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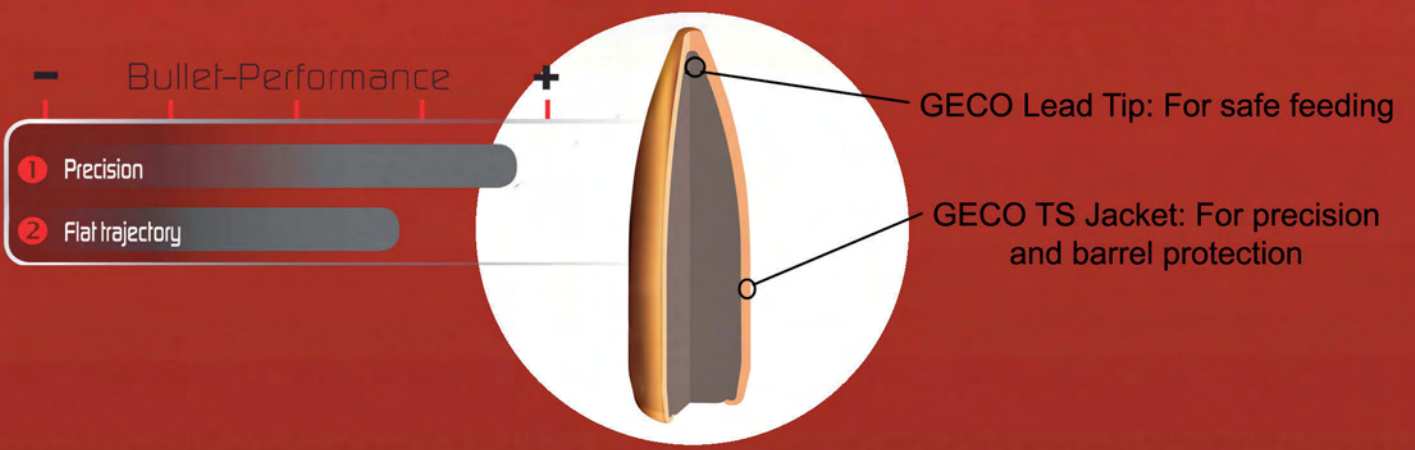
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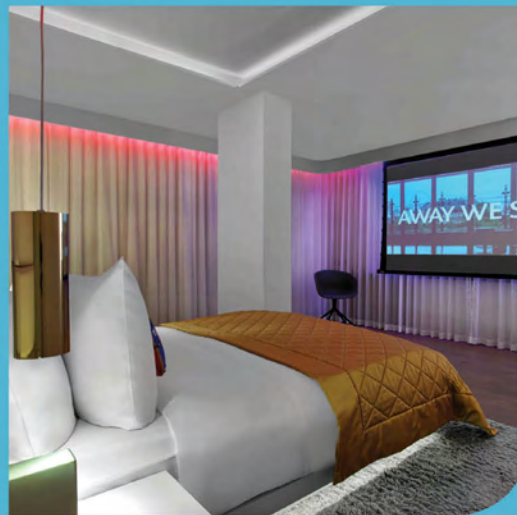
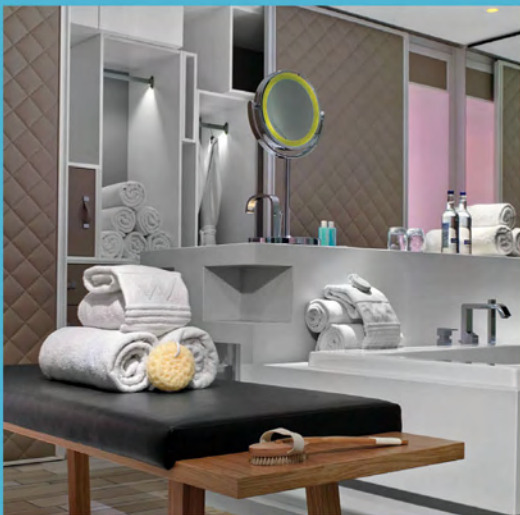
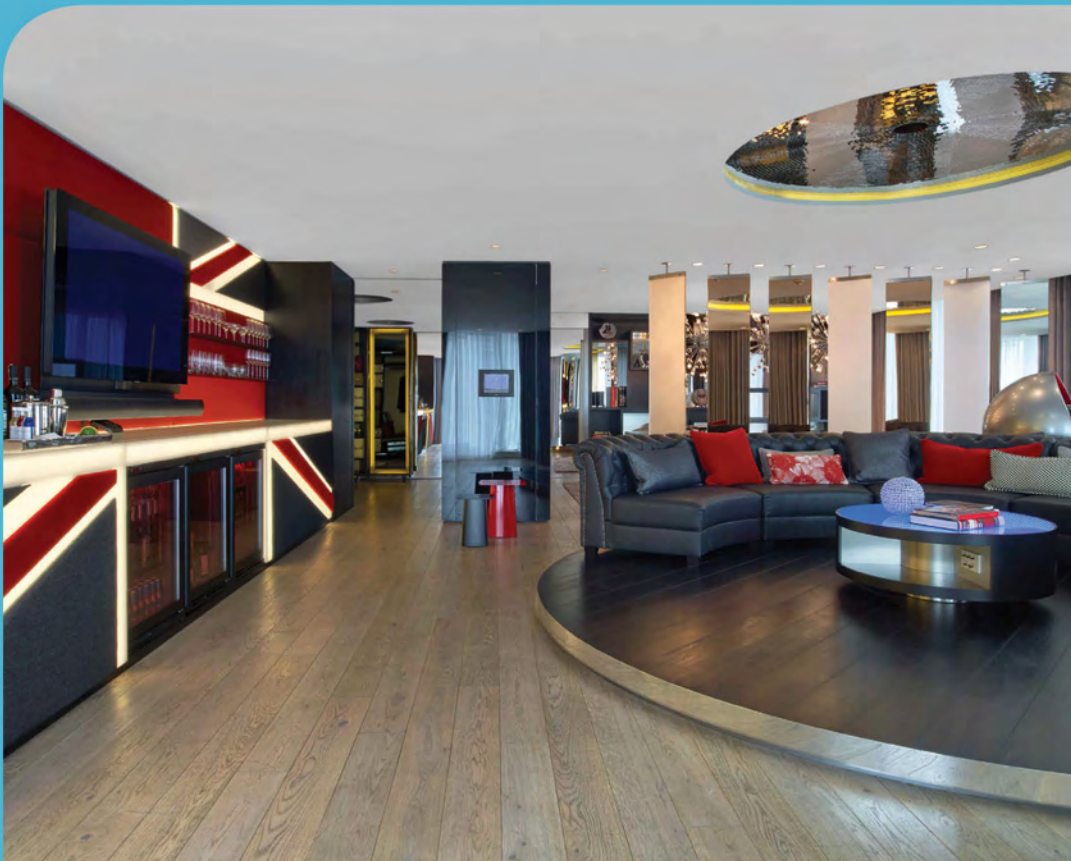
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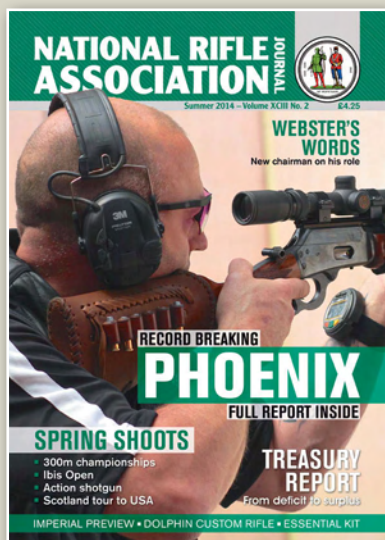
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The ranges have seen a surge in shooting, which has delighted me but also highlighted the scale of work ahead of us to modernise the creaking facilities at Bisley. We have at least started the upgrading of the camp roads and recently spent £58,000 on some of the worst roads serving the ranges – but our satisfaction was short-lived as proper roads cruelly highlight the shabby state of so many others.

The maintenance staff have been cracking on with drainage works to Butt Zero and Melville; upgrading the ballistic walls in Melville; redecorating Crawford Cabins; and upgrading three of the major club houses on site. We have acquired new mowers for the grounds staff, and

their capacity to cover the extensive areas of rapidly growing grass has been much improved. The refurbishment of Cheylesmore range is planned to start in late May.

Behind the scenes has seen the recent launch of the new membership system that replaces four ageing databases. Richard Blackmore, our membership and training manager, deserves great credit for delivering this complicated project on time and on budget. Not surprisingly, there have been a number of tweaks and challenges, but we now have a modern, reliable platform that will be the cornerstone of our IT architecture in the future.

We have recently upgraded the fibre cabling delivering broadband to the site,



Load up: The 2014 Imperial ammunition is here

and I am informed we have increased our bandwidth from 2MB to 98MB. We are now testing a new WiFi network for the camp and intend to offer free access in exchange for an email address.

Our accommodation team has been working hard to improve the quality of our rooms. Vast quantities of matt magnolia have been applied, 114 new mattresses with covers and pillows have been bought, and we have even started painting the exterior of the first batch of huts. The plans for the serviced caravan pitches have been approved, and we are preparing tender documents for works to begin in June.

There has been a considerable amount of debate and huffing and puffing about Rule 150 and chamber dimensions, and I have attended a number of helpful meetings on the subject with the Proof Masters. We have agreed to

commission some pressure tests as well as an independent review of Rule 150 and the changes that have been made to it over the past decade.

As a cheerful amateur I have found the often acrimonious debate surprising. My simplistic viewpoint is that the target rifle community has shot many millions of rounds over the 14 years since 1999 without any single accident that could be explained by excessive chamber pressures resulting from short throats in the chamber. This debate risks distracting our attention away from what I and others consider to be the major current safety issue: hand-loading of ammunition. Our records clearly show this has been the cause in by far the majority of safety incidents in recent years.

Our armoury staff have been working hard to secure good quantities of fairly priced ammunition, and we have just taken delivery of the 2014 batch of RUAG ammo that will be used for the Imperial Meeting this year. I have been surprised at the lead times required to procure ammunition; my ignorant comparison to boxes of biscuits has been the subject of some merriment by the armoury staff.

Firearms fees have also been in the news, probably as a result of our recent negotiations with the Home Office to resolve this long-standing issue. I have worked with colleagues from other shooting organisations to propose what we feel are fair and equitable levels of fees, and hope a resolution is within sight. This partnership with other shooting organisations has also extended to the commissioning of the economic impact study into shooting; the first draft of the report is expected shortly, and we are planning for a major media launch when the findings are ready for publication in early autumn.

Access to ranges away from Bisley is becoming ever more problematic, and we are increasing staff resources to address a range of issues that make the lives of club secretaries difficult. A bright future for shooting at Bisley will count for little if regional shooting does not prosper. ■



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LICENCE FEES: THE NRA'S POSITION

DISCIPLINE INTRODUCTION DAYS

The NRA is keen to encourage all members and newcomers to increase in skill and confidence as well as taking the next bold step to enter competitions.

Running discipline introduction days, offering a combination of classroom and practical range work and coaching by both national and international level shooters, seemed a positive way to facilitate

this. We are pleased to report that we have now successfully run these for Civilian Service Rifle, Gallery Rifle and Target Shotgun and they have been extremely well subscribed with positive reviews.

One attendee shared the following: "Could I take this opportunity to say how much I enjoyed the introduction to Gallery Rifle course on Saturday. I learned a lot and applied it at the Mattersey competition on Sunday where I shot a PB in T&P1. Please pass my thanks to all those who helped and passed on their knowledge."



Others said they personally gained from the coaching and now have the confidence to enter competitions. The NRA would like to thank Neil Francis, James Harris and their teams who so freely offered their time and expertise. We hope to run introduction days for all disciplines, starting in the autumn – dates will be posted on the NRA website in due course.



With the issue of firearms licence fee rises surfacing again in the national media, the NRA has spoken out to ensure any fee rises are merited and proportionate. After discussions with the Home Office and British Shooting Sports Council, the NRA has echoed the BSSC's statement:

"The national shooting associations offered an inflationary rise and proposed annual fees reviews four years ago, but these need to be proportionate and in line with Treasury guidelines. These permit charging for the cost of issuing the firearm or shotgun certificate, but not enforcement costs, so 'full cost recovery' is not an option.

"To base fee increases on the cost of the existing admittedly inefficient and partially manual system is not appropriate, since it will be superseded by a computerised system in 2015. This system (which will be applied to a wide range of police activities, not just firearms licensing) has only recently been developed to the point where it could be used to calculate licensing costs. Force to force, licensing practices and thus expenditures have varied considerably, bedevilling any attempt at establishing costs. The police are well aware of the need to address this aspect and the College of Policing has just issued an Authorised Professional Practice document designed to achieve the delivery of 'an efficient licensing process that is proportionate, rigorous, cost-effective, fair and timely'.

"Looking forward, these changes will form the basis for establishing equitable fees for our firearms licensing system."

CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to announce that John Webster has been elected as chairman of the Association, replacing Dr Robin Pizer who recently stood down.

John first shot at Bisley in 1972 and continues to regularly compete at county, national and international levels. He has enjoyed a successful career in financial services and investment banking and brings a wealth of commercial, sporting and charitable experience to his new role as Chairman of the National Rifle Association.

He is passionate about the many disciplines that form the sport of target shooting; recognises the rich history of the NRA; and is determined to improve the reputation of the NRA and invest for the benefit of current and future shooters.

The Trustees and staff are delighted to welcome John to his new role and look

forward to working with him to address the many challenges and opportunities facing the NRA and target shooting community.

Andrew Mercer



NEWS IN BRIEF

GENERAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Thirteen candidates have submitted their CVs for the position of ordinary member on the NRA's General Council. They are: John Bloomfield, David Calvert, David Crispin, Stephen East, Martin Farnan, George Gilpin, Thomas McDowell, John Morgan-Hosey, Martin Osment, Jonathan Tapster, Iain Thomson, Steve Wallis and Alan Wragg. Read their CVs in full at nra.org.uk.

PISTOL PETITION

More than 15,000 people have signed a petition to reinstate the ownership and use of .22 rimfire pistols for sporting purposes in England, Wales and Scotland. Having passed 10,000 signatures, the petition received an official response from the government, which said it had "no plans" to recategorise pistols but recognised the need for elite pistol shooters to train in the UK. To trigger a parliamentary debate, the petition needs 100,000 signatures. Sign it for yourself at epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/62588.

MEPS SUPPORT SHOOTING

Most of Britain's newly elected MEPs are in favour of shooting, contacting them has revealed. When approached by shooters, 39 MEPs said they supported shooting, while only three said they opposed it. There are 74 MEPs in total, meaning more than half are on-the-record shooting supporters. Shooters are encouraged to contact their prospective MPs ahead of the 2015 general election to ensure their support of the shooting sports.

COMMONWEALTH COMPETITORS

David Luckman and Parag Patel will represent England in the fullbore events at the Commonwealth Games. Their names were unveiled as part of a full rifle and pistol team announcement that saw Mick Gault selected to compete for an unprecedented 18th Commonwealth medal. Team England's shooting team leader Martyn White said he was "delighted" to have a mix of youth and experience on the team across the shooting disciplines.

NRA'S IPSC SHOOTING BID

The NRA has received consent from the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) to release details of its bid for the IPSC franchise for Great Britain.

The proposal stipulates that there will be no individual membership fee payable by competitors for participation in IPSC events in Great Britain, and that all clubs affiliated to the NRA will be eligible to host IPSC events at no additional charge to their existing fees.

IPSC shooting will become an NRA recognised discipline, and NRA staff will maintain records and classifications for IPSC events.



NRA chief executive Andrew Mercer said: "Removing barriers to participation and increasing support from the NRA will allow this small discipline to raise its profile and increase participation.

"This will increase the range of shooting events accessible to NRA members and the wider shooting community, and generate more interest in shooting as a whole.

"We do not expect our proposals to require changes in operation by our colleagues in the UKPSA. We look forward to discussing our proposals with representatives of the IPSC later this year."

George Granycome added: "The IPSC will make the decision in October at its General Assembly. It is most likely that they will seize this glittering opportunity to advance IPSC shooting, not only in Britain but worldwide, by giving it the cachet of being supported by the NRA of Great Britain, the most prestigious shooting organisation in the world."

The full proposal is available from nra.org.uk.

YOUR VIEWS

If you have an opinion or suggestion you would like to share, write to “Journal Letters” at NRA HQ or email nra@blazepublishing.co.uk

Battle of Trafalgar

The Trafalgar meeting largely glossed over? This is the accusation of ‘Name supplied’ in the Spring edition of the Journal.

A headline on the front cover, a full-page report of the match with a number of photos and a summary of top performers, a half-page of results elsewhere in the edition and, additionally, much earlier in the year, a flyer produced advertising IHAM and The Trafalgar meeting, which took a half page in *Classic Arms & Militaria*. This flyer was also freely distributed to anyone who asked for it, placed on various websites and pinned up around Melville Ranges and the NRA offices for about six months.

And there’s yet more. A full set of searchable results collated and linked from the front page of the NRA website of all Trafalgar meeting results going back to 2010, and a mention in the Bisley events section of the Gallery Rifle calendar owing to its close association with the Gallery Rifle discipline in many areas.

The Trafalgar does run at a deficit, and it needs support from many more competitors for it to be sustainable. Accusations of it being neglected are way off beam.

I’ll assume ‘Name supplied’ will volunteer to submit a fuller report of the 2014 Trafalgar meeting having attended it, and has already started promotion of the event via the usual channels.

Neil Francis

Reduced rates

In December I was made redundant, so my NRA renewal letter did not come at the best time. As a long-term member, who moved from the NPA to the NRA, I hoped that the NRA might be able to help me in my time of financial difficulty by offering me a reduced renewal rate for 2014. I was kindly but firmly told that this was not possible.

My primary shooting club is not affiliated to the NRA so I have a shooting certificate through the NRA. This meant that to shoot at the March Spring Action Weekend I would have to find £30-40 for entry fees plus a further £70 for my NRA subs. As I was unemployed in March, I might have been able to find the money for the entry fees, but not for the NRA membership. Spring Action was the first large Bisley gallery rifle/pistol meeting I have not entered since 1992.

I was interested in the views of those on the NRA Council, so I contacted two members, including a trustee – neither of whom replied to my emails.

Like many others, I have supported the NRA through my continued membership while the association went through its financial problems. I am saddened that the NRA was not prepared to help me.

Tony Pilmer

NRA note: Non-members can pay a ‘meeting membership’ of £6.50 for the Gallery Rifle competitions. This is clearly stated on all entry forms.

Who’s who?

I have just read the Spring journal. Front cover photograph, who is the firer? There are several unidentified shooters inside the Journal too. Could we please have names and captions to the photographs?

David Smith

We are happy to confirm that the front cover firer was Gwyn Roberts, and will endeavour to identify shooters in future.

Messy markers

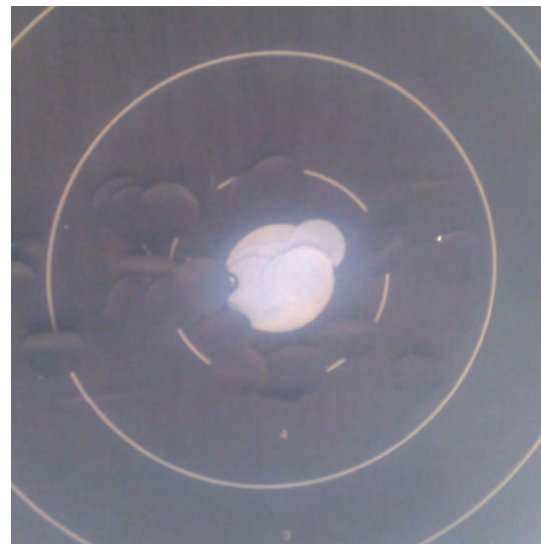
I am writing to you directly in the hope that it may get some attention, as I have had no response from the NRA. I have over many years complained to the NRA about markers patching out the lines on targets, and also about flags tied too tightly to be

read correctly. In high winds it is down to guesswork, ultimately dissuading novices from entering the competition.

I shoot for Sussex and run the Sussex Home Guard Shoots and we have lost so many shooters that we only use 2-3 targets for our shoots where we used to book 6-7 for the H/G and 10-15 for Sussex. I have suggested that they reinstate the compass with a white chinagraph pencil to draw the lines back as they are part of the rules on scoring: the shot must touch the line to count. If there is no line how do you get a score that is correct? I pay my entry fee and gamble that, given good ammo, I can make the right decisions with my movement of sights, and that I will score a V-Bull. But that is pointless if the marker is imprecise, and they end up tossing a coin to decide whether I get a Bull or V.

My entry fee last year was over £800, and I am finding it very hard to justify that this year. I have not missed a meeting for over 40 years but it is looking very likely that the end is here, as I cannot accept the NRA’s lack of concern over shooters’ needs. It is time that these things were addressed, because surely the NRA cannot keep ignoring the fact that entries are falling to a level that cannot pay to run the shoots.

Alan Fitch



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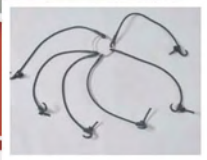
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Letter to Members

Dear fellow NRA member,

As the recently elected Chairman of the NRA, it seems appropriate to take the opportunity presented by the publication of the Journal to introduce myself to you, and to share with you some of the philosophy that I will bring to the role.

First, some personal background: I'm 57, married with two grown-up children, and live in a small village in West Oxfordshire. I spent the bulk of my career in financial services either as a practitioner or as a consultant, working in both London and New York – the latter for nearly 20 years. I stepped down from being CEO of an investment management firm at the end of 2011, and now have a number of non-executive company directorships, including the chairmanship of two companies.

I started shooting small-bore rifles aged 11 while at school before moving on to fullbore (.303" in those days) as a cadet in the Uppingham School CCF. I first shot at Bisley in 1972, and won the Cadet Pair at the Imperial Meeting that year with the help of a fellow cadet (for the record, he got the higher score). From that moment I was hooked. Inspired by Simon Pattinson, the master in charge of Uppingham Shooting, I kept it up and eventually became good enough to make it into international cadet teams, including the Athelings in 1974. After leaving Uppingham, I went to university at Oxford, where rugby took centre stage for several years, but in between visits to Twickenham and two degrees (Classics followed by Management Studies) I continued to shoot, gradually progressing.

I won a place on the NRA team to Zimbabwe in 1981, England representative honours in 1984, and GB representative honours in 1987. I have since been on 11 major tours with either England or GB, shot in all the major TR ('Big 5') matches, and captained GB

teams to wins in three of them, most notably the 2011 Palma Match – aka the World Long Range Team Championship.

Shooting – and particularly team shooting – is therefore a very important part of my life, even my identity. Once retired from full-time work, in early 2012 I was asked to help the NRA given the problems evidenced in its 2011 annual report. I readily accepted. This resulted in my co-option as a Trustee in June 2012; I became Vice-Chairman in October 2012 and was elected Chairman in March this year.

Love of shooting is something that I imagine we share in common, with its unrivalled combination of the need for discipline and self-awareness together with the challenge of skill and a lot of fun. Indeed I would count some of those I have met through this great sport of ours as among my best and closest friends, and I daresay you would likely be able to say the same.

Love of the NRA, however, is probably a different matter. It has not always covered itself with glory as a governing body, and its Council has at times become distant from the membership. There can be several reasons for this and my good friend, Derek Lowe, our treasurer, is eloquent on this subject elsewhere in these pages, while also seeking to close any current gap through better communication of our finances.

Despite the fact that the NRA Council is all-powerful under our governing documents – or even because of that fact – it is beholden to all of the Trustees, and particularly the Chairman, to act at all times in the best interests of the NRA and in accordance with our Trustees' Code. That means sometimes taking difficult decisions but at all times being prepared to justify these decisions if so required, and communicating policy and strategy to ensure that all members are aware of the Association's overarching strategy and its various

goals and objectives. Our charitable status is an essential ingredient in this mix, particularly as 'public benefit' is integral to any charity's purpose.

My key role as Chairman is to lead the organisation both within the Association and facing the outside world. Within the Association, this involves articulating a vision for the future, setting agendas by which we can achieve that vision, and acting as a uniting force of the Association's collegiate governing bodies to ensure that everyone can buy into the decisions to implement that vision.

Our Association has a rich history. It is beholden upon all in positions of authority, such as Council and your elected representatives on General Council and its supporting committees, to seek to be worthy of this heritage and to act as its curators for the generations to come.

As a member of Council for almost two years, I have been part of the group that has formalised and approved our current three-year plan, which encompasses three overarching principles:

- Improve and enhance the reputation of the NRA as the protector and promoter of various shooting disciplines
- Develop Bisley Camp as the main source of surplus funds for the entire Association
- Deliver consistently good value and invest cash surpluses for the benefit of current and future generations of shooters

I subscribe wholeheartedly to these principles and to the various key objectives in the 2014-2016 plan, which includes sound financial management, increasing and improving services to our members, improving the infrastructure and utilisation of Bisley Camp, increasing shooting activity, access and infrastructure at regional ranges, and improving communications



to and services for all our members and prospective members.

Externally, there is clearly a role for the NRA as a leading national governing body of our sport within this country and worldwide. Over time, we will undoubtedly face challenges around such matters as the regulation of safety, licensing, and MOD range access. This will require a public face, in conjunction with the chief executive, and will likely require gravitas and negotiating skills in some measure. Having managed businesses that are heavily regulated, I hope that I can bring some requisite skills and relevant experience if so called upon.

I also believe that there may be opportunities that could strengthen all the shooting disciplines in unison. A former chairman of our Association once said that if the shooting sports do not hang together, they will hang separately. Although he said these words around the tragic events at Dunblane, I sense that it remains true today. Where cooperation with others ought to yield a mutual benefit, I feel it must be explored.

I hope you agree with me that there is a new confidence to the NRA. Andrew Mercer, our chief executive, continues to seek improvements in what we do and how we go about things. We appear to be on a good path and must continue to build on what has been achieved so far. The NRA is the instrument of our working together in a wide variety of shooting interests. As such, I hope you agree with me that we should all respect it, frustrating though it may be at times, and in particular those whose livelihood rests on serving the shooting interests which we, as members, care about. I thank them for their efforts, which we all need reminding to do from time to time.

As I step further into the role of Chairman, I have ringing in my ears the memory of the exhortation of a good friend and fellow team member as I nervously got down onto the firing point for my first shoot for England almost 30 years ago: "Don't mess it up!"

I undertake to do my very best not to.

Yours Sincerely,
John Webster



The Custom Dolphin

Nick Parrish tries out Dolphin's F Class-specific custom rifle, using 'Ultra Magnum' 7mm loads

The prospect of having a true custom rifle built can often be daunting for two reasons. Firstly the cost; secondly how long it takes to build it owing to all the time spent gathering the required parts for your dream gun. Dolphin Arms has gained a highly respected reputation for attacking these problems head on – firstly by taking an alternative approach to rifle building, dispelling some myths of rifle design, and secondly by maintaining high levels of stock in all components to offer standard package options, yet retaining the possibility to tweak the specification list with personal variations. Delivery time is realistic, with all work done in-house, unlikely to stray far from the hands of owners Mik Maksimovic and Peter Hobson, who take pride in delivering kit on time without excuses. Both are highly skilled engineers and F Class shooters in their own right too.

This gun features 31" of Bartlein barrel with a visually striking interrupted fluting pattern, running a straight taper from 1" diameter at the muzzle to 1.250"

at the action. Five-groove rifling rotates once every 9" for a twist rate optimised to suit the 7mm 180gn Berger bullets specified by the owner, Frank Reynolds of the Yorkshire School of Reloading, for all his F Class needs. The Barnard action is the single-shot magnum P model with a bolt face suited to the 0.532" magnum standard. Remington's 7mm SAUM (Short Action Ultra Magnum) case rim is rebated from the body's 0.550" diameter and the capabilities of the calibre overall are close to those of its more popular 7mm WSM cousin.

The single-shot action is a non-ejector so the case mouth is never mishandled upon extraction or ejection by an ejector rapping it within the chamber or throwing it clear of the gun: delicacy first in F Class. The bolt employs three lugs for a shorter lift, and with the action internals having no raceways, simplicity is king and the bolt travels smoothly without upsetting the gun's position on the rear bag with a bipod or benchrest up front. De-cocking of the bolt is facilitated by turning the knurled bolt shroud, if desired. Primary



The bolt travels smoothly, ensuring point of aim retention between shots



This model has come with an F-TR style bipod but others are available



Set at 8oz, the trigger showed a surprisingly light touch



Returning forwards, the AR-15 style grip is interchangeable with a seemingly endless set of options, but most serious F Class shooters won't really be touching anything other than the trigger blade and recoil pad when the gun is fired. Everything adjusts with $\frac{4}{5}$ mm hex-head bolts and there is no hint of flexibility when tightened in place. The cheekpiece can also be locked in place with two grub screws although this will slow down bolt removal, as it needs to be lowered.

With the gun scoped up and ready to shoot from a bipod, load development can begin. This rifle was chambered to meet customer specified dimensions for likely bullet choice, likely jump-to-lands/COL preferences and neck diameter within the chamber. Remington SAUM brass requires hand sorting, segregation, batching and hand working to achieve the closest possible tolerances for an accurate load, and neck turning is mandatory for consistency. The chamber neck here was machined and labelled on the proof mark as 0.314", a long-term reminder of the precise dimension to apply to the brass for minimum 0.002-0.004" clearance.

After ladder testing with a few options, the gun showed a definite liking for the 180gn Berger Hybrids with Hodgdon H4831sc powder. Ignited by a standard 210M Federal Match primer, the 61.5 grains of powder were hitting a sweet spot with low extreme spreads and accuracy reliably below the half-MOA required to strike the V-bulls if wind calls are done

and secondary extraction is executed by a sprung claw nestling between two of the lugs in the bolt face. Dolphin gives further options on top of its standard packages, and here, the owner requested the replacement of the Barnard trigger with a Jewell unit with 8oz pull. On top, the action has a 17 MOA Picatinny rail bolted to it for what is now virtually the industry standard scope ring design; this will allow the scope's internal adjustments to be worked to their minimum for zero. The 7mm SAUM is more than capable out to 1,200 yards and beyond with the remainder of the scope's travel at your full disposal.

The trigger guard is incorporated into the Dolphin in-house manufactured modular aluminium stock. Colours are for the customer to choose – there are virtually limitless options to the Duracoated finish, which should also be hard-wearing (though this type of rifle is unlikely to be bumped around). One solid piece of aluminium traverses from the action's front to the cheekpiece, and is bolted to the forend and the butt. Here we see an F-TR setup forend, as the owner of the gun, though an F-open shooter, chooses to use a Third Eye Tactical F-TR style bipod attached to the full length

underside Anschütz rail. At the back, a thumbwheel-adjustable cheekpiece sits above the toothed chassis rear end, giving adjustability in length of pull and cheek height. The rubber butt pad can be raised or lowered to give a third dimension of personalisation, and the lower end of the pad supports a forward-reaching tube to sit and ride within the ears of the rear sandbag. All this is attached to adjustable, CNC-machined aluminium components.





It felt good just to draw the case from the chamber and manually withdraw it with a fingertip

correctly. Jump was left at a nominal 0.010" from the lands, the Hybrids being true to nature and not reacting significantly to seating depth variation in this rifle's leader. A muzzle velocity of 2,970fps was acceptable, but availability problems and a forced move to 65gn of H1000 actually worked out better with 3080fps, equal accuracy and slightly lower extreme spread of 15fps.

I must admit I feel more at home shooting from a bipod than a benchrest, especially with a fair amount of recoil, so I adapted to the Dolphin quite easily. The bolt lift from the 2½" handle ending in a teardrop-shaped knob was fingertip-light, and even without the cant function of the bipod locked, the gun opened up without disrupting position. A single round dropped into the ejection port was cradled within the internal well of the action, and the bolt drove home without a hint of caution. The 8oz trigger feels really light in use, and with just a fingertip waving towards it and virtually no hand contact on the grip, caution was needed at first but soon became second nature.

Recoil travelled straight, and the mass of the 31" tube made lift a minor issue. The gun, although it recoiled, did not drift far from direct line of aim point and returned to battery with a gentle nudge of the shoulder, dropping the bipod's ski feet back into their personal dimples on the firing

point's grass. Shoulder contact is critical when allowing some recoil travel without going totally 'free' on a fairly lively calibre. Being able to adjust the butt pad, length of pull and cheekpiece height (the latter less significantly) allowed a relaxed position prone on the firing point with a rear bag and bipod height suited to the angle of the firing point relative to the target.

Some of the shorter ranges at my club feel a little like shooting uphill, so being able to make alterations to the pad height allows reach and height of the chest-shoulder junction to be positioned comfortably without excessive reaching around or 'squashing' towards the gun. Consistency with shoulder pressure is a key factor to avoid vertical shot dispersion. Lateral adjustability on the new cheekpiece design allows for my preference of keeping my head a little more upright, straight behind the scope, to be accomplished with less neck strain or tipping my head over the gun.

I hadn't shot a totally non-ejecting gun before, but considering the time and effort that go into case preparation, it felt good just to draw the case from the chamber and manually withdraw it from the ejection port with a fingertip and cause it no ill. The opening was plentifully proportioned to allow this, and it was never a hindrance. I handed the gun back to its owner in time for an 800-yard match at our club in cool January winds and he proceeded to shoot while I took photos of it in action. A couple of sighters assessing the wind and a few 4s in the first ten soon descended into repetitive 5s and Vs in the second half of the 20+2, making for a total of 97.11. On its first competitive outing, the owner was all smiles. There were less than 30 days between

deposit and delivery, the specification was totally unaltered and detailed paperwork with all specifications was supplied alongside recommended break-in procedures. Experienced shooters may have their own methods, but to have it explained on a rifle of this quality that is so easily accessible to a new shooter is doubtless reassuring.

Sticking to a modular aluminium stock, requiring no bedding, significantly speeds up order times and reduces prices as bedding will usually add £250-400 to a rifle depending on the components involved and their individual requirements. Comprehensively stocking actions, barrels, stocks and accessories and giving fluting options in-house allows for immediate budget- or weight-saving, depending on how many inches you want to keep on your barrel in this strictly ruled sport, but the package goes to show that when components of high quality and manufacturing accuracy are paired to each other, bringing those components together becomes a far simpler task. Dolphin's reputation for winners is growing by the day. ■

Peter Hobson is a Trustee of the NRA

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The Phoenix soars

With more cards shot than ever, possibles scored and records smashed, the Phoenix is bigger than ever. Neil Francis reports from Bisley



In the weeks immediately before the Phoenix meeting, there are no fewer than five fully classified Gallery Rifle competitions throughout the country. These meetings create a flurry of activity not directly related to the main event, but nonetheless necessary for the meeting to continue the season as a key component in the sporting calendar so many competitive shooters enjoy.

Of course, the Phoenix is more than just a Gallery Rifle meeting. In recent years target shotgun, F Class and Service Rifle shooters have firmly marked the date in their calendars as one to attend. Having said that, it is the largest Gallery Rifle meeting of the season. The preceding matches, as mentioned above, all have their results collated and updated before the first shot of the Phoenix is fired. The scores and stats database is loaded with

all current competitors' classifications, and so the process repeats itself.

This year witnessed a record number of entrants and competitions shot: 535 shooters who between them shot 3,384 competition cards. This has turned around a slow and steady decline since about 2007, when the competitor count was in the 570s. And the number of competition cards shot is an absolute record – about 300 higher than anything ever recorded.

The Phoenix is a complex meeting to organise and manage, and there is always going to be the odd glitch in the system. The NRA's shooting division has had a complete change of personnel since 2013's meeting took place, but this appeared to have no effect and the event ran exceptionally well. A lot of the smooth running is thanks to the people at the coalface: the range officers and volunteers



Shooters from Ireland and Germany in the Target Shotgun events



George Granycome looks after the overseas competitors

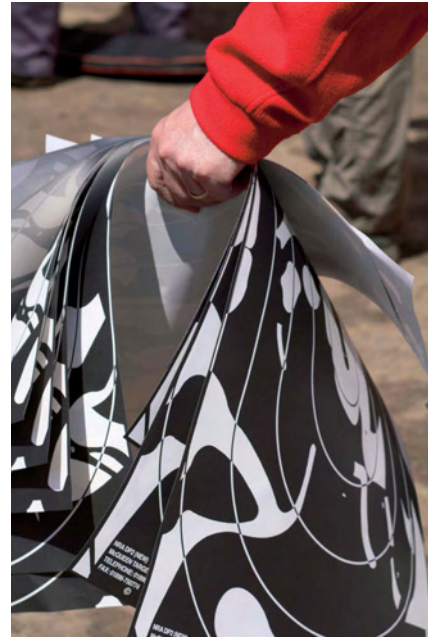
making this happen. I've heard the odd grumble and gripe, but unless these are appropriately fed back to the NRA and the organisers, they are just going to circulate with little effect. Anyone who does have any constructive feedback on how to improve the meeting for next year, please let us have it via the usual channels.

By the time this article goes to print all results will have been published on the NRA and Galleryrifle websites. I have no doubt the data will have already been absorbed, run through a few 'what-if'

scenarios – and, I'm guessing, in reality, largely forgotten until the next shoot (which is the Derby Open, by the way). Nevertheless, Galleryrifle.com will have collated the results to produce the ranking tables, historic scores database and all the updated record scores for people to refer to if they so wish. The Galleryrifle.com database now has seven years of searchable scores data, and Galleryrifle.co.uk contains scores going back even further to 2003. Both sites also have photo archives back to 2000. They're well worth a look if you have a few minutes to spare.

The 2014 Phoenix meeting was delighted to welcome a significant number of newcomers to Bisley. The Alan Whittle Aggregate, which is awarded to the best placed first-time shooter to Bisley, had 25 competitors this year and was won by Norman Veitch three clear points ahead of Patrick Ambiel and five ahead of Michael Reynolds. Norman Veitch also collected enough points (20) to take home a Phoenix Grandmaster medal – a great effort.

Congratulations are also to be conveyed to those who took part in their first competition, posted personal bests and achieved highest possible scores. There are two achievements particularly worth mentioning, as well as a further story,



from the IGRF International Match that followed the Phoenix proper.

Those two performances first: John Chambers managed a perfect score in the Embassy Cup Shotgun Semi-Automatic match, and Paul Stockill smashed the previous record in T&P1, Pump Action Shotgun, with a score of 300.20v. I have to admit I thought a possible had been achieved in this event a while back, but the discipline was split into the three separate subcategories of classic, auto and



Up close: 'Shorts' events on Melville



Competitors take a well-earned rest between matches during the 100-300 yard events



manual action only last season. Even so, Paul's score beats the record auto score shot by Simon Drewitt, who recorded a 299.18 – and he had to work a touch harder for it!

In fact, there's another competitor worthy of special note: John Ware, the well-deserved winner of the Sporting Rifle Statics by a significant margin, with an outstanding score of 285. This score may well stand for a few years waiting to be beaten. Meanwhile, the Zebras from South Africa were the proud winners of the Sport Rifle Statics Team Match with a team score of 985. This was well worth their journey here to Bisley specifically to take part in the Sporting Rifle competitions. Congratulations to John and the Zebras.

The IGRF Gallery Rifle International Match took place on the morning of Monday 26 May, with the Great Britain team performing exceptionally under the guidance of their new captain Pete Cooper. I watched the morning's shooting, which took place on Melville Ranges, from



an organisational capacity. The only other shooting I could see was the English XX spring meeting, taking place way over on Stickle-down. Not for the first time I wondered why this international match was tucked away in relative obscurity and isolation when the rest of the Phoenix meeting had gone home. Of course, range scheduling is an issue and individuals' shooting schedules also have to be taken into account, but for an event like this I feel it should be given more 'screen space' so to speak.

Both the Great Britain teams were triumphant. They secured victory in the small-bore and centrefire events over strong teams from Ireland, Germany and

South Africa. Full results of this match are listed below.

A mention must go to Irish shooter John Robinson, who I watched fumble the first two shots in the GRCF match one – the fast 30-second, 12-shot stage. With the first two rounds ending up on the ground, his last shot eventually entered the target literally as it turned away. He went on to finish the match with a top score of 1500 ex-1500. This is the third time John has scored a perfect 1500 in an International match – and perhaps the most impressive of the three.

International teams next go head to head in Ireland on 12-13 June, and in Germany over the weekend of 14-16 November. The next IGRF Gallery Rifle World Cup will take place in Germany in November 2015. ■

For selected results from the Phoenix, see the classified results service on page 55.



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The Twenty's hundred

A three-figure entry at the English Twenty Spring Meeting gave plenty of opportunity for high scores, report Tom Rylands and Nigel Cole-Hawkins

The Spring bank holiday weekend saw another strong entry for the English Twenty prize meeting, with more than 100 competitors making the journey. The last two years have seen an average increase of 20 per cent in the number of competitors compared with previous years.

Saturday afternoon saw some fine shooting despite miserable conditions. Events took place over a Queen's I course of fire with a maximum possible score of 105. Nine competitors scored the maximum, and David Rose topped the list with 17 v-bulls, counting out Henry Day on 14 and three others on 13 v-bulls. Dropping only one point were a further 14 competitors, underlining the high quality of shooting on display.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny – a total contrast to the previous afternoon – and with it some fickle

wind conditions to test the shooters. The Second Stage, shot over 300, 500 and 600 yards, has a maximum possible score of 150; with the difficult conditions there were no maximums, and only three people managed 149. Steve East topped these with a magnificent 23 v-bulls, closely followed by Gareth Davies with 19 and Tom Rylands. The day finished with the Cortis, a 600-yard shoot with a maximum possible 75 points. Five people managed to tame the conditions and add all 75 to their score, Paul Kent finishing top with nine v-bulls. This gave him the Short Range Aggregate by three v-bulls from Gareth Davies, who took the Sunday aggregate, only dropping one point all day.

Monday returned to wet and miserable conditions, with poor visibility making the long-range matches potentially more



David Rose tasted success at the first event of the meeting, the Association



Paul Kent took the overall aggregate with just three points short of an overall 'possible'

difficult. The wind was fairly benign, however, and that was enough for the 900-yard shoot to see 20 maximum scores of 75. Steve East won this one, dropping only one v-bull.

The last range, 1,000 yards, was equally wet – but this didn't deter Steve East, who won again with a 75 and 12 v-bulls, taking the long-range aggregate by two v-bulls from Paul Kent. Paul also managed a double maximum at long range to take the Grand Aggregate by two clear points from Gareth Davies, with Steve East finishing third, a further point behind.

To win the prize meeting, dropping only three shots out of the bullseye all weekend, is a remarkable achievement – more so when you consider that all those dropped points were at short range. Also worthy of record is the strong showing from the under-25 contingent, with Gareth Davies pushing Paul Kent all the way to the end.

This was the second year that the prize meeting allowed the use of handloads and made entries available online. The results services provided by Dr Paul Wheeler were excellent, with most of the scores posted online within half an hour of the finish of shooting each day. The results made it to print in the Tuesday issue of the *Telegraph* newspaper, emphasising the importance of this prestigious event in the Target Rifle shooting calendar.

During the weekend the clubhouse, staffed by Debra and her team, was open from Friday evening through to Sunday, with lunch served on Saturday and Sunday and a hot pot dinner on the Saturday night. With such inclement weather over the weekend, it was especially welcome to see the fire burning in the evenings.

We look forward to an increased entry next year during the Phoenix Meeting weekend, where there are always many other attractions and a chance to stock up on loading components and other shooting requisites from the various suppliers exhibiting. ■



ENGLISH TWENTY: COMPETITION WINNERS

EVENT	COMPETITOR	SCORE
Association	DA Rose	105.17
Second Stage	SJ East	149.23
Cortis	PG Kent	75.9
Long	SJ East	75.14
Final	SJ East	75.12
Sunday Agg	GGW Davies	224.26
Short-Range Agg	PG Kent	327.41
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Monday Agg	SJ East	150.26
Grand Agg	PG Kent	477.65

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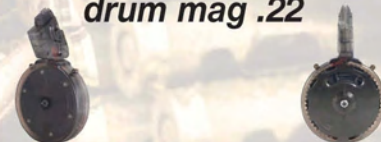
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Scots on Tour

The Scottish rifle team pack their bags and head across the pond, but it's more than just a holiday – they score a few surprise shooting results too. Matt Charlton reports

Sixteen Scots enjoyed a wonderful tour to the USA (California with brief forays into Nevada and Arizona) in late February and early March – a new touring destination for a UK TR team. Our plan was that the tour would be about development. We hoped to match the Canadians, but the US team (drawn from their Palma squad) was likely to be well beyond our reach.

For the most part that proved to be true in individual competition at the highest level, with Noma Mayo in particular proving exceptionally hard to beat, scoring 995 ex-1000 to win by seven on the first weekend. In the California State Fullbore Championship – our first competition, at 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards at Coalinga (a range reached via an oil field replete with nodding donkeys and tumbleweed) – local

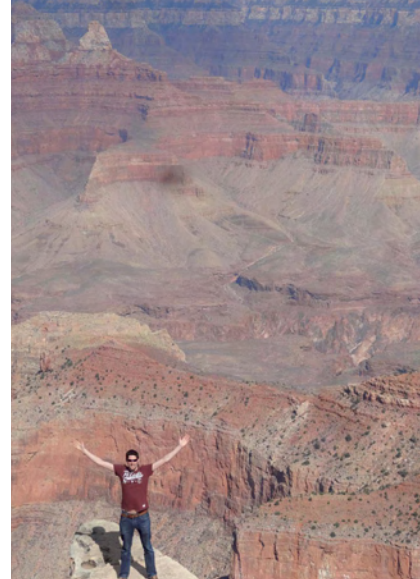


The Coalinga range: Unfamiliar territory for most Scottish shooters

shooters won the High Master, Master and Expert events on both days. Matt Charlton and Kenny MacDonald came second and third in Master on Saturday and Sunday respectively, while Will Hanley and Iain Hindshaw shared second and third place in Expert on both days.

The first day of the California State Palma Championship was cancelled because of poor weather but was replaced by a fun USA vs Scotland fixture with AR-15 assault rifles and a little pistol shooting, all under cover. On the second day, Noma Mayo again triumphed over 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, but Scots took the top three positions in Master (Shaw, Scott and Charlton) and Expert (Hanley, Hindshaw and Shepherd) classes. While one of the Canadians kindly transported all the team's rifles from Coalinga to Sloughouse, the team split up to enjoy either the wonders of Sequoia, King's Canyon and Yosemite National Park or the thrills of Kirkwood and Badger Pass ski resorts.

After a fine welcome at our hotel in Plymouth (wine and gold country near Sacramento), the Canadian-American Championship saw Ian Shaw (a late replacement on tour for Sandy Gill) beat all comers to secure the championship with



995 ex-1000 at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. Jon Ford was next best Scot on 979, while Euan Maclean and James Shepherd came first and third in Expert. The barbecue and raffle that weekend were in aid of the California Grizzlies (juniors), to whom we donated 1,000 empty cases... which were promptly auctioned off for \$500.

In our final individual competition, the Folsom Club Match at the Steve Zinsmaster Memorial Championship (at 800, 900 and 1000 yards), Noma Mayo triumphed once more but Messrs Shaw, MacDonald and Charlton swept the board in Master, and Euan Maclean and James Shepherd came first and second in Expert. Claire Halleran's performance was vastly improved on borrowing Matt's rifle, and Steph Dick put in a late bid for selection by shooting some of the best 1,000-yard groups on the team.

The team matches were the key to the tour. Our first, because of weather, was shot over three ranges of 1,000 yards under cover at Coalinga, and which was turning from dust bowl to mud pit as we shot. In a strong right wind, three Scottish, three American and two Californian fours competed. Although we had not seen such wind conditions before (often up to 18 minutes but at one point down to 1.5 minutes), they perhaps opened the door for us in what turned out to be an excellent performance by the Scottish four of Shaw (top on 427.14), Ford, Campbell and Hanley. Coached by Matt Charlton, they won the match by 10 points (on 1678.41) from Jim O'Connell's US National Team. US teams came third and fourth, with Scotland's Veterans fifth (top scorer Iain Thomson) and our Under 25s seventh (top scorer Niall Duncan, with good coaching from James Shepherd). A win over the USA on their soil is an extremely rare event; we had achieved it at the first attempt.

Our second match, at Sloughouse over 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards for teams



Euan Maclean and Claire Halleran take on the 'buffalo rifle' range



Victorious: The first British team to win on USA soil in 22 years



of eight, was a ding-dong battle between Scotland and the USA, with Canada unable to enter because of a missing team member. Scotland took 300 yards by two points, then USA won 600 by six to lead by four. Scotland turned it around again at 900 yards, with a 10-point margin propelling us six points into the lead. But an excellent performance by the USA at 1,000 yards saw them take the match overall by seven points, by 3135.136 to 3128.129, to be the inaugural California Match trophy winners. Richard Scott was the highest scorer on the range, shooting brilliantly for his 398.23.

We wondered about some of the grouping at 1,000 yards in that match and the ammo team, led by Jon Ford, set about sorting some rounds by shape, length and weight for the final match, to be held at 800, 900 and 1000 yards against the USA and Canada for the Caledonian Quaich. It was a very strong USA line-up, most of whom had shot in the last Palma or beaten GB in the 2012 America Match, but we hoped to be good competition and that we might have a chance of beating the Canadians. 800 yards went well – including the left-hand target going clean – except for one shot that went down-range unintentionally as Will

Hanley closed the bolt (a ‘slam-fire’), costing us 10 points. Will retired to continue later with a borrowed rifle, but we finished the range those same 10 points behind the USA (1193.82 to 1183.73), albeit four points ahead of Canada (1179.54).

After a team talk, Scotland came out at 900 yards with great resolve. Jon Ford and Richard Scott remained clean after the second range, Will managed a 149 with Jon’s rifle, and Scotland ran out winners of the range, by two points (1186.48, USA 1184.50, Canada 1169.45). Nevertheless, with the USA having performed so well at 1,000 yards the previous week, victory looked unlikely.

But Scotland started the stronger, and at the halfway mark (and the pit change break) we had made up half of the eight-point deficit, with James Shepherd leading the way on 149.7. After the break, Euan put in the third 1,000-yard 148 on Matt’s target. Iain Hindshaw was partway through his shoot when the captain called a halt for wind. Other teams either carried on or paused before continuing, and leaked points – shots can easily go into the seven ring on that target.

Scotland waited for most of the 47-minute time allowance before unleashing – with Ian Shaw and Will Hanley last down, we didn’t need much time for their 2+15s. The hoped-for conditions only stayed with us for the briefest of windows but we had to press on, so Hamish and Matt managed conditions while urging haste. Iain Hindshaw finished, Will started quickly and well, and we were gaining ground. Could we really pull it off?

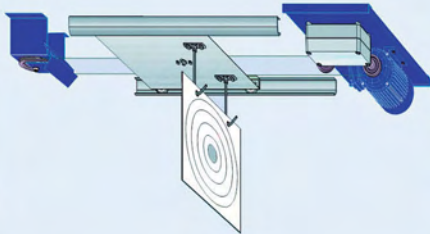
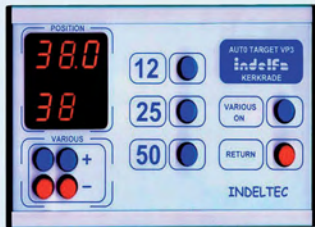
Then, inexplicably, a shot from Ian Shaw went missing. No shot was found on either target (ours were the only ones still in use). Ten more points down the drain, and there went our control. Ian finished well, Will justified our speed-plotting training of a few days earlier with a rapid fire 149.8, and we finished the match exhilarated (as Henry kept saying, “Wow!”) but disappointed. We had lost by a mere seven points, having managed to win the 1,000-yard range despite a shot going missing. USA were the first winners of the big Caledonian Quaich trophy, and the team was gracious while taking pride in having performed well enough to overcome adversity. If only it hadn’t cruelly reappeared.

The match was followed by a fine reception, with lots of quaichs, piping, whisky and other prizes, hosted by our team to repay the Americans’ hospitality throughout the tour. We departed the range having made a lot of new friends and with memories of an awful lot of good shooting and a lot more besides. We wholeheartedly recommend it to future teams.

My sincere thanks go to Iain Thomson for all his hard work, all team members for their efforts in getting team jobs done and in keeping each other happy and most of all to our hosts, whose kindness was out of this world. We are most grateful to them. ■



USA team captain Dennis Flaherty receives the Caledonian Quaich



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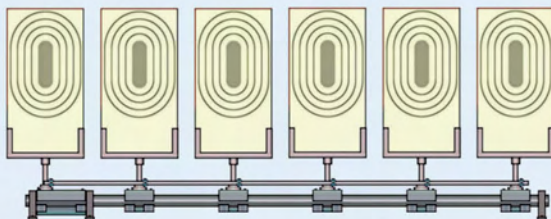
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Sharpshooting in the sun

Competing in the WA1500 PPC 2013 World Championships at the Whiteman Park International Pistol Club, Dave Harris and Neil Jones recall their six-week jaunt to Oz

Some 17 hours after leaving a rainy Gatwick we landed in sunny Perth. We had been in email correspondence with Max Wray about borrowing guns and making ammunition, and had arranged to meet him at his friend Doug's gun shop, XRING. Doug showed us round the excellent reloading facility he had built for the world championships, and we spoke to Max about loading our own ammo. We were surprised when we were given 100-grain truncated cone bullets (or parodies) and set up at the press to load them. A Dillon 1050 was soon set up for the .38 and we were amazed when Max seated the bullet so far into the case that it was fully below the mouth.

Suspecting this was some form of Aussie joke, we continued to load these rounds and to set up another 1050 to load the same 100-grain bullet for the 9mm. The press to load the 9mm was equipped with a Mr Bullet Feeder and this would allow us to rapidly load a pile of 9mm ammunition. A Sig 226 (a gun

Neil and I are very familiar with) was produced, and a door in the reloading room opened to reveal a chronograph and bullet trap. Now, every Sig I have shot before has required full-power ammo and normally has a hefty kick; it was something of a surprise therefore to find the recoil little more than that of a .22. The chronograph showed a velocity of about 870 fps. With the load set, production went into full swing and soon 9mm ammo was piling up, but Neil and I still had doubts that these strange loads could possibly work at 50 yards.

Determined, Neil and I headed for Max's local range to try out of the guns and ammo. Starting at seven yards with the .38, the first six rounds resulted in a single ragged hole in the x-ring and virtually no recoil. Moving back to 25 yards also resulted in a pleasingly tight group: maybe the Aussies were on to something. Moving to the 50-yard range, Neil and I were pleased that the rounds made it to the target and cut perfect round holes.

Tuesday saw us heading for Whiteman Park where the championships were to be held for our first proper practice. Team Australia was already in attendance and in the blazing sunshine Neil and I spent the next few hours turning ammo in to empty brass. The strange rounds we had loaded worked perfectly at 50 yards; discussions were held with the Aussie team and we were delighted to hear that they were shooting the same loads as we were.

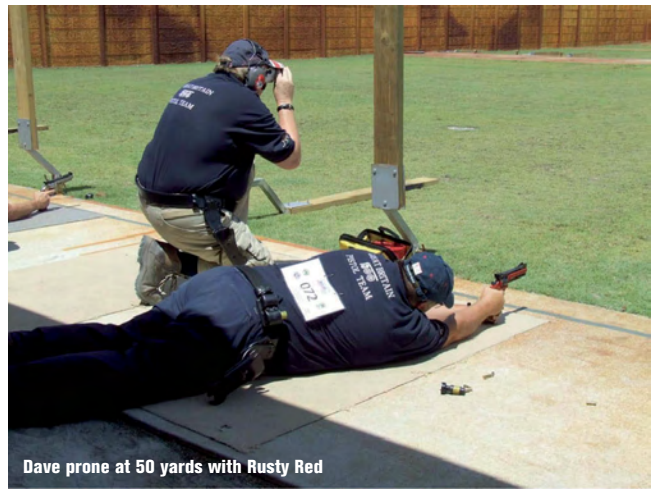
The next day, Neil and I finished our final loading for the last day's practice and all our match ammo. A quick count the night before had revealed that we would need to load about 1,000 .38 rounds and 700 9mm, another 400 of the service 9mm for the match, plus spares. We loaded just about every case we could find and by 11 o'clock we were finished and on our way to the range for final practice.

A huge round of thanks must go to Michael Axel from Sweden, who had brought a spare main match revolver



Neil sitting at 50 yards:
Can you count the flies?





with him; it's a gun that Neil and I have shot before and after much testing we both decided to shoot Michael's gun (or Rusty Red as it is now).

Once we got to the range on Saturday, I was the first to shoot, and was feeling a little nervous as I walked forward in the hot sunshine. The nice thing about all the 1500 matches is that you start at the closest distance. Facing the target at seven yards, I got the first order to load, and slipped six rounds into the cylinder of Rusty Red. The next 30 minutes passed in a blur of shooting, changing targets and refilling speed loaders. Once guns were packed away it was off to the scoring area.

The next three days passed in much the same way, and although two matches a day doesn't sound like much, the temperature was over 30 degrees Celsius with no shade – an ordeal. Our nice dark blue shooting shirts seemed to attract the flies more than some of the other team strips (or maybe Neil and I were just much tastier).

Wednesday, the day of the internationals, finally dawned. The organisers seemed slightly surprised that the British team consisted of two, and asked where our

manager was. Again, we must thank Michael Axel from Sweden, who not only agreed to become our team manager, but had found a Union flag to wear for the event.

Six teams were taking part in the International: Australia, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Russia and Great Britain. As the opening shooter for GB, I found this a daunting task as I took my place on the seven-yard line. The International Team Match is the 60-shot course of fire, or match five for those familiar with 1500 shooting.

The whole match flows at a fast pace and with only six shooters on the line and managers replacing targets, within 25 minutes of starting I had finished my first International. Quickly passing our borrowed gun to Neil, after another 25 minutes the targets were collected and scored by the international committee. No chance for us to rest, as we had to swap guns and belt holsters to shoot the auto match.

The final results were announced: Austria were Champions in the Revolver category with a score of 1183, Australia second with 1182 and Sweden third with 1180. GB finished sixth, but was only 12 points behind the German team, who were at least shooting their own guns. In the Auto match, Australia finished first with 1175, beating Sweden by

a single point, Germany were third with 1169, and again GB finished sixth.

We were pleased with our performance, given the circumstances: all the other nations received support from their national shooting body, while Neil and I self-financed our trip and can no longer practise this type of shooting in the UK.

After a long prize giving and a couple of stabbies, Neil and I said goodbye to many of our new friends and to the Whiteman Park range. We had a wonderful time in Australia and can only thank everyone for their help and support. ■

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Match Reports

We round up shoots from around the disciplines and around the nation, including the Andy Newman Memorial Shoot and the Ibis Open Meeting

THE HARDY PRACTICAL SHOTGUN MATCH By George Granycome

And so another shotgun season starts with a bang! This year on 8-9 March, the Hardy Shoot at the Shield Shooting Centre attracted a record 98 competitors and, more surprisingly still, a bit of sunshine. Numbers attending this event have been steadily rising for the last four years, spurred on by its inclusion in the F4i National Championship and the fun yet challenging stages set up by proprietor Steve Pike and his team. These are proper practical shotgun stages, which may have several different ways of shooting them. The shooter must decide himself how best to shoot the stage, playing to his own strengths and reducing the effects of any weaknesses in his own skills, while taking into account his gun, ammunition and choke.

Steve also takes note of what the shooter actually likes. He now mostly puts on medium stages of about 18 rounds together with a couple of eight-shot speed shoots, a few of the extreme long courses of 28 targets, and no memory tests at all. There was also a minimum of no-shoots, and little grovelling about shooting through low apertures, welcomed enthusiastically by those with bad backs and dodgy knees.

I began on Saturday as the range officer for a squad that began at the 'Plate with a Hole' stage. There were 18 targets: four to be shot each side through a low aperture forcing a weak shoulder, and the remaining ten to be shot through a six-inch diameter hole in a steel plate about halfway down range. Dust and smoke in the sunlight were problems and could dictate the order in which the groups of targets could be shot. I have never seen a stage like it and it was good fun.

There were two 'speed shots' both on the same range bay. The first was eight plates in a row with a no-shoot in the centre and

the closest plates on each side at an angle. Let no one say that eight plates in a row is always a blag. Plates left standing required a time-consuming reload, and hits on the no-shoots were commonplace. Behind this was a stage where the gun was on a tyre on the other side of the range from the shooter. Run over, grab the gun and shoot it through the two full height apertures. Easy? Perhaps, but the wrong choice of target could cost you dearly.

A Texas star shoot subsequently caused heated discussion in the F4i forum. From my point of view, it's always wise to get close to a Texas star, as the plates can require a good hit to knock them off. Nearest the clubhouse was a tricky 18-plater demanding that the shooter go down both sides of the range. It was good to shoot but tricky to RO. On Steve's biggest and widest range, there was a 20-plater with long traverses. The question was what the quickest way to go would be: left-to-right then forwards or right-to-left then forwards? The shooter must decide on loading with the gun for a longer run or loading against the gun for a shorter run, and there were targets visible from several positions.

Everyone had finished by mid-afternoon, allowing the opportunity to socialise, eat and see what new guns people were using. At the prizegiving everyone received the same prize – a box of cartridges – so we're all winners!

Actually, there really were winners and their superb efforts need to be recorded – see the table above and to the right. This year's highest placed lady was Lorna Adams-Jones. Almost 10 per cent of the 2014 entries were ladies – another UK record for Shield.

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F4I GOES TO KENTUCKY 2014 By James Harris

There must come a time in all shooters' lives when they must make the pilgrimage to the USA. It is perhaps the most liberal of all countries when it comes to firearm ownership and has the added benefit that the locals (almost) speak English. As he has done for a number of years, Dave Kiddle organised a trip to the foothills of Kentucky in early April this year, where a host of shooters made the trek west to participate





Something different: The Knob Creek machine gun shoot

in a week of shooting and socialising, culminating in a multi-gun match. While the flights are not cheap, pretty much everything else is, and the quality and variety of shooting kit available makes it worth taking empty suitcases with you.

The host range, Tri County Gun club, is built on a reclaimed mine and offers everything from 5 to 500 metre shooting. The club members are now accustomed to this annual visit and provided a wide variety of small arms for the tourists to try.

The first range day was structured to ensure that those who had not shot a handgun in a while were given a refresher course, while those who had never shot one were taught how to. This led to a few wry grimaces from those who realised how rusty they had become, and some wide grins from those who were trying it for the first time.

Tuesday was a general range day with further tuition where required in shotgun and rifle and a chance to try out some of the various firearms provided: from .410 Judge revolvers to .44 Mag, Tupperware glocks to proper handguns in .45. Of rifles there were a few: AK & AKM, FAL, AR-15 in numerous variants and even an old Nagant. The handguns took the brunt of the shooting and the cases were piled high by nightfall.

Wednesday's planned shooting was cancelled owing to storms, and a mass shopping trip ensued. It was unusual for the Brits to buy cases of ammunition and not have to present any paperwork other than dollar bills; only firearms themselves are subject to controls in the USA.

Some exotic hardware arrived on Thursday to compensate for Wednesday's missed shooting, namely a Humvee and four Vietnam issue M16s. An axe- and knife-throwing contest was also provided with equipment sponsored by SOG, and archery equipment was also available care of Barnett. If that were not enough fun for the day, the night shoot provided more opportunity to indulge in trigger time. Any photos would not do this justice: a short-barrelled rifle in 7.62x39 used by strobe light and the flashing blue lights of a squad car makes an impressive sight (and noise).

This wasn't just a fun trip: there was the serious matter of a multi-gun match to shoot. None of the Brits made an impact on the top slots save for those who shot in the hardest class of all with a single stack 1911 pistol, pump-action shotgun and iron-sighted FAL. Then again, there were only three competitors in that class. It comprised a mere six stages requiring over 200 rounds,

with targets from 3 to 200 metres and a lot of choices about how to shoot them. It may be satisfying to hit a 10-inch plate at 200 yards standing with iron sights, but even more satisfying to hit two. The third, however, eluded everyone but Adam Williams who put most to shame by hitting all three with ease. Multi-gun really is a thinking man's game. The choice of firearm per target, which order to shoot them in, where to reload and how much time to expend on trying to hit distant targets all contribute to making this probably the most interesting discipline available.

The weekend was spent back at Tri County at a club match incorporating multi-gun, USPSA pistol, PSG and the much-anticipated Western shooting. A final chance to splurge money was provided by the Knob Creek machine gun shoot, a twice-yearly event of interest to any firearms enthusiast. It would be impossible to name or number all the types of machine gun that were there, but the firing line boasted at least one minigun, seven .50 BMGs, one water-cooled .50 BMG 4 Vickers, three maxims, six M60s, four .30 BMGs, three M249s and a few Brens. This is a display shoot, with the targets reset every two hours and pyrotechnics placed for sensory

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effect; on the command to fire everyone tries to hit the pyrotechnics and the sound, like the whole trip, is unforgettable.

This is not an NRA-run trip and is organised on a not-for-profit basis by enthusiasts. If you would like to know more, contact David Kiddle via the four4islands.org forum.

Photography by Iain Corrigan

THE IBIS OPEN MEETING by Frank Harriss

The sun shone as 44 competitors assembled on Butt 10 at 300 yards on 12 April. For some it was the first shoot of the season, but a few hardy souls had been out before. In the gentle winds and good light, scoring was high and there were eight possibles, with three on 50.9: Keith Pugh of City of Newcastle, Layne Chisholm of High Wycombe (last year's winner) and Ivan Jobling of Langar. At 500, there were seven 50s, with both Keith and Layne going clean – Keith with another 50.9. Andrew Gent (SRA), another previous winner, was also there with 100. It was trickier at 600, but there were still six possibles, with the top three going clean once again, resulting in a win for Keith with 24 Vs (using the issued JHC Targetmaster ammunition). Layne followed with 19 Vs, then Andrew with 16. The scoring system went against Andrew Wilde of LMRA, another previous winner, who scored 26 Vs but unfortunately dropped a point at 300. These were superb results against a field containing three Queen's prizewinners, including James Lewis who was entering for the first time. After lunch, we went to Stickledown for the 'special to Ibis' 1000 and 1100 shoot. The wind was strong at 1000 and the angle changed rapidly but Dick Rosling (Old Nottinghamians) called on his long-range experience to produce a fine 47.03. Then to 1100 where the weather was overcast and the wind was chilly but so much better than last year's persistent rain. Here it was the wind's strength that was the problem, varying quickly between about 14 and 19mph left, which caused many to visit the further reaches of the target. Not Layne Chisholm, though, who managed 47.02: a sterling shoot under these conditions.

Rapid stats by the thankfully IT-literate chairman and captain of the Ibis produced the results for the prizegiving at 6.15pm



Clock watching: A view not often seen by TR shooters

with time to spare. The winner was Layne Chisholm, for the second year running, with 240.23, closely followed by Andrew Gent at 239.21. Keeping his head down earlier but never far from contention had been David Nuttall (Old Epsomians), the shooting master at Sedburgh, who came third with 238.21. Fourth came Ivan Jobling with 236.24 and then Charlie Asquith of Southampton University in fifth with 236.21. As usual, there were spot prizes for others in the lists. Prizes included several £20 vouchers kindly donated by HPS Target Rifles, whom we thank for their sponsorship. The Ibis's captain Peter Griggs presented the prizes and thanks were given to both Bill Rowland, the organiser of the competition, and Brian Hulatt, the range officer.

Twenty-one people sat down to the traditional post-Open dinner, where for some (including the author) the agonies of the 1100 could be forgotten and better scores in the past 'remembered with advantages'. Bill Rowland was the chef and the excellent meal instigated a most convivial evening.

The Ibis is still recruiting, so drop in and see our excellent facilities some time.

THE ANDY NEWMAN MEMORIAL SHOOT By James Harris

Easter Sunday (20 April) saw Romsey Gun Club host its annual charity shoot in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This charity provided indispensable support to Andy Newman and his family during the latter

stages of his illness. With more than 60 entries, the event is always booked out months in advance and provides an early opportunity to shoot, as well as being the third round of the F4i Championship. Unfortunately, the recent storms damaged the catering facilities and rendered the stats cabin unserviceable. Not to be deterred, Mike Scarlett and his merry band built up nine great stages that required not only skill to shoot, but also confidence in the gun and ammunition combination to be used.

The stages were arranged in a clockwise fashion around the central area. Stage 1 required good balance skills and recoil control as you had to navigate a sleeper walkway as you shot the targets, while Stage 2 was an unloaded short course, where you had to choose between loading extra rounds on the off chance that you need to top up, or just enough shots to finish the stage. Many opted for loading the extra cartridge and then found they didn't need it; those that didn't load it often regretted not doing so.

Stage 3 was something of a puzzle, with many ways of shooting at the 20 targets. More than one plan was changed halfway through, and more than one target was forgotten. Half-size poppers at 30 metres are very easy to lose in the smoke and gloom. (Hint: shoot the furthest targets first so the smoke does not obscure them.)

Stage 4 was the biggest of the day with 28 targets. The trick here was to remember where to shoot them from, and to remember to shoot them directly – not just in their vague direction! With the plate thickness varying from 1/8 to 1/2 inch or



more, those that have got into the habit of shooting without aiming were punished with misses and top-up shots. Times varied but generally anyone shooting this stage in less than a minute was doing well.

Stage 5 was a simple eight-round speed shoot, though some contrived to make it look more difficult than it was. A few were condemned to a load-one shoot-one finish.

Stages 6 and 7 were the buckshot stages, using old tractor balance weights as targets. This meant that you had to hit them in the centre. One person (who shall remain nameless) was reminded of his unfortunate words “it’ll only take about four and a half seconds” after his shoot actually took upwards of 10 seconds. Well, I really should follow my own advice!

The finale comprised 13 targets to be shot prone from a bench, in the now pouring rain. Very few people have practiced shooting fast prone or reloading with a shotgun, and this was evident from the times.

As ever with the Andy Newman Memorial Shoot, something new to practise has now appeared in the repertoire of the practical shooter. The events there are always different, which is what makes it unique among the shooting disciplines.

300M CHAMPIONSHIPS By Ian Shirra-Gibb

The 2014 season started at the end of March with the first half of the bi-annual match against Clermont/ Creil. Results were again a win for the NRA A team on both days, with Simon Aldhouse as the top aggregate with a score of 596 in both competitions. The

return match is set for 30-31 August this year at Bisley.

Some two weeks later a small team was invited to compete in a six-nation match at the same range. Again, Simon was the top Britain with a score of 594, gaining second place on the Saturday – and his 597 score on Sunday secured top spot. The GB team came third overall.

The British 300M Open Championships were shot on 17–18 May and attracted 28 competitors. This event includes a number of competitions including 60 shot Prone TR/Standard Rifle, 60 shot Free Rifle Prone, 40 shot Free Rifle (Kn/St), and Prone Aggregate.

Match conditions were good with warm temperatures and light winds that clearly did not hinder the shooting. Congratulations to Andy Gent and Graham Hawarth (pictured) as winners of the S/TR and Free Rifle Matches respectively.

For more info and full results visit: www.nra.org.uk/common/asp/content/latest.asp?site=NRA

OVERSEAS EUROPEAN CUP

The GBR team entered the first Overseas European Cup in Zagreb on the 22-24 May. In the Men’s Prone Eliminator they secured silver team medals with two shooters making the final (see photo). The ladies results were in the middle of the pack.

For the first time since the early eighties a GBR lady shot in the Three Positional Match. This was Hannah Pugsley shooting in the 3 x 20 competition, securing a strong score of 558. This score starts, and will continue to set new national records.

The circuit now moves on to Latti in Finland at the end of June, followed by Aarhus in Denmark in mid August. ■



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A farewell to arms

Rae Wills bids a pensive farewell to the position of representative on General Council and reflects on how he fell for Bisley

Whether or not I ever write again in the Journal, this will be my last writing as your representative on General Council. After some 15 years it is time to hand over the reins and let new hands bring in fresh ideas and energy to the task.

It has been a privilege that I very much treasure, and the callow schoolboy who first ventured onto Century more than 60 years ago could have never imagined that one day he would become, in the immortal words of a famous athlete, one of the old farts in a blazer; yet surely that day he fell in love with the magic that is Bisley.

I have met many wonderful people, and it would be difficult to mention all who have given me so much help and support over the years, so thank you all. General Council and the shooting committee gave me the opportunity to learn so much more about the NRA, and hopefully contribute to its management.

A stint as a lay member of the disciplinary committee gave me an insight into some of the habits of our members; blowing up guns seemed to be a popular

pastime, but, sadly, an outbreak of cheating was another.

Looking back over all those years, I remember above all the patient help from Martin Farman, and especially the support and help from David Mumford, for so long our contact at the NRA.

It is a wonderful job, and a chance to make a difference, though sometimes a thick hide comes in useful. My successor will be appointed by General Council at the summer meeting, so if you like a challenge, anyone who has historic and classic arms as one of their disciplines can put their name forward and get details from Georgina Thatcher at the NRA.

Certainly there are many challenges ahead, and it is quite clear if the whole organisation is to survive, it must succeed as a business. Many of our meetings must justify themselves financially by not only covering costs, but also providing a small surplus. This will be a struggle, but by controlling costs and trimming range space, we can do a lot. Yet our future hangs in your hands – the critical figure is the number of card shot in each meeting. I know that

even with keeping entry fees as low as possible, times are hard, and we have not got bottomless pockets. Yet it is as blunt as that: we need more numbers to survive. Dig deep and enter!

Sad though the thought may be, is the time of the big meetings over? Do we need smaller and more varied competitions, perhaps intensive shooting all done in one day? Many small events are already organised by the more specialist clubs, such as HBSA and LERA. Can we build on them? Or have more strictly historic classes as part of other events, such as Action Weekends?

Yet it is not all doom and gloom – probably more shooters than ever are using historic firearms at Bisley, and programmes by others such as Civilian Service Rifle have shown that by having days devoted to drawing in new participants from existing shooters has increased entry in the relevant competitions, and at the moment we are trying to devise such an event in the autumn to do the same for us. Your ideas on how we could attract more to our competitions would be welcome. ■



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With just weeks until the Imperial Meeting, the shooting department's Sally Wilson reminds NRA members just why the Imperial is so important

We are pleased to report that entries for the 145th Imperial Meeting and all its prestigious competitions are coming through at quite a pace.

The NRA is keen to encourage young people and those who have not yet entered competitions to take the next bold step and put in their entry this year. We would ask all members to actively encourage young shooters and members of your clubs to take part. Our aim is very much to ensure this is an inclusive event allowing novice shooters, or those lacking confidence, the opportunity to improve their skill and strengthen their enthusiasm to compete.

One of the main barriers to entry that new competitors face is the perception that they are not good enough. The recent 'Introduction to...' courses, so far covering Gallery Rifle, Target Shotgun and Civilian Service Rifle, quickly dispelled this myth, and all those who attended gained excellent instruction and came away with a good appreciation of the broad standards at every event. With many competitions at the Imperial Meeting including awards for new shooters, there are some great incentives for inexperienced shooters to take part and develop their skill.

We have received a strong number of entries from all disciplines including



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Service Rifle, Civilian Service Rifle, Cadets, Historic Arms and Gallery Rifle and Pistol. To date, more than 40 schools have entered, which is fantastic for the future of shooting among the younger generation.

We are encouraged to report that we have already received 550 entries for Individual TR/MR and F Class competitions. Please consider your individual and team competition entries and submit your entries soonest to avoid attracting the late entry fee (after 30 June 2014).

If you haven't entered as yet and would like to be a part of this event, which is very much the highlight of the shooting calendar, do submit your entries soonest. You can enter online, or download all Entry Forms via the NRA website, www.nra.org.uk. From the home page, visit Imperial 2014, More Information and Entry Forms. ■

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The Silver Badge

After 50 years of competing for the Queen's Prize, competitors who finished second finally received an honour of their own. Ted Molyneux tells the tale



In 1953, to mark the occasion of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, it was decided that those placed second and third in the final of HM The Sovereign's Prize would receive silver and bronze badges respectively. These were to be identical to those for winners of the first and second stages of that competition. Winners of the second stage are entitled to add the honour 'SM' after their name, standing for 'silver medal'.

Half a century later, another honour was added. The existence of two separate silver badges was seen as slightly confusing so, to mark Her Majesty's 50 years on the throne, it was decided to honour the runners-up in the final with the letters 'SB' for 'silver badge'. This applied retrospectively to 1953, as per the list included here.

The recognition of the Silver Badge for achieving second place in HM The Sovereign's Prize rectifies the slightly anomalous situation whereby the letters 'SC' honour the second-place (silver cross) winners of the 'Grand Aggregate'. With the Sovereign's Prize as prestigious an accolade as the Aggregate, it was judged to merit its own second-place honour. ■

THE QUEENS PRIZE - 2ND PLACE COMPETITORS		
1953	Johnson Lt. Col. S	CANADA
1954	McCaw Major N W	L.R.B.
1955	Reynolds Mr F	DEVONIA R.C.
1956	Warner Lt. E L	CANADA
1957	Debenham Major A.T.K.	R.A. (T.A.)
1958	Merry Lt. Col. D C	R.E.
1959	Fulton Major R A	N.L.R.C.
1960	Langley Major D.L.S.	R.M.
1961	Chambers F/Lt. R	R.A.F.
1962	Medlock Mr W.W.	SUSSEX R.A.
1963	Wrey Mr B.H.B.	C.U.R.A.
1964	Thiedeke Mr C.W.	AUSTRALIA
1965	Cade Lt. R.J.	N.L.R.C.
1966	Rowell Lt. (A) P.S.	Late R.N.V.R.
1967	Johnson Lt. Col. R.E.W.	Late L.R.B.
1968	Hills Mr T.R.	L.M.R.C.
1969	Meldrum Mr K.C.	N.L.R.C.
1970	Orpen-Smellie Major H.J.	3 PARA
1971	Brister Mr M.J.	CITY R.C.
1972	Marion Mr A.	CANADA
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1976	Molyneux Mr N.E.C.	DORKING & DIST. R.C.
1977	Wrey Mr. B.H.B.	O.C.R.A.
1978	Nicholson Dr. R.H.	BALLISTA FERC. REV.
1979	Knight Mr B.J.H.	RUISLIP R.C.
1980	Bramley Mr R.J.	M.O.D. (P.E.)
1981	Thomas Mr. S.A.	CENTRAL BANKERS R.C.
1982	Richards Mr W.C.P.	MANYDOWN R.C.
1983	Papasideris Mr P	CANADA
1984	Blampied Capt. N.P.	A.T.R.C.
1985	Brister Mr M.J.	USHERS BREWERY R.C.
1986	Hinchliffe Mr P.N.	MANCHESTER



John Warburton is twice a Silver Badge winner

THE QUEENS PRIZE - 2ND PLACE COMPETITORS

1987	Clarke Mr T.P.	CENTRAL BANKERS R.C.
1988	Armstrong Mr D.R.	BATH UNIVERSITY R.C.
1989	Warburton Dr. J.D.	HUDDERSFIELD R.C.
1990	Baldwin Mr W.W.	CANADA
1991	Brook Mr C.A.	CITY UNIVERSITY R.C.
1992	Hunter Mr H.L.	WEST OF SCOTLAND R.C.
1993	Ringer Mr T.A.	UPPINGHAM VETERANS
1994	Jackman Mr J.F.	OLD JOHNIAN R.C.
1995	Bellringer Mr J.E.M.	OLD EPSOMIANS R.C.
1996	Calvert Sqn. Ldr. D.P.	R.A.F.
1997	Collings Mr J.S.	WINDSOR PISTOL CLUB
1998	Calvert Sqn, Ldr. D.P.	R.A.F.
1999	Luckman Mr D.C.	SEDGEMOOR T.S.C.
2000	Ahrens Dr. J.O.	MARITZBURG R.A.
2001	Day Mr K.J.	L.M.R.A.
2002	Robertson Flt. Lt. I.W.	R.A.F.T.R.C.
2003	Patel Dr. P.M.	OLD EPSOMIANS R.C.
2004	Tremlett Mr C.N.	WINDSOR R.C.
2005	Calvert Flt. Lt. D.P.	R.A.F.T.R.C.
2006	Kent Mr P.G.	OLD EPSOMIANS R.C.
2007	Luckman Mr D.C.	SEDGEMOOR T.S.C.
2008	Messer Miss J.H.	N.L.R.C.
2009	Warburton Dr. J.D.	HUDDERSFIELD R.C.
2010	Corbett Mr J.	BENALLA R.C.
2011	Riley Mr R.H.G.	A.T.S.C.
2012	Armstrong Mr D.R.	OLD GUILDFORDIANS
2013	Jeens Mr E.R.T	WELSH R.A.



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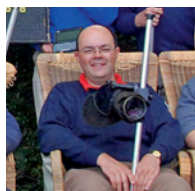
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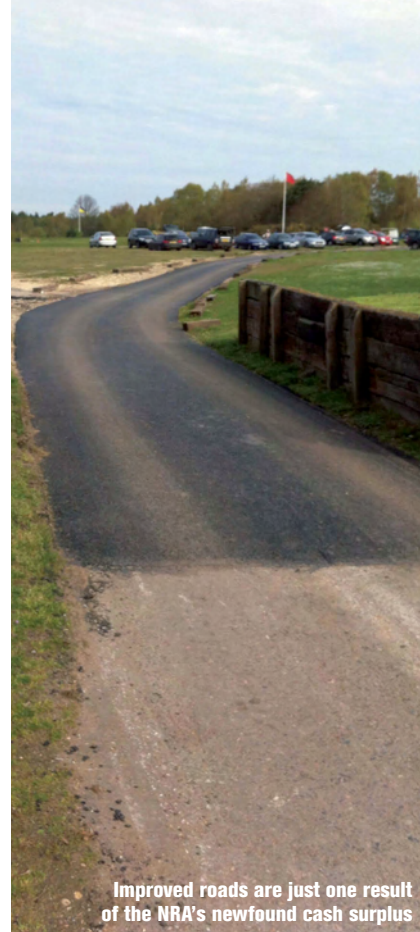
After one year in office, Derek Lowe gives an overview of the ups and downs of life as the NRA treasurer

It has been my great pleasure to see how the NRA's challenges and opportunities have developed over the relatively short period of a year in office. As marksmen, we pride ourselves on being sharp-eyed, so I am sure that many members will have noticed the financial content of communications from the NRA's trustees and management in the last year. In particular, we expanded the speeches at the 2013 AGM to include input from Andrew Mercer as chief executive and myself as treasurer. I also reported to General Council in December. Both of these communications were published on the website for members' benefit.

As a result, I hope members can see how your Trustees and management recognise

the importance of communicating about the NRA's finances, for the enfranchisement of members as well as for the month-by-month management of the Association.

Key to this has been the work of the finance department, under our head of support services, Ray Hutchings. The finance team has prepared to very good effect for the two most recent annual audits: for 2012 in a matter of weeks after Ray's arrival in post and for 2013 a full two months ahead of the schedule last year. The Trustees have also had the benefit of effective management accounts throughout that time. Three highlights of this have been a much more immediate sense



Improved roads are just one result of the NRA's newfound cash surplus

of 'finger on the pulse' of the finances, increasingly representative allocation to the different departments of income and expenditure (which helps form views and policy around necessary changes), and a renewed format to communicate quickly in plain terms. For the more visually inclined, the graphs opposite are part of the six-page pack received by the Trustees each month: this provides the



“situational awareness” beloved of pilots and wind coaches, via charts for cash balance, profitability and financial flexibility (net current assets).

The NRA’s financial performance in 2013 can be seen in our audited accounts, which are available on the website following their publication on 21 March. Highlights include:

- Increase in incoming resources (i.e. revenues) to £5.07m from £4.91m in 2012
- Decrease in outgoing resources to £4.78m from £5.00m
- Resulting surplus of £331k, compared with a budget of £150k and versus a deficit of £65k in 2012
- Turnaround in our financial flexibility & resilience, measured by net current assets of £142k in December 2013 versus net current liabilities of £247k in December 2012

The budget for 2014 includes:

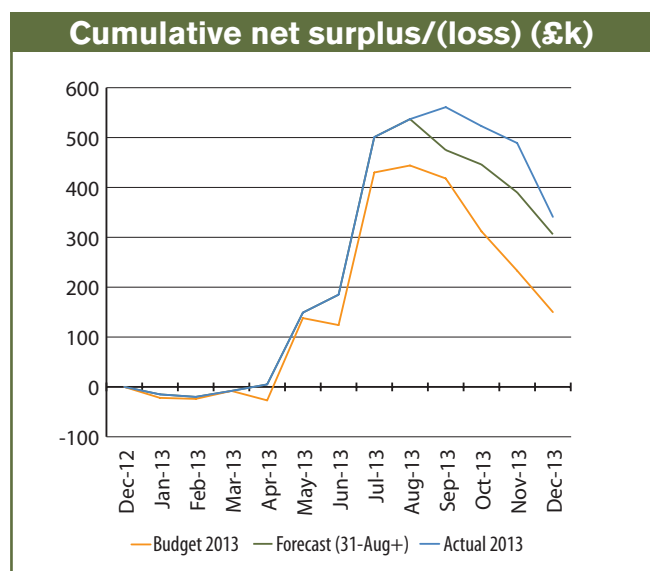
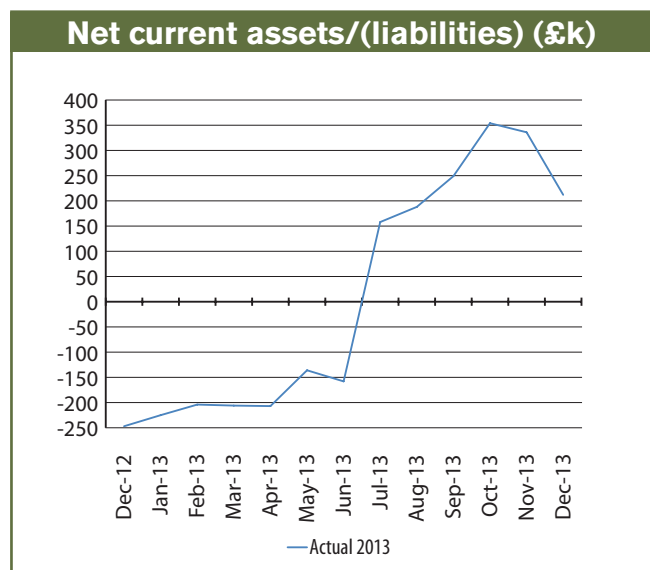
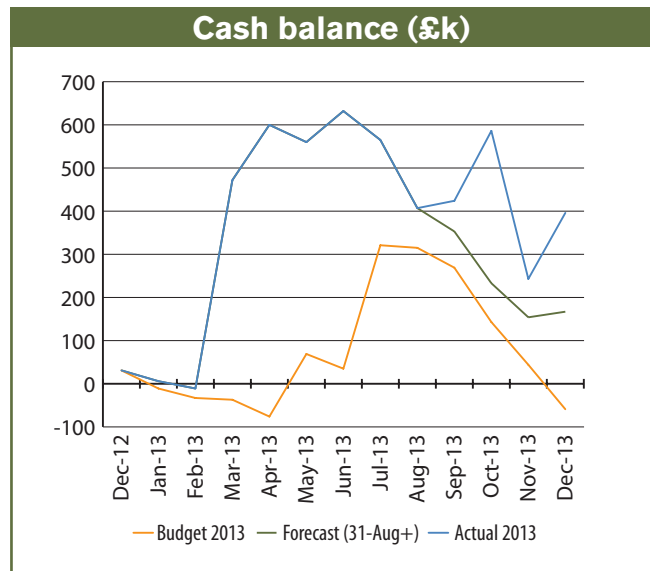
- Increase in revenues to £5.22m
- Increase in surplus to £450k
- Increase in maintenance/improvement spending at Bisley to £310k, as the first of three years to total £1m
- Flexibility in capital/development spending to assure us of a cash balance consistently and confidently above £200k

I would like to highlight two challenges that management has been working on since the beginning of last year, and which do not typically appear as a financial headline for the NRA overall. They demonstrate how your Trustees and management seek to find balance between the shooting interests of the present/near future on the one hand and those of the medium-longer term future on the other.

The first is the ploughing of cash surplus back into the NRA’s facilities. Some £123k has been spent on the ranges in 2013 by way of improvements and maintenance; and we have seen, both in 2013 (£323k) and early 2014 (£78k to March), a pick-up in work around the remainder of Bisley camp, in particular to roads, accommodation, signage, training and visitor facilities, and towards establishment of a wifi network. None of this is possible without serving commercial clients and members while achieving a surplus, which is decent vis-à-vis both those members who are on a given shoot and those who are not.

The second has been the bringing to light, and increasingly into equitable order, of a number of the inconsistencies between similar types of engagement with the NRA (e.g. rents for different clubhouses, prices for different caravan pitches, patterns of payment and collection, the interests of those members who use Bisley frequently and those who largely do not). Opinions on this will vary, often (and understandably) in line with one’s exposure to any given change.

Our Association now welcomes a broader spread of shooting interests than ever before. For the first time I can recall, no single shooting discipline represents an overall majority within our membership. The blossoming in recent years of several up-and-coming disciplines offers an excellent opportunity for clubs to welcome new members and new profitable life to the clubhouses at times of year that, until now, have tended to be quieter. The NRA Shooting Club is intended to act as a feeder into other clubs, and club officials are being encouraged to explore these opportunities by approaching the membership department. ■



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PATRICIA ADAMS
1956 – 2013

Pat Adams was born in Oxford in 1956. When she was seven months old her mother tragically died and she was raised by her father and aunt. She won a place at Milham Ford Girls School and obtained her O-Levels. She joined the NHS in the Oxford Teaching Hospitals as an administrator, and progressed through the ranks, finally becoming quality assurance manager for Cervical Cancer Screening Services.

Pat had many hobbies: she was an expert water-skier, loved travelling, was a great and knowledgeable reader, dearly loved German shepherd dogs, and was a superb knitter. She loved fast driving; a lift from her to Bisley was quite an experience.

Pat first took up shooting with the old North Oxford Club, where she excelled with small-bore and centrefire pistols. After the club disbanded she joined Isis Rifle & Pistol Club. Having lost her pistols, she switched to small-bore rifle and made good progress, soon shooting for the Isis teams and then Oxfordshire Ladies County Team. She was 'persuaded' to shoot fullbore target rifle on the Otmoor Range. It was soon evident she was very good. She made rapid progress and was soon shooting small-bore and fullbore rifle for Oxfordshire. In 2003 Pat became

the first lady to win the County Fullbore Rifle Championship, winning the County Long Range Cup in the same year.

She took up duties as rifle captain for the Isis Club and meetings secretary for the ORA Fullbore Committee. She excelled at both tasks. Pat decided she needed to improve her educational qualifications and began a degree with the Open University. After several years' study, she obtained a BA (Hons) in Art Design and Appreciation.

Pat died in 2013 after a short illness, bravely borne. At her funeral there was standing room only, so greatly was she respected and loved. To end with a story: Pat was shooting her first county selection at the old Pilning Range. I was coaching her and at 500 yards her final shot was a V-bull to gain her first 50. She squealed with delight, then gave me a kiss. This was the beginning of a friendship of 30 years. Pat will be missed by her friends and colleagues and we send our sympathies to her family. *John Winter*



PETER BEAUCHAMP BISHOP
1944 – 2014

Peter Bishop was born in Walthamstow in August 1944. His middle name was given after his grandfather, a warder at the Tower of London, housed at Beauchamp Tower.

As a schoolboy, Peter excelled at many sports including football, cricket, swimming and cycling. On leaving school, Peter was taken on as a trainee by Hawker Sidley; at the same time he attended night classes, attaining qualifications as a machine fitter, turner and welder. He also joined the Civil Defence where he and lifelong friend Terry were members of a Heavy Rescue Team. Over the years his career saw him work on many well-known projects – the New London Bridge, the Victoria Line and the Channel Tunnel.

An interest in shooting began in the early 60s with club shoots at Bisley and clay target at numerous venues. Field archery became a serious sport for Peter and he was ranked among the top bowmen in the country. And with his wife Bren, he took to indoor bowls. He organised national leagues and became a respected authority of the game.

By 1994 Peter was suffering with rheumatoid arthritis and other health issues, so took early retirement. After 30 years together, Bren sadly died of cancer.

After thinking about his options, Peter decided to contact friends from his younger years. He eventually contacted his ex-fiancée Christine who had also lost her spouse. Their feelings for each other were rekindled, and they moved to South Wales.

It was here that his interest in shooting returned. He joined Swansea Rifle Club and became competitive in air rifle, benchrest and gallery rifle. On the GR circuit he made frequent visits to Bisley, Wrexham and Haverfordwest, if not to compete, then just to lend a hand. Peter was a member of the NRA and a qualified range-conducting officer with the NSRA. He used his engineering skills to make parts and customise rifles and shooting kit.

Peter was a man of many talents and accomplishments. But he will be remembered most for just being himself – generous, good-humoured, patient, a great friend, a true gentleman and, above all, a romantic loving husband to Chris. We are all going to miss him. *Gerry Betteridge*

Results

CLRA OPEN MEETING 3-4 MAY

Lord Derby

1. Daniel Blake, 35.006
35.005, 35.005, 105.016
2. David Young, 35.004
35.005, 35.005, 105.014
3. Paul Holmes, 34.005
35.005, 34.003, 103.013

The Leece

1. Dick Horrocks, 50.010
2. David Dyson, 50.009
3. Tom Horrocks, 50.009

The Legh

1. Martin Liversage, 50.006
50.009, 100.015
2. Daniel Blake, 50.007, 50.008,
100.015
3. David Nuthall, 50.007,

50.007, 100.014

The Devon Plate Manchester Rifle Club

- David Young, 49.008
49.008, 98.016
David Dyson, 49.007
50.004, 99.011
Paul Holmes, 50.01, 49.006,
99.016
Dick Horrocks, 50.008
49.005, 99.013,
Total: 395.056

Altcar Rifle Club

- Richard Scott, 49.006
48.004, 97.01
David Taylor, 49.006
48.006, 97.012
Martin Liversage, 50.006

50.009, 100.015
Ron Booth, 50.005
49.009, 99.014
Total: 393.051

The Snow

1. Daniel Blake, 105.016,
150.023, 255.039
2. David Young, 105.014
148.023, 253.037
3. Paul Holmes, 103.013
148.021, 251.034

The Fletcher

1. Martin Liversage, 50.009
2. Tom Horrocks, 50.006
3. Ron Booth, 49.009

The Arnold

1. Iain MacDonald, 75.011

2. Trevor Bryan, 74.010
3. Dick Horrocks, 74.009

The Perry

1. Daniel Blake, 73.009
2. Colin Goad, 73.008
3. Tom Horrocks, 73.008

Champion of Champions Qualifier

1. Martin Liversage, 72.005
2. Dick Horrocks, 71.008

The Battalion

1. Martin Liversage, 74.007
72.005, 146.012
2. Tom Horrocks, 72.011
73.008, 145.019
3. Daniel Blake, 72.009
73.009, 145.018

THE ANDY NEWMAN MEMORIAL 20 APRIL

POSITION	STANDARD AUTO	STANDARD MANUAL	OPEN
1st	Mark Sienesi	Graham Hill	Rupert Stanley
2nd	Stuart Saunders	James Symes	Sean Amos
3rd	James Harris	Keith Norman	Cansh Pope

SMALL-BORE LONG RANGE MATCH 27 APRIL

AM AGGREGATE

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	100X	200X	300X	AM AGG
1st	Michael Haselgrove	MR	50.5	46.1	45.4	141.10v
2nd	John Mead	MR	49.6	45.4	45.4	139.14v
3rd	Nick Tremlett	MR	49.3	49.3	41.2	134.6v

PM AGGREGATE

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	400X	500X	PM AGG
1st	John Mead	MR	66.3	45	111.3v
2nd	Carole Silver	TR	60	54	114
3rd	Mark Silver	TR	62.1	46	108.1v

GRAND AGGREGATE

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	AM AGG	PM AGG	GRAND AGG
1st	John Mead	MR	139.14v	111	250.17v
2nd	Carole Silver	TR	125.6v	114	239.6v
3rd	Richard Kenchington	TR	131.7v	104.5v	235.12v

GR&P SPRING ACTION WEEKEND 22-23 MARCH

TIMED & PRECISION 1 GRSB

1st	David Hackett	300	20X
2nd	Norman Brown	300	14X
3rd	James Zwetsloot	298	15X

TIME & PRECISION 1 GRCF

1st	Gary Bowden	300	24X
2nd	Steve Lamb	300	23X
3rd	Jim Smith	300	23X

TIME & PRECISION 1 GRCF OPEN

1st	Terry Fry	300	22X
2nd	Paul Cooney	300	22X

TIME & PRECISION 1 GRCF CLASSIC

1st	Matthew Peppitt	300	21X
2nd	Colin McMichael	300	19X
3rd	Alan Podevin	300	16X

CSR WINTER LEAGUE 2013-2014

LEAGUE POSITION	NAME	LEAGUE POINTS
HISTORIC		
1st	Cross D	993.47
2nd	Drummond J	904.54
3rd	Geering J	901.66
IRON		
1st	Wightman R	1000.00
2nd	Moran D	807.16
3rd	Daysh W	655.60
PRACTICAL OPTIC		
1st	Newberry A	986.11
2nd	Camp M	981.69
3rd	Hudson C	953.54
SERVICE OPTIC		
1st	Cottrell P	999.57
2nd	Ellis W	964.87
3rd	Chapman A	947.62

Class A

1. Martin Liversage, 147.020
146.012, 293.032
2. David Taylor, 146.019
143.014, 289.033
3. Richard Scott, 146.017
140.015, 286.032

Class O

1. Tom Horrocks, 150.020
145.019, 295.039
2. Ian Brown, 149.019
143.013, 292.032
3. Iain MacDonald, 146.019
143.016, 289.035

The 42nd Lancashire (HM Forces)

1. Iain MacDonald, 146.019
143.016, 289.035

2. Richard Webb, 145.014
142.010, 287.024

The Open Championship

1. Daniel Blake, 150.023
145.018, 295.041
2. Tom Horrocks, 150.020, 145.019,
295.039
3. Dick Horrocks, 149.023
145.017, 294.040

The Closed Championship

1. Tom Horrocks, 150.020
145.019, 295.039
2. Dick Horrocks, 149.023
145.017, 294.040
3. Ron Booth, 149.022
145.013, 294.035

The McFarlane Grand Aggregate

1. Daniel Blake, 105.016
150.023, 145.018, 400.057
2. Ron Booth, 102.010
149.022, 145.013, 396.045
3. David Young, 105.014
148.023, 142.015, 395.052

300 Championships 17-18 May

Sat 17 May – S/TR

- A Gent 98, 95, 99, 97, 99, 98 586 (22)
L Chisholm 99, 98, 97, 97, 98, 92 581 (26)
J Payne 93, 96, 97, 98, 95, 93 572 (9)

Sun 18 May – Free Rifle

- G Hawarth 98, 98, 98, 100, 98, 99 591 (25)
M Scrivens 99, 98, 98, 99, 96, 97 587 (17)
H Pugsley 97, 98, 99, 98, 97, 97 586 (23)

PHOENIX MEETING 23-25 MAY

Timed & Precision 1 GRSB

- 1st** 632, John Robinson, 300, 23X
X 2nd 623, Gwyn Roberts, 300, 20X
X 3rd 296, David Hackett, 300, 17X
1st John Robinson, 300, 23X
2nd Gwyn Roberts, 300, 20X
3rd David Hackett, 300, 17X

Timed & Precision 1 GRCFX

- 1st** John Robinson, 300, 29X
2nd Gerry Betteridge, 300, 26X
3rd Keith Cox, 300, 25X

Timed & Precision 1 GRCF Open

- 1st=** Adam Chapman, 300, 25X
1st= Terry Fry, 300, 25X
3rd Alan Sutton, 300, 22X

ARMY TR OPEN 3-4 MAY		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
QUEEN'S 1		
1st	Paul Kent	103.13
2nd	Simon Belither	105.13
3rd	Alwyn McLean	105.12
QUEEN'S 2		
1st	David Calvert	150.23
2nd	Paul Kent	149.20
3rd	Tom Drysdale	149.19
SATURDAY AGGREGATE		
1st	Paul Kent	254.37
2nd	Alwyn McLean	254.27
3rd	David Calvert	253.33
CLARKE SHIELD		
1st	ATSC Red	991.78
PALMA - FIRE		
1st	Paul Kent	220.23
2nd	David Calvert	219.24
3rd	LR Chisholm	216.1
PALMA TROPHY		
1st	Regular Army Green	
2nd	Kitson	
GRAND AGGREGATE		
1st	Paul Kent	474.60v
2nd	David Calvert	472.57
3rd	LR Chisholm	466.34
T	KA Fitton	441.18
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1st Alan Podevin, 300, 20X
2nd Matthew Peppit, 300, 19X
3rd Colin McMichael, 300, 13X

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1st Paul Stockill, 300, 20X
2nd Rob Sanders, 299, 20X
3rd Byron Wood, 298, 16X

Multi Target GRCF

1st John Robinson, 120, 20X
2nd Gerri de Beer, 120, 20X
3rd Peter Watts, 120, 14X

Granet GRSB

1st Nigel Grapes, 300, 20X
2nd Declan Byrne, 299, 15X
3rd Scott Lyon, 299, 13X

Granet GRCF

1st Terry Fry, 300, 17X
2nd Martin Benton, 298, 20X
3rd Peter Watts, 298, 17X

Imperial Silhouettes GRSB

1st Jonathon Cormie, 300, 26X
2nd Michael Nestor, 300, 26X
3rd David Guest, 300, 21X



Individual Aggregates

John Rolfe Trophy

John Robinson, 1192, 77X

Sue Mansbridge Rose Bowl

John Robinson, 2982, 230X

Bianchi Aggregate

Keith Cox, 3783, 305X

Phoenix GR Champion

Gwyn Roberts, 6743, 517X

Pete Kington Trophy

Matthew Greatwood, 360, 35V

Alan Whittle Gallery Rifle Classic Trophy

Matthew Peppit, 597, 57X

Alan Whittle Newcomers Trophy

Norman Veitch, 20

Shotgun Aggregate

Simon Drewett, 414, 30X

International Match

Phoenix International Cup (GRCF)

1st Great Britain, 5915, 359X
2nd Republic of Ireland, 5899, 355X
3rd Germany, 5812, 284X
4th South Africa, 5770, 317X

Phoenix International Trophy (GRCF)

1st Great Britain, 5966, 414X
2nd Germany, 5954, 370X
3rd Republic of Ireland, 5929, 382X

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Sat 17 May - S/TR

A Gent 98, 95, 99, 97, 99, 98 586 (22)
L Chisholm 99, 98, 97, 97, 98, 92 581 (26)
J Payne 93, 96, 97, 98, 95, 93 572 (9)

Sun 18 May - Free Rifle

G Hawarth 98, 98, 98, 100, 98, 99 - 591 (25)
M Scrivens 99, 98, 98, 99, 96, 97 - 587 (17)
H Pugsley 97, 98, 99, 98, 97, 97 - 586 (23)

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GENERAL NOTICES

F Class Europeans

An update from Mik Maksimovic on the new-format European Championships, which have moved to a September date. The European Championships are limited to 240 entrants so please get your entry in soonest. Entry will close on 11 August.

Accommodation

Those of you who require accommodation can book it either through:
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Email: secretary@lmra.co.uk
Or: NRA Accommodation Office on 01483 797777 ext 134/152
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Overseas Visitors Permits

Those of you that require permits will have to complete the form that accompanies this letter and send it to the NRA. Iain Robertson is dealing with these. They can take up to two months – so please don't delay getting these returned.
Iain's contact details are
Email: iain.robertson@nra.org.uk
Tel: 01483 797777 ext154.
No permits – no shooting.

Practice Targets

There will be team and individual practice

targets available on Monday 8 September. These are bookable on the entry form. These will be on a first-booked-first-served basis and will be £180 per whole target per day or £30 per person, squadded six to a target. Overseas teams can book targets on the practice target booking form.

Payment

Payment for all entries will be either by cheque or bank transfer to the GB F Class Association's account. Bank details are on the entry forms.
Entries will not be accepted without payment – I would like to get time to shoot instead of chasing round trying to collect money. Any entries not accompanied by a payment or bank transfer details will be returned.

Zero

On 8 September, the Zero Range will be open for those wishing to zero rifles above 4,500 joules muzzle energy from 8.30am to 4pm.
Don't forget you will not be allowed to compete with a rifle above 4,500 joules muzzle energy unless you zero.

Matches

Results will be posted on the scoreboards

at the stats caravan as soon as possible. All shooting will be in pairs, with up to three details per distance. Blow-off shots before each first detail will be allowed on each day.

Tuesday 9 September

Individual matches with medals awarded for each distance. Will start at precisely 8.30am on Stickledown Ranges.
800 yards: 2 + 20 shots in the morning
900 yards: 2 + 20 shots in the afternoon

Wednesday 10 September

Individual matches with medals awarded for each distance. Will start at precisely 8.30am on Stickledown Ranges.
900 yards: 2 + 20 Shots in the morning
1,000 yards: 2 + 20 Shots in the afternoon

Thursday 11 September

Individual matches and minor teams match with medals awarded for each distance. Will start at precisely 8.30am on Stickledown Ranges.
800 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning
900 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning

Minor Teams Match: A four-man coached teams match at 1,000 yards. Entry for this is on the teams match entry form.
1,000 yards: 2 + 20 shots in the afternoon

European Individual Championships:

Friday 12 September

800 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning
900 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning
1,000 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the afternoon

Saturday 13 September

800 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning
900 yards: 2 + 15 shots in the morning
1,000 yards: 2 + 20 shots in the afternoon

Sunday 14 September: International Teams Open and F/TR





Important: Both Open and F/TR Teams will be full teams with 8 shooters and 16 members as per the new international rules.

National team captains will be required to nominate teams, including coaches and register keepers, on Saturday evening to the organiser (Mik). Entry forms will be sent to national organisers. Cost per international team is £140. Rutland Open & F/TR Teams (four-man) will be required to register their teams for the next day by close of shooting on Saturday. Entry forms will be emailed to all competitors, cost £70 per team. Rutland teams with a mix of Open and F/TR shooters will be competing as Open teams.

There is a separate international teams entry for the Teams Match. National organisers are asked to complete this and return it with full payment.

The Teams matches will start at 8.30am at 900 yards on Stickle-down Range. The team shoot will consist of:

- 2 + 15 at 900 yards – 8.30am-10am
- 2 + 15 at 1,000 yards – 10.30am-12pm

Timings are 85 minutes for four firers. Prizegiving will be at approx. 12.30pm on the range in the marquee.

New Pair of Benellis

The NRA has bought two new Benelli Super-Nova shotguns that are available to hire from the Armoury. These guns are intended for use on Target Shotgun training courses but can be hired by any member on presentation of membership card, shotgun certificate and certificate of competence.

NRA Seeks New Trustees

The Association is seeking three new co-opted Trustees to serve on the NRA Council. The Council is the governing body for the charity and consists of up to 12 elected, ex officio and co-opted members. Trustees are expected to attend 6-8 meetings each year, review reports, lead initiatives and working groups, and receive and respond to regular email traffic. The role of Trustee is unpaid although travelling expenses are reimbursed.

Applications are sought from members of the Association who have good commercial, accounting and/or legal skills; candidates with experience of estate management, clay pigeon shooting, military shooting, and HR will be particularly welcome.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2014. Please contact the Chairman to register interest – chairman@nra.org.uk.

Bisley General Meeting

The 2014 Bisley General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July at 9pm.

NRA Team to the Channel Islands 2015

NRA shooters may apply for positions on the forthcoming GB or national team, or alternatively, for more experienced shooters, the opportunity to pass on their knowledge. The tour is designed to aid the development of target rifle shooters who have gained or are close to gaining county level status and want to take their shooting to the next level.

The team captain, Sarah Cheslyn-Curtis, will be organising training days and will lead the tour to combine competition at a senior level with a relaxed social excursion. The Channel Islands Tour 2015 is expected to take place between 20-27 May, with the team travelling to Guernsey and then Jersey, with team matches against both islands and some individual shooting. Please submit applications to Ms Cheslyn-Curtis by email at Cheslyncurtis@btinternet.com or in writing to the below address, including a shooting CV by 31 July 2014.

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JUNE

14-15 LMRA Amstein Trophy

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

14-15 NRA Inter-Counties Meeting

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

21-22 Scottish Long Range Open Championships (Blair Atholl)

Tim Kidner, 01224 321468, tlk762@aol.com

21 Hampshire RA Open Prize Meeting

Charles Brooks, Charles.Brooks@penningtons.co.uk

21-22 Range Conducting Officer Course

Richard Blackmore, 01483 797777, richard.blackmore@nra.org.uk

22 LMRA v BCRC v NLRC

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

25-29 NRA Imperial Meeting – Civilian Service Rifle Meeting (i)

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25 – 4 Jul Imperial Service Rifle

NRA Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

28-29 British Commonwealth Rifle Club Open Prize Meeting

British Commonwealth RC, edjeens@gmail.com

29 NRA Imperial Meeting - The NRA Methuen Cup Match

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk



JULY

02 NRA Military Adaptive Shooting Championships

Peter Cottrell, 01483 798808, Peter.Cottrell@nra.org.uk

4-10 Imperial Match Rifle Events

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

5-6 Imperial Historic Arms Events

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

7-10 Imperial Schools Meeting

Peter Turner, schools@nra.org.uk

9-13 Imperial Pistol and Gallery Rifle

Neil Francis, gallery@nra.org.uk

10-19 Imperial Target Rifle Events

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10 LMRA v Jersey Rifle Association

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

11-19 Imperial F Class Events

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19 HM Queens Prize Final

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

25-29 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow

(Barry Buddon)

AUGUST

2 HRA Precision Sharp & Snap Shooting Match

Highpower Rifle Match Entries, match-entry@highpowerrifle.co.uk





3 Practical Pistol Match

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

9-10 HBSA Miniature Rifle Meeting

HBSA, r.n.davidson@imperial.ac.uk

9-10 Invernesshire Open

Championships (Cawdor)

Jim Kettle, j.kettle@btinternet.com

16-17 Tullibardine (Tayside) Open

Championships (Blair Atholl)

Jim Bell, jwhbell@btinternet.com

22-24 Home International Skeet

Championships (NCSC)

Barry Desborough, barry.desborough@nra.org.uk

23-24 Gallery Rifle National
Championships

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23-25 Welsh Open and Closed
Championship

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23 LMRA v Royal Navy TRC

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secretary@lmra.co.uk

SEPTEMBER

6 NRA open day

Amanda Vaughan, Amanda.vaughan@nra.org.uk

6-7 NRC of S Match Rifle Open

Championships (Blair Atholl)

Tim Kidner, 01224 321468, tlk762@aol.com

7 Bisley Clubs (LMRA v RAF) (i)

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

8-14 F Class European
Championships

Mik Maksimovic, 01507 343898, mik@mikdolphin.demon.co.uk

13 Affiliated Clubs Championships
(pairs)

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13 East of Scotland Open

Championships (Blair Atholl)

Major (Retd) RJ Aitken, 0131 445 1948, baitkenshooting@btinternet.com

13-14 Multi-Gun Match

Shooting Division, shootsec@nra.org.uk

21 LMRA v ATSC

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

26 LMRA v CLRA

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

27-28 LMRA Open Meeting

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

27-28 English & Irish Autumn
Meeting

Bill Taylor, bill@englisheight.co.uk

OCTOBER

4-5 LMRA v Scotland Rifle
Association (Blair Atholl)

LMRA, 01483 473006, secretary@lmra.co.uk

5 Civilian Service Rifle (Winter
league)

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11 LMRA Open Day

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11-12 F Class League (Blair Atholl)

Des Parr, desparr@yahoo.com

11-12 European Long Range Team
Championships

Peter Cottrell, 01483 798808, peter.cottrell@nra.org.uk

18-19 Trafalgar Meeting

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NOVEMBER

1 Civilian Service Rifle

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DECEMBER

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