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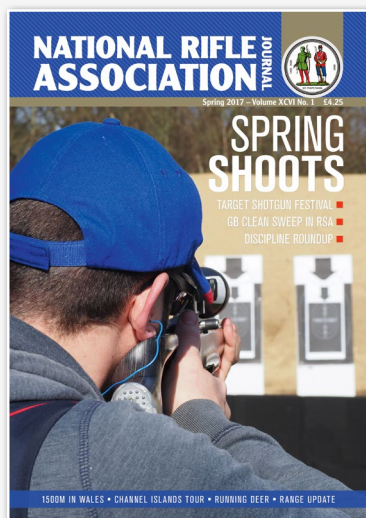
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Shooting looks to the future

NRA CEO, Andrew Mercer, closes the year by noting the widespread environmental concerns that defined 2019 and looks forward to the next steps for the Association

The advancing tide of environmental legislation is approaching the beaches of target shooting. Progressive restrictions on the use of lead in ammunition are being actively considered, as are plans from parts of the shooting community for a future without lead. Some sectors will be less affected than our own. The game shooting community face particular problems, including the growing resistance of UK supermarkets and European game dealers to stock birds shot with lead ammunition; they rightly fear for their future if these major markets for shot game dry up. Steel shot and biodegradable cup wads are realistic options for many shotgun shooters, though I confess that the thought of squeezing my teeth down on steel shot among a mouthful of pheasant is not an attractive prospect.

Credible lead-free options for the target shooting community are less certain; lower density means longer bullets, which I am advised means tighter barrel twists to stabilise the projectiles. The smaller the calibre, the greater the challenge; .22RF and indeed airgun pellets are particularly problematic. Lead alternatives also present particular difficulties for muzzle loaders and many historic rifles.

Furthermore, changing bullet composition presents challenges in assessing ricochet characteristics, and the validity of our assessments of range safety. The current focus on lead in ammunition is outdoor shooting. We have robust arguments to justify our practices, such as firing copper-jacketed lead core bullets into sand stop butts, which are regularly screened, and bullets recycled. There are fewer concerns at present regarding shooting on indoor ranges, but we need to keep a wary eye on how such ranges are defined.

I am particularly keen for the shooting community to address this issue collectively and thoughtfully, rather than allow our collective voices to become fragmented and easier to ignore.

Our membership team are once again busy with individual and club affiliation renewals. But one year has elapsed since we instigated the scheme of centrally issued NRA Shooter Certification Cards. A quick glance out of my window confirms that the sky has not fallen upon us, and thanks to the diligence and hard work of club officials and our staff, the transition



proved remarkably straightforward. This year the processes are considerably easier for club officials and NRA staff, and 2020 SCCs are being turned round with considerable alacrity.

Don't forget – renew your own NRA membership and club affiliation on time to keep your insurance valid.

At Bisley, the recent heavy rain has proved challenging to the ranges' staff. Sand stop butts have suffered, and we have kept a careful eye to ensure channelling and slippages did not compromise range safety. We have trialled other materials for the impact areas but sand is still our preferred choice, particularly on the larger ranges.

Finally, we are seeking to appoint two new co-opted trustees to the NRA Council, the governing body of the charity. Trustees serve critical and, at times, thankless roles in upholding the aims and objectives of the charity. I have been in post seven years and, throughout this tenure, consistently impressed with the commitment and care that our Trustees have worked to protect, enhance and improve the Association. See the notice on page 8 for further details. ■

NEWS

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SEONAIID ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Seonaid McIntosh has won gold at the ISSF World Cup Final in Putian, China, and confirmed her world number one status in the women's 50m rifle prone discipline.

The ISSF World Cup Final is an invitation-only event for the best performers from the ISSF World Cups throughout the year, so to qualify is itself an achievement – but Seonaid went one better.

She went into the final in second position, having scored 1171 in qualifying. In the three-stage final, she scored 462.1 to take the top spot, nearly five points ahead of China's Ruijiao Pei in second.

Seonaid had been ranked world number one before the meeting began, but this result confirms that she will go into 2020, an Olympic year, at the top of the rankings.



EXTERNAL RANGE BOOKING CONFERENCE

The External Range Booking Conference was held on Thursday 31 October.

The main points to note include:

- Clubs that have ammunition storage boxes must update their stock tally cards

- Members/Clubs must pre-book rifles with the Armoury
- If there is an incident where a club member requires hospital treatment, it is the club's responsibility to attend
- Range payments are to be received

NEW RULES ON DE-ACTS

The Government is incorporating new firearms laws based on 2017 EU Firearms Directive. The directives cover civilian ownership of firearms, registration with licensing authorities, deactivated firearms, security issues for the ownership of firearms by under 18s and the requirements for RFDs to record more details of firearms in their registers. The rules weren't expected to come to the UK, but delays to Brexit mean they become mandatory before the UK left the EU.

Of importance to individual shooters is that the transfer of deactivated firearms now requires notification to licensing authorities, and ownership of deactivated firearms requires notification by the owner to the licensing authorities. This must be done immediately unless the deactivated firearm was in possession of the owner before 14 September 2018, in which case it must be done by 14 March 2021.

The new requirements come into force on 12 December, though the Home Office hasn't yet said exactly what details need to be declared. Nevertheless, failure to comply could result in a criminal record and a fine, shooters have been warned.

before shooting commences

- Changes to range layout for 2020. No independent fallbacks.
- Change in cancellation policy for high season weekends to Tuesday midnight
- Abuse of any NRA staff will not be tolerated

All other information regarding important dates can be found on the following address: nra.org.uk/nra-bisley/ranges/latest-range-information.

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Shortlists are detailed in the box to the right. Vote now at:

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We are delighted to announce that Gabrielle O'Leary has been appointed to the new position of Head TR Instructor.

Gabrielle brings a wealth of experience leading training projects and course design, as well as competitive Target Rifle shooting at county, national and international level.

Commenting on her appointment, Gabrielle said: "I look forward to developing a robust programme to improve the skills, competence and confidence of individuals participating in Target Rifle events across the country, and to attract more shooters to take up this wonderful sport."

Gabrielle can be contacted at gabrielle.oleary@nra.org.uk.

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The NRA, a registered charity, is seeking to appoint two new co-opted trustees to the Council of the Association (the board of trustees).

The trustee board meets six times each year, with each meeting typically requiring a full day plus additional time to review reports. Trustees receive regular email traffic between meetings, which may require response. Trustees are unpaid but can be reimbursed for expenses.

Trustees must be Members of the NRA; applications from Members from a military background, and with professional real estate or marketing / communication backgrounds will be particularly welcome.

To register your interest or for further details please contact NRA Chairman John Webster chairman@nra.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Monday 6 January 2020.



GB TEAM TO CANADA

I am honoured to have been selected by the Council of the NRA to be Captain of the Great Britain Target Rifle Team to the USA and Canada in 2021. I am delighted to be joined by Gary Alexander (GB and Ireland) as my Vice Captain and David Rose (GB and England) as Adjutant.

There is to be an America Match at Camp Atterbury in early August. Thus our 'pre tour' shoot becomes something rather more than a 'friendly' visit to a Canadian province before moving to Ottawa to compete in the DCRA annual meeting. We are likely to depart the UK in early August and return on or near the late bank holiday weekend.

The team will number 20 members. I intend to take a core of very experienced shooters and coaches – the Americans are hard to beat on their own ground. I also intend to take some new caps.

I am aware that problems with the ammunition used in the Imperial Meeting for the last two years may have depressed results. To that end, please include open meeting results where recently issued GGG ammunition was *not* used. I would be grateful if County Captains also let me know of team members who are worthy of consideration – for example shooters who shoot excellent elevations but are not experts at coaching themselves.

A squad will be selected in spring 2020 and there will be training weekends in October 2020 and April, May or June 2021. I would encourage squad members to shoot in as many open meetings as possible before the next year's Imperial.

Please send your application to andrewlothian01@gmail.com as soon as possible, but by 31 March 2020, including a short CV of your shooting achievements.

Andrew Lothian, Team Captain

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLUB FEES HAVE INCREASED

It has now become more expensive to get a licence to set up a shooting club. As of 1 October, the first-time grant of a shooting club licence now costs £444. A renewal costs £372. Moving the location of a club will cost £300, and changing the name of the approved person on the licence will set you back £206. This applies to any club that wants to shoot rifles or muzzle-loading pistols.

VOTE FOR SHOOTING

A General Election has been called for 12 December, and all those who shoot have been urged to back a candidate who is supportive of the shooting sports. BASC has set up an election website where you can assess the views of your local candidates, or contact those whose views aren't known. Visit the website at: basc.org.uk/election2019

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES

The NRA offices will be closed from 1pm on Tuesday 24 December, and open from Thursday 2 January.

The Ranges and Pavilion will be closed from Monday 23 December, and open from Friday 3 January.

The NCSC will be closed from Monday 23 December to Thursday 26 December; and from Monday 30 December to Wednesday 1 January. It is open from Friday 27 December to Sunday 29 December; and from Thursday 2 January.

BSS GOES TO MANCHESTER

The British Shooting Show's second event will take place at Event City, Manchester, on 19-20 September 2020. This comes after initial plans for an event in Liverpool were cancelled after Liverpool's mayor pressured the intended venue to drop the show. The show also comes to the NEC in February as normal.



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Historic Event

Derek Stimpson gives us a flavour of the events comprising this year's Trafalgar

As usual the weekend flew by, and the weather was kind to us. Capacity for more shooting to take place certainly existed, especially on Sunday morning. Apart from actually shooting, time is needed to get all the shopping and socializing done – often for members coming from afar for an annual visit (or bi-annual with IHAM!) The Trafalgar is a unique international historic arms meeting at which all of these can be done, attracting many overseas competitors.

The popular arms fair was held in the frame tent as usual, which, when I was there, was busy with visitors stocking up on supplies or indeed buying historic arms. The HBSA historic arms display was a point of much interest in the tent, as was the HBSA Heritage pistol exhibition in the Pavilion Enfield room, covering a remarkable range of pistols and types. Plenty to keep both visitors and shooters occupied while not actually shooting, and perhaps acquiring something additional to shoot next year!

As usual the Range Officers, on which the meeting so much depends, did a

superb job in managing safe and enjoyable shooting with such a wide range of historic arms, and with just the right balance of a firm but friendly hand plus keeping the timetable flowing.

I personally shot five competitions: two for double rifle, plus moving target, running boar and deer. I was glad to see a few new entrants on the running boar and have some more competition, but we do need a few more collectors with double rifles wiping out the oil from their bores and shooting them.

The NRA's careful planning of range time and good organisation allowed, as in previous years, the Scout meeting to take place on the same weekend. Thanks go both to the NRA, and to all the volunteers who contribute their time to support this meeting. I believe that the following comments from three competitors are worth quoting: *"Many thanks for all your hard work, organising the Trafalgar Meeting. We had a splendid day and the weather was good. Many thanks to the RCOs for all their help – we had a seamless transition from one*

shoot to the next. Many thanks."

The long list of competitions for Trafalgar exists with good reason and the results are always interesting to study. There are some, more specialised perhaps, which had few shooters, even a single competitor, but a good number are shot by 10 or more people.

Competitors also took advantage of the 'bulk discount' for entries so must have also been kept very busy shooting on both days and running from one competition to the next.

The 'stats office' is a vital part of any meeting and correct recording of a wide range of scores for this meeting in particular. Thanks go to Anne and Bryden Ritchie for their work on stats and results.

Historic and Classic Arms representative Neil Macfarlane was also on the ranges, meeting competitors and assisting where necessary, as well as in the stats room and presenting the prizes on Sunday evening.

The variety of arms being used is always impressive – military, target and sporting, muzzle-loading long-arms and pistols,

both flint and percussion, breech-loading rifles of many types, including rook rifles and large bore big game rifles. All shot on both static and moving targets, both prone and standing.

The level of expertise and knowledge present at this meeting is always remarkable. The standard of shooting is generally very high, especially taking into account the variety of arms, as mentioned above.

The Trafalgar is one of the largest historic arms shooting meetings anywhere in the world and held at such a world famous location – NRA's Bisley ranges where this year we celebrated 150th Imperial meeting since the first shot was fired by HM Queen Victoria on Wimbledon Common in 1860. An historic venue in which to celebrate our heritage in historic arms, both shooting and collecting them being well represented at the meeting.

The annual Section 7 heritage pistol exhibition organised by the HBSA and hosted by the NRA in the Pavilion Enfield room was on hand to keep shooters and visitors engaged when they had spent their money at the arms fair. There were some very complete and large displays of iconic and historic side-arms, including the well known Webleys, Mauser 1896s (notably shoulder-stocked pistols and carbines), Colts, as well as a number of very rare and little known arms.

We should be pleased that this year's meeting was another success but we cannot be complacent and need more competitors!

Entries are detailed in the table across.

While competitor numbers were down, the average number of events shot per competitor was 5.5, the highest for five years, although only marginally above 2018 which was 5.4.

TRAFALGAR ENTRIES		
Year	No of Competitors	No of Cards
2019	176	968
2018	193	1046
2017	189	971
2016	198	993



The NRA do maintain the broad number of competitions in the list with good reason, and to be inclusive of as many historic arms types and models as possible. We need to take advantage of this. Out of the 194 competitions on offer there were 17 competitions which no one shot this year compared to six in 2015, and 30 in which only one person shot compared to 30 in 2015 (many similar but not always the same ones!) There were 23 competitions where more than 10 entrants shot compared to 33 in 2015, and the top number for one competition (406 – 200yds Classic Service Rifle) was 37 versus 45 in 2015.

While this is interesting, it does bear out the impression of fewer new shooters coming into the historic matches. So we

do need to encourage new, and perhaps younger shooters to join us. Do encourage your friends and other club members to come and join in.

If you are not sure which competitions to enter do contact the NRA who will assist. The main thing is to take part and enjoy using your historic arms, and enjoy watching others use theirs.

It is also to be hoped that those who are now no longer shooting them, retain their historic arms as collectors, and thus contribute to preserving our heritage.

We must look to the future and preserve that heritage for future generations, so keep collecting and keep up shooting practice.

We look forward to seeing more of you next year with even more entries! ■

We do need to encourage new, and perhaps younger shooters to join us



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The season begins

Nick St Aubyn provides a full report on the autumn's CSR events, from kicking off the Winter League to saying goodbye to one of CSR's best-loved figures



The 2019 season got off to a flying start on the weekend of 5-6 October.

The Saturday started proceedings with the Historic Service Rifle Match. Shot on Century in the afternoon over five stages from 100-300 yards, it's an excellent opportunity for many CSR shooters to dust off the historic rifles for an outing.

Classes are Classic (SMLEs), Veteran (Enfield No 4 & 5s), Veteran Optic (4T) and All Comers (foreign service rifles of similar age). 48 competitors took up the challenge across the classes, which is an excellent turn out.

Starting off with standing or kneeling at 100 yards is a gentle introduction, followed by sitting rapid and prone snaps at 200 yards, ending with prone rapid and snaps at 300 yards makes for an excellent challenge. Even more so if you're not used to iron sights anymore. A DP2 target at 300 yards looks surprisingly small!

Many congratulations go to the winners in their respective classes (HPS=250).

The Sunday was the start of the CSR 2019-20 CSR League. With three matches in the day, it's a busy – but popular – day's shooting. The morning saw the record 144 competitors divided up between Century and Short Siberia for the first matches.

Century saw the competitors shooting the Short Range Rural Match. Shot from 100-300 over five stages and including standing, kneeling, sitting and prone positions, it covers pretty much every part of CSR in one go. It also includes everyone's favourite 300-200-100 yard rundown stage.

Over on Short Siberia, competitors were enjoying the Urban Match, which is shot from 100-25 yards in four stages on turning targets. This match isn't shot too often during the league, so it's always a popular choice. Stage 1 at 100 yards is standing with a post for support, followed

by stage 2 at 75 yards kneeling round a barricade. Both stages shot on figure 11 targets using the much tighter pistol scoring rings. Stage 3, at 50 yards, is a double snaps with the first shot taken standing and the second from kneeling. Finally, stage 4 at 25 yards is another snaps, but with only three seven-second exposures to fire your 10 shots from standing there isn't much time! Stages 3 and 4 are shot on Figure 14 window targets – so there isn't much room for error.

The afternoon saw all the competitors come back together on Century for the Whitehead Match. This is a five-stage match shot from 300 down to 100 yards. This stage is shot as a complete match by each detail – with the added difficulty of no sighting shots and no spotters at each stage to give you feedback. With the usual CSR mix of different shooting positions, it's a tough match that requires good wind reading skills.



Mark Bradley's sister fired the cannon to spread his ashes

Congratulations go to the winners of the different matches, who are detailed in the tables to the right.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the generous support of Vortex Optics in adding further awards to their sponsorship of the 2019/20 League. In addition to the scopes for Service Optic and Practical Optic classes in the League and Imperial Rural Match 2020, the Vortex team wished to ensure all the different classes are recognised. So this year they are introducing Diamondback 10x42 Binoculars as prizes for the winners of the Historic and Iron classes in the League and Imperial Rural Match 2020.

November

The November CSR League match started with a short memorial service for Mark Bradley, an avid CSR competitor and former NRA CSR rep who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

The service took place at the 600-yard point on Century Range and was

conducted by the Reverend M Chester CF, who led the NRA Armistice Match Remembrance Service in 2018.

At the end of the service Mark's ashes were scattered by cannon fire across the range as per his request.

The CSR match was then shot after the service – with a delay in the morning due to the high winds! The later start meant dropping a couple of stages from the match – but this, combined with shooting through the lunch break, meant the match carried on.

The weather conditions weren't kind and the howling wind and driving rain made the day as much about endurance as shooting skill. This was true Winter League weather!

With stages at 500, 400 and 300 yards for the first part of the match and then 100, 200 and 300 yards in the second part, it was still a varied competition that rewarded those with excellent wind reading skills.

Very many congratulations to the winners of the different classes. As usual, full results can be seen on the NRA website. ■



There was a good turnout for the November league stage

WINNERS: HISTORIC SERVICE RIFLE MATCH

Classic		
Gold	A Hurle	180
Silver	A Littler	161
Veteran		
Gold	M Burns	225
Silver	A Chapman	224
Bronze	J Avetoomyan	213
Veteran Optic		
Gold	R Wade	241
All Comers		
Gold	R England	192

WINNERS: CSR LEAGUE STAGE OCTOBER

Short Range Rural Match (HPS=250)		
Historic	G Corfield	126
Iron	D Cross	179
Practical	C Hudson	242
Service	N Greenaway	240
Urban Match (HPS=200)		
Historic	H Davies	145
Iron	A Littler	163
Practical	N St Aubyn	186
Service	A Chapman	196
Whitehead Match (HPS=250)		
Historic	H Davies	119
Iron	A Littler	176
Practical	J Elliott	240
Service	A Chapman	241

RESULTS: CSR LEAGUE STAGE NOVEMBER

AM Match (HPS=150)		
Historic	J Gray	60
Iron	D Livingstone	90
Practical	C Hudson	129
Service	R Wade	133
PM Match (HPS=150)		
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We've got all the top scores from the Long Range Rim Fire club's autumn meeting

The Long Range Rim Fire Club, motto Plumbulla Longe It (A Little Lead Goes a Long Way), held its seventh Autumn Meeting at Bisley on Sunday 13 October. 21 members fired 20 shots to count at 300 and 400 yards using .22 rimfire rifles.

Although the forecast was for a foul, wet day, in fact there was only a little fine drizzle in the late morning and early afternoon, which did not greatly affect the shooting, and the sun shone through towards the end of the afternoon. However, there was a strong left wind blowing from 8 or 9 o'clock. This was worth about 5 to 10 minutes at 300 yards and 15 to 20 minutes at 400, so scores were quite low. The exception was the first detail at 300 yards, where the wind was more moderate and steady, allowing

a few competitors to score more than 90, and Ben Stubbins to make a brilliant 96.6. However, he was unable to repeat this at 400 yards and Michael Haselgrove stormed through with an 81.3 to take the Campaign Cup, though Ben did make enough at 400 yards to retain the TRSB Aggregate Trophy for the second year running.

It was encouraging to receive two entries for SRSB, so the 28th Light AA Regiment Tankard was awarded to Tony Cattermole. It would be good to see more competitors bringing out their SRSB rifles in future.

The Treasurer's Spoon, for the aggregate of the Summer and Autumn Meetings, went to Peter Francis, while the Donegall Badge for the aggregate at 400 yards in both meetings was taken by Steve Isherwood. ■



PRIZE LIST

MSRB 300

1	Ben Stubbins	96.06
2	Peter Francis	93.08
3	Michael Haselgrove	92.07

MSRB 400

1	Michael Haselgrove	81.03
2	Rob Grice	77.04
3	Chris Hazlehurst	77.03

MSRB Aggregate

1	Michael Haselgrove	173.10
2	Ben Stubbins	169.09
3	Peter Francis	164.08

TRSB 300

1	Ben Stubbins	96.06
2	Peter Francis	93.08
3	Tim Stubbins	91.07

TRSB 400

1	Rob Grice	77.04
2	Chris Hazlehurst	77.03
3	Scott Hale	77.02

TRSB Aggregate

1	Ben Stubbins	169.09
2	Peter Francis	164.08
3	Tim Stubbins	163.09

SRSB 300

1	Jeff Wilson	73.00
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SRSB 400

1	Tony Cattermole	58.02
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SRSB Aggregate

1	Tony Cattermole	120.02
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The Campaign Cup for the highest aggregate score was awarded to Michael Haselgrove
The TRSB Aggregate Trophy was awarded to Ben Stubbins for the second year running
The 28th Light AA Regiment Tankard for the highest SRSB aggregate was awarded to Tony Cattermole

The Treasurer's Spoon for the highest aggregate in the Summer and Autumn Meetings 2019 was awarded to Peter Francis with 254.11 ex 335.67

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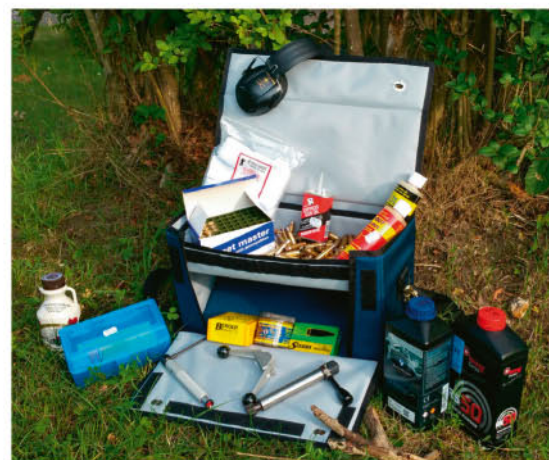
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Duel in a Downpour

The annual 'youth versus experience' battle that is the Ages Match turned into a test of endurance in some truly horrible weather



Late October can produce glorious days with gentle breezes and clear blue skies to enhance the autumn colours. Sunday 27 October was one such day. Unfortunately, the Ages Match was held on Saturday 26 October, when the weather threw all it could at shooters and coaches.

The match pits different age groups against each other, in 10-year groups from the under 25s to the over 65s. The fact that each of the six age groups has won the match in its past seven outings goes to show that Target Rifle is perhaps unique as a sport in which people can remain competitive well into their seventies. Held every two years, the format of this match is teams of 10 shooters firing two sighters plus 10 shots to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards, followed by 2+15 at 900 & 1000 yards.

Starting at 300 yards, the weather was decidedly gloomy, with a brisk and blustery

wind blowing from the left across the range and requiring an allowance of around 2-2½ minutes, with occasional flicks to a finer angle, reducing the correction needed and keeping the coaches on their toes. At least the rain largely held off, with not much more than the odd spot now and then. The combination of this year's smaller ICFRA-based 300-yard targets and the challenging wind resulted in generally lower-than-usual scores at this distance. Of the 60 shooters, only four scored a possible (50 ex 50), though Chloe Evans in the 25-35 team showed everyone else how to do it with a superb full house of 50.10. Her team (self-styled 'Vintage') were the only team to average over 48, taking the early lead with 483.60 (ex 500.100). The 'Silver Surface' (55-64) were in second place on 477.51, followed by the Under 25s with 474.37, 'Mid Life Crisis' (45-54) on 471.36, 'The Middle

Ages' (35-44) with 468.36 and 'Tim's Young Lovelies' (over 65s) on 467.29.

At 500 yards, despite winds needing mostly between two and four minutes of allowance, the coaches were getting into their stride and scores generally improved, with 11 possibles (topped by Ben Stevens' excellent 50.9) and all teams averaging over 48. The 55-64s top scored at this range with 484.47, followed by the Over 65s on 483.52, the 25-34s with 482.54, the 35-44s on 482.53, the 45-54s with 482.50 and the Under 25s on 481.43. This left the 25-35 team still heading the pack on 965.114, but with their lead cut from six to just four points ahead of the 55-64s on 961.98. The Under 25s were six points further back on 955.80, with the other teams all within five points of them. The overall positions were unchanged from 300 yards, but the gaps between teams had changed a bit.

Even though the rain still just about held off, the winds proved more challenging at 600 yards, with a number of magpies appearing among the bulls and inners. The wind allowance was generally between four and six, but there were gusts and holes, where the wind would suddenly drop and change angle. This was reflected in the scores, which were down, with no team averaging 48 and just four possibles, topped by a fine 50.8 from Tom Drysdale. With the distraction of the 'other' match now concluded (England vs New Zealand in the rugby world cup semi-final, which was being watched on a tablet behind the firing point), the 25-34s got back into their winning ways with the top score of 476.50. They were followed closely by the 55-64s on 474.49, the 35-44s on 472.39 and the Under 25s on 471.39. The 45-54s and Over 65s struggled a bit on 467.39 and 461.39 respectively, though the latter's score was not helped by an unexplained miss in the middle of each of two team members' shoots.

At the end of the short-range shoots, the overall positions saw the 25-35s in the lead

with 1441.164, six points ahead of the 2017 winners, the 55-64s, on 1435.147. The Under 25s were third, nine points further back with 1426.119, closely followed by the 35-44s on 1422.128, who had pulled themselves up from fifth to fourth. The 45-54s lay fifth on 1420.125 and the Over 65s brought up the tail on 1411.120, still rueing the unexplained misses. However, with the long range shoots still to come and scores likely to be spread considerably by the strong winds and the forecast rain, there was still all to play for by all teams. Individual scores at short range indicate the effect of the strong winds, with no scores of 150 (7 in 2017) or even 149 (14 in 2017). There were two scores of 148, with 17 and 14 Vs respectively from Yusef Ali and Theo Dodds.

The rain set in over lunch and the team captains agreed to cut the long-range shoots to just 10 shots to count at each distance, rather than the planned 15, to speed up the match and minimise the discomfort.

As is frequently the case in the rain, though still strong, the wind became steadier with a bracket that, for most, was under two minutes between around 8½-10½. On the 900-yard target, scores were generally similar to 600 yards despite the rain. Though possibles were hard to come by (just two, both 50.8 from Kevin Hill and Kit Crabtree), there were 13 scores of 49 and the same number of 48s. Yet again the 25-



The rain held off in the morning, but only got worse as the day went on

34s topped the pile with 479.45, while the 35-44s were close behind on 476.48, with the 55-64s hot on their heels with 474.49, all averaging over 47. The other teams struggled a bit, having to carry a few low scores, including one with four unexplained misses mixed among a string of Vs.

The weather was not conducive to easy marking, with soggy targets making it hard to find fresh shot holes, and the wet sand making it difficult to see the splash, which normally advertises the arrival of a shot and gives a clue as to where it hit the target. Message 4s were commonplace and this, combined with the forecast of the rain getting heavier, led to the decision by the team captains to call it a day rather than get even wetter by shooting 1000 yards: after all, it is intended to be a fun shoot and it was turning out to be rather miserable.

The final scores therefore saw the 25-34s winning the match with 1920.209, an

average of exactly 48 per person. Coached by Will Hanley and Jack Alexander, they had been the top team at three of the four distances. The 55-64s came second, 11 points behind on 1909.196, followed by the 35-44s whose strong finish at 900 yards had pulled them up from fourth place. The Under 25s, the 45-54s and the Over 65s filled up the remaining places in that order.

Top individual was Yusef Ali of the 35-44s, coached by former Queen's Prize winner Ed Compton, with 197.25. He was followed by Theo Dodds of the Under 25s, just three Vs behind. Full results can be found at <https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Results.pdf> and are summarised below.

Thanks must go to Becky Mills and the other NRA staff for their organisation which made the match run smoothly, and particularly to Tony Lawson who acted as range officer the whole day and remained cheerful despite the miserable conditions. ■

AGES MATCH: RESULTS

Pos	Team	300	500	600	900	SR	LR	Total
1	25-34	483.060	482.054	476.050	479.045	1441.164	479.045	1920.209
2	55-64	477.051	484.047	474.049	474.049	1435.147	474.049	1909.196
3	35-44	468.036	482.053	472.039	476.048	1422.128	476.048	1898.176
4	Under 25	474.037	481.043	471.039	466.047	1426.119	466.047	1892.166
5	45-54	471.036	482.050	467.039	464.034	1420.125	464.034	1884.159
6	Over 65	467.029	483.052	461.039	448.046	1411.120	448.046	1859.166

TOP INDIVIDUALS

Team	Individual	300	500	600	900	SR	LR	Total
35-44	Yusef Ali	50.06	50.06	48.05	49.08	148.17	49.08	197.25
Under 25	Theo Dodds	50.05	50.05	48.04	49.08	148.14	49.08	197.22
25-34	Tom Drysdale	48.06	49.08	50.08	48.05	147.22	48.05	195.27
55-64	Andrew Morley	49.07	49.08	48.04	49.03	146.19	49.03	195.22
Over 65	Graeme Clarke	46.03	50.05	50.06	48.07	146.14	48.07	194.21
45-54	Martin Liversage	47.03	49.05	49.04	49.03	145.12	49.03	194.15



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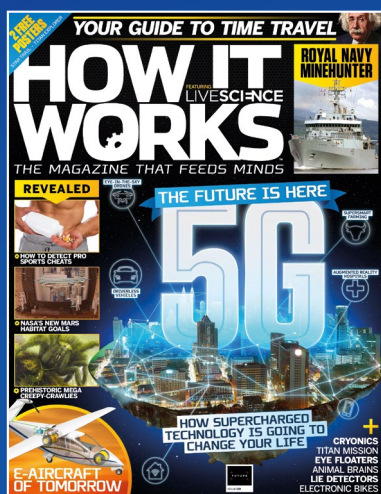


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World-class shoot

Paul Wolpe reports from the 12th MLAIC Long Range World Championships



The GB World Championships team



The Muzzle Loading World Championships were held at Bisley from 25 August to 31 August. There were 69 competitors from 12 different countries, and with great support from the NRA, the event was a resounding success.

The competitors shot the types of rifle that were used around 1860-1880, the heyday of long-range muzzle loading shooting. There were both original and replica classes. The effort of organising the event fell mainly to John Whittaker who also managed to shoot magnificently throughout the week. The organisation was really bi-national with Gerda Lejeune, the Netherlands MLAIC delegate, organising and producing forms and publishing the statistics on paper and online with great efficiency and speed. Allan Whiffin acted as Chief Range Officer for the whole week. The administration was based at the London & Middlesex Rifle Association and Richard and Sam of the LMRA produced packed lunches for the competitors which were very well received.

After registration and equipment scrutiny on the Sunday, the competition began on Monday at 300 yards in

really very high temperatures. These temperatures persisted through to Wednesday when overnight rain cooled things down a bit. One distance was shot on each day so on the following days there were individual and team competitions at 500, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. The fine weather certainly helped with the success of the event.

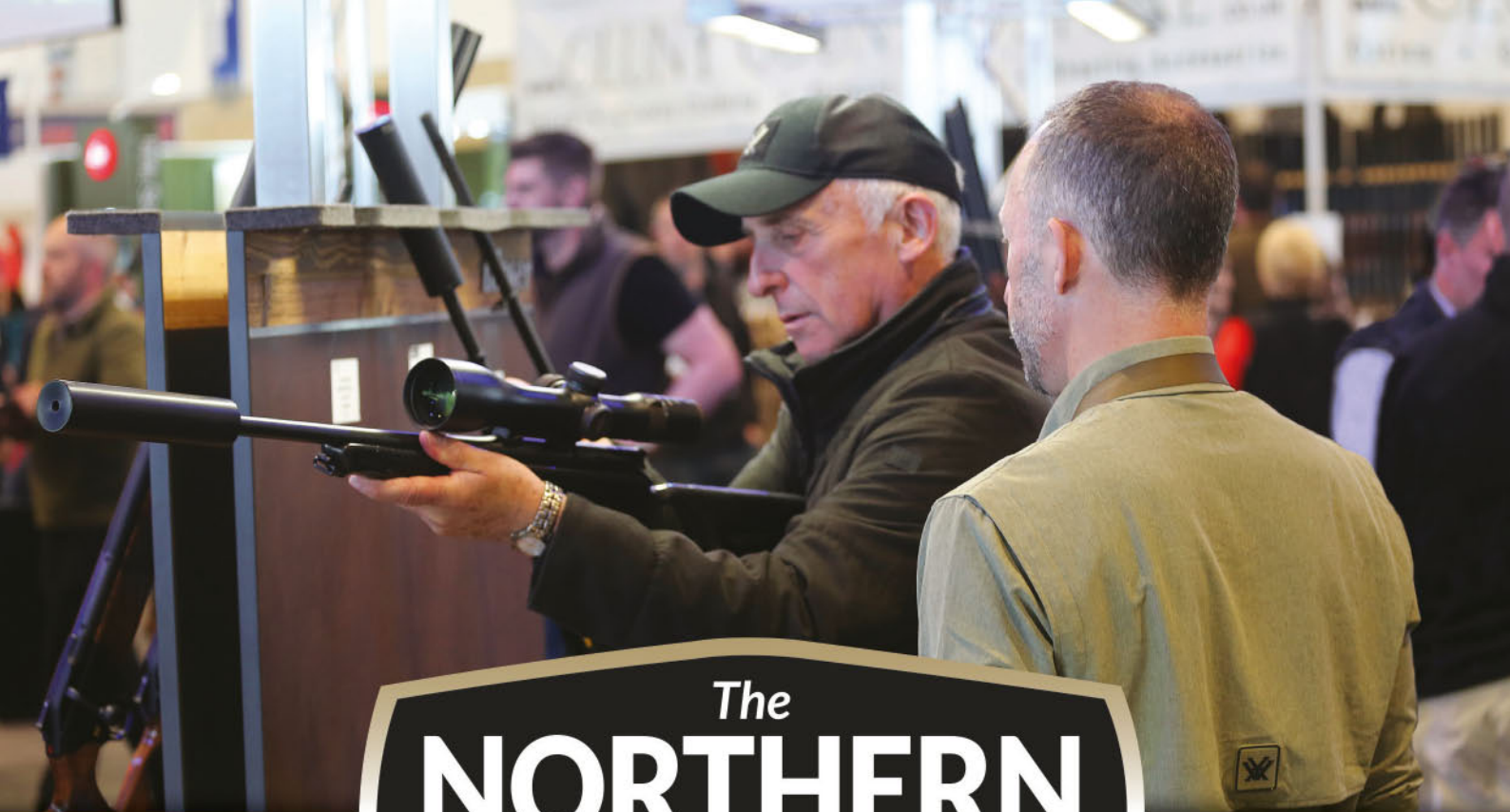
The standards were very high and Mark Sobierajski of Australia achieved a new world record score of 48.5 ex50 at 500 yards. Under Team Captain Jerry Womble, the British team had good

success and there were some excellent individual performances. John Whittaker won at 900 and 1000 yards in the original class with scores higher than those achieved in the replica class.

The week ended with the prize giving and Celebratory Banquet on the Saturday. The NRA provided the Training Room in the Pavilion for the prize giving and the banquet was held in the Army Target Shooting Club. The next Long Range Championship will be in Hungary in 2021 as part of the MLAIC 50th anniversary celebrations. ■



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High speed shooting

George Granycome reports from a Target Shotgun Festival that saw overnight floods, fast shooting, and the emergence of a new generation of RO

That first weekend of October saw at Bisley the Shotgun Festival, a double-header of shotgun events with target shotgun slug events on Saturday and a true Practical Shotgun on the Sunday, if you could afford to miss church.

There are three principal Target Shotgun events run over a single day using the turning targets on Stickledown Butt Zero (go ask someone else why it is named Zero rather than One, as anyone with a basic knowledge of arithmetic would expect.) Butt Zero is on the left of Stickledown at the 800-yard point with a wonderful view of the distant targets that long-range shooters try to hit, and a clear view of the skies to the north-west, from whence cometh the rain – but not this weekend, when the days remained fine and dry (we will talk about the nights later).

Timed & Precision One uses black and white turning targets, one for each shooter, in a line of perhaps 12 shooters, and is based on the old Police Pistol. Multi-Target uses brown and black targets, each shooter having two, and equates to the old Service Pistol. (The writer was

actually serving when six-shot revolvers were naval service issue.) The targets are shot at 25 metres or closer (a metre is a continental approximation for a yard). Both competitions demand and reward not only accuracy, but fast acquisition of targets, especially when the appearances of the turning targets can be very brief.

With a masterful display of accuracy John Chambers, dropped a mere one point to score 299.22x in the Timed and Precision 1 manual class and an incredible 300.15x in the semi-auto class to win both golds. Demonstrating that experience always helps, Rob Sanders collected gold in the Multi Target semi-auto class with 114.11x, but was pipped to second place in the manual class by John Chambers who recorded a 112.12x.

The other event of the day is the Embassy Cup. The targets are kite-shaped and plain brown, on which the scoring lines are deliberately difficult to see. It is based upon the German BDMP competition and demands, and rewards, perhaps not tack-driving accuracy but fast shooting and very quick, fumble-free reloading. A

certain youthful nimbleness is required to quickly assume prone, kneeling and sitting positions. That said, there was an unusual three-way tie for first place with John Chambers, Rob Sanders and Peter Matthews all scoring 118 in the semi auto class. In Manual, Rob Sanders was a single point clear of second place with a score of 112 despite a late shot missing.

An aficionado on that single day will shoot T&P1, Multi-Target, and Embassy Cup with his semi-auto shotgun, then the same again with his pump-action shotgun, and, for the real gluttons, T&P1 with a double-barrel or single shot 'classic' shotgun, though this does make the squadding something of a challenge and is wearing on the shooter's shoulder and wallet.

Such a day is always exhilarating, rewarding, and fun, whatever the weather – the worse it is, the greater challenges to be overcome. For too long it has been run by a small clique of ROs, some of whom are well past their sell-by date. Fortunately, James Harris, who runs shotgun at Bisley, has attracted new ROs, who are wresting control from the old hands like myself, who



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now merely loaf in the background offering words of advice and eating all the biscuits. The newcomers already possess considerable powers of command and a knowledge of the rules completely forgotten by the old hands. However, it must be reported that there has been only limited success in trying to persuade them to drop the ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ in favour of the more direct commands to cease dilly-dallying that have been heard in the past. Perhaps some things are better left to rest.

These three competitions took up most of Saturday, then in the late afternoon and early evening, James and his team set out, with screens, posts, plastic fencing, and targets to set up the several stages of the shotgun league match on Sunday.

I mentioned rain earlier: on Saturday night not only was lots of liquid drunk in the Surrey and other Bisley Clubhouses, it

deluged with rain (can ‘deluge’ be used as a reflexive verb?) and an unnoticed hollow in the ground, where steel separating targets had been set, flooded to almost a foot deep. Nothing so mundane as water could ever stop a practical shooter and the splashes, especially from the near-misses, were spectacular to behold. James, our leader, did not possess the brass neck to request of Rowena, the Range Supervisor of the stage, to do wet and muddy work unassisted, so he donned Wellington boots and waterproof gloves and fished in the muddy waters himself to find and reset the target plates – much to the amusement of the competitors, some of whom it is thought tried to find the deepest spots to knock the target plates into.

Like all the target shooting sports demand accuracy, so does Practical Shotgun demand accuracy: but it also demands fast shooting; fast gun handling; fast reloading;

speed of movement over the ground; an almost instinctive knowledge of the gun; an ability to read a stage, and make a plan (all stages should be different and offer several different ways to shoot them); and to think on one’s feet when things go wrong, and the wheels come off the plan. Above all it demands the highest standards of muzzle control and spatial awareness. These skills were amply demonstrated by the match winners, with a superlative performance from Josh Kenny winning Standard Auto, Jon Holloway in Standard Manual and Ben Ducker in Open division.

If you find yourself with half an hour spare at Bisley, come down and see us. There will always be someone keen to explain the sport. Do remember to wear safety glasses. ■

See more results from the Target Shotgun Festival on our dedicated results pages starting on page 52

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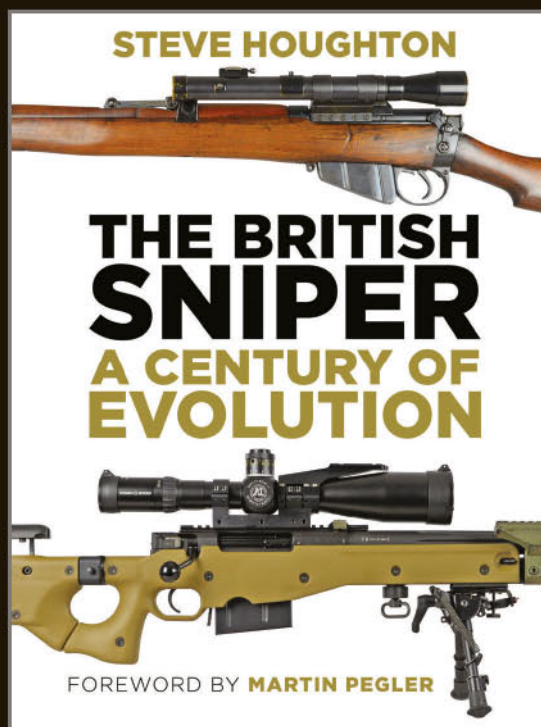
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Centre: Asad Wahid, FTR National League winner and always prepared for a photo opportunity

The British Championships

Des Parr reflects on a season of incredible competition as the F-Class National League concludes with the British Championships

We have two new worthy winners of the British F-class Championships: Ian Boxall (F-Open) and Lance Vinall (FTR).

The 2019 season has now ended and the National League winners are confirmed as Gary Costello and Asad Wahid. There was never any doubt that Gary and Asad had won the National League; earlier in the season they had established an unassailable lead. That said, there was still much to play for; the British Championships is a very prestigious competition in its own right and the winners and leaders would determine who would take the remaining podium positions in the League.

We had a healthy turnout of 67 shooters including a small group of members from

the Ukraine, and significantly, for the first time this season the numbers favoured the F/O contingent. All year, the F/TR shooters have been in a clear majority – up to two thirds at times. The added numbers of F/O shooters helped make it more of a competition, which seemed to be very good timing for this, the finale of our season.

Our match organiser, Mik, had arranged an extraordinary mixture of autumnal weather; one day of horrendous lashing rain, poor visibility and strong gusty winds, followed by another day of bright clear sunshine, and gentle near-zero winds. The combination of conditions provided us with a very good test of both wind-reading and sheer accuracy.

It was interesting to see how our rifles would perform after a long season of top-notch competition. Would they still have their accuracy in pretty cold conditions? Any rifles with a high round count through the barrel and perhaps operating on the edge of a node might have been tipped over by the change in conditions. Some shooters may have been tempted to re-tune their load to help compensate for the lower temperatures.

In a break from tradition, F/O were first to shoot on the Saturday – the change was made for this match to enable the relevant personnel to be free to compile the match stats and league standings next day just a little earlier than would otherwise have been the case.



Lance Vinall, British Championships winner in FTR

“It was all too much for two targets – they were snapped off entirely

Stage 1: 800 yards

“We do this for fun” – that was something I heard a few times on Saturday morning as we contemplated shooting in horrendous conditions; a deep depression was moving in from the south-west and bringing with it powerful gusts and very heavy rain. It didn’t seem much like fun as we set out our kit on the sodden ground with every prospect of getting a right soaking. We tentatively hoped that the strong winds might force a cancellation on safety grounds – and there was the tempting alternative of watching the rugby World Cup in a warm and dry clubhouse. It was not to be – though the conditions were awful, they were not quite bad enough, so we ploughed on with the first detail

and having committed the first detail, it followed that the other two would be bound to follow us.

It was not fun – and it must have been pretty grim in the butts too, with the rain soaking the targets, washing off patches and closing over bullet holes, and all the while the strong gusty wind slamming the target faces. It was all too much for two targets – they were snapped off entirely and that meant some frantic reshuffling of shooters.

Try as we might to keep everything in place and dry, it was a forlorn hope. The wind lifted anything left unsecured and drove the rain into everything – there were many plastic sheets and scorecards blown away, causing much consternation. Given

all these distractions, it was little wonder that the scores were somewhat depressed.

In F-Open, out of 35 shooters, only six managed to break 70 at 800 yards. That speaks volumes about the miserable conditions first thing on Saturday and if anything it just got worse as the morning progressed and the storm front moved ever closer. By the time of the main F/TR detail, it was truly awful, but it was a case of “we’ve started, so we’ll finish,” so with grim determination the F/TR shooters dug deep and endured the worst of it. The resulting scores were all too predictable; of the 28 shooters, just three managed to break 70, which was a remarkable feat in itself. How on earth Pete Sheffield managed to rack up eight V-bulls will never be known. It was an astonishing tally in such appalling conditions, so all credit to him. If he can do that, he can do anything.

Special mention should be made of one of our group of Ukrainian visitors. Viktoriia Dmyshuk on her very first visit to Bisley won a silver medal on count-back in those awful conditions; a truly remarkable performance.

While the 800-yard stage was in progress, it became evident that we could not stick to the published course of fire. The shooters were operating at a reduced cadence as they struggled with the conditions and even more significantly, the markers were forced to slow right down as they struggled with the soaking wet targets – the rain washed off patches and it sealed over bullet holes, making it harder to find the often widely-dispersed shots. Our match organiser, Mik, wisely judged it impractical to shoot the 900-yard stage, so it was cancelled. There were no arguments – everyone was glad to just get away and get dried out.

It is a long while since I have been truly soaked to the skin, necessitating a complete change of clothing from head to toe.

Stage 2: 1,000 yards

With 900 yards being cancelled, we resumed the course of fire in the afternoon by going straight to 1,000 for a 2+20.

Mercifully, the heavy rain had largely passed over by the afternoon, though the strong wind was still present. It was, after all, far too much to hope for that we’d somehow escape both the wind and rain.

At least it was not utterly miserable like stage 1. We only had to contend with short, light showers and of course the wind; the mean may only have been 5MOA for an F/O rifle, but that mean contained a pretty wide bracket caused by fast angle changes. Those switches came and went so fast, an element of good luck was needed to avoid them – or a lot of skill to see them and a lot more bravery to effectively counter them. For most shooters, it was hard work, but there is always a few (often the same few) who seem to rise to the top in such situations. Of the F/O guys it seemed significant that Gary and Paul used big 300s – in such situations they proved their worth. Dehane was not far behind with a pair of beautiful new rifles by Joe and Simon West.

In F/TR, Lance Vinall seemed to put the cat among the pigeons by opting to take up F/TR just for this match due to experiencing some problems with the F/O rifles he is more accustomed to.

It was a tough detail but at least we can live with tricky wind conditions – that's what this game is all about after all – so all credit to the medal winners, they certainly earned their awards.

Since the clocks went back, it gets darker earlier and the NRA hooter sounds earlier at 4pm to halt shooting. By that time two unfortunate shooters still had two shots for record still to shoot and so they missed out. For them it was a 2+18.

That afternoon and into the evening, scenes around the camp resembled a Chinese laundry as shooters tried to find ways of drying out their utterly sodden kit. A common refrain was, "My waterproofs are not waterproof at all." Much of the kit had to be left in cars with the consequently appalling 'wet dog' stench next day. I wonder if the NRA might consider creating a drying room for such situations.

Sunday

Well, "what a difference a day makes." We awoke to a lovely autumnal morning; clear, bright and dry. By contrast to Saturday, it was an absolute pleasure to shoot first thing on Sunday morning in clear, crisp visibility. It was good enough to almost be able to see the bullet holes in the white V-bull. The only downside was still having to don waterproofs – not because of any rain (it



was dry), but because our groundsheets were still saturated from the soaking on Saturday, we needed a layer of protection.

Looking at the benign wind condition, it seemed as though the overnight leaders would be assured of retaining their pole positions; the lack of strong wind and therefore the lack of any churning effect suggested that all our relative positions would be fossilised into place. As we were to see, though, not everything follows as expected.

Stage 3: 1,000yds

The contrast in scores could not have been any sharper; in good light, dryness and gentle wind, the scores all responded accordingly. The F/TR shooters were first in to bat and in all fairness they seemed to get just a slightly more difficult detail, the wind such as it was, tended to decline as the morning progressed so the F/TR contingent had just that little bit more to contend with. The results produced a pretty rare outcome: a four-way countback between Paul Harkins, Steve Rigby, Asad Wahid and Dan Lomas. Poor Dan lost out,

so the rule is, if you're going to drop a point, best do it early in your string if you want to prevail in a countback.

Later on, conditions tended to become rather more benign and that helped the F/O detail; all bar just four unfortunates scored into the 70s, the average being around 72. There was some wind there and an element of luck was needed as always to just avoid a 4.9 and instead get a squeaky 5.0.

It was beginning to look as though Gary had this in the bag; an unprecedented four league match wins in one season, producing a perfect score of 80 League points.

In F/TR a battle was raging between Peter Dommett, Adam Bagnall and Dan Lomas – any of them could take second place as they went into Stage 4.

Stage 4: 1,000 yards

There seemed to be a trend of declining wind strength all morning from the peak, if it could be called that during detail 1 of Stage 3 onwards, so by the time we got on to the firing point for the last 2+20 stage of the match, the wind really had died away to nothing more than a gentle zephyr.

The temperature had risen a little too, so along with near-perfect visibility, all the ingredients were there for a trigger-puller's dream shoot. This was going to boil down to sheer accuracy of rifles and ammo, and maybe just a tiny soupçon of luck.

It was a great way to end the match; we had optimum conditions to really show what our rifles could do, and boy, did some really shin. Craig Titmus deserves special mention for his record-level shoot, a 100.14 and with a well-used SAUM too. He reckons it has around 1,400 rounds through it – and clearly still going strong. The average score was about 95 and only one shooter failed to get into the 90s. Many shooters would go home in a good mood having seen what their rifles were capable of, and it was great to see so many score so well, especially guys who perhaps don't always figure highly on the scoresheets. On the other hand Gary, who up until then had been having a stellar shoot, had cause for concern; an otherwise perfectly respectable 93.8 had cost him the match. Was the barrel on the way out? Or was it just rotten luck? Either way, it cost him a unique fourth League match in one season.

On the F/TR side we had a real 'battle royale' to determine second to fourth. Asad was, like Gary, already home and dry as the League winner. All that remained to be determined was who would come next: Adam, Dan or Peter.

As sheer luck would have it, two of the contenders were actually squadded together for the deciding detail: Peter and Adam. It was a truly nail-biting finish. All Peter had to do was stay in the five-ring on his last shot to equal Adam, a V-bull would be enough to overtake him... It was a 4, so Adam prevailed after all, Peter took bronze, and poor Dan was again relegated to fourth. Peter later commented that Adam seemed genuinely upset for him, which speaks volumes about what a true gent Adam is in being magnanimous in victory.

Quite apart from the battle of the League contenders – none of whom got on the podium for the last stage – the standard of performance from the F/TR shooters was simply astonishing. Pete Sheffield would have beaten all bar two F/O competitors! The F/TR shooters have taken the accuracy of the humble .308 cartridge

RESULTS: STAGE 1				
	FO		FTR	
1	Ian Boxall	72.4	Pete Sheffield	71.8
2	Viktoriia Dmyshuk	72.4	Elena Davis	70.4
3	Martin Townsend	72.2	Nick Gilbert	70.2
RESULTS: STAGE 2				
	FO		FTR	
1	Gary Costello	92.7	Lance Vinall	92.3
2	Paul Sandie	92.3	Robert Hale	90.5
3	Dehane Cownley	91.5	Richie Jones	87.4
RESULTS: STAGE 3				
	FO		FTR	
1	Gary Costello	75.8	Paul Harkins	73.6
2	Ian Boxall	75.7	Steve Rigby	73.6
3	Vasyl Ivanchenko	75.4	Richie Jones	73.6
RESULTS: STAGE 4				
	FO		FTR	
1	Craig Titmus	100.14	Pete Sheffield	99.8
2	Paul Sandie	100.12	Steve Rigby	97.6
3	Ian Boxall	99.7	Stuart Anselm	96.10
FINAL RESULTS				
	FO		FTR	
1	Ian Boxall	334.23	Lance Vinall	328.17
2	Paul Sandie	332.24	Pete Sheffield	322.25
3	Gary Costello	331.29	Robert Hale	319.20



Right: Ian Boxall, British Championships winner in F Open

GB F CLASS LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	FTR	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	RD7	RD8	TOTAL	4 TO COUNT
1	Asad Wahid	17	20	19	20	10	16	20	15	137	79
2	Adam Bagnall	18	18	-	13	20	4	9	7	99	70
3	Peter Dommett	-	-	17	-	19	1	19	13	69	68
4	Dan Lomas	-	-	16	19	11	20	-	1	67	66
5	Paul Crosbie	16	16	-	12	15	-	15	-	74	62
6	David Rollafson	14	1	14	-	16	11	13	-	69	57
7	David Lloyd	1	9	7	17	13	1	16	-	64	55
8	Simon West	11	1	18	18	-	5	-	5	58	52
9	Jon Longhurst	15	1	20	15	-	-	-	1	52	51
10	Richie Jones	15	1	20	15	-	-	-	1	52	51
	F OPEN	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	RD7	RD8	TOTAL	4 TO COUNT
1	Gary Costello	20	20	12	20	19	1	15	18	125	79
2	Paul Sandie	-	17	19	-	15	1	19	19	90	74
3	Richard Sharman	16	-	17	13	20	10	20	-	96	73
4	Des Parr	7	18	18	17	17	17	17	9	120	70
5	Craig Titmus	17	15	10	14	-	-	-	1	57	56
6	Hugh Inglis	-	10	1	16	16	1	14	1	59	56
7	Ian Boxall	19	-	16	-	-	-	-	20	55	55
8	David Raybould	10	13	-	-	13	1	18	1	56	54
9	Tom Reynolds	3	9	1	11	18	-	16	4	62	54
10	Joe West	18	-	20	-	-	1	-	13	52	52

to a whole new level of performance; the still-air accuracy of their rifles and ammo leaves nothing to be desired at all.

What can we say about the F/TR winner without causing a diplomatic incident? Lance had some problems with his normal F/O rifles, so he entered the F/TR class – and won! And won convincingly too, by a superb margin of six points. It just goes to show that a good shooter is a good shooter, regardless of what class they compete in – and Lance is very good indeed.

The 2019 National League Winners

What can one say about the 2019 season, other than it was perhaps one of the clearest victories we have seen for a few years and in both F/O and F/TR.

The winners in their respective classes have totally dominated the season right from the outset – Gary and Asad have raised the bar in terms of consistent, high quality shooting, in fact truly World-class shooting. They have each won resoundingly by racking up unassailable leads; leaving all others trailing in their wake.

If there is one key feature that they share, it is the sheer amount of time, effort

and money they invest in their chosen sport – the results are clear to see, never has it been more true to say that; “you get out of it, what you put in to it”.

For Gary in particular, this makes it his third National League Championship; he has now equalled Grant Taylor’s long-standing record.

As for Asad, his rise to the top has been absolutely meteoric – no one has ever risen so far, so fast – and all the while with such modesty and good humour. I reckon his total points score of 137 is probably the highest we’ve ever seen in the history of the National League.

Congratulations to both Gary and Asad, we have two popular and very worthy 2019 National League winners

That’s all for now folks as they say, it has been a long and highly enjoyable season; we’ve been through a lot together; shooting in spring, summer and autumn in scorching sun, lashing rain, and the tail-end of hurricanes. It is time now to look back and take stock and see where we need to improve; to come back next year and give a better account of ourselves. Have a good off-season and see you again in 2020. ■

F-CLASS TRAINING – 27-29 MARCH

Every year, F-Class has a training weekend at Bisley organised by Mik of Dolphin Gun Company. This is a fantastic opportunity for those considering or just starting out in F-Class. It also is great for anyone wanting a refresher before the season starts.

The course runs from Friday morning through to Sunday afternoon where it concludes with a friendly competition to practice what you have learned. Medals are awarded to the winners.

The course covers a wide range of F Class topics including wind reading, plotting and match procedures as well as time on the range. This is also a great opportunity to meet some of the mentors of the F Class community.

The cost of the weekend will be £160.

For more information on the F Class training weekend, please email Mik at mik@mikdolphin.demon.co.uk.

Jon Longhurst – F Class representative for the NRA

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Training Choices

Ever wondered what the NRA's training team gets up to? Here's training manager, David Camp, with a comprehensive update

The NRA Training department within a calendar year runs over 200 days of training with well over 1000 people in attendance. This is conducted at Bisley and in the Regions. The key factor in the delivery of all this NRA training is Safety. Throughout the planning and during conduct we always apply the four parts of the NRA safe shooting system.

Safe Person – Safe Equipment – Safe Place – Safe Practice

The many courses we run benefit and support different parts of the target shooting community. The main courses we run are listed below.

The Beginner

NRA Probationary Training (Bisley only):
To become a full member of the NRA we require our Probationary Membership Course to be completed by those who are new to shooting and are not a member of a Home Office-approved Club. These courses are open to any member of the target rifle shooting community, and include five probationary modules focusing on knowledge and safety taught in theoretical and practical setting. The modules must be taken independently and in order.

The Club Shooter

We currently provide skills development courses for the following Disciplines:



Civilian Service Rifle (CSR)
Gallery Rifle (GR)
Target Rifle (TR)
Target Shotgun (TS)

The courses are open to all members of the target shooting community including those who do not hold an FAC or possess the appropriate firearm. Non-NRA members can attend provided they pay the additional non-member fee.

Home Office-Approved Clubs

The NRA has over 800 affiliated shooting clubs. We focus our support in two areas, Training Instructors and Range Officers.

The Club Instructor's course

This two-day course will provide selected experienced club members with the qualification they need to be able to officially train new and existing shooters, within their own clubs. The course is loosely structured around the NRA Probationary Course syllabus, but seen from the instructor's point of view. It is not based on any shooting discipline, but is wide-ranging in approach, starting by concentrating on the elements of safety that are common to all types of shooting. It provides clubs with training and external validation of their instructors.

Training Range Officers

A well trained, diligent and confident RO is key to safe shooting. We offer two courses.



Range Safety Officer's Course

The NRA Range Safety Officer's Course (RSO) is intended for club shooters of all levels of experience, who may not have had any formal training in the practical aspects of running ranges. The applicant must be 18 years of age and must be a member of a Home Office Approved Club.

The primary aim of the RSO course is to enhance range safety for Clubs by providing practical and relevant training and guidance. Successful candidates will be qualified as a NRA Range Officer (RSO). The NRA RSO qualification is valid for six years from the date of issue.

Range Conducting Officer

The NRA Range Conducting Officer's Course (RCO) is a one day bolt on to the Range Safety Officers course to gain the qualification necessary to allow them to sign for and run a Ministry of Defence (MoD) range. Candidates should be experienced shooters who have passed the Range Safety Officers (RSO) course, with experience of running club ranges.

Other Training

We run a selection of other courses and training events throughout the year – such as hand-loading, the expeditionary defensive weapons course and black powder RCO endorsement. Please browse the Courses calendar found on the NRA website for further dates and courses. ■

The Airgun Show



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Match Rifle Memories

A summary of everything that's happened in the Match Rifle community this summer and autumn

The 150th Imperial celebrations this summer also included a special event for Match Rifle, with the Australian MR Team, captained by former Brit Paul Monaghan, travelling to the UK to compete in the Hopton and then the Woomera Match. This year's Hopton saw often challenging wind conditions, and was won by Nick Tremlett with 1000.111 ahead of Wg Cdr David Calvert and (995.116) and Rob Lygoe (993.117).

The Elcho Match was won by England ahead of Scotland, Wales and Ireland with 1727.189 and John Lindsay III as top scorer with a 220.29.

The Woomera Match between GB and Australia was shot the following day at the same three distances, shooting 15 to count at each range, again there were teams of eight. The Great Britain team under Captain Tim Kidner won with a score of 1758.208 with Wg Cdr David Calvert top scorer with a 225.30, dropping only 15 v-bulls. The Australian team finished on 1702.143, with top scorer Phil Bain on 218.28. Alongside, Cambridge University beat Oxford in the Humphry by 21 points.

The Match Rifle season only gets back into full swing after the summer with the Welsh Open on the August bank holiday, this year won by Nick Tremlett. The NRC of Scotland Open up at Blair Atholl the following weekend wasn't blessed with the best weather, but thankfully the gazebos provided to keep the electronic target monitors dry also offered some shelter to competitors. Local Scot Tim Kidner won the competition with 437.49.

The Cambridge Cup was won by Nick Tremlett with 439.51 after a unique tie shoot against David Calvert and Mike Judge, where each competitor had to fire one round each at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards. The English VIII meeting was won by Jon Sweet with a 437.49 ahead of Nick Tremlett and Mike Judge. The North London Rifle Club Championships were won by Mike Barlow with a 300.48 (out of 300.60), believed to be a new record. ■



Great Britain were victorious in the Woomera match



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NRA signs up sponsors

Key names in the shooting world are signing up to support the NRA

The NRA are proud to be developing strong sponsor relationships and gaining valuable sponsorship support from key shooting suppliers keen to support our shooting community with the heart to build sponsorship built on longevity. The NRA wish to work in partnership with quality suppliers and to give our shooting community and clubs the best choice.

We are delighted to give an update on the support gained from key sponsors.

Sykes McQueen

For many years Sykes McQueen have been providing targetry for the NRA and offering their support to the Imperial McQueen competitions including sponsorship of competitor envelopes and entry cards. This sponsorship was extended in 2018 by way of £100 prize money for the winner of the McQueen C (Classic) competition, shot with historic

sniper rifles prior to 1945 designs. This was in recognition of the association of Messrs John McQueen and Sons Ltd with the competition since 1920 which they felt added value and incentive to the Classic element of this Precision Snapshooting competition.

Vortex Optics

In January 2018 Vortex Optics generously sponsored the upgrade of many of the NRA's rifles with their high specification, quality scopes, spotting scopes and accessories. This provided us with a strong fleet of quality firearms and scopes for hire and use by NRA members and shooters coming through the Probationary system. This allowed a confident transition for those having undertaken training to move onto practice or compete at Bisley with the same rifle and scope.

This sponsorship was extended in 2018 when the team at Vortex Optics wished to

offer further incentive to practical shooters within the Imperial Civilian Service Rifle competition, The Rural Match. We introduced the Vortex Nation Trophy for the winner of the Practical Optic Class and Vortex Challenge Cup for the Service Optic class, together with scopes for first to third placings in both classes.

This was well received so their sponsorship encapsulated the Civilian Service Rifle Winter League for 18/19 with prize scopes for winners of the Practical Optic and Service Optic classes. In addition, the Vortex team decided to acknowledge and reward the 'Highest Scoring Under 25' and 'Competitor Who Has Demonstrated The Most Significant Improvement' with prize scopes.

Martin Baumber, international operations manager for Vortex Optics, said: "The disciplines of CSR and Service and Practical Optic are very close to our hearts as our products have always been

designed to ensure they fill the practical purposes the shooter requires, assured by a lifetime warranty. It feels an honour to be able to offer support to shooters of all disciplines at Bisley and to be a part of the Bisley community. We are in this for the long term."

Vortex Optics have confirmed this hugely valuable sponsorship of awards for 2020.

Accuracy International Ltd

In 2018 we were delighted to secure sponsorship for two McQueen competitions from Accuracy International Ltd, a very highly respected company based in the UK. Accuracy International design and produce high quality precision rifles for the individual shooter and for the UK and International Forces.

The McQueen matches' historical origins are from sniper training from the First World War so are very well aligned with Accuracy International's pedigree for the precision sniper rifle and its rich history.

Accuracy International have generously provided prestigious awards for The McQueen A Under 25 and The McQueen Pairs. In addition to the stunning hallmarked silverware, the winners of both classes are awarded Accuracy International Miniature Rifle Models.

Tom Irwin and Dave Walls, directors of AI, have expressed how pleased they are to be a part of these exciting precision snap-shooting competitions and to present their awards.

Talking Headsets Ltd

Earlier this year we secured sponsorship of high quality SWATCOM Active8 electronic headsets for the Range Services and Competitions teams from Talking Headsets Ltd.

This professional family business based on the south coast is strongly committed to ongoing investment in the development of high quality communication solutions and we are delighted with the feedback received.

They have the latest and most sophisticated passive and electronic hearing protection, head safety equipment, two-way communications headsets and wireless hands-free full-duplex



SWATCOM hearing protection on display



Vortex Optics have renewed their generous sponsorship for 2020



Accuracy International's rifles remain distinctive on the range

It feels an honour to be able to support shooters of all disciplines at Bisley and to be a part of the Bisley community

communications and are keen to support the NRA and the shooting community.

Their newly developed SWATCOM Active8 waterproof electronic headsets have ASIC digital electronics which offer 360-degree stereo sound reproduction to enhance situational awareness and audio clarity while giving optimum personnel hearing protection.

Keith Foote and his team continue to offer ongoing sponsorship and support

and are keen to work with the NRA to help to educate shooters and those around them of the importance of properly protecting their precious hearing for a relatively small investment. You will see the Talking Headsets team here at Bisley during key events in 2020.

The NRA expresses its sincere thanks to all our sponsors and supporters and look forward to further developing these valued relationships through 2020 and beyond. ■

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sykes McQueen: mcqueentargets.com

Vortex Optics: vortexoptics.com

(or their UK distributor Country Sports Wholesale: csw-online.co.uk)

Accuracy International: accuracyinternational.com

Talking Headsets: talkingheadsets.co.uk

Around the regions

Nic Couldrey travels to Northern Ireland and provides updates on ranges up and down the country



I travelled to Northern Ireland recently to meet NRA affiliated Clubs in the Belfast area and our DIO colleagues at Ballykinler Training Centre. Our host at Ballykinler, Major Tony Canniford (pictured above), invited representatives from the Ulster Rifle Association, Comber Rifle Club and the NRA to meet and discuss opportunities for closer collaboration.

The splendid facilities at Ballykinler are highly used throughout the year, making access for affiliated clubs a challenge. We agreed that it would make sense to encourage clubs to co-ordinate range bookings more effectively to make best use of limited range availability. Our preferred approach is to set up a new 'user group' for clubs that hold a licence for Ballykinler and Magilligan; details will follow and we hope to get all interested parties together for an initial meeting on 18 January 2020.

I am pleased to report that we have also agreed dates for two important competitions to be held at Ballykinler in May and September 2020. Details will be published on the Competitions web page in due course. My thanks to Major Canniford for his continued support of civilian target shooting and the local team for taking time out to join the meetings.

I also travelled to Banbridge, about 45 minutes from Belfast, to meet the Secretary and Treasurer of the Northern Ireland Target Shooting Association (NITSA). NITSA has been affiliated to the NRA for many years and owns a modern range complex on a six-acre site off the A1. The club is also affiliated to the WA 1500 and the IPSC and regularly hosts pistol competitions. The club has invested in new semi-outdoor ranges that can accommodate up to 35 concurrent shooters.

The club facilities are bright and modern and include a training room and a diner serving hot food and snacks. There is also a retail shop selling firearms, ammunition and reloading supplies. More details and pictures are available at www.nitsa.org.uk.

The club is open for membership and has a scheme for GB residents; a monthly fee of £15 provides access to the ranges and club firearms, ammunition and targets are available to buy on-site. Training and supervision is provided by NRA (US) trained staff and all new members complete a safety course. I would encourage NRA members who are interested in learning more to contact the club using the details provided on the website. My thanks to NITSA for inviting me to visit the club to see the excellent facilities.

Moving on, MoD/Landmarc charges to use military ranges will increase in

2020. To be clear, charges for range hire and the Landmarc hourly rates are set by MoD; there is no negotiation with the NRA. We hope to have a schedule of the charges by the time this issue is mailed, which will allow plenty of notice before implementation in April 2020.

Work continues with DIO Safety/ Assurance to develop a mechanism to allow affiliated clubs to access field firing areas/ LFTTAs. I recently visited a potential site on Salisbury Plain with the Chairman of FCSA UK and SPTA safety staff. In order to use the site as a fixed range, there is a requirement to construct a firing point, draw the template including the fixed hard targets, then have the range approved by MoD to ensure compliance. While this may appear to be a protracted process, it is the only way to comply with MoD policy controlling the use firearms that exceed 7000J within the scope of the NRA RCO qualification.

This is detailed in the 2019 edition of the Range Conducting Officer manual:

1.2 c It must be clearly understood that the NRA RCO Qualification Course only qualifies successful candidates to conduct firing on Gallery Ranges or other ranges with fixed firing points and target positions. Successful qualification on the NRA RCO course does not qualify an NRA RCO to: i. Plan or conduct firing on Individual or Team Battle Shooting Ranges, or Field Firing Ranges where the firing points or target positions are not fixed.

In other news, here is a summary of what's happening elsewhere:

Scotland

An initial meeting of the Dechmont steering group is planned before the end of the year. The immediate priority is to lock in funding from stakeholders to pay for a detailed survey of the proposed range location on the RFCA site.

Wales and West Midlands

The restriction on black powder, HME and calibres that exceed 7.62mm on MoD ranges was discussed with DIO at a recent liaison meeting. The background and context to the restriction which applies to all ranges in Wales and the West Midlands is unclear. We do not believe that there is an issue with civilian clubs *per se*. The issue

has been escalated to the new Regional Commander and we hope to know more in the coming days.

Use of SARTS on MoD ranges

Clubs may use the SARTS system to conduct NRA recognised shoots, details of which may be found in the CSR Handbook.

A Landmarc operative must be present in the console building to run the SARTS software, but cannot be involved in the shoot. Clubs should therefore assign one RCO on the firing point and a second RCO in the console building to relay any specific instructions to the Landmarc operative.

See you on the ranges! ■



Nic Couldrey (left) and Major Tony Canniford (right) on the range at Ballykinler Training Centre

NITSA has been affiliated to the NRA for many years and owns a modern range complex on a six-acre site



The new semi-outdoor range at the Northern Ireland Target Sports Association site near Banbridge

Marksman's Calendar

PLAN ALL YOUR SHOTS AND COURSES ACROSS 2020

JANUARY

4, CSR League

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

11-12, Target Shotgun Skills Courses

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

25-26, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

FEBRUARY

1, CSR Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

2, CSR League

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

8-9, Target Shotgun Skills Courses

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

15-16, Club Instructor Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

22-23, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

22-23, Target Shotgun Festival

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

MARCH

7, CSR League

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

7, GR&P Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

8, GR&P Advanced Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

14, RCO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

15, Target Shotgun Skills Course

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

15, TS Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

22, TR Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

28-29, Spring Action Weekend

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

29, Historic SR Meeting

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

APRIL

4, Target Shotgun Skills Course

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

4-5, Club Instructor Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

18, CSR League

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

18, IBIS Open Meeting

Frank Harriss f.foh@btinternet.com

18-19, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

19, Smallbore Long Range

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

25-26, TR Advanced Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

MAY

2, GR&P Bianchi Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

2, TR Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

3, CSR Advanced Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

8-9, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

10, RCO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

16-17, 300m Championships

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

22-24, Phoenix

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk



30, TS Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

30-31, Birmingham Bisley 2019

Frank Harriss f.foh@btinternet.com

31, TS Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

JUNE**5, Target Shotgun Skills Course**

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

6-7, TR Advanced Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

12, Service Rifle Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

13-14, Inter-Counties

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

18, Military Adaptive

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

22-23, SR Team Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

26-28, Cottesloe Heath Challenge

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

JULY**1-5, CSR Imperial**

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

10-16, Match Rifle Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

11-21, Sporting Rifle Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

11-12, Imperial Historic Arms

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

12-16, Schools Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

13-23, McQueen Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

15-19, Gallery Rifle Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

17-21, F Class Imperial

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

**17-25, Target Rifle Imperial**

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

AUGUST**8-9, RSO Course**

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

SEPTEMBER**5-6, GR Nationals**

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12-13, RSO Course

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19, CSR Introduction Course

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20, Target Shotgun Skills Course

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NRA Sharon Baker sharon.baker@nra.org.uk

20, TS Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

26-27, Club Instructor Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

OCTOBER**3, RCO Course**

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

3-4, Target Shotgun Festival

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

4, CSR League

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

10, GR&P Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

10-11, European Long Range

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

10-11, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

17-18, Trafalgar

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

24-25, Autumn Action

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

NOVEMBER**7, CSR League**

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

7-8, RSO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

14, Target Shotgun Skills Course

NRA Carol Kellow carol.kellow@nra.org.uk

14, TS Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

21, CSR Introduction Course

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

22, RCO Course

NRA Jane Barnes jane.barnes@nra.org.uk

DECEMBER**6, CSR League**

NRA Shooting Division shooting@nra.org.uk

Notices

PALMA TEAM 2023

I am truly honoured to have been elected by the NRA Council as Captain of the Great Britain Rifle Team to compete in the next Palma Match, which is scheduled to be contested in South Africa 2023, and I am delighted that Nick Tremlett has agreed to be my Vice Captain.

As part of our preparations for the Palma Match I consider it essential for there to be a full pre-tour in 2022. I am very pleased to say that the NRA have agreed to sanction this as an official GB tour. I fully expect any applicants, with aspirations for a place on the 2023 team, to make themselves available for the 2022 trip.

The final team will number 25 members and I intend to take a cohesive, well trained and highly competitive team with the aim of regaining the Palma Trophy for GB.

I plan to select a training squad in Spring 2020 comprising around 50 people with the intention of identifying talent both in shooting and coaching skills. I am keen that applications are received from both established GB shooters and individuals aspiring to big match competition. Given the long lead up to the event I strongly encourage any shooters and coaches who feel they have the potential to perform at elite level, to apply for the squad. I reserve the right to bring in additional squad members, at a later date, to ensure the final team represents the best talent available.

It is my intention to integrate squad selection and training with the GB U21 and U25 teams and therefore encourage younger applicants.

Please send your application to me by email (capt.palma23@gmail.com) as soon as practicable; applications will close at the end of March 2020. Any application will be followed up by a request for further information.

Jeremy Langley, Captain, GB Palma 2023

TARGET SHOTGUN – GREAT BRITAIN TEAM

I am delighted to confirm that the Council of the NRA has approved Great Britain status for the Target Shotgun team in next year's Limax Cup. This match will be held during the Phoenix meeting (22-25 May) and will be hotly contested.

The position of Team Captain has been advertised with a closing date for nominations of 5 January. The duties of the Captain are to select the squad, arrange training days and make the final team selection in good time for the match. It should be noted that applicants for the post must be active competitors and familiar with the courses of fire that will comprise the match. These are: Timed and Precision 1, Multi-Target, NRA Embassy Cup and the 100-yard match, full details are in the Target Shotgun Handbook.

Any full member of the NRA wishing to be considered for the team should register their interest with the discipline representative, James Harris, via:

targetshotgun@nra.org.uk

Prospective team members will need to be familiar with the courses of fire and should have competed in NRA approved competitions within the last 24 months and have achieved the following minimum scores with either a pump – action or semi auto shotgun:

- Timed and Precision 1 – 280
- Multi-Target – 85
- NRA Embassy Cup – 95

Please note that with the training and coaching that will be provided the final match scores will be higher. If you have any questions please contact me via the email above.

James Harris

MEETING DATES 2020

Annual General Meeting

The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 30 May 2020 at 6pm in the NRA Pavilion.

Bisley General Meeting

The 2020 Bisley General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2020 at 9pm in the NRA Pavilion.

CANCELLATION POLICY

From 2020 there will be an amendment in the cancellation policy of range bookings.

During the Low Season (1 Jan – 28 Mar & 26 Oct – 31 Dec) and weekdays, bookings cancelled by members/clubs with 3 or more days' notice, before the shooting date, will not be charged. Bookings cancelled by members/clubs with two or less days' notice, before the shooting date, will be charged at the full rate.

During High Season weekends (29 Mar – 25 Oct), bookings cancelled by members/clubs with four 4 or more days' notice, before the shooting weekend, will not be charged. Bookings cancelled by members/clubs with three or less days' notice, before the shooting weekend, will be charged at the full rate.

If the NRA cancels a booking or delays the commencement of shooting for any reason including inclement weather:

- There will be no refund or discount for delays, or cease fires, of less than one hour.
- If the delay is greater than one hour a 50% refund will apply.
- If shooting is cancelled for the complete session, the member/club will be offered a replacement booking at no charge.
- Marker charges will apply under all conditions.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES 2018/2019

By elected Ordinary, Regional and Shooting Discipline Members of the General Council. From 1 September 2018 to 30 June 2019

	GENERAL COUNCIL	SHOOTING	MEMBERSHIP	
NO OF MEETINGS	3	3	3	
GK Alexander *	1	X	3	O
HRM Bailie	3	X	X	R
GV Barnard	1	1	X	R
JPS Bloomfield	3	3	X	O
N Brasier*	2	X	3	O
CM Brooks	2	X	X	O
DP Calvert	0	3	X	O
AMW Cargill-Thompson	3	3	X	D
MJJ Charlton	0	X	X	O
PR Coley	3	X	X	R
DC Crispin	2	3	X	O
CES Dickenson	3	2	X	D
SCW Dixon	3	X	X	O
HF Dunton	3	X	X	R
ED George	0	3	X	D
JS Harris *	2	3	X	D
R Kenchington	3	X	X	R
D Kent	0	1	X	D
JM Kynoch	3	X	X	O
GAE Larcombe	3	X	3	R
Miss SS Lohmann	3	X	3	O
N Macfarlane	1	1	X	D
M Maksimovic	0	X	X	O
JF Miller	3	2	3	R
BD Ritchie	2	X	X	R
RM Roberts*	3	X	X	O
Mrs KD Robertson	0	X	X	O
I Shirra-Gibb	2	0	X	D
N St Aubyn	0	2	X	D
I Thomson	2	X	X	O
MK Townsend	1	X	X	O
G Trembath	0	X	X	R
S Wallis	3	2	3	D
JD Warburton	3	X	X	R
MP Watkins	1	X	X	R
AP Wolpe	2	3	X	D

TABLE KEY

* Members of the Council (Board of Trustees). The Council meet at least 7 to 8 times per annum and its members are expected to attend all or most of such meetings. In addition, Trustees give attendance at other times for formal decisions.

X not a member of that committee

O Ordinary member

R Regional Member

D Shooting Discipline Member

Team Captains – Nominations invited

Nominations are invited for the Captain of the following teams:

- GB Captain Australia Match 2021
- GB Veterans Captain Australia Match 2021
- GB Veterans Captain World Long Range Championships 2023

Nominations in writing, signed by three proposers all of whom must be full annual or life members of the NRA, must be received by the Secretary General not later than 5pm on Thursday 5 December 2019.

Nominations to be sent to Georgina. Thatcher@nra.org.uk.



Results

SHOTGUN FESTIVAL

5-6 October

Timed and Precision 1 SGSA-0736

1. John Chambers, 300.15x
2. Tim Jemmett, 299.13x
3. Rob Sanders, 295.14x

Timed and Precision 1 SGM-0735

1. John Chambers, 299.22x
2. Rob Sanders, 296.17x
3. Glenn Isaacs, 287.6x (iron)

Multi-Target SGSA1136

1. Rob Sanders, 114.11x
2. Christopher Chambers, 111.7x (iron)
3. John Chambers, 107.12x

Multi-Target SGSM1135

1. John Chambers, 112.12x
2. Rob Sanders, 103.7x
3. Jef Brock, 101.5x (iron)

NRA Embassy Cup SGSA-3336

=1. Rob Sanders, John Chambers, Peter Matthews 118

NRA Embassy Cup SGM-3335

1. Rob Sanders, 112
2. James Harris, 111 (iron)
3. Glenn Isaacs, 99 (iron)

SHOTGUN LEAGUE STAGE 1

6 October

Open

1. Ben Ducker, 100.00
2. Oliver Bloomfield, 97.60
3. Lee Bowditch, 86.67

Standard

1. Josh Kenny, 100
2. James Harris, 71.81
3. Michelle Lumley, 65.20

Standard Manual

1. John Holloway, 100.00
2. Steve Cox, 86.65
3. Matt Liddy, 85.01

TRAFALGAR MEETING 2019

19-20 October.

Selected results

102 Muzzle Loading Service Rifle 100yds

1. Paul Wolpe 92.0
2. William Parnham 86.0
3. Euan Munro 83.2

104 Muzzle Loading Service Rifle 200yds Prone

1. William Parnham 33.1
2. Michael Hunting 32.1

106 Muzzle Loading Service Rifle Standing

1. Richard White 20.1
2. Jon Clough 17.0

202 Vintage Service Rifle Single Shot Large 200yds Prone

1. Keith Henderson 39.2
2. Les Foreman 37.0

203 Vintage Service Rifle Single Shot Medium 200yds Prone

1. Leon Kranen 44.3
2. Michael Zimmer 41.1
3. Larry Brown 40.2

208 Any Vintage Rifle 500yds

1. John Brocklehurst 43.1
2. Leon Kranen 42.1

300 100m P.S.K. Any Carbine Standing

1. Kjell Middleton 129*
2. Julie Robinshaw 129

301 Carbine Service 200yds Prone

1. Michael Zimmer 46.2
2. Marian Gunning 41.1

405 Classic Any Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Joel Meyers 47.6
2. Peter Bysshe 47.4

406 Classic Service Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Michael Zimmer 48.2
2. Clive Willson 48.1
3. Lee O'Brien 47.5

408 Classic Service Rifle 500yds Prone

1. Ronnie Cromie 46.3
2. Clive Willson 45.5
3. Michael Zimmer 45.3

412 Classic Service Sniper Rifle Optical 200yds Prone

1. Steven Voak 50.10
2. Dale McNeill 50.5

420 Classic Running Deer 110yds Standing

1. Nick Doe 25
2. William Lander 20

450 Classic Service Rifle 600yds Prone

1. Dale McNeill 42.1
2. Ronnie Cromie 41.1
3. Michael Zimmer 40.0

452 Classic Service Rifle 900yds Prone

1. Michael Zimmer 61.3
2. Uwe Hausler 58.4

465 Classic Service Rifle Rapid 200yds Prone

1. Peter Newhouse 55
2. Jeff Abbishaw 46
3. Steven Thomsen 45

505 Veteran Any Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Joel Meyers 49.8
2. Gary Shenton 47.3

506 Veteran Service Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Dale McNeill 49.5
2. Peter Newhouse 49.2
3. Olaf Eckhardt 48.5

508 Veteran Service Rifle Sniper Optical 200yds Prone

1. Larry Brown 50.7*
2. Christopher McGill 50.7
3. Alfred McCauley 50.6

510 Veteran Service Rifle 200yds Standing

1. Stephen Watson 37.1
2. David Pearce 34.0

524 Veteran Service Rifle 500yds Prone

1. Olaf Eckhardt 46.2
2. Uwe Hausler 45.5
3. Stephen Watson 44.4

530 Veteran Service Rifle 600yds Prone

1. Ronnie Cromie 44.2
2. Dale McNeill 43.2
3. Olaf Eckhardt 41.3

538 Veteran Service Rifle 900yds Prone

1. Olaf Eckhardt 58.1
2. Ronnie Cromie 50.2

541 Veteran Enfield Minute Rapid 200yds Prone

1. Oliver Abbott 48
2. Bob Burdock 47

601 Open .22 Sporting Rifle Running Boar 55yds

1. Nigel Greenaway 159
2. Derek Stimpson 141
3. Bill Turmeau 139

611 Open Any Rifle Historic Running Deer 110yds

1. Nigel Greenaway 41
2. William Lander 35
3. Derek Stimpson 29

615 Open CF Military Running Deer 110yds

1. David Yendell 61
2. Nigel Greenaway 58

624 Open McQueen Sniper Civilian 200yds

1. Steven Voak 48.1
2. Stephen Watson 45.0

625 Open McQueen Sniper Military 200yds

1. Steven Voak 49.3
2. Alfred McCauley 46.2
3. Ronnie Cromie 46.0

630 Open Target Rifle NRA .303 SR(b) 200yds Prone

1. Gary Shenton 49.5
2. Roger Ellis 48.7
3. Malcolm Johnston 46.3

635 Hesketh Pritchard Military 600yds Prone

1. Nigel Greenaway 50.6
2. Steven Voak 45.2

660 Hesketh Pritchard Military 900yds

1. Steven Voak 72.6
2. Nigel Greenaway 71.5

664 Open Rifle Service Sniper 200yds Prone

1. Christopher McGill 50.9
2. Ronnie Cromie 50.7
3. Larry Brown 48.5

665 Open Rifle Military Miniature 200yds Prone

1. R I M Thomas 42.1
2. Jerome Selwyn-Smith 40.2

667 Open .22 Rimfire Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Joel Meyers 47.4
2. Lee O'Brien 44.3

710 Transitional Any Rifle 200yds Prone

1. Roger Ellis 48.5
2. Michael Zimmer 48.4

712 Transitional Any Rifle 500yds Prone

1. Roger Ellis 47.4
2. Michael Zimmer 47.1

714 Transitional Any Rifle 600yds Prone

1. Joel Meyers 48.4
2. Roger Ellis 47.7

716 Transitional Any Rifle 900yds

1. Joel Meyers 65.2
2. Robert Hughes 63.4

719 Transitional McQueen1. Gen 7.62 Sniper 200yds

1. Nigel Greenaway 47.0
2. Steven Voak 45.1

803 MLAGB Target Pistol 25m Standing

1. Tony Bowden 89.0
2. Sam Marko 88.1
3. Martin Sweet 87.1

822 Gallery Rifle Any Lever Action Repeating 50m

1. Kjell Middleton 135.15
2. Pet Pearson 134.14

825 Gallery Rifle Any Centrefire 50m

1. Reg Hankey 134.16
- 2= Kjell Middleton, Julie Robinshaw 125 11 0 0

826 Gallery Rifle Any Rimfire 50m

1. Les Pearson 133.14
2. Kjell Middleton 129.12

832 100m Standing Any Lever Action Rifle

1. Les Pearson 167.1
2. Kjell Middleton 165.2

834 100m Standing Sporting Rifle Standing

1. Les Pearson 176.1
2. Fred Boulton 156.2



835 100m Standing Any Gallery Rifle Standing

1. Les Pearson 172.4
2. Fred Boulton 156.1

836 100m Standing Any Rimfire Gallery Rifle

1. Kjell Middleton 144.0
2. Julie Robinshaw 137.2

843 Slowfire Any Lever Action Repeating 25m

1. Neil Francis 140.20
- 2= Alan Podevin, Kjell Middleton 139.19

844 Slowfire Sporting 25m

1. Tim Read 135.17
2. Pet Pearson 135.16

845 Slowfire Any Centrefire Standing

1. Keith Henderson 139.19
2. Alan Podevin 137.18
3. Kjell Middleton 136.16

846 Slowfire Any Rimfire 25m

1. Michael Skinner 140.20
2. Kjell Middleton, Neil Francis 139.19

854 Duelling Repeating CF Gallery Rifle 25m

1. Alan Podevin 199.9
2. Olaf Eckhardt 198.9

863 Bobber Repeating CF Gallery Rifle

1. Alan Podevin 198.11
2. Jago Squire 195.2
3. Shaun Trout 194.3

864 Bobber Repeating RF Gallery Rifle Manual

1. Shaun Trout 196.6
2. David Lees 195.8
3. David Clayton 195.3

866 Bobber Historic .22 Self Loading Gallery 25m

1. Mick Tedesco 200.11
2. Alan Warner 196.6

882 Advancing Standard Revolver 25m

1. Michael Cutler 56.1
2. William Horne 53.0

884 Advancing CF Gallery Rifle Manual 25m

1. William Horne 150.25
2. Alan Podevin 149.23
3. Brian Yard 146.19

886 Advancing RF Gallery Rifle Manual 25m

1. Mick Tedesco 147.21
2. David Clayton 146.19

887 Advancing Any Gallery / Sporting Rifle 25m

- 1= Brian Yard, Derek Yates 150.23

940 Classic SR Short Range Agg

1. Peter Newhouse 96.3
2. Peter Bysshe 90.4

942 Perrier SR Agg

1. Ronnie Cromie 133.7
2. Michael Zimmer 133.5

951 Veteran SR Agg

1. Olaf Eckhardt 137.10
2. Dale McNeill 131.1

AUTUMN ACTION WEEKEND

19-20 October. Selected results

0101 25m Precision GRSB

1. Colin Hudson 281.5X
2. Jonny Cormie 274.5X
3. Les Pearson 269.5X

0102 25m Precision GRCF

1. Pet Pearson 298.12X
2. David Sprigg 297.13X
3. Les Pearson 296.15X

0121 25m Precision LBP

1. Steve Lane 287.7X
2. Jonny Cormie 283.6X

0122 25m Precision LBR

1. Andy McGee 279.6X

0301 50m Precision GRSB

1. Jonny Cormie 293.12X
2. Colin Hudson 292.12X

0302 50m Precision GRCF

1. David Sprigg 276.5X

0701 Timed & Precision 1 GRSBX

1. Keith Kilvington 299.16X
- X2. David Guest 297.17X
- X3. Jonny Cormie 297.17X
- A1. Jim Starley 296.13X
- A2. Malcolm Stewart 296.11X
- A3. Lee Townsend 293.15X
- B1. Martin McVeigh 293.9X
- B2. Fraser May 292.11X
- B3. Charlie Horner 291.7X

0702 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF

- X1. Norman Veitch 300.26X
- X2. Neil Francis 300.26X
- X3. William Pow 300.24X
- A1. David Farmer 300.23X
- A2. Jim Starley 300.21X
- A3. Peter Keegan 300.20X
- B1. James Burstall 296.11X
- B2. John McDonagh 296.7X

0703 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF Open

1. Charlie Horner 299.18X

0704 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF Classic

1. Keith Kilvington 300.22X
2. Neil Francis 300.21X
3. Jim Starley 299.22X

0721 Timed & Precision 1 LBP Open

- X1. Jonny Cormie 299.21X
- X2. Norman Veitch 299.13X
- A1. Jim Smith 297.13X
- A2. Paul Cooney 297.12X
- A3. Graeme Dodds 296.12X
- B1. Harry Moore 288.7X

0722 Timed & Precision 1 LBR Open

- X1. Phil Cowling 297.14X
- A1. Jim Smith 297.16X
- A2. Dave Berry 297.11X
- B1. William Pow 291.10X

0724 Timed & Precision 1 LBP Iron Sights

1. Alan Podevin 295.9X
2. Phil Cowling 295.4X

0725 Timed & Precision 1 LBR Iron Sights

1. Norman Brown 290.5X
- 2 Phil Cowling 286.15X

0735 Timed & Precision 1 SGM

1. John Chambers 299.17X
2. Rob Sanders 296.15X

0736 Timed & Precision 1 SGSA

1. John Chambers 300.15X
2. Chris McGill 296.10X
3. Chris Chambers 295.12X

0901 Timed & Precision 2 GRSB

- X1. Jonny Cormie 592.34X
- A1. Jim Starley 576.16X
- B1. Fraser May 528.12X

0902 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF

- X1. Norman Veitch 594.27X
- A1. Jim Starley 593.29X
- B1. Laura Warwick 577.20X

1021 Timed & Precision 3 LBP

1. Neil Francis 238
2. Dave Morrow 237

1022 Timed & Precision 3 LBR

1. Jim Smith 229
2. Mel Beard 227

1101 Multi-Target GRSB

- X1. Jonny Cormie 117.17X
- X2. Jake Mossom 117.14X
- X3. David Guest 117.13X
- A1 Gail Podevin 111.8X
- A2. Lee Townsend 111.8X
- B1. Charlie Horner 105.4X
- B2 Fraser May 103.4X
- B3. James Cooper 98.4X

1102 Multi-Target GRCF

- X1. Norman Veitch 119.12X
- X2. David Guest 118.16X
- X3. Jonny Cormie 118.14X
- A1. Peter Keegan 115.11X
- A2. Laura Warwick 114.11X
- A3. Michael Reynolds 114.10X
- B1. David Sprigg 112.10X

1103 Multi-Target GRCF Open

1. Charlie Horner 114.12X

1104 Multi-Target GRCF Classic

1. Alan Podevin 118.11X
2. Neil Francis 116.8X
3. Jim Smith 115.14X

1121 Multi-Target LBP Open

- X1. Norman Veitch 115.13X
- X2. Jonny Cormie 114.12X
- A1. Dave Morrow 117.17X
- A2. Jim Smith 112.10X
- B1. Charles Murton 98.3X

1122 Multi-Target LBR Open

- X1. Jim Smith 112.12X
- X2. Dave Berry 111.10X
- A1. Neil Roberts 109.10X

1124 Multi-Target LBP Iron Sights

1. Alan Podevin 109.7X
2. David Farrow 106.9X

1125 Multi-Target LBR Iron Sights

1. Phil Cowling 108.9X

1135 Multi-Target SGM

1. John Chambers 113.12X
2. Rob Sanders 112.7X



1136 Multi-Target SGSA

1. John Chambers 113.13X
2. Rob Sanders 112.8X
3. Chris McGill 110.11X

1301 Phoenix A GRSB

- X1. Jonny Cormie 191.21X
- A1. Stuart Russell 182.14X
- B1. Rachel Goldsworthy 168.8X

1302 Phoenix A GRCF

- X1. Keith Kilvington 192.22X
- A1. Peter Keegan 189.15X
- B1. Laura Warwick 185.15X

1321 Phoenix A LBP

- X1. Jonny Cormie 191.15X
- A1. Dave Morrow 185.17X
- B1. David Farmer 163.11X

1322 Phoenix A LBR

- A1. Leslie Kong 166.14X

1501 1500 GRSB

- X1. Jonny Cormie 1482.100X
- A1. Mel Beard 1465.86X
- B1. Robert Worthington 1468.72X
- B2. David Farmer 1463.79X
- C1. Rachel Goldsworthy 1438.50X
- C2. Fred Cooke 1413.38X

1502 1500 GRCF

- X1. Norman Veitch 1486.87X
- B1. Keith Kilvington 1480.96X
- B2. Jake Mossom 1480.91X
- C1. Laura Warwick 146.79X

1601 1020 GRSB

1. Norman Veitch 1016.79X
2. David Farmer 1016.78X
3. Jake Mossom 1015.76X

1602 1020 GRCF

1. Jonny Cormie 1019.87X
2. Norman Veitch 1019.80X

1621 1020 LBP

1. Steve Lane 1015.76X
2. Jonny Cormie 1006.61X
3. Norman Veitch 1005.55X

1622 1020 LBR

1. Phil Cowling 986.33X

1821 WA48 LBP

1. Steve Lane 480.38X
2. Neil Francis 479.35X
3. Ash Dagger 478.27X

1822 WA48 LBR

1. 043 Mel Beard 476.26X
2. Peter Matthews 472.27X

1901 Advancing Target GRSB

- X1. David Guest 294.35X
- X2. Stuart Russell 287.31X
- A1. David Farmer 283.20X
- A2. Lee Townsend 278.26X
- A3. Ash Dagger 276.21X
- B1. Martin McVeighty 258.13X
- B2. Paul Bennett 254.6X
- B3. James Dodd 253.11X

1902 Advancing Target GRCF

- X1. David Guest 180.28X
- X2. Jim Starley 180.27X
- A1. Charlie Horner 179.17X
- A2. Alan Podevin 178.27X
- B1. James Burstall 176.18X
- B2. Aidan Welton 158.6X

1904 Advancing Target GRCF Classic

1. Jim Smith 178.24X
2. Jim Starley 178.21X
3. Alan Podevin 177.28X

1921 Advancing Target LBP Open

- X1. Jonny Cormie 179.16X
- X2. Norman Veitch 177.27X
- A1. Paul Cooney 176.20X

- A2. Jim Smith 175.18X
- B1. James Dodd 170.13X
- B2. Arwel Roberts 165.14X

1922 Advancing Target LBR Open

- X1. Phil Cowling 177.28X
- A1. Steve Lane 174.18X
- B1. James Dodd 163.19X
- B2. Arthur Hughes 158.9X

1924 Advancing Target LBP Iron Sights

1. Phil Cowling 172.20X
2. Shaun Twomey 171.16X

1925 Advancing Target LBR Iron Sights

1. Phil Cowling 172.19X
2. Keith Kilvington 159.13X

2101 Speed Steel Challenge GRSB

1. John Chambers 23.52
2. Julian Fox 24.58
3. Charles Murton 26.54

2102 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF

1. Mel Beard 35.28
2. Chris Dauwalder 36.12

2121 Speed Steel Challenge LBP

1. John Chambers 26.34
2. Steve Lane 27.93

2122 Speed Steel Challenge LBR

1. Mel Beard 29.90

2. Arwel Roberts 39.42

3335 NRA Embassy Cup SGM

1. Rob Sanders 116

3336 NRA Embassy Cup SGSA

1. Peter Matthews 119
2. Rob Sanders 117

3501 Mini-Rifle

1. Josh Kenny 100.00%
2. John Chambers 98.34%
3. Steve Smith 86.32%

6380 200m Any Full-Bore Rifle

1. Colin Hudson 172
2. Brian McManus 171

6381 200m Service Rifle A pre 1955

1. Paul Green 116
2. Bill Ellis 104

6501 McQueen GRSB

1. Brian McManus 50.7V 50.9V
2. Chris McGill 50.7V 50.7V
3. James Cooper 50.6V 50.7V

6580 McQueen

1. Stuart Doyle 50.7V 50.5V
- 2nd= 1691 Tim Jemmett, Chris McGill, Andrew Fry 50.4V

6590 McQueen Issued Rifle

1. 3461 Robert Clarkson 50.5V
2. 2234 Chris McGill 50.4V



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MESSAGE



Jeremy Langley talks to the NRA

Full Name: Dr Jeremy DS Langley

Age: 52

How did you get into shooting and at what age?

I was introduced to Bisley at a very young age, as my father regularly attended the ISCRM Cadet Meeting coaching Devon ACF. My first fullbore rifle competition was in 1982 where, shooting a .303 rifle, I represented Cheltenham College in the Cadet Pair at the age of 13.

What is the most memorable moment in your career?

There are so many standout moments. Winning the DCRA Grand Aggregate during my first GB tour, shooting for England in the winning Millennium Match, coaching England for the last four Commonwealth Games, captaining the winning England Team in this year's America Match. The highlight, however, was main coaching the 2012 Canada Match where my team scored a perfect 1200 ex 1200!

What was the biggest hurdle you had to overcome?

Perhaps the toughest challenge has come from various illnesses. A slipped disc suffered in Canada in 2002 put a stop to my coaching 'the big five' matches during 2003, and a heart attack in 2009 meant I missed the Imperial Meeting that year as well.

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

My maternal grandfather captained two GB touring teams (Africa 1953 and West Indies 1959) as well as the Kolapore (1964) and National (1958). My mother and both her brothers also shot. My father was second in the Queen's Prize in 1960 and Adjutant to the 1963 GB Team to Africa. My wife Judy shoots for Ireland and also represented GB. I am exceedingly lucky that my whole family have always been knowledgeable, supportive and proud of my shooting.

What Club are you a member of?

Exonia and Tiverton Rifle Club (Exeter) and London and Middlesex Rifle Club (Bisley).

Who has been your biggest inspiration?

My father shot for GB, the British Lions, GB Veterans and was Commandant of the UK Cadet Athelings Team – twice. He bought



me a new rifle in 1985 (the year before I went on my Athelings tour) and I now shoot both that rifle and the rifle he bought at the same time for himself. The two have consecutive serial numbers.

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

My favourite shooting destination is Canada. I have made many lifelong friends there, having visited many times over the last 30 years. As a holiday destination, I like the coral beaches of Barbados.

How have Bisley and the NRA influenced you?

Bisley and the NRA have for over three decades been my second home. My father-in-law was the shooting manager at Bisley for over 15 years. I have met so many great people over that time and I am grateful for their friendship and support.

What do you like to do in your free time?

With two young sons (Harry, 7, and Benjamin, 12) life mainly revolves around their school activities, sports and interests. The boys and I enjoy fishing and Benjamin loves shotgun shooting. We are looking forward to introducing him to target rifle in due course.

Do you have any pre-competition routines?

I like to arrive at the firing point with my kit already set up. I like to have enough time to chat to my fellow competitors before getting down to shoot. I tend not to worry about wind conditions before I lie down, preferring to read the conditions when I actually need them.

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

Join an NRA-affiliated club, borrow kit to start, but move to your own equipment as soon as you are able – second-hand rifles are fine. Be inquisitive, learn from those about you, enjoy it and be safe.

So, what next?

Regaining the Palma in South Africa in 2023 will take an enormous amount of dedicated planning and effort. I plan to visit Bloemfontein in March next year and again a year before the Palma. Remember my comments on sporadic illness – I am suffering from a frozen shoulder and need to get that sorted out before next season! Merry Christmas to all my friends in the UK and overseas. ■

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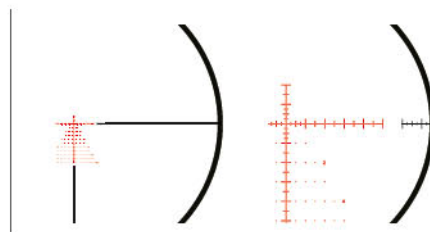
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