

**FINAL**

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION**  
**Bisley General Meeting**

**Minutes of the Bisley General Meeting**  
**held in the NRA Pavilion, Bisley**  
**on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 9.00pm**

**Present:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	Mr D Lacey
<b>Secretary General</b>	Mr A Mercer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr A Reynolds
<b>Members:</b>	16 Registered

**BISLEY GENERAL MEETING**

**Notice of the Bisley General Meeting**

The notice of the Meeting was taken as read.

**ITEM 1 - SPEECHES**

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

**ITEM 2 - OPEN FORUM**



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**Chairman**

## Proceedings

Welcome to the Bisley General Meeting of 2024.

I am joined by Andrew Reynolds, our Treasurer and Andrew Mercer, our Secretary General.

I would like to welcome all our Vice-Presidents who have joined or are joining us through the Meeting. I would particularly like to welcome those from overseas – Philippe Ginestet from France, Mahendra Persuad from Guyana, and Clifford Mallett from Jersey.

I would like to start the meeting by announcing the results of the King's Prize Stage I score, which was shot earlier today on Century Range. The results were published on the stats board this afternoon. For those of you who haven't seen them, 767 competitors shot the first stage of His Majesty's The King's Prize. The Bronze Badge was won by Toby Cubitt with a score of 105.19v. The provisional last score in is 101.10v, finishing 34.4v at 600 yards.

Moving onto the other competitions, we started the Imperial 2024 with the Military Adaptive Championship on 20<sup>th</sup> June. It was both uplifting and humbling to talk with these young and not-so-young competitors from all three Services. Their determination and positive approach in the face of life-changing injuries sustained while serving our country is an inspiration. The event brings together a like-minded camaraderie but is also very competitive, as you might expect. The winner of the Veteran Military Adaptive Championship this year was Chris Parkes with a score of 348.38v.

At the same time, the Services were finishing their Operational Shooting Competitions and we are delighted to recognise the recipients of the respective King's Medal for 2024:

For the Royal Navy/Royal Marines: Commander Chris Oldfield, Royal Navy  
For the Army: Corporal Nishal Thapa, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Gurkha Rifles  
For the Royal Air Force: Corporal Nathaniel Webb.

The Civilian Service Rifle meeting that followed saw 145 individual competitors. The class winners were:

Historic	Rowan McBride
Iron Sight	Bill Ellis
Practical Optic	Nicholas Stirrup
Service Optic	Roy Wade

26 teams competed in the Falling Plates competition, which was staged on Pirbright ranges. Shot in two classes, the winner of the Modern was LERA A Team, while the Open Class was won by Highpower Rifle Association A Team.

The CSR Meeting culminated in the Methuen Cup Match, which saw 24 teams competing. The Lee Enfield Rifle Association won the Historic Class with 741 points, while the Highpower Rifle Association won the Practical Class with 1376 points.

Turning to F-Class, 66 competitors entered the F-Class matches across 5 days of competitions. Peter Dommert retained the F Class St George's title in F/TR with a score of 148.13v, with Roberto Belli from Italy winning the F-Open St George's with a score of 150.15v. David Lloyd was the winner of the prestigious Farquharson for 2024 in F/TR with 283.15v. The F Open Farquharson champion was Steffen Schmitz of Germany with 283.17v.

Now on to Match Rifle, which had 141 entrants. The Hopton was won by Ron Scaglione with a score of 1004.136v, narrowly beating Nick Brasier by one point. Nick Tremlett won the Albert, the last shoot in the Hopton, with a score of 222.29v.

This year's winners of the 151<sup>st</sup> Elcho Match were England, retaining the match with a score of 1748.229v, beating Scotland by 14 points, with Ireland third on 1717.169v.

The Imperial Gallery Rifle meeting had over 700 cards returned. Our thanks go to all the Range Officers, stats and admin team who help organise this very enjoyable and relaxed event on our Melville range.

The McQueen competitions, sponsored by Accuracy International, has had a very successful meeting and our thanks go to Alan Ward and John McDonagh for the smooth running of this popular competition. The winner of the McQueen 'A' – the issued rifle – was Werne Putter (serving). Oscar Deakin retained the Under 25 prize, and the Cadet Winner was Cdt Cpl E Chrystal of Wycliffe College.

Target Rifle has seen 835 entries, with 24 overseas countries represented. We continue to be grateful and delighted by this support to the Imperial.

The Grand Aggregate had 656 entries, with Chloe Evans becoming the first woman since 1998 and the third woman ever to take the prize, with a winning score of 771.110v, with Matthew Ensor a very close second on 771.101v, and Toby Raincock third on 770.100v.

We continue to have an excellent cohort of young shooters, with 216 Under-21s, and 48 Under-25s, which is 32% of all entries. Our special thanks go to the school masters and our friends at the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting, with whom we have an excellent working relationship.

We also have a 291-strong 'Relevant Person' contingent with 55 serving personnel, 93 ex-serving personnel and 143 cadets taking part in the meeting, which is 35% of all entries.

Now I would like to extend my thanks to those who have worked very hard over the last 5 weeks of competitions. To our Chief Range Officers, Peter Turner, John Miller, Lisa Railton and Rob Hughes. To our Chief of Staff, David Camp, Chief Butts Officers, Colin Scoles and Eleanor Lowry on Stickledown, and Owen Libermann and Martin Danks on Century, and all the RCOs and Butt supervisors who have kept

things going for us. My sincere thanks also go to all the markers who have done such a sterling job in all weather throughout the Meeting and to the staff who have prepared the Camp and the Ranges.

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

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

Col (Retd) Sir FC (Charlie) Sykes with 824 votes  
Mr Gary Alexander with 679 votes  
Mr Tom Rylands with 673 votes  
Mrs Julia Hilger Ellis with 659 votes  
Mr Phil Northam with 596 votes

Mr Richard Vary has been elected as the London & South East Regional Representative with 285 votes.

I would like to congratulate all the successful candidates and thank them for agreeing to contribute to the work of the NRA by serving on General Council. I would also like to thank everyone who put themselves forward as candidates.

I now throw the meeting open to the floor. Can I invite you to take the microphone for the first question.

Tim Kidner, Scotland

I have a fairly straightforward question for the Secretary. As people come into the camp, they see some buildings that are basically falling down which I believe are now owned by the NRA. Is there an actual plan to do something about improving the condition of the buildings or to demolish them? Leaving them as they are, I think, is creating a bit of a negative impression to visitors to the camp.

Chairman:

We reacquired Site 103 at the end of 2022. It had been owned by the NSRA for about twenty years before that. Once we got it, we were able to remove the asbestos, which took some time, as you can't just bundle it into a skip. We also cleared a lot of the underbrush and dealt with the fencing.

One option is knocking down the building, but when I went in there it's actually in surprisingly good condition for a building that was built in the 1940s, especially as it had almost nothing done to it for 20 years.

I thought if we could preserve it, visually done up, that would be a good thing, and so we are currently seeking commercial tenants for it, or somebody who would like it as a clubhouse, or indeed as a very fine lodge. So we're hoping to find a tenant, and the reason for not doing a lot of work on it now is that if we spend a lot of money on it and then the prospective tenant says that's a pity because I actually want something completely different we've lost a lot of money.

This does give me the opportunity to say if any of you know anybody who would like a base on camp, commercial premises, something shooting related, please get in contact with me or Andrew (Mercer).

Tim Kidner:

I think it's important that something is done, too, because people just get the wrong impression, in my view, when they come into the camp.

Chairman:

For a while I had campaigned for a sign saying "We don't own this" with an arrow, but we don't have that excuse any more. You're absolutely right. I think it does look a lot better, and I'd like to extend my thanks to the grounds team who did a very good job clearing away the underbrush and "tarting it up" for want of a better expression.

We're hopeful that we will find a tenant for it.

Tim Kidner:

Aesthetically, it is important.

Chairman:

Yes, and to keep it looking like it does, as a piece of history of the Camp, would be wonderful.

Dick Winney, Hertfordshire:

You are changing the target conventions for next year. In the past, 500-yard target has been distinguished from the 600 yard target by initially a white square and currently a white diamond.

How are you going to distinguish the 500-yard target from the 600-yard target for 2025?

Chairman:

I can honestly say the answer is 'I have not got the foggiest idea'.

Dick Winney:

I think you need to consider it very carefully, because at the moment, the ICFRA target has a white square. The NRA target has a white diamond. But, for all the provincial ranges, people are going to have stock from previous years.

I know from my own experience that in Kenya, 30 years ago, I went on leave and I came back and found the NRA had changed the target dimensions and the Championship had been shot, willy nilly, alternately on 12-inch and 10-inch bulls. And so the results were complete garbage.

Chairman:

I see the point, particularly with ranges that have stock of what we might call old size targets. You need to know when you're shooting on an old size or new size target.

Dick Winney:

But you also need to know whether you're shooting a 500 or 600 yard target, because just glancing through the telescope, you can't really see unless they're clearly marked.

Chairman:

Thank you very much for that. That's an important operational matter.

Dick Winney:

The next stage from that is, do you need to mark the new long-range targets similarly, because the aiming mark is the same dimension as the ICFRA targets, but the rings are quite different.

Chairman:

Thank you very much. That's an important operational point which I'm sure the NSC will be conscious of, as well as other range operators.

Charles Dickenson, Royal Navy Target Rifle Club, and 9 other affiliated clubs:

I have a question about the Exhibition Hut. I'd just like to understand what the current plans are for the Exhibition Hut. I understood a couple of years ago that it had popped to the top of the priority list, but nothing seems to have happened.

Andrew Mercer:

The Exhibition Hut will be painted later this year, and the refurbishment will start later this year, to go out to tender next year.

## Phil Northam, Herts Rifle Club

Evening, we disparate few, and it is a disparate few that are attending this meeting.

Previously, this meeting was held in the tent out back, more in the heart of the clubs, more in the heart of the organisation, and the attendance levels were significantly larger.

So, my first question is, why is this meeting hidden away over here now? Is it because we're not engaging with our own membership, because we need to do that.

My second point is, due to a fairly major component of my automotive parting company with the engine, I had to walk and drag a trolley around camp. And I believe Tim Webster put a paper to the General Council about pedestrian and cycling access. Having experienced what he experiences, I wholeheartedly agree with everything he says in that paper.

There are desperately few walkways that are safe for cycling and for pedestrian access, even when the trolley is being towed by a fairly effective dog. In particular, the old railway line at the back of Waldegrave is an appalling, rutted mess because of NRA vehicles driving down there with large 4x4s. It is dangerous to walk down that line and when it's wet there are huge ruts full of mud and puddles. It is utterly unlit. It used to be a relatively safe walking access route in the dark. And now it's positively hazardous. One of the NRA staff told me that it's for NRA staff only, which I think is a load of rubbish because nobody's ever made any announcement to that effect.

So, I think we need to really go back and have a look at pedestrian safe routes, bridges across at 600 to the firing points which are in disparate condition. I saw one trolley go over because there's a hole in the bridge. We need to look at safe routes of walking on camp and certain areas where lighting might help with that.

But I think my first point is the most important one. The governance of this organisation is failed by those who are not here because they haven't heard the calling, and because this meeting is held in a, I personally believe, a somewhat out of the way venue compared to others.

### Chairman:

In relation to the first point, I was pleased to see that there was a flyer in all of the competitors' envelopes, reminding people of this date and time, which has been kept the same date and time for the last 40 or 50 years. When I suggested moving it to an earlier time, I was told that that would not go down very well.

Having more people here would be fantastic. I understand that it may be affected by the fact that in the old days, one of the jobs of the Chairman was to announce the cut-off for the King's Prize, which apparently a lot of people were interested in, and came to the meeting just to hear the results of the King's Prize.

Since everybody now already knows it, it may be that affects the attendance at this meeting which is a shame, because as Phil says, this is a very valuable opportunity for interaction between the NRA and the wider membership.

In terms of pedestrian access, having myself also dragged a trolley around, I'm very conscious of what Phil says. Certainly at night I encourage everyone to use the roads that are well lit, rather than trying some of the more unlit sections because that is the best way to stay safe. The embankment at the back of Waldegrave is not lit, and I wouldn't recommend that anybody walks down it late at night. It's not designed for that when there are good footpaths that you can use instead.

But it's important that when we look at the work on Camp, that Camp is not just a place for vehicles. Of course, when Camp started, there were no vehicles. When it was originally laid out, you took the train, you got out at the railway station, which is now the Dark Horse Rifle Club, and there you were on camp, your equipment having been brought down the night before.

We've had to make a lot of changes to cope with the general introduction of motor vehicles and a lot of parking has been introduced, particularly over the last couple of years: 300-yards, for example, to accommodate a large number of motor vehicles.

We are now in a sense, almost going full circle back to a time when people prefer to walk around and to cycle because it's healthier and better for you and I can see over time, perhaps people will look back and say, what were all these great big gravel places for parking all these things that you call cars.

But it's a point well-made and I know that Andrew and his team will be conscious of it.

Tim Goodger, Life Member:

There's been reference over the years to letting of various sites on a commercial basis or to commercial tenants. Two points on that.

First is, what type of tenant does Council envisage taking up the tenancy? And the second point is, if it's a commercial tenant, the inference of that is that they're not related to shooting, and is that a concern for Council in the sense that this obviously is a shooting designated area.

And adjunct to that, just as an aside, the other thing that I'm not sure that I'm aware of, but perhaps I can be enlightened, is the regards to a business plan in terms of the capital expenditure that appears to be going on in camp, some for good, some controversially from what I understand, which members are able to see and abide by.

Chairman:

The current real estate policy, which you can read on the website, is that tenancies should all have a relationship to shooting, and that includes the category of what we call commercial tenants. So, just to think of some of them who are on camp in no



particular order or preference, you've got William Evans, a gunmaker with obvious shooting connection and we've got the Gun Trade Association, another commercial tenant.

The idea is that they all have a connection to shooting, and that's a conscious decision by Council. It's a policy that Council could change if it wished, but that is currently the policy that every tenant should have a connection with shooting. So commercial tenants should have a connection to shooting.

In terms of the business plan, the capital expenditure is managed by the professional staff. The budgets are published to General Council, so General Council have an opportunity to review the budgets and question the Treasurer at General Council meetings. So the oversight of capital planning within the constitution is with General Council.

#### Paul Charlton, Stock Exchange Rifle Club and co-tenant on Spencer Site:

When the Spencer site (caravan) was developed, there was a takeover, effectively, of the road plan. Accessing the car park between the old caravan site, which is now Spencer site and Elcho Road, there had previously been a one-way system in and out that area. With the development of Waldegrave site, there is increased traffic going along Queen Victoria Way.

When Spencer site was initiated, road markings were put on Elcho Road to make sure there was a stop line to increase safety. Can similar consideration for road safety be considered for the entrance and exit of the RAF area car park, so that there is a reduced likelihood of accidents at that T-junction.

Whether it's a reintroduction of the no entry signage, or road markings, I'm sure you can make it safer.

#### Chairman:

Certainly on Wharnccliffe site, I know there'll be a one way system that will be put in place. It's a good thought also whether that one-way system should extend onto Spencer site, and now that all the works have been done, so there are no more heavy vehicles moving in there, there is a good opportunity to paint the lines in accordance with best practice for roads on caravan sites. That would certainly seem a sensible thing for safety and for good order.

#### Paul Charlton:

There is another matter which concerns our near neighbours, the NSRA, who I understand to be re-developing the Lord Roberts Centre for increased use by the CNC, and that is reducing the ability of smallbore shooters to use the upstairs air ranges, which are 10-meter lanes.

Is there any possibility that whilst that reduced capacity exists at the NSRA's Lord Roberts Centre, the NRA has the facility to offer air pistol and air rifle shooters, range

facility in a space such as this? I believe they need something like a 10-meter by 30-meter space to create 30 lanes of air pistol shooting.

Chairman:

Just before I hand over to Andrew on the air rifle and air pistol, I should just pick up your suggestion on road names, which I think will also be a very positive thing.

I'm hoping that now we've got Spencer, we've got Waldergrave, and we've got Wharncliffe, now might be a very good opportunity to have more road names published to help people give directions to more visitors on camp.

In terms of whether we can accommodate air rifles and air pistols on camp, Andrew, did you have some thoughts on that?

Andrew Mercer:

One of the consequences, which I have to admit had passed me by, of the proposed development of the Lord Roberts Centre, is the loss of the Scout shooting competition in the Autumn, and I have engaged with the NSRA to see whether we can provide, I think it's 10 meter or 5 meter air facilities within the NRA's area of Bisley Camp.

But I think the NSRA's range capacity will be significantly reduced, certainly for the next two years at least. To see several hundred scouts disappear from Bisley in October is a very bad thing so I've offered our range complex, and from my point of view, there's no reason why we can't put up a tent similar to the ones we have and try to accommodate air rifles. So I have made the offer to the NSRA and they are, as I understand it, are considering it. But air shooting at the NSRA may be problematic.

Paul Charlton:

Well, it may be problematic, but can it be considered as something that would help the interaction between the two national government bodies.

Chairman:

I think spaces like this (Pavilion) get a lot of use, particularly for training, so it's partly an issue of finding an unused space that isn't used for other things. There is, of course, an air rifle range next to Melville, the BFTO range. And so it may well be that they will see increased footfall if people can't get air rifle facilities at the NSRA.

Tom Harrison, Life Member:

I've got three points for you.

First of all, the air rifle question that's just come up. Isn't Site 103 an ideal place to put it?

Chairman:

It could be used as an air range but if I could get a good commercial tenant in there, paying a fair but generous rent that would drive income that the organization could use for a whole lot of good things. That money could drive improvements on the ranges and on the roads and everywhere else, so my personal view would be to prefer the commercial tenant over the air rifle shooting.

Tom Harrison:

My next question was you make announcements over the tannoy in the centre of camp. People on the periphery, Site 7, Elcho Road, Site 6, Site 8, can hear them going on, but haven't got a clue what you're saying. Are these announcements important, or not?

Andrew Mercer:

I think the announcements we've had for the last five years have been announcements for the ranges.

Tom Harrison:

Range announcements you can hear and distinguish quite happily, but the ones that come out of your central telephone system are hard to understand.

And the last point is that you've got a guest WiFi system. Again, those outlying areas can't pick it up. Can you put some repeaters in place?

Chairman:

Yes we can. There's a cost factor involved. WiFi has become a bit like hot and cold running water. I'm sure 70 years ago somebody said we should have running water on camp, and Wi Fi today is our equivalent of hot and cold running water.

Phil Northam:

Just a point of information. This Imperial, Site 7 has had virtually no broadcast signal at all. The only network that seems to work is EE. There is an extension of safety issues arising with that such as if there's an emergency, people's phones simply will not work unless they're on the right network. Pushing Wi Fi into those areas will help.

Charles Kennish, Isle of Man Fullbore Rifle Club

I would like to raise the issue of containers on Site 8 between the caravans and the workshops. Equipment such as trailers, trailer parts, tipper parts are being stored outside of the workshop area. Some children were climbing on the trailer the other day and one fell. Luckily, he landed on the grass, but another foot over and he would have hit the bucket of a digger.

When I was in the building trade, all my equipment had to be fenced when not in use. Now, is that a caravan site, or a dump site for NRA equipment?

Chairman:

I think that is a very fair point. Caravan sites should not be used for storing diggers and agricultural machinery.

Charles Kennish:

The first week Andrew (Mercer) was here we had a barney and they cut up my site and had to rebuild it. When I came at Easter it was back to mud and the manager said that is the road. I said no, the road went down the back. If any of these children get injured on the fencing, on the equipment, we're going to have a big lawsuit on our hands.

Chairman:

Andrew, is that a training issue for our ground staff to make sure they're conscious of the distinction?

Andrew Mercer:

It's a very fair point. I think we need to delineate the caravan site from the work yard rather better than what Mr Kennish described. I think, whether all of Site 8 needs to be a caravan site, or whether we need to reallocate some space for the workshop equipment.

Charles Kennish:

When the site was originally built it had 25 caravans. At one time there were 38, but we've reduced that. The site behind me, the security fence is stacked this high. On the entrance coming into Site 8 there are digger buckets, trailers, grass cutters. They shouldn't be there.

Chairman:

My personal view is that I'm in complete agreement.

Charles Kennish:

And considering we're now paying well over £1,500 for the sites.

Chairman:

There a good expression, 'good fences make for good neighbours', and I think proper fencing, that delineated between where the machinery can be stored and where people, particularly children, are going to be, is important.

Charles Kennish:

For four hours a day, there's a tractor and a grasscutter parked in the middle of the site.

Chairman:

Andrew, is that something you can take up with the grounds staff?

Andrew Mercer:

I can certainly look into that.

Chairman:

Thank you for escalating it here and as I say, fencing can clearly differentiate the two areas.

Charles Kennish:

I'm not talking about fencing it – moving it!

Chairman:

The important thing is that it can't be a play thing for children.

Charles Dickinson:

Just to follow up on Phil Norman's comment about the really depressingly small turnout we've got this evening compared to what we've had in the past.

It would be interesting to know why people are no longer coming, and maybe we need to actually make that inquiry.

Otherwise people might speculate that people aren't coming here because they believe that they're not being listened to and that any suggestions or comments they've made don't actually get actioned.

It is, to my mind, extremely sad to see so few members of General Council and indeed Council present here. Bisley General Meeting is an opportunity for those particular representatives of the membership to actually hear what it is that people are concerned about.

If they're not here, it further enhances the belief that actually they don't care, they don't want to listen to what they're saying, and they're certainly not going to action anything that we might have said.

So please could we find out from the membership at large as to why it is that they feel that there's no point in coming to this general meeting. And also could we encourage members of Council and General Council to come along to this really quite important meeting.

But I think actually the same applies to the AGM. The attendance of Council members and General Council members at the AGM this year and for several years has been extremely low. I'm disappointed.

Chairman:

Thank you, Charles. I think my first Bisley General Meeting after COVID was attended by seven people. The next one was 14, and I'm pleased to see that this one, I think, has matched that. As to why more people aren't coming, is it that everyone knows what the King's Prize cut-off is? Now that's not good for engagement, and so one thing that all of you can do is tell everybody that there is still a Bisley General Meeting, that it is worth coming along.

We are here, not just me, but we've also got the Treasurer to answer financial questions and Andrew as both Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer. Tell everybody what a great meeting it was.

It's a good point. If you have any ideas as to what I could do to make this meeting more encouraging, then, by all means, please let me know. I would be very interested in it. And I will raise it at General Council at the September meeting.

Tim Goodger:

Mr. Chairman, just to pick up on your last comment, I think people don't come here because they actually don't know what's going on. They don't come here because they don't know what's discussed at these meetings. They don't know what they can raise at these meetings.

They don't understand that they can ask questions and, as Charles just said, about Council being here to listen to those questions.

I've just literally tried encouraging four or five people from my clubhouse to come and they said, well, why? I'm just following on from Charles' point.

My point is to do with rifles and specifications. So it's slightly offbeat in some respects, but it's essential to what we do here.

I may be mistaken, and people might correct me, but I have a recollection that at one stage, that if you used a rifle here, for the meeting you had to declare it and second, way, way back, it actually had to be looked at by the armourer before you used it, in terms of weight, in terms of spec, to make sure that it met whatever was in the rulebook.

I don't know whether that's still the case? I've never, apart from me being asked to have someone look at my headspace on the breach, I don't think anyone's even

looked at this. I just wonder whether this is something that has been lost in time. I might have a mis-memory about it, but it does strike me that rifle development now is such that there's no standard rifle. All rifles look quite different in terms of style, I imagine the weights are quite different, the specs, etc. So I just wonder whether that's something that generally is being looked at, being considered, as everything develops.

Chairman:

In terms of your first point, there is an agenda flyer in everybody's information packets that tells people what's happening at the meeting. It may be that we can add more to that. And if you've got any suggestions about what we could put on that agenda sheet to encourage attendance, please do let me know so that we can incorporate it.

As to the second part, there is a general requirement under the rules that everybody's rifle is safe for use with the issued ammunition. And I know that the staff also do an overall length test, and a trigger weight test.

Andrew Mercer:

And there is spot testing, but I would be lying if I said I was fully up to speed as to what the staff do for those.

Charles Dickenson:

I think the green sticker process actually covers most of it, but it's something that's done once you have a new barrel. Every barrel should have a green sticker on it which shows that it has been tested and passed and approved for use. The range officers are encouraged to check during shooting that all rifles in use have green stickers. It is compliance with Rule 150.

Tim Goodger:

No, Rule 150 deals with the ability to use guns, I'm talking about overall spec in terms of weight of guns, which is not actually dealt with.

Chairman:

Perhaps this is something for Shooting Committee. That would be the logical place for this to be considered. I will mention that at the next General Council meeting

Mike Jenvey, RAFTRC, General Council Member:

I've got a question about the NSC survey, which was carried out in October last year. We've been waiting for the results to be published. I was hoping they'd be published so we could ask questions this evening, but they haven't been published. Please can I ask, what is the synopsis of the results, and when are they going to be published?

Chairman:

Andrew, I think the directors were planning to publish an article in the journal? (They are)

Strictly speaking, I should highlight that's an NSC matter rather than an NRA matter, which is important for compliance with Charity Commission guidelines. But the NRA has both a financial and a reputational interest in matters relating to NSC and that's my justification for taking a question at this meeting that relates to NSC business rather than to NRA business.

Mike Jenvey:

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

The second question is what are the latest number of the pitches sold on Wharnccliffe site?

Andrew Mercer:

18.

Mike Jenvey:

Thank you.

Chairman:

So that means there are still 10 available? So tomorrow, you might like to have a wander around. Those of you who haven't seen Wharnccliffe, there are still some sites available, and this is an opportunity to get one and have your own place on Bisley. Please also tell all your friends about it.

Mike Jenvey:

Has the votes been announced for the General Council and the elected representatives? Has that been announced tonight?

Chairman:

Yes, that was announced tonight.

Mike Jenvey:

Okay, thank you very much indeed.

Chairman:

Any more questions?



I thank you all very much for coming along.

Please do tell everybody what you thought of the meeting and encourage more people to come along. And if there's anything you think we can do to drive more people to attend please do let me know – [chairman@nra.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nra.org.uk).

With that, I will thank you all for coming and wish you a very good evening.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.