D Treacy 115 11X  
D 1 Patrick 114 12X  
McGuinness  
D 2 Chris Cooper 112 7X  
D 3 Chris McLean 109 5X

**1103 Multi-Target GRCF Open**

1 Steve Bushnall 117 14X

**1104 Multi-Target GRCF Classic**

1 Alan Podevin 117 13X  
2 Keith Kilvington 116 12X  
3 Steve Bushnall 115 9X

**1121 Multi-Target LBP**

X 1 David Gwalter 118 14X  
X 2 Dave Morrow 118 10X  
X 3 Graeme Dodds 117 17X  
A 1 Alistair Rafferty 114 8X  
A 2 Joseph Mabbitt 113 10X  
A 3 Paul Stockill 113 8X  
B 1 Jim Dodd 109 6X  
B 2 Victor Hazelton 107 7X  
B 3 Gareth Kerr 106 9X

**1122 Multi-Target LBR**

X 1 Jonny Cormie 110 9X  
X 2 Lee Townsend 108 12X  
A 1 David Cully 111 15X  
A 2 David Hackett 110 6X  
A 3 Bryan Hall 106 7X  
B 1 Steve Jordan 105 3X  
B 2 Julian Fox 104 5X

**1124 Multi-Target LBP Iron Sights**

1 William Horne 111 9X  
2 Steve Lane 104 8X  
3 Andrew McGee 103 5X

**1125 Multi-Target LBR Iron Sights**

1 William Horne 110 7X  
2 Dave Harris 105 6X

**1135 Multi-Target SGM**

1 Mark Nolan 116 11X  
2 Glenn Isaacs 105 8X

**1136 Multi-Target SGSA**

1 Mark Nolan 113 7X  
2 Tim Jemmett 111 8X  
3 Mark Gibson 110 11X

**1142 Multi-Target MLR**

1 Roderick Philpott 98 5X  
2 Paul Griffiths 96 2X

**1301 Phoenix A GRSB**

X 1 Christopher 198 25X  
Douglas  
X 2 Gary Bowden 195 23X  
X 3 Jonny Cormie 195 22X  
A 1 Declan Byrne 184 11X  
A 2 David Guest 183 20X  
B 1 Philip Green 176 9X  
B 2 Mark Geldard 175 11X  
B 3 Ian Cox 175 8X

**1302 Phoenix A GRCF**

X 1 Chris West 195 23X  
X 2 Lee Townsend 195 23X  
A 1 Daniel Eggers 196 32X  
A Charlie Horner 196 23X  
A 3 Morné 194 21X  
van Dalen  
B 1 David Cully 194 19X  
B 2 Julian Fox 191 14X  
B 3 Patrick 190 16X  
McGuinness

**1303 Phoenix A GRCF Open**

1 Dean Richardson 185 19X

**1304 Phoenix A GRCF Classic**

1 Matt Greenall 192 21X  
2 Keith Kilvington 192 20X

**1321 Phoenix A LBP**

X 1 Steve Lane 192 14X  
X 2 Morné 188 18X  
van Dalen  
A 1 Steve Jordan 194 23X  
A 2 Charlie Horner 188 21X  
A 3 Paul Stockill 185 14X  
B 1 Stuart Russell 172 7X  
B 2 Jeremy 171 15X  
Derenne

**1322 Phoenix A LBR**

X 1 Jonny Cormie 184 19X  
X 2 Lee Townsend 178 17X  
A 1 David Green 169 11X  
B 1 Dean Richardson 173 3X

**1401 Multi-Target 3 GRSB**

1 Jessica Eggers 211 17X  
2 Daniel Eggers 198 19X

**1402 Multi-Target 3 GRCF**

1 Daniel Eggers 232 24X  
2 Jessica Eggers 216 20X

**1404 Multi-Target 3 GRCF Classic**

Meik Waldvogt 208 16X

**1421 Multi-Target 3 LBP**

1 Steve Lane 218 13X

**1422 Multi-Target 3 LBR**

David Green 176 4X

**1501 1500 GRSB**

X 1 Daniel Eggers 1488 96X  
X 2 Chris West 1487 94X  
A 1 Joe Pugh 1479 96X  
A 2 Steve Lane 1478 86X  
A 3 Ian Archer 1477 87X  
B 1 Jessica Eggers 1476 74X  
B 2 Oscar Deakin 1473 97X  
C 1 M Waldvogt 1468 73X  
C 2 Harry Tooth 1456 73X  
D 1 Patrick 1425 45X  
McGuinness  
D 2 Rachael Byrne 1415 45X

**1502 1500 GRCF**

X 1 Daniel 1494 119X  
Eggers  
A 1 Malcolm 1488 93X  
Stewart  
A 2 Mel Beard 1486 103X  
B 1 Andre 1494 110X  
Georgi  
B 2 Andy 1491 101X  
Summers  
C 1 David Emery 1472 83X  
C 2 Alan Barker 1464 70X  
D 1 Alistair 1454 75X  
Rafferty

**1503 1500 GRCF Open**

Anthony Defreitas 1446 71X

**1504 1500 GRCF Classic**

1 Chris West 1481 81X  
2 Meik Waldvogt 1477 85X

**1521 1500 LBP**

X 1 Ian Archer 1486 99X  
X 2 Neil Francis 1483 97X  
A 1 Lance Peltz 1467 66X  
B 1 Jim Connor 1449 51X  
B 2 Percy New 1446 59X  
B 3 Ian Cox 1442 52X

**1522 1500 LBR**

X 1 John Robinson 1477 78X  
A 1 Neil Jones 1462 69X  
B 1 David Green 1369 44X

**1524 1500 LBP Iron Sights**

1 William Horne 1447 53X  
2 Tony Garwood 1424 46X

**1525 1500 LBR Iron Sights**

1 Alan Podevin 1445 39X  
2 William Horne 1432 57X

**1601 1020 GRSB**

X 1 Chris West 1019 84X  
X 2 C Douglas 1018 78X  
X 3 Jonny Cormie 1017 74X  
A 1 Mel Beard 1013 64X  
A 2 Jessica Eggers 1010 60X  
A 3 Mark Nolan 1009 66X  
B 1 Stephen Wall 1008 46X  
B 2 Jacky Lamb 1004 56X  
B 3 Declan Byrne 999 55X

**1602 1020 GRCF**

X 1 Daniel Eggers 1020 89X  
X 2 Christopher 1020 81X  
Douglas  
A 1 Andre Georgi 1018 72X  
A 2 Oscar Deakin 1015 73X  
A 3 Meik Waldvogt 1015 61X  
B 1 Jessica Eggers 1017 73X  
B 2 Stephen Wall 1010 58X  
B 3 Chris Cooper 1008 52X

**1603 1020 GRCF Open**

1 Anthony Defreitas 1000 65X

**1604 1020 GRCF Classic**

1 Keith Kilvington 1017 71X

**1621 1020 LBP**

X 1 Steve Lane 1019 74X  
X 2 Neil Francis 1015 57X  
A 1 Danny Treacy 1007 57X  
A 2 Lance Peltz 1000 44X  
B 1 Simon Rafferty 1004 40X  
B 2 Andrew Hirst 995 34X  
B 3 David Nicholson 993 38X

**1622 1020 LBR**

X 1 Glenn Gordon 996 41X  
A 1 Jonny Cormie 993 54X  
B 1 David Hackett 944 24X

**1701 Bianchi GRSB**

X 1 Chris West 1898 142X  
A 1 R Wheeler 1817 128X  
A 2 David Cully 1817 113X  
B 1 Derek Morris 1658 96X  
B 2 Gareth Kerr 1563 64X  
B 3 Steven Zinke 1561 78X

**1702 Bianchi GRCF**

X 1 Chris West 1908 164X  
A 1 David Cully 1827 125X  
B 1 K Howell 1561 87X

**1703 Bianchi GRCF****Open**

1 M Hunter 1764 109X

**1704 Bianchi GRCF****Classic**

1 Chris West 1892 139X

**1721 Bianchi LBP**

A 1 Chris West 1886 146X  
A 2 Dave Morrow 1873 129X  
A 3 Neil Francis 1850 115X  
B 1 David Cully 1761 90X  
B 2 Mihai Boc 1740 106X  
B 3 Shaun 1723 111X  
Twomey

**1722 Bianchi LBR**

X Jim Dodd 1732 105X  
A 1 David Emery 1647 94X  
B 1 Arthur 1675 92X  
Hughes

**1821 WA48 LBP**

1 Steve Lane 480 41X  
2 Neil Francis 480 40X  
3 Lance Peltz 480 25X

**1822 WA48 LBR**

1 William Horne 476 29X  
2 Glenn Gordon 474 28X  
3 Ian Archer 470 21X

**1901 Advancing Target GRSB**

X 1 Joe Pugh 296 44X  
X 2 Daniel Eggers 293 35X  
X 3 David Guest 293 33X  
A 1 Meik Waldvogt 285 19X  
A 2 Jessica Eggers 282 25X  
B 1 Charles 282 21X  
Bestwick  
B 2 Guy McCullough 281 18X  
B 3 David Cully 280 25X  
C 1 Julian Fox 277 17X  
C 2 Gabby 276 23X  
Hutchinson  
C 3 Gareth Kerr 272 20X  
D 1 Jim Connor 263 10X  
D 2 Oliver 260 16X  
Ferneyhough  
D 3 Jago Squire 258 16X

**1902 Advancing Target GRCF**

X 1 David Guest 178 28X  
X 2 Andre Georgi 178 25X  
A 1 Mike 179 21X  
Reynolds  
A 2 Daniel Eggers 178 23X  
B 1 David Cully 178 23X  
B 2 Mick Tedesco 177 19X  
B 3 Jessica 176 22X  
Eggers  
C 1 Vince Inman 178 25X  
C 2 Charles 174 18X  
Bestwick

C 3 Declan Byrne 172 22X  
D 1 Mihai Boc 173 18X  
D 2 Chris Cooper 172 19X  
D 3 Patrick 171 15X  
McGuinness

**1903 Advancing Target GRCF Open**

1 David Cully 178 23X  
2 Dean Richardson 172 20X  
3 Jim Dodd 169 12X

**1904 Advancing Target GRCF Classic**

1 Alan Podevin 180 26X  
2 Keith Kilvington 179 28X  
3 Alistair Rafferty 178 24X

**1921 Advancing Target LBP**

X 1 Charlie Horner 180 23X  
X 2 Dave Morrow 178 24X  
X 3 Lee Townsend 177 24X  
A 1 Alistair Rafferty 177 21X  
A 2 Alan Smith 177 21X  
A 3 Jonny Cormie 177 18X  
B 1 Dean 172 21X  
Richardson  
B 2 Ian Cox 169 20X  
B 3 Scott Lyon 167 11X

**1922 Advancing Target LBR**

X 1 Morné 174 17X  
van Dalen  
A 1 Jonny Cormie 176 26X  
A 2 Glenn Gordon 173 17X  
B 1 Julian Fox 171 20X  
B 2 Arthur Hughes 163 12X  
B 3 Charlie Horner 158 11X

**1924 Advancing Target LBP Iron Sights**

1 Tony Garwood 174 19X  
2 Mike Reynolds 173 16X  
3 Alan Podevin 171 19X

**1925 Advancing Target LBR Iron Sights**

1 William Horne 172 16X  
2 Paul Flanagan 164 15X  
3 Jim Smith 164 11X

**1942 Advancing Target MLR**

1 John Kime 57 1X  
2 Tony Garwood 56 1X  
3 Paul Griffiths 54 3X

**2001 Advancing Target Benched GRSB**

1 David Cully 295 39X  
2 Rachael Byrne 288 21X

**2004 Advancing Target Benched GRCF Classic**

Tianyi Xiao 140 4X

**2101 Speed Steel Challenge GRSB**

1 Matthew Ward 20.41  
2 Arwel Roberts 21.83  
3 Steve Jordan 23.11

**2102 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF**

1 David Cully 34.47  
2 Peter Radcliffe 35.09  
3 Daniel Eggers 36.87

**2103 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open**

1 Neil Roberts 42.21

**2104 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic**

1 Keith Kilvington 44.75

**2121 Speed Steel Challenge LBP**

1 Arwel Roberts 27.88  
2 Steve Jordan 29.97  
3 Charlie Horner 30.17

**2122 Speed Steel Challenge LBR**

1 Alan Barker 42.98

**2301 25m Timed GRSB**

1 Charles Bestwick 251 3X  
2 Les Walker 239 0X

**2621 NRA Rapid Fire LBP**

1 Steve Lane 283 5X  
2 Neil Francis 277 3X

**2901 The Grand GRSB**

1 Chris West 919 11X  
2 Les Walker 726 3X

**3335 NRA Embassy Cup SGM**

1 Glenn Isaacs 118  
2 Mark Nolan 109

**3336 NRA Embassy Cup SGSA**

1 Lucius Hilger-Ellis 120  
2 Glenn Isaacs 119  
3 Adam Chapman 118

**3501 Mini-Rifle**

1 Alex Meade 100%  
2 Ryan Young 96.04%  
3 John Thorne 79.12%

**4143 Classic Revolver**

John Emmerson 80 1X

**4144 Classic Percussion Pistol**

1 Alan Robinson 94 1X  
2 Michael Skinner 91 1X

**4145 Classic Flintlock (smoothbore)**

1 David Erskine 80 0X

**4146 Classic Flintlock (rifled)**

1 Alan Robinson 85 0X

**4301 Granet GRSB**1 Michael Deakin 300 28X  
2 Adam Chapman 300 27X  
3 Oscar Deakin 300 20X**4302 Granet GRCF**1 Oscar Deakin 298 18X  
2 Michael Deakin 297 20X**4303 Granet GRCF Open**

1 Adam Chapman 298 18X

**4304 Granet GRCF Classic**1 Matt Greenall 297 17X  
2 Meik Waldvogt 293 13X**4701 Imperial Silhouettes GRSB**1 Jonny Cormie 300 23X  
2 Adam Chapman 300 17X  
3 Steve Jordan 299 21X**4702 Imperial Silhouettes GRCF**1 David Cully 297 17X  
2 Michael Deakin 296 15X**4703 Imperial Silhouettes GRCF Open**

1 Steve Bushnall 280 9X

**4704 Imperial Silhouettes GRCF Classic**1 Meik Waldvogt 297 12X  
2 Charles Bestwick 291 13X  
3 Jim Connor 290 11X**4901 Surrenden GRSB**1 Patrick McGuinness 329 16X  
2 Ben Hathaway 322 10X**4902 Surrenden GRCF**

1 Charlie Horner 305 14X

**4903 Surrenden GRCF Open**

Paul Flanagan 257 6X

**4904 Surrenden GRCF Classic**

1 Matt Greenall 295 11X

**4921 Surrenden LBP**

1 Glenn Gordon 308 11X

**4922 Surrenden LBR**

Glenn Gordon 300 7X

**5134 100yd Shotgun**1 Mark Nolan 35 0V  
2 Carl Roberts 34 2V**5142 100yd Black Powder Revolver**1 Mark Luther 33 2V  
2 Paul Griffiths 22 1V**5301 100/200yd GRSB**

1 Mark Nolan 70 1V

**5321 100/200yd LBP**

Paul Griffiths 91 5V

**5342 100/200yd Black Powder Revolver**

1 Paul Griffiths 24 0V

**5565 200/300yd Production Free Pistol**

A Paul Griffiths 85 5V

**5566 200/300yd Production Free Pistol**

B Paul Griffiths 85 0V

**5685 100/200/300yd Sporting Rifle Statics**1 Cornelius Schalkwyk 207  
2 Peter Watts 189**5767 100/200/300yd Allcomers Revolver**

Paul Griffiths 75 0V

**5781 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle A pre 1955**1 Bill Ellis 96 2V  
2 Jago Squire 89 4V**5782 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle B pre 1955**

1 Edward Corry 105 1V

**5783 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle Open pre 1955**

Steven Voak 120 6V

**5785 100/200/300yd Sporting Rifle**

1 Nigel Jackson 146 19V

**5791 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle post 1955 iron**

1 Alex Thomas 103 2V

**5792 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle post 1955 svc**1 Adam Chapman 135 13V  
2 Glenn Gordon 133 14V**5793 100/200/300yd Svc Rifle post 1955 prac**1 Glenn Gordon 135 7V  
2 Paul Allsop 134 10V  
3 James Day 130 4V**5968 400/500/600yd Free Pistol**

Fred John 139 11V

**5981 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle A pre 1955**1 Bill Ellis 129 9V  
2 Jonathan Hay 126 6V**5982 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle B pre 1955**

Jonathan Hay 115 5V

**5983 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle Open pre 1955**

1 Patrick Humphreys 127 4V

**5986 400/500/600yd F Class Open**1 Pieter Damen 219 25V  
2 Peter van Gemert 217 19V  
3 Pouwke Jongbloed 213 19V**5987 400/500/600yd Black Powder Cartridge**

1 Granville Thomas 61 1V

**5988 400/500/600yd FTR**1 Michael Reeves 217 22V  
2 Ingrid van Gemert 216 23V  
3 Peter Dommett 214 19V**5991 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle post 1955 iron**

Alex Thomas 136 7V

**5992 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle post 1955 svc**

1 Adam Chapman 140 8V

**5993 400/500/600yd Svc Rifle post 1955 pract**1 David Green 149 27V  
2 Paul Andrew 148 23V  
3 Paul Allsop 148 19V**6168 800/900/1000yd Free Pistol**

1 Robert Harris 147 20V

**6181 800/900/1000yd Svc Rifle A pre 1955**

Carl Roberts 91 1V

**6183 800/900/1000yd Svc Rifle Open pre 1955**

Pouw Jongbloed 115 4V

**6186 800/900/1000yd F Class Open**1 Mandy Kelders 225 35V  
2 Carlo Kelders 225 34V  
3 P Jongbloed 225 32V**6188 800/900/1000yd FTR**1 Dermot O'Connor 221 28V  
2 Pouw Jongbloed 216 13V  
3 Robert Camerlink 204 15V**6193 800/900/1000yd Svc Rifle post 1955**1 David Green 149 13V  
2 Paul Allsop 146 16V  
3 Vyv Greenall 142 16V**6501 McQueen GRSB X**X 1 Jonathan Binder-Swash 50 9V 50 7V  
X 1 Christopher Dye 50 9V 50 7V  
X 3 Guy Morgan 50 9V 50 5V  
A 1 Jim Cooper 50 8V 50 5V  
A 2 Timothy Offen 50 6V 50 5V  
A 3 Andrew Burgess 50 4V  
B 1 Mark Adams 50 6V 50 5V  
B 2 Gabby Hutchinson 50 3V  
B 3 David O'Keeffe 49 1V**6507 McQueen Issued GRSB**1 Jonathan Binder-Swash 50 8V 50 5V  
1 Timothy Offen 50 8V 50 5V  
3 James Walton 50 7V 50 8V**6580 McQueen**1 Simon Walker 50 7V 50 3V  
2 Dave McGill 50 7V 50 2V  
3 Colin Shorthouse 50 7V**6590 McQueen Issued Rifle**1 Colin Shorthouse 50 8V 50 2V  
2 Simon Walker 50 7V 50 1V  
3 James Boyle 50 6V 49 6V**INDIVIDUAL AGGREGATES****John Rolfe Trophy (T&P2 Rifle)**

1 Jonny Cormie 1185 51X

**Sue Mansbridge Rosebowl (1500 Rifle)**

1 Daniel Eggers 2982 215X

**Phoenix Bianchi Aggregate - Rifle**

1 Chris West 3806 306X

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(TP1, MT & AT)**

1 Alan Podevin 596 61X

**Whittle Newcomers  
Trophy**

1 Guy McCullough 11

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Range Pistol)**

1 Fred John 236 17V

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(1500 & Bianchi)**

1 Chris West 6783 510X

**Phoenix Shotgun  
Aggregate - Manual**

1 Mark Nolan 413 28X

**Phoenix Shotgun  
Aggregate - Semi-Auto**

1 Mark Nolan 411 23X

**CLUB TEAMS****Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target GRSB**1 **Aldershot 1647 99X**Amiel Gardiner  
Keith Cox  
Keith Edwards  
Malcolm Stewart  
Hary Tooth**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target GRCF**1 **Aldershot 1660 136X**Peter Watts  
Keith Cox  
Nigel Porter  
Keith Edwards  
Malcolm Stewart**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target LBP**1 **Sigma 1650 102X**Steve Lane  
Lee Townsend  
Charlie Horner  
Steve Jordan  
Mihai Boc**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target LBR**1 **Sigma 1572 69X**Lee Townsend  
Mihai Boc  
Charlie Horner  
Steve Jordan**INTERNATIONAL  
TEAMS****Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target GRSB**1 **Scotland White 1647 100X**Scott Lyon  
Graeme DoddsChris Douglas  
Charles Bestwick  
Jonny Cormie**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target GRCF**1 **England 1666 136X**Peter Watts  
Oscar Deakin  
Keith Kilvington  
Mike Reynolds  
Dave Morrow**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target LBP**1 **England 1659 111X**David Gwalter  
Steve Lane  
Lee Townsend  
David Guest  
Ash Dagger**Timed & Precision 1 +  
Multi-Target LBR**1 **Scotland White 1591 65X**Jonny Cormie  
Glenn Gordon  
Charles Bestwick  
Dave Berry  
Stuart Rankine**IGRF INTERNATIONAL  
MATCHES****Gallery Rifle Smallbore  
(Phoenix Cup)**1 **Great Britain 5910 384X**Chris West  
Rob Wheeler  
Jake Mossom  
Keith Edwards  
Amiel Gardiner2 **Germany 5806 298X**Daniel Eggers  
Jessica Eggers  
André Georgi  
Meik Waldvogt  
Steven Zinke3 **Ireland 5627 252X**Frank Feeney  
Mark Nolan  
Shaun Bull  
Declan Byrne**Gallery Rifle Centrefire  
(Phoenix Trophy)**1 **Germany 5950 389X**Daniel Eggers  
Jessica Eggers  
André Georgi  
Meik Waldvogt  
Steven Zinke2 **Great Britain 5929 364X**Jonny Cormie  
Ian Archer  
Malcolm Stewart  
Dave Hackett  
Chris Douglas3 **Ireland 5845 312X**Mark Nolan  
Frank Feeney  
Declan Byrne  
Stephen Wall**HANDGUN LEAGUE  
- 2025 CURRENT  
STANDINGS****LBP Open**1 Tim Gardener 100.00%  
2 W Mickiewicz 94.42%  
3 Bob Parkhouse 87.44%**LBP Standard**1 Tim Gardener 100.00%  
2 James Harris 96.38%  
3 David Westhead 84.71%**LBR**1 Tim Gardener 100.00%  
2 Stuart Tennent 78.33%  
3 Russell Hicks 74.39%**SHOTGUN LEAGUE  
- 2025 CURRENT  
STANDINGS****Open**1 Eduard Nicorici 100.00%  
2 Paul Moreland 80.29%  
3 Matthew Orton 75.17%**Standard**1 Lucius Hilger-Ellis 100.00%  
2 James Harris 92.03%  
3 James Bardolph 87.36%**Standard Manual**1 Matt Liddy 100.00%  
2 Graham Hill 90.99%  
3 Tim Felstead 90.05%**CSR LEAGUE  
2024/25 - FINAL  
RESULTS****Historic X Class**

1 J Gray 997.07

**Historic A Class**1 A Rigby 471.41  
2 J Hogarth 441.98**Iron X Class**

1 B Ellis 990.47

**Iron A Class**1 A Thomas 568.06  
2 P Radcliffe 232.36**Service Optic X Class**1 A Chapman 992.44  
2 P Cottrell 990.13**Service Optic A Class**1 P Slinn 893.26  
2 G Gilfedder 883.07  
3 B Randall 880.33**Service Optic B Class**1 D McDonagh 789  
2 R. Collins 780.14  
3 C Gamlin 726.2**Practical Optic X Class**1 J Timms 978.15  
2 M Eustance 978  
3 R Li 975.01**Practical Optic A Class**1 D Camp 928.71  
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## JULY

- 02-06 CSR Imperial 2025**  
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA
- 03-06 F Class Imperial Meeting 2025**  
F Class, NRA
- 05-06 CSR Imperial - Team 2025**  
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, NRA
- 06 F Class Imperial - Teams 2025**  
F Class, NRA
- 11-17 Match Rifle Imperial Meeting 2025**  
Match Rifle, NRA
- 11-13 ISCRM - Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting 2025**  
Schools & Cadet, NRA
- 12-20 McQueen Imperial Meeting 2025**  
Civilian Service Rifle, Classic & Historic, McQueen, Sporting Rifle, Target Rifle, NRA
- 12-13 Imperial Historic Arms Meeting 2025**  
Classic & Historic, Gallery Rifle & Pistol, Muzzle Loading NRA
- 12-22 Sporting Rifle Imperial Meeting 2025**  
Sporting Rifle, NRA
- 14-17 Match Rifle Imperial - Teams 2025**  
Match Rifle, NRA
- 14-17 CCF Schools Imperial Meeting 2025**  
Schools & Cadet, Target Rifle, CCRS, NRA
- 17-20 Gallery Rifle & Pistol Imperial Meeting 2025**  
Gallery Rifle & Pistol, Muzzle Loading, NRA
- 17-26 Target Rifle Imperial - Team 2025**  
Target Rifle, Schools & Cadet, NRA
- 17 Schools Veterans Match 2025**  
Target Rifle, Schools & Cadet, NRA
- 18-26 156th Target Rifle Imperial Meeting**  
Target Rifle, IMPERIAL MEETING, NRA
- 21-22 Imperial 300m Championships 2025**  
300m, Target Rifle, NRA

## AUGUST

- 15-17 Cottesloe Heath Challenge 2025**  
Target Shotgun, NRA
- 30-31 Nationals 2025**  
Gallery Rifle & Pistol, Target Shotgun, Muzzle Loading, Civilian Service Rifle, McQueen, NRA

## 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**  
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## DECEMBER

- 07 CSR Winter League - Dec 2025**  
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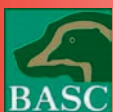
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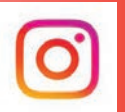


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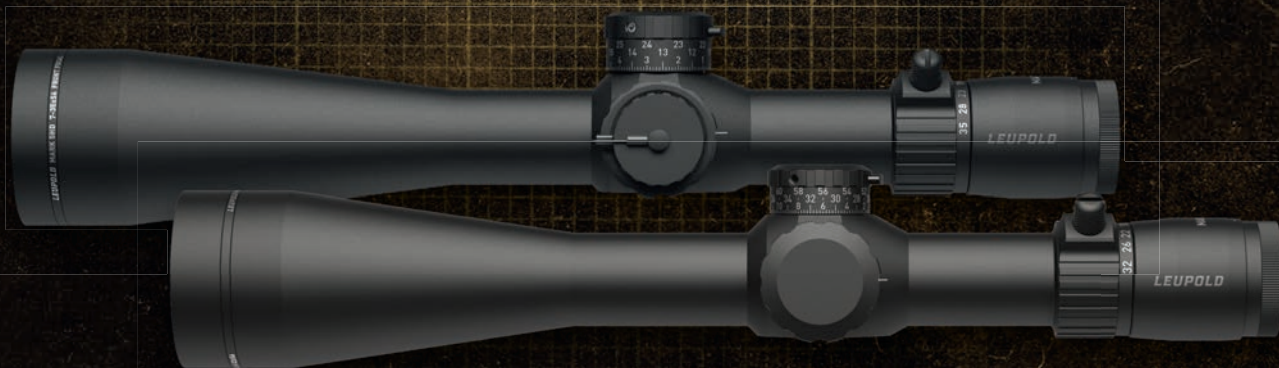
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