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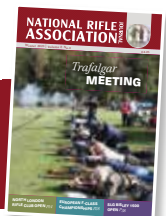
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NRA Secretary General, **Andrew Mercer**, introduces the Winter issue.



The HSE report proposals regarding the banning of lead in ammunition were published in October and were broadly as expected, including a derogation to allow the use of lead bullets for target shooting on outdoor rifle ranges. Indoor rifle ranges are excluded from any restrictions on using lead ammunition. It is encouraging that there are currently no proposals to restrict the use of lead bullets for live quarry shooting; in reality the quantity of lead used for this purpose is very small and game dealers are insisting quarry are shot with non-lead alternatives. Airgun ammunition has also not been recommended for any restrictions; again the quantity of lead used is small and the socioeconomic cost of any prohibition would be disproportionately high. Not surprisingly the prohibition of the sale and use of lead shot is recommended to be prohibited; lead shot accounts for over 98% of the 7,000 tonnes of lead fired outdoors every year. A derogation is proposed for a small number of international shotgun athletes.

There is much fine detail to address in our response to the HSE report including ensuring lead bullets can be used on MoD ranges, discouraging the publication of publicly available list of addresses of outdoor ranges, having realistic transition periods and agreeing sensible range lead risk management measures.

As the days shorten and shooting on our rifle ranges at Bisley eases our staff are busy with an extensive programme of refurbishment and improvement. An apparently simple task such as inspecting the target frame counter balances on Century range was complicated by the need to remove accumulated grease from the chains of each of the 109 targets before surveyors could get to work. Areas of the floor and ceiling of the markers gallery are also being upgraded, along with re-profiling parts of the mantlet. Such work goes largely unnoticed but is essential to maintaining the safety of our ranges.

I was alerted to an interesting thread of discussion on our Facebook page centred on whether it was appropriate for the NRA to publish images of “black” rifles that were thought could alarm the general public. Some might see such debates as “inter-discipline” bickering and I am aware that there are elements of the shooting community who are sometimes tempted to promote their type of shooting by disparaging others. Being a simple soul I view all legal forms of shooting, both target and quarry, as good shooting. Furthermore if we promote a type of target shooting then we should not be shy about publishing images of it on publicly available websites and social media channels.

The roll out of our Home Loaded Ammunition certification scheme was the result of a somewhat painful debate that at times focused on detailed technical issues that left my head spinning. The whole driver to the scheme is to improve safety, not improve accuracy or performance, or reduce cost. Our prime concern is the safety of those alongside the firer of home loaded ammunition on the firing point. Thankfully our members and clubs have embraced the scheme and our membership team are busy updating Shooter Certification records for the production of the 2024 cards.

As one year draws to a close we are busy planning for the next. Range office staff have already processed over 2700 range bookings; the membership team are in the thick of membership and club affiliation renewals; and the competition and training teams are busy finalising their programmes. September to October are also some of the busiest months for our Bisley Shooting Ground and National Clay Centre shotgun ranges. All of which explains why a cheery question to our staff about are they enjoying some quiet time will (hopefully) be answered with a wry smile. Happy Christmas! 🍷

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TRAFALGAR MEETING 2023

Derek Stimpson reports on a Trafalgar with all weathers.

Each Trafalgar meeting has its own character and this year's was no exception with a cheerful crowd of competitors despite the rain on Saturday. There was plenty of shooting and a busy trade fair with a good number of visitors buying shooting supplies and new items for collections and for shooting.

Saturday morning produced fair weather, but on Saturday afternoon there was a downpour followed by heavy cloud and drizzle, plus a drop in temperature. The reduction in cards shot, fortunately modest, might have been due to shooting conditions on Saturday afternoon. My wife and I attempted to shoot the running boar with open sights but there was not enough light to see the sights against the target. Other shooters must have also suffered from the dark and wet conditions. On Time Limit we were drying shot targets under spotlights. Sunday morning however dawned well and turned into a glorious day so some catching up was possible.

The HBSA pistol exhibition was a splendid show, with ten exhibitors and over 200 visitors. The pistols in the remarkable and diverse displays included a number of rare Webley WGs, Broom-handle Mausers, a display of nickel plated pistols, lugers and many others.

On the Saturday evening the Trafalgar dinner was held, and much enjoyed by attendees, although with modest numbers. The Nelson toast being made and followed by the Loyal toast to the King.

A particular thank you goes to both to the NRA for their enthusiastic support, and to all the volunteers who contribute their time to support this meeting as volunteer ROs and range staff. Thanks to the NRA for providing hot breakfasts and lunches which were as always most welcome.

My own activity kept me occupied at the BSRC range, both as RCO and shooting the running boar and running deer, plus double rifle. I was glad to see some new entrants on the running boar and deer as well as some of the regulars but overall fewer entries.

“ *The Trafalgar is an important meeting - one of the largest historic arms shooting meetings anywhere in the world.* ”

If you haven't tried it come along and shoot at IHAM and Trafalgar next year. Shooting moving target is something different for most static target shooters and once they begin, it can prove addictive.

Match 406; 200 yds prone Classic Service Rifle was once again in top place with 39 entries and re-entries; 506; 200 yds prone Vintage Service Rifle with 25 was in second place of popularity; 884; Centre-fire Gallery Rifle was in third place with 20 entries and re-entries; 863; 25m Bobber Rifle – CF Gallery Rifle, was in fourth place with 19 entries and re-entries; Running boar was surprisingly down to 11 shooters this year. 10 competitions were shot by only one competitor.

I'll repeat, as I do each year, that we do need to increase numbers of entries and cards shot, so we encourage more collectors who own appropriate ▶





Above: A selection of photographs from the HBSA Pistol Exhibition.

historic rifles of all types to come and join in. They will be amply rewarded!

We hope that you will also spread the word about the enjoyment of shooting historic arms and introduce friends and other club members to it.

NRA retained on-line advance booking including the “bulk discount”, but still retaining the “walk in” facility for entries on the day, and the “cashless” pre-pay system facilitating re-entries.

The Classic & Historic Handbook 2023 as always proved a very useful reference for both shooters and range officers alike on the ranges. There are some competitions, the more specialized perhaps, which had few shooters, even a single competitor, (plus some not shot), but a good number are shot by ten or more people. As mentioned above the top competition this year was 406 with 39 entries and re-entries,

The editor of the Handbook, Bryden Ritchie, was also working as an RO with his wife Anne running stats and getting in the scores. Thanks go to Anne along with Gail Podevin and Roger Ford for all their work on stats and getting the results out on time. A plea from Stats is for better handwriting in completion of results cards please! Some cards required Bletchley Park levels of decryption this year!

There are always some “tweaks” to iron out a few further anomalies in the Handbook. As always, any feedback from members and shooters relating to the Handbook will be welcome.

The remarkable variety of arms being used is always impressive as is the expertise required to produce ammunition and shoot them well. Military, target and sporting, muzzle-loading long-arms, and pistols, both flint and percussion, breech-loading rifles of many types, including military, rook rifles and large bore big game rifles with shooting taking place on both static and moving targets, and both prone and standing.

The variety of arms is reflected in the splendid gallery of photographs from the meeting which accompanies this article.

Discussion on shooting and accuracy is always interesting - one competitor commenting to me on his surprise at the long-range flat shooting quality of his rook rifle and ammunition. There was generally some very good shooting achieved.

The Trafalgar is an important meeting. It is one of the largest historic arms shooting meetings anywhere in the world. It is an exceptional meeting in which we are fortunate to be able to participate. We are also fortunate that it is held in UK and at such a world-famous location – NRA’s Bisley ranges – a historic venue where we are able to celebrate our unique heritage in historic arms, both shooting and collecting them being well represented at the meeting.

Looking at the entries the following are the figures for the last five meetings.

	Competitors	Cards
2023	151	906
2022	154	915
2021	152	898
2020	125	608
2019	176	968

The average number of events shot per competitor was 6.0 close to 5.9 from 2022. We must hope that all the numbers will grow again next year – last time we topped 1000 cards shot was 2018 – let’s get back to that level.

The number of entrants was down by 3 this year but the weather on Saturday afternoon must have contributed to a reduction in the number of cards shot.

The NRA maintains the broad number of competitions in the Trafalgar list with good reason, and to be inclusive of as many historic arms types and models as possible. Whilst taking advantage of this we can do better. This year 26 Matches were not shot, including, notably the 1000 yds and 50m prone. Allowing for that, 181 matches had at least one entry (a few more than last year) out of the total number available of 207.

On Sunday afternoon of the meeting Mark Haigh was presented with the Match Director’s Trophy by Peter Cottrell on the occasion of his tenth Trafalgar meeting. Mark has been much involved in the meeting over the years and come to know personally many of the entrants as well as volunteer range officers, and their particular areas of interest. We thank him for all his support for the meeting. Mark is moving to Bristol with his partner and leaving the NRA at the end of the year and we wish him well. He will be greatly missed by all participants and NRA staff alike.

The meeting ended with a well attended and lively prize giving, at which Bryden Ritchie officiated. Thanks also go to Becky Sweet for getting out the impressive display of trophies that are associated with the Meeting.

There really is something for everyone and we do need to encourage new, and especially younger shooters to join us. Please encourage your friends and other club members to come and join in.

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

We must look to the future and preserve that heritage for future generations, so please keep collecting and keep shooting historic arms.

We continue working with the NRA and BSSC on the lead “initiative” to retain the ammunition which historic arms were designed to use, namely, lead, lead core and shot. It is hoped that it will in fact be retained generally for target shooting on ranges with the appropriate measures in place. Shotgun is an area where there is more concern as the HSE view is rather fixed on lead shot. You can read more detail of that elsewhere in the NRA Journal and the websites of the HBSA and the various other organizations involved.

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

Right: Mark Haigh receiving his presentation from Peter Cottrell.





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NORTH LONDON RIFLE CLUB OPEN MEETING

Adam Leech reports on the event held at Bisley.

The first weekend in September rolled around again as and tradition dictates, the North London RC Open Meeting and concurrent Closed championships. Following a familiar Queen's King's course of fire, Saturday morning saw good scores in comfortable conditions and relatively benign winds. 35s aplenty at 300yds, with 35.6 making good starts for Dot Hume (Closed) and Will Broad (Open). More of the same at 500yds, with 35.6 for John Bellringer (Open), pipped by a V for a perfect 35.7 from Rory Mace (Closed), as he continued his strong form from July. Conditions at 600yds were a little more lively, but nine 35s still featured, top amongst them being with 6 Vs for Mike Barlow (Closed) and 5 Vs for Lucy Macy (Open). A dip on Vs, Rory Mace finished clean on a 35.2 for one of two 105s (13V) to win the Closed competition and take the Shanghai Cup, with mum Lucy only one V behind adding more evidence to the theory that marksmanship may be a genetic trait.

“ Shooting on Sunday resumed a little later than planned, with early morning fog having clearly not been briefed on start times and intended courses of fire... **”**

All-important lunch followed, before the afternoon session of a “Kings 2”. The North meeting follows two concurrent main competitions: a King's Prize style championships with a cut on each stage, and also a full aggregate. So, all afternoon competitors were shooting for the match and the aggregate, but only the lucky top 34 (Closed) or 44 (Open) progressed in the Championship, in both cases with one of the club's newest members, Theo McDowell, taking that fought-after place as last-shooter-in. A little more life in

the flags greeted competitors, but not enough to keep 50s at bay. Top score falling back: 50.7 as club President Chris Weeden set an example to follow, with John Bellringer's 50.6 in the Open close behind. Back to 500yds and the President maintained form on another 50.7, but the Chairman Adam Leech felt that it was also time to show some leadership with a 50.9 (yes, he called it...) 50.6 was again the top Open score, Will Broad earning another mention. 600yds and plenty of 49s, but 50s were now thin on the ground. A familiar name of Bob Oxford was included amongst them, 8Vs making the top Closed score at the distance and Lucy Mace maintaining previous form in the Open with 7Vs. All now done, a combination of steady shooting with bursts of excellence did the job; Chris Weeden took the Closed event and the Siberia Cup on 149.20, with John Bellringer one V behind for the top Open Score. The cut for tomorrow? 144.14 saw Jonno Brooking squeak into the Top 12 by 2 Vs for the Closed, but three good

non-members above him mean that you needed Mike Barlow's 145.13 for the Open.

Evening followed with a well-earned dinner in the shape of a good carvery; a famous North classic, courtesy of our amazing staff Jeremy and Sylvia, who have no doubt fed & watered many of you over the season. If they haven't then make sure they do in the future; both the food and service are fantastic!

Shooting on Sunday resumed a little later than planned, with early morning fog having clearly not been briefed on start times and intended courses of fire... A generous 30 minutes lost and the normal 2+15 of the MacLennan at 900yds was cut back to 10 shots to count, all of them made good by many including Mike Barlow (Closed) and David Richards (Open) each only seeing fit to leave the V once for a pair of 50.9s. Time now made up, the full 15 shots were fired at 1000yds but in somewhat more challenging conditions than the gentle to non-existent winds of 900yds. Only one firer kept them all in, being Bob Oxford (75.7) for the top Closed score and the WF King Cup. Top Open competitor was Nick Mace with a 74.1, a score he described as a good shoot "ruined by two shots"!

So, to the final results. With the Championship and also the full weekend aggregate for the President's Cup, the table can vary in places. Not for first place, mind! Unsurprisingly for those who know his form (and previous Club Championship efforts), Bob Oxford took the President's on 378.48, with top Open competitor John Bellringer just behind on 375.45. Third overall (and second Closed) was Rory Mace, with steady shooting giving a 372.39. To the Championships and Bob's 274.32 added another Gold Jewel to his collection by a margin of seven points, the Silver Jewel going to Adam Leech (267.31) and the Bronze to Rory Mace on the same total, but counting out on 1000yds score by single point. Consistency at the top of the Open, too; John Bellringer's 272.33 taking it by a handful from Will Broad (267.31).

The date tradition continues for next year, so if you want to enjoy the opener of September's "Clubhouse Open Meeting Season" then the dates for your diary are 31st August-1st September. We look forward to seeing you there! 🍷





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- LONG RANGE RIM FIRE - 9TH AUTUMN OPEN

The weather forecast 2 weeks earlier had predicted it was going to be a VERY wet weekend, which brought back memories of last year when we all got a soaking at some point in the day.

Fortunately, that was 2 weeks ago, Saturday started after a mild night and at 08:00 it was already around 17° with a high pressure over Southern England. A different matter for the GB FClass shooting at Blair in Scotland where it was absolutely pouring down and ankle deep in water.

After the Secretary conducted 'morning prayers' also known as the safety briefing and order of the day, the first detail took their place on the firing point. The wind appeared steady from the left with a wind bracket of 2¼ to 4½ MOA but again

changes in strength were easily missed. The Secretary, cursing having dropped 5 points due to the wind, which at that moment was a 1" circle, but coming off the firing point found he was the only on to be in 90's at 300 yards.



Later details at 300 yards were having wind brackets of 11 – 20MOA and many unhappy faces returned to stats with their competitor cards and questions of "what happened there"?

Tony Lawson was our RCO who kept the morning running efficiently even with a late entry and having to make a separate detail for him.

After lunch we moved back to 400 yards.

A distance only shot a couple of times a year and at the doubt of many non-LRRFC shooters that .22RF bullet would even travel that far.

Due to range regulations, we had to shoot off ramps due to the topography of the 400 and 300 yard firing points on butt 17. These caused us to shoot in string format. It took a degree of getting used to the ramps but, most of us were able to complete the shoot without any significant problems, it was mainly the Target Rifle shooters that suffered due to the angle ▶

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on the ramp. The wind was just as difficult for the first detail and the excuses were abound again, however the wind eased in strength and its unpredictability for the last 3 details as you could see the scores improve throughout the afternoon.

After the shoot finished, the firing point was cleared and the LRRFC central hub broken down for us to all move back to the London & Middlesex Rifle Association for drinks and prize giving.

In September we held our Championship and International

meeting and we were graced by many manufacturers and suppliers presenting some prizes for our free prize draw. However, it was mandated that if your name was drawn and you weren't there, it would be redrawn. We had 4 prizes left over and so the winners of each discipline aggregate in the Autumn Open would get one of the remaining prizes.

With the conclusion of the Autumn Meeting, there is also a prize for the winner of the Summer Open Aggregate and Autumn Open Aggregate. After 80 shots at 300 & 400 yards this was

separated by 1 V bull, the winner being Gavin Moffatt winning the Treasurers Spoon with a combined score of 358.19. John Mead was second with a combined score of 358.18! It's the tale of 1 V bull again for John.

To conclude the day, a big thank you was sent to Tony Lawson, RCO, Gary & Fred, Private Marker for enabling a great day of shooting and competition and Colin Twine, LMRA for hosting us for the presentation.

To shoot with the LRRFC, we shoot standard .22RF rifles – unfortunately NO semi-automatics and standard .22LR ammunition. We shoot 4 classes, F Class, Match Rifle, Target Rifle and Service Rifle. For more information on the Long Range Rim Fire Club please contact secretary@lrrfc.org.uk. ☺

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Text and photos by
Ben Stubbins.

- LONG RANGE RIM FIRE - TURBUTT – THORPE CLOUD

This year the Turbutt Shoot was held at Thorpe Cloud on the 24th September 2023. Organised by the Derbyshire Rifle Association, this long range .22 shoot has been running for 76 years from various ranges in Derbyshire.

The shoot takes its name from Col. Turbutt who provided the impressive range of silver trophies.

Shot at 200 since 1947 and at 500 since 1960 at various Derbyshire ranges including Wyver Range near Belper and latterly at the Thorpe Cloud Range in the Peak District near Ashbourne.

From a murky morning with an occasional shower some good scores were produced after a shaky start.

A range of competitors, including some new to the

competition, from those in teens through to shooters in their 70's shooting standard .22 target rifles, with only minor adjustments under

the rear sight to cater for the distances and standard ammunition.

The course of fire is 5 sighters and 10 to count at each of 200, 300 and 500 yards with maximum scoring per shot at 5 for bullseye.

Shot in varying weather conditions, piquing the curiosity of cows with whom

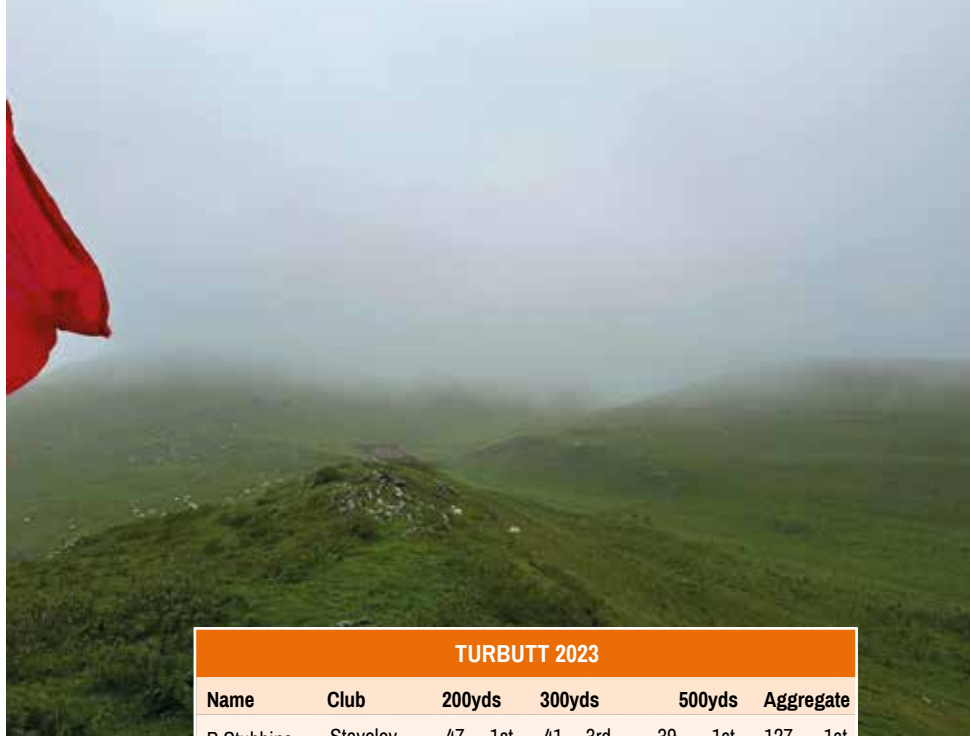
the range is shared, the final results were as follows:

200 yds B Stubbins. 47ex50,
300 yds R Nightingale 46ex50,
500 yds B Stubbins 39ex50,
Agg B Stubbins 127ex150.

The highest recorded scores at each distance are 200 yds 49, 300 yds 47, 500 yds 45.

Agg in recent times 132.
(2019) Highest score 134 (1964).
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“ It is a unique competition on a beautiful range which attracts a regular crowd but also entrants from further afield.

competition a clean sweep of all the competitions has only been achieved on three occasions.

Winning all (3) R Pidcock 1964, Winning all (4) A Pidcock 2000, Winning all (4) B Stubbins 2019.

It is a unique competition on a beautiful range which attracts a regular crowd but also entrants from further afield – particularly since the growth and promotion of the recently created Long Range Rimfire Club which shoots

similar distances on Century Range at Bisley. The shoot is historically a Target Rifle and Service Rifle competition and unfortunately F Class and Match Rifle shooters are unable to shoot this match.

If you are interested in entering next year the shoot will be held on the last Sunday in September. For more information contact Ben Stubbins on rich22429@yahoo.co.uk 📧

TURBUTT 2023								
Name	Club	200yds		300yds		500yds		Aggregate
B Stubbins	Staveley	47	1st	41	3rd	39	1st	127 1st
R Nightingale	Staveley	39		46	1st	34	2nd	119 2nd
M Snell	Staveley	41		42	2nd	32		115 3rd
T Stubbins	Staveley	37		31		33	3rd	101
J Cheetham	Clay Cross	36		35		27		98
M Stuart	Staveley	43	3rd	34		18		95
P Wright	Clay Cross	46	2nd	38		8		92
C Cheetham	Clay Cross	33		27		29		89
C Doram	Staveley	42		30		11		83
R Jacques	Staveley	31		20		24		75
D Clayton	Staveley	37		24		10		71

PRIZE WINNERS						
Name	Club	200yds	300yds	500yds	Aggregate	Total
B Stubbins	Staveley	£10.29	£3.43	£10.29	£10.29	£34.30
R Nightingale	Staveley		£10.29	£6.86	£6.86	£24.01
M Snell	Staveley	£6.86			£3.43	£10.29
T Stubbins	Staveley			£3.43		£3.43
M Stuart	Staveley	£3.43				£3.43
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- LONG RANGE RIM FIRE -

FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP & INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Written by **Chris Hazlehurst**. Photos by **Keith Ballard** and **Kevin Sayers**.

Once upon a time, the Secretary had the delusional thoughts of creating a Championship and International Match to spread the word of Long Range Rim Fire shooting. Maybe next time he has an idea like that, can someone take him into a dark room and 'discuss the merits' of his ideas!!! At times it did feel and look similar to Michael Caine say "I have an idea" on the closing credits of the Italian Job...

After a lot of lost sleep, frustrations and headaches, the LRRFC Championship & International meeting took place, even in a shaved down format!

The Championship included 2 Individual matches, 2 + 20 at 200 yards in the morning and 2 + 15 at 300 yards and an Individual aggregate and a 2 + 20 Teams (of 5) match at 300 yards in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, we had some bad news from teams from overseas that the expected numbers weren't able to come, it was suggested that Surrey Police were delayed in the processing of the permits, even though some had given more than 3 months lead time, so there were some rapid negotiations with the NRA re targets. Thank you, NRA for your help and understanding. Hopefully this was just first year teething issues. The Secretary, after taking advice of going to the Staffordshire



Above top: 200 yard with the sun out and playing.
Left: Anschutz with MOAB mount & Kahles 1050 Scope. **Above inset:** Marko from Croatia wondering why!



Above: Gavin checking to see if the hole goes all the way through. **Below:** An ominous start. **Below inset:** England Pandas team in action.

Police (his County Police Force) managed to come to the rescue of the Irish team who let me know of no update etc from their earlier application. Thank you, Staffordshire Police they managed to produce the permits with a 6 days turnaround!! We all learn! We had capped the shooting at 45, but in the last 10 days we had an influx of late entries so, it was cause to get an extra target at 300 yards. Then on the Wednesday before the shoot, the Secretary had an enquiry for 2 shooters to join the club and enter the Championship. This seemed an impossibility until about 15 minutes later a couple of the shooters from Ireland were forced to withdraw, this then opened up the opportunity for the new shooters.

We had shooters from Croatia and Ireland as well as the home nations. Unfortunately, some of those planning to come, had to decline at the very last minute or there were issues getting the permits issued in time. However, we had a great turnout with 45 out of the planned 50.

The day started with a thick blanket of mist which lay heavy on Siberia that you couldn't see the 100 yard firing point and the core members that are usually at the range early, were there again helping set up. With the mist laying low and no sign of a breeze to blow it away, the Secretary was getting nervous for the start. Fortunately, the sun battled through and burnt the mist away for the 08:30 hooter. We also had a couple of new faces, Phil Northam, although a previous member, was our RCO in the morning and Tony Lawson from the RAF clubhouse who was our RCO for the afternoon. Sam, Kevin's Partner who was running the stats for us along with Angela, the Chairmans wife who had come to watch what we do and was co-opted by the Chairman and Secretary to helping Sam. Welcome both and many thanks for your support.

The shooters moved to the rear of the 200 yard firing point on Short Siberia and the Secretary conducted the welcome and safety speech like morning prayers then allowed the first detail of shooters to take their equipment onto the firing point ready

for the 08:30 NRA hooter and for Phil Northam to allow proceedings to take place. During the morning he was even seen with a range flag to see if he could find any wind, but could only come up with his self-generated...!

The 200 yard shoot was 1 minute blow offs, followed by 2 sighters and 20 to count and there were 5 details to cater for the number of shooters. These were shot where possible by discipline, with the first 3 details being predominately taken by the F Class brigade. The last two details were then filled with Match Rifle, Target Rifle disciplines. Coloured panels were also put on the bottom of the targets and firing point to assist those without scopes to identify their targets.

The wind on Siberia was negligible and we had our usual NSRA type flags on the leading edge of the firing point and they were nigh on redundant for the morning.

There were a few that were able to watch the mirage and see some of the gentle changes as it warmed up.

After the first detail the scores were quickly checked and logged ready for the shooters to keep an eye on and discuss the progress of their 'opposition'.

The weather quickly warmed up to the point of being hot, hot, hot... Shooting ▶

LRRFC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SCORES				
	Name	Score	Name	Score
1	England Pandas		International Scratch FC	
	Mike Harris	97.08	Marko Susnjar CROATIA	84.02
	Kathir Balakrishnan	96.07	John Campbell Smith SCOTLAND	99.12
	Garryk Campbell	95.07	Aiden Fenton IRELAND	94.05
	Ewen Campbell	98.08	Sandro Caschera IRELAND	90.08
	Norman Clark	95.09	Paul Dowling IRELAND	94.06
	TOTAL	481.39	TOTAL	461.33
2	England A FC		England A MR	
	Simon Edwards	96.09	Richard Kenchington	91.04
	Peter Dommett	95.07	Mark Wilkes	88.03
	Chris Hazlehurst	97.11	Ted Hobbs	86.06
	Kevin Sayers	93.08	David Pitchforth	85.05
	James Fowler	98.13	Martin Watkins	93.06
	TOTAL	479.48	TOTAL	443.24
3	England B FC		England DRA TR	
	John Mead	91.06	Ben Stubbins	95.10
	Terry Hibben	90.05	Paul Wright	89.07
	Steve Isherwood	92.06	Robert Grice	93.08
	Gavin Moffatt	97.08	Richard Jacques	87.03
	Peter Jones	94.10	Chris Doram	95.10
	TOTAL	464.35	TOTAL	459.38
4	England C FC			
	Phil Morgan	91.04	Peter Francis	92.08
	Stuart Huskie	86.04	Keith Ballard	91.08
	Neil White	90.08	Jamie Wylie	82.09
	Allan Edwards	76.01	Robynne Brown	89.03
	Dave Willis	85.04	Mark Blatchly	94.08
	TOTAL	428.21	TOTAL	448.36
5	Ireland A FC		England Scratch	
			Mark Hodgins MR	89.07
			Steve James FC	91.08
			Tim Stubbins TR	86.05
			Nick Hill TR	83.03
			TOTAL	343.20



LRRFC CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL SCORES								
	Name	200yd	300yd	Agg	Class	Club	Rifle	Ammo
1	Chris Hazlehurst	94.08	63.02	157.10	FC	LRRFC	Centre Ten	RWS R100
2	Peter Dommett	95.10	67.05	162.15	FC	Tonbridge RPC	Anschutz	
3	James Fowler	96.09	62.02	158.11	FC	101 RC	Anschutz	RWS R100
4	John Campbell Smith	94.11	67.04	161.15	FC	East of Scotland RC	CZ457MTR	RWS R50
5	Garryk Campbell	92.07	57.02	149.09	FC	LRRFC	CZ	
6	Kathir Balakrishnan	99.09	63.02	162.11	FC	PSSA	Dolphin CZ457	RWS R100
7	Kevin Sayers	98.08	54.03	152.11	FC	101 RC	Anschutz	RWS R100
8	Peter Jones	93.10	54.03	147.13	FC	LRRFC	VGW	RWS R100
9	Gavin Moffatt	97.08	71.06	168.14	FC	LRRFC	Walther	RWS R100
10	Allan Edwards	93.08	64.03	157.11	FC	Cinque Ports RC	Anschutz	RWS R100
11	Steve Isherwood	88.04	63.01	151.05	FC	NRA	CZ457	RWS R100
12	Simon Edwards	91.10	71.03	162.13	FC	Harwell	Walther/Gemini	RWS R100
13	Neil White	93.05	64.03	157.08	FC	LRRFC	CZ	Eley Tenex
14	Phil Morgan	88.05	64.04	152.09	FC	LRRFC	Anschutz	RWS R100
15	Dave Willis	90.04	64.03	154.07	FC	Marlow RPC	Anschutz 54	RWS R100
16	John Mead	84.05	66.05	150.10	FC	Chipstead	Anschutz 54	RWS R50
17	Mike Harris	97.09	74.05	171.14	FC	NRA	CZ	RWS R100
18	Terry Hibben	90.04	66.02	156.06	FC	FDPC	Vudoo	RWS R100
19	Stuart Huskie	82.04	60.01	142.05	FC	LRRFC	CZ	RWS / SK
20	Ewen Campbell	82.03	66.03	148.06	FC	LRRFC	CZ	
21	Marko Susnjar CROATIA	86.05	56.00	142.05	FC	CROATIA		
22	Martin Cleary				FC	Ireland		
23	Paul Dowling IRELAND	94.10	69.03	163.13	FC	Ireland	Vudoo	
24	Aiden Fenton IRELAND	91.05	61.00	152.05	FC	Ireland	CZ457	RWS R100
25	Patrick Healy				FC	Ireland		
26	Donal Quinn				FC	Ireland		
27	Sandro Cashera IRELAND	84.05	52.02	136.07	FC	Ireland	Tikka	272.14
28	Mirosław Janecki				FC	Ireland		
29	Matt Lemon				FC	Ireland		
30	Jamie Wyllie	86.07	61.04	147.11	TR	Windsor	Walther	RWS R50
31	Peter Francis	83.02	59.03	142.05	TR	MJM RC	Anschutz 1913	
32	Ms Robynne Brown	87.04	53.01	140.05	TR	RNTRC	Anschutz 1807	RWS R50
33	Keith Ballard	80.02	59.03	139.05	TR	Burgess Hill	Anschutz 1813	RWS R50
34	Mark Hodgins	87.06	59.03	146.09	MR	NRA	Kongsburg	RWS R100
35	M Blatchly	66.01	67.05	133.06	TR	Leicester & Dist	Walther	SK Long Range
36	T Stubbins	80.05	61.01	141.06	TR	Staveley RC	Anschutz	Eley Match
37	B Stubbins	83.03	61.01	144.04	TR	Staveley RC	Grunig & Elmiger	RWS R50
38	R Jacques	81.03	63.03	144.06	TR	Staveley RC		
39	C Doram	88.04	58.00	146.04	TR	Staveley RC		
40	R Grice	88.05	59.03	147.08	TR	Staveley RC		
41	Norman Clark	89.07	60.04	149.11	MR	Jaguar RC		
42	Ted Hobbs	73.02	56.01	129.03	MR	Aberargoed RPC	Anschutz 1913	Midas
43	Richard Kenchington	91.09	56.01	147.10	MR	NLRC	Anschutz 1913	RWS R100
44	David Pitchforth	75.02	57.01	132.03	MR	LRRFC	CZ457	RWS R100
45	Martin Watkins	83.03	62.03	145.06	MR	Wales		
46	Mark Wilkes	82.01	55.01	137.02	FC	SRPC		
47	Stuart James	83.01	60.03	143.04	FC	Cinque Ports RC	Anschutz	RWS R50
48	Miss Jane Newing	90.04	69.03	159.07	TR	BBC RC	Grunig & Elmiger	Eley Tenex
49	Nick Hill	75.02	55.01	130.03	TR	LRRFC	Anschutz	RWS R50
50	Paul Wright	87.03	62.01	149.04	TR	Staveley RC		

the micro climate raised the firing point temperature to mid 30's.

Fortunately, there was plenty of time to relax before and after your detail and have a look at the Artemis Outdoors UK stand. Artemis Outdoors UK is the new home of Anschutz and Bergara rifles and Kevin Sayers was in close attendance. The stand had various models of Anschutz and Bergara in a number of calibres.

Once the last detail went through, the range was cleared and everyone moved to Century range for the afternoon. When I say everyone, some did slide away and get some lunch – from the “single lunch bar”, forgetting there were those still on the range preparing for the afternoon!

At 300 yards the weather and heat was intensified to around 29° and a gentle ‘fun’ breeze generally from the right, but just as you got used to it, a quick fishtail came through to upset some that didn’t see it.

With the 300 yard firing point prepared, we waited for the NRA hooter for the 13:30 start. We welcomed Tony Lawson who was the RCO for the afternoon. The 300 yard shoot was 2 sighters and 15 to count. To allow for the number of shooters, we had 10 targets but only 3 details. Great speculation on the scores ahead of the next shoot.

The wind was not the friend of many who suffered with the quick and sly changes which caused many to question their ability to be able to shoot or whether there was a fault with their rifle!

Once all the individual scores were in, Sam and Angela departed to the London & Middlesex RA to compile the individual and aggregate shoots whilst the shooters organised themselves into teams of 5 and did their team briefs, set the firing point with their coaches, plotters and register keepers.

The team shoot was new to many shooters and the experience was an eye opener and most were taken in and relished in it – afterwards. The Secretary started with a briefing before the teams disappeared to their targets after team captains went into the lane draw to see where they’d end up and to organise themselves.

The shoot was teams of 5 shooting 2 + 20 in a time limit of 100 minutes. The teams were to have a Captain and could have a wind coach from within the team. A register keeper was also required to ensure the opposition were not cheating. Some teams came out with a professional set up,

wind coach, plotter, register keepers whilst others were just happy to shoot the match. After the shoot and prize giving there were quite a few requests to the Secretary to include more teams shoots and to get a better understanding of team shooting.

England FC A Team only just lost to the England Pandas, but as one of the team had a new scope and found that adjusting the wind, that it was a MRAD scope and the adjustments were more severe than expected! That scope has now been condemned and now there is a new March Scope sitting atop his rifle. Next year...

The Secretary had arranged for the London & Middlesex Rifle Association to put on a barbecue and keep the bar open for us for the prize giving, and social afterwards... Some of the hospitality continued to the early hours of the following day!! Thank you, Colin, Ash and staff at London & Middlesex RA, for a fantastic evening.

The prize giving was taken midst a few rehydrating libations being consumed. Medals and Trophies were handed out to the Individuals and teams before the Free Prize Draw took place.

The LRRFC were graciously blessed with some fantastic prizes donated by manufacturers and suppliers totalling nearly £6000. The prize draw took the aspect of a double raffle. The first ticket drawn was for the winner, whose number was their squadding number. The winner then drew another number which was their prize so the first didn't necessarily get the best prize.

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THE PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

Aim Fieldsports – Sandro Cascheri, Keith Ballard, Mat – Mike Harris, Ted Hobbs.
Private Marker – Ms Robynne Brown
EMRR – Chris Doram, John Campbell Smith, Marko Susnjar, Jane Newing, Mark Hodgins, Neil White, Richard Kenchington, HPS-TR – Norman Clark, Tim Stubbins, Ben Stubbins, Gavin Moffatt, Peter Francis. OpticsWarehouse – James Fowler Malacca. £75 voucher – Steve Isherwood. Dolphin Gun Company – Richard Jacques. London & Middlesex RA – Paul Dowling, Aiden Fenton. Cortina Precision – Kevin Sayers, Martin Watkins, Terry Hibben, David Pitchforth. Artemis Outdoors UK – David Willis. R&F Sporting Supplies – Paul Wright. RWS Ammunition – Peter Jones, Mark Blatchly, Robert Grice, Phil Morgan, Garryk Campbell, Jamie Wyllie, Stuart Huskie, Kathir Balakrishnan, Simon Edwards, Mark Wilkes. Norman Clark Gunsmiths – Peter Dommatt, John Mead.

DISCIPLINES

The LRRFC shoot 4 disciplines with standard .22LR bolt action (inc Martini/Falling block) rifles and standard .22 ammunition to distances of 600 yards at Bisley.

Service Rifle Small Bore - SRSB:

Military training rifles such as the Enfield No.2, 7, 8 or 9, foreign equivalents or Morris tube conversions, fitted with iron sights of any type. The forward hand may not be rested, as for TRSB.

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Match Rifle Small Bore - MRSB:

Iron, magnifying or telescopic sights may be fitted. The forward hand may be rested, but the rifle itself may not touch the rest and the butt may not be rested or touch the ground.

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To join or find out more about the LRRFC, please contact secretary@lrrfc.org.uk or visit lrrfc.org.uk

More of the 300 photos are available via the LRRFC Facebook page: [facebook.com/groups/www.lrrfc.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.lrrfc.org.uk) 📷



Above left: The LRRFC President thanking the Secretary. **Above middle:** Fortunately, not the Secretary leading a Karaoke. **Above right:** Jane Newing pleased with her haul. **Below:** England Pandas winning F Class team.



GB F-OPEN TEAM FOR F CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The FCWC are coming to Bisley in 2026 and the NRA have now appointed **Tony Marsh** as the GB F-Open Captain.

GB F-Open are planning on having both a full International team and a GB Rutland team at the 2026 FCWC.

We therefore will be creating a GB Development Squad at the end of the 2024 GBFCA season that will be made up of keen and enthusiastic shooters, preferably, with team shooting experience, but not essential, to build highly competitive teams to contest the F-Class world championships'.

We are anticipating strong competition to be able to have this opportunity to access the GB Development Squad and have set out some information below to understand what we are looking for.

There will be no need to make any application etc so all you need to do is concentrate on finishing within the top 25 of willing and eligible competitors in the 2024 GBFCA league table.

The prospect of representing your country in any sport is not something that many get to do and as such is a very prodigious opportunity, we are therefore looking for shooters with the drive, determination and commitment to make the most of this.

The GB F-Open Development Squad will be chosen at the end of the 2024 GB F Class season and to qualify you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a UK citizen and eligible to shoot for Great Britain.
- Be both a member of the GBFCA and the NRA.
 - www.gbfcass.com
 - www.nra.org.uk
- Have shot at least 4 GBFCA shoots in 2024 and be prepared to carry this commitment on upto and including 2026.
- There are eight shoots in the 2024

calendar (check GBFCA website for dates) distributed across three ranges within the UK, Blair Atholl (Scotland), Diggle ranges and Bisley (England) with the best four scores counting to your total score.

- Finish in the top 25 of eligible competitors of the GBFCA league at the end of 2024.
- Be prepared to attend team training sessions

as necessary in the lead up to 2026 FCWC including financial commitment for components range bookings etc.

- We are looking for people who can add value to the team i.e. experience and knowledge /input to the team not only drawing from it.

We are also keen to develop different roles within the team but mainly wind coaches, not only for the forthcoming 2026

FCWC but for the future so if you have any such ambitions please send me an E-mail at the address below and we will advise when training is to take place.

GB F OPEN TEAM TIMELINES UPTO 2026 FCWC

- 2024 – GB Development Squad selection
- 2024 – Calibre testing and Coach training
- 2025 – Development Squad training
- 2026 – Team selection
- 2026 – FCWC

If you have any questions you can contact Tony Marsh via email, tony.marsh@kpr-engineering.com or speak to him on the range. 📍

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THE 2023 EUROPEAN F-CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Bisley Ranges, UK on 4-10 September 2023. Report by **Richie Jones**.

For those of you unfamiliar with competitive F-Class shooting in the UK, the European Championships act as Round 6 of our National F-Class League and have always been called so, because of the large contingent of European countries that enter each year.

However, this year had a different vibe to it from the outset. As soon as entries went live on our gbfclass.com website, it took on a blueprint more familiar to that of a World Championships - over 220 individual competitors from over 14 different countries to battle it out on Stickle-down range at 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

With the next F-Class Worlds looming in 2026 at Bisley, it was only natural that our European Championships would become an ideal opportunity for competitors from around the globe to “range recce”, taste the “Bisley bite” and make valuable range notes for their national teams back home. We expect the run up to 2026 to get busier year on year.

Following 2022’s dreadful monsoon conditions and the sad passing of the Queen during the competition, the glorious 30 degree weather all week gave us the opportunity to showcase our fantastic ranges at Bisley, and it certainly helped everyone create positive memories again.

Below: F/TR Thursday Champions – Team Gun Fu Pandas Black. **Below Right:** F-Open Thursday Champions – Team USA.

2023 saw individual entries from Australia, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Pakistan, Poland, Spain, South Africa, the four corners of the UK, and the USA. This was amazing to see at Bisley and the various team shirts, team gazebos and flags dotted around the range were a brilliant spectacle. For those competitors lucky enough to find accommodation on Bisley camp itself, it was like being in an Olympic village for the duration of our competition and there was a joyous buzz everywhere you went as competitors made it their temporary home.

As the UK is generally cool, damp and around 15°C at this time of year, Monday 4th (‘Practice Day’) was where the fun started. You can only imagine the shock when temperatures were already nearing 30°C by 12:30hrs in the afternoon. This meant that some loads, developed for colder weather, were now grouping like shotguns with velocities pushed above their rifles’ accuracy nodes.

Some competitors were able to tweak their loads with their barrel tuners and try and make the best of a bad situation, others scrambled to our traders to source additional consumables and beg, steal or borrow for relevant equipment needed

for bullet pulling and reseating whilst also tweaking their loads.

Usually, the first night on Bisley camp is the noisiest, with all the bars on camp full of new arrivals, enjoying a beer or two as excitement builds and anticipation grows for the challenging week ahead. However, on this occasion and as I walked through the camp and back to my digs, all I could hear were foreign tongues laughing and joking and being interrupted by the all too familiar “clunking” sound of reloading presses.

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – 800/900 YARDS (60X F/TR AND 68X F-OPEN SHOOTERS ENTERED)

This was the first day of official competition and although it didn’t form part of the European individuals, it was a stand-alone day of competition with plenty of medals to be won. Matches 1+2 were 2+15s at 800 yards in the morning with Match 3 being a 2+20 at 900 yards in the afternoon. Winds throughout the day were rather benign and subtly came in from the right of the range with temperatures starting at around 18°C in the morning and building to a high of 28°C in the afternoon. Our international competitors didn’t hang about and set the bar extremely high with some truly amazing scores.



TUESDAY AGGREGATE

Comp	Place	Name	Score
F/TR	3rd	Junaid Ali Zulfikar (PAK)	246.18
F/TR	2nd	Racsmev Sabbadini (ITA)	246.22
F/TR	1st	Lamberto Licheri (ITA)	247.28
F-Open	3rd	Fabrizio Zanoli (ITA)	249.25
F-Open	2nd	Norm Harrold (USA)	249.31
F-Open	1st	Tod Hendricks (USA)	249.34

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – 900/1000 YARDS (74X F/TR + 75X F-OPEN SHOOTERS ENTERED)

Wednesday followed the same format as Tuesday, except it was now two matches at 900 yards in the morning falling back for one match at 1000 yards in the afternoon. It was now becoming apparent that although we had fantastic weather, our competition was lacking in the usual Bisley wind department, but that being said, it was the same for everyone and compared to 2022, we'd take the heat and gentle winds over the 2022 heavy rain and miserable conditions.

The wind throughout Wednesday was actually very hard to read, as the flags were hugging the poles throughout most of the day and when they did react, they were so slow that they were behind the conditions with a delayed reaction. It was therefore a day suited to the mirage readers and those who watched it closely noticed the wind switching direction very quickly and fishtailing from 1MOA left through to 1MOA right. This caught a lot of competitors out as they blindly guessed what side of the bull to aim off at, and on more than one occasion, almost everyone shot themselves out of the 5-ring. Temperatures on Wednesday soared to new heights and by the end of Match 1, they were already into the high 20s and rapidly building to mid 30°C by mid afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AGGREGATE

Comp	Place	Name	Score
F/TR	3rd	Ryan Goodman (GBR)	241.20
F/TR	2nd	Moreno Toti (ITA)	242.16
F/TR	1st	Kat Balakrishnan (GBR)	242.22
F-Open	3rd	Tod Hendricks (USA)	249.26
F-Open	2nd	Gordon Waugh (GBR)	250.27
F-Open	1st	Erik Cortina (USA)	250.28

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER – 800/900 (90X F/TR + 90X F-OPEN SHOOTERS ENTERED)

Come Thursday morning and most of our competitors both foreign and British were now at Bisley, settled in, already shooting out of their skins and getting to grips with the twitchy range conditions. Thursday started with a 2+15 at 800 yards before a quick dress back and a second 2+15 at 900 yards. Temperatures in the morning had already reached mid 30s and heat exhaustion was starting to take its toll on some competitors who were looking rather drained at this point.

It's a poor excuse but we're just not used to these conditions in the UK and you'd be forgiven for thinking it had rained, as competitors were soaked to the skin in sweat, looking like lobsters and burnt to a crisp from the baking sun. Thankfully, F-Class does not involve a leather shooting jacket, so at least we were spared that extra layer of suffering.

Winds were back to one direction again and running through the range from the right, albeit around max 3mph. Congratulations to all our shooters who posted possibles, but a special mention must be made to Gianluca Majer who posted a league record and a perfect 75.15 at 800 yards. There could have been others on the day, but they had converted their first sighter 5s... and who wouldn't have? 20/20 hindsight vision is not a valuable superpower.

THURSDAY AGGREGATE

Comp	Place	Name	Score
F/TR	3rd	Peter Dommett (GBR)	149.17
F/TR	2nd	David Rollafson (GBR)	149.18
F/TR	1st	Ryan Goodman (GBR)	150.16
F-Open	3rd	Pontiggia Ambrogio (ITA)	150.20
F-Open	2nd	Craig Titmus (GBR)	150.22
F-Open	1st	Tod Hendricks (USA)	150.23

Thursday afternoon was the Dolphin Minor Rutland and Delta Carbon Precision Teams event. This was the first of two team competitions throughout our Europeans Week and consisted of two matches, both at 1000 yards. Teams comprised a maximum of 8 members and each team had 75 minutes for their four shooters to string shoot 2+15s.

At this point, temperatures were now at their highest for the week, close to 40°C on the firing point in the full sun. Thankfully the wind had picked up, and although still crossing the range from the right, it now had a value in the region of 2+ MOA. This was very calm for Bisley standards but more than enough to split the field and reduce the amount of dreaded countbacks, which had now become the Stats Department's daily nightmare. I must make a special mention to Tina and Mik Maksimovic, Nat and Pete Dommett, Tom Reynolds, Des Parr, Jim and Mary Marsden, Gordon Waugh, Tony Marsh and everyone else who had helped me with stats at every opportunity. ▶

F/TR Detail 1, Baking in the Sun at 800 yards





Above: Arnaud Martin (GBR) – F/TR Individual Champion.

F/TR TEAMS - GRAND AGG		
1	Team Gun Fu Pandas Black	565.29
2	Team Canada	565.28
3	Team Excalibur	555.30
4	Team Gun Fu Pandas White	552.37
5	Team VV100	548.28

F-OPEN TEAMS - GRAND AGG		
1	Team USA	592.64
2	Team Victrix Open	581.49
3	Team March	579.52
4	Team Berger Bullets	576.36
5	Team Big Macs	571.42

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER – DAY 1 OF THE OFFICIAL EUROPEAN GRAND AGGREGATE (109X F/TR + 103 F-OPEN SHOOTERS ENTERED)

Out on the range at 06:30hrs and I was surprised to see there wasn't a patch of the usual mist downrange blocking my view of the targets. I then wondered whether it was a sign that the day would be even hotter than previous days as it was already warming up...did this indicate that range conditions would be different to previous days?

After a short safety brief on the firing point at 08:15hrs, Message 1 was given to the butts and proceedings got under way with Match 1 at 800 yards, falling back to 900 yards for Match 2.

By 10:00hrs, temperatures had already reached 30°C and it was baking hot. By lunchtime, it had risen even further to

around a scorching 37°C in full sun, which created an additional battle of endurance for all involved. In the first match at 800, the wind eased in from the right, needing up to 1MOA of correction to keep ahead of the conditions and all was going well until mid-way through Match 2.

Our stats department began to notice a big variety in scores and had wondered what had happened as the latest wave of competitors score cards showed a weird pattern across the board. This was generally an amazing run of 5s and Vs up to around shot 6, then on many cards, a short run of 1s, 3s and 4s (if they were lucky), before resuming their previous laser-like form around shot 12, finishing the paired shoot on a high of 5s and Vs.

It soon became apparent that the subtle (but devilish) Bisley wind had decided to play games with our shooters and proceeded to go out of its way to turn the current leader board on its head. The horror that followed came in the form of a wind switch from a full value right to a full value left in the blink of an eye, midway through the match. It's a heart-dropping moment where a leap of faith is needed as the time-limit of 45 seconds ticks by and the reality that the previous wind condition isn't returning, leaving you no choice but to take the plunge. For the many who didn't believe what they were actually seeing and who didn't react to the direction change, it meant bad news and a long slide down the scoreboard!

Come the afternoon and our final Match 3 at 1000 yards, the wind had now picked up and fishtailing through zero, needing up to 2MOA of correction either side. This was another opportunity for the better mirage readers to prevail.

FRIDAY (DAY 1) F/TR					
	M1-800	M2-900	M3-1000	Day 1	
1	Arnaud Martin (GBR)	75.09	74.08	98.11	247.28
2	David Rollafson (GBR)	74.09	75.07	97.06	246.22
3	Matt Jarram (GBR)	75.10	74.07	96.10	245.27

FRIDAY (DAY 2) F-OPEN					
	M1-800	M2-900	M3-1000	Day 1	
1	Valter Boni (ITA)	75.10	75.07	100.12	250.29
2	Justin Gough (GBR)	75.14	74.08	99.08	248.30
3	Domenico Squarati (ITA)	75.09	75.11	98.08	248.28

SATURDAY GRAND AGGREGATE (DAY 2 OF 2)

Day 2 was becoming another hot and clammy day, but an enjoyable one all the same. On this occasion, F/TR were first into the breach at 800 yards with their 2+15s. At that point, there was a nice breeze running from the right with values remaining consistent and temperatures already around the 22°C mark.

Dressing back to 900 yards and we began to see a wind switch that our competitors had now become all too accustomed to seeing. Temperatures had now raced to 30°C and winds fishtailed throughout the match. For the final 1000 yard 2+20, the wind had decided to settle and now pushed in from the left and there was a huge sigh of relief as competitors started coming off the firing point, especially as it was now just shy of 37°C. By 16:20hrs, the final message 10 with compliments had been sent to the butts and just like that, the official European Individuals had finished for another year.

SATURDAY (DAY 2) F/TR					
	M4-800	M5-900	M6-1000	SATAGG	
1	Peter Dommert (GBR)	75.11	75.10	95.03	245.24
2	Kat Balakrishnan (GBR)	75.11	74.07	95.04	244.22
3	Arnaud Martin (GBR)	75.08	73.07	96.06	244.21

SATURDAY (DAY 2) F-OPEN					
	M4-800	M5-900	M6-1000	SATAGG	
1	Doug Skogman (USA)	75.12	75.08	100.07	250.27
2	Erik Cortina (USA)	75.11	75.09	99.04	249.24
3	Ambrogio Pontiggia (ITA)	74.08	75.07	99.08	248.23

Congratulations to all our stage winners and especially our Top 10 Grand Aggregate finishers in each class. Many congratulations to our new 2023 European Champions - in F/TR Arnaud Martin (GBR) and in F-Open Doug Skogman (USA).

EUROPEAN GRAND AGGREGATE F/TR		
1	Arnaud Martin (GBR)	491.49
2	Peter Domett (GBR)	488.49
3	Kat Balakrishnan (GBR)	487.45
4	Matt Jarram (GBR)	486.46
5	David Rollafson (GBR)	486.45
6	Dan Lomas (GBR)	486.38
7	Ross Opperman (GBR)	486.36
8	Mike Harris (GBR)	483.46
9	Gordon Holloway (CAN)	483.36
10	Adam Macdonald (CAN)	482.51

EUROPEAN GRAND AGGREGATE F-OPEN COMPETITORS		
1	Doug Skogman (USA)	495.56
2	Valter Boni (ITA)	495.50
3	Erik Cortina (USA)	494.52
4	David Christian (USA)	494.47
5	Domenico Squaratti (ITA)	493.53
6	Kay Sachs (GER)	493.47
7	Norm Harrold (USA)	492.61
8	Ambrogio Pontiggia (ITA)	492.53
9	Tod Hendricks (USA)	491.52
10	Peter Larsen (AUS)	490.54

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – INTERNATIONAL TEAMS EVENT

In the not-so-distant past, this day was saved for full 16-member International teams. Moving with the times, and the

current climate we're living through, this day has been adjusted to encompass smaller 8-member Rutland teams. These are slightly easier to field, especially for travelling teams and helps us to get more shooters involved but are no less competitive. As we move closer to the Worlds in 2026, 16-member teams will make a welcome return to kick-start a resurrection of the previous format.

After some issues with travel plans and team rifles, we finished up with an impressive sixteen F/TR teams and twelve F-Open teams for Match 1 at 900 yards, falling back to 1,000 yards for Match 2.

Temperatures were cooler than previous days, topping out at about 20°C all morning. There was also a nice breeze which made things interesting and set up the perfect finish to a perfect 2023 European Championships.

By 12:00hrs, the last shots had gone down range with winners' congratulations in order for FTR newcomers Pakistan, and for Great Britain Red in F-Open.

SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL F/TR TEAMS		
1	Team Pakistan	581.46
2	Team Canada	579.45
3	Team GB - GBFCA	578.44
4	Team Italy Blue	577.37
5	Team VV100	577.32

SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL F-OPEN TEAMS		
1	Team GB Red	596.71
2	Team USA	591.67
3	Team Victrix Open	591.58
4	Team Berger Bullets	590.60
5	Team GB Blue	589.51



Above: Team Pakistan – FTR International Team Champions.

As with all events of this size, they don't happen by themselves, and I want to thank everyone who helped make it happen; our team of markers, our RCOs (Phil Northam, Steve Rubley, Nik Batson and Tony Lawson), Tom Reynolds and Paul Harkins for our Live Scoring system, the GBFCA Committee and all our stats team behind the scenes (Tina and Nat to name just two). Their help was monumental when dealing with the countless countbacks, rare disputes and occasional madness, all too familiar to big competitions.

Finally, I want to thank all our competitors, traders and prize sponsors. Without you all on board we wouldn't have the competition we have; we're all thankful for your loyal support, generosity and can only hope that you all want to come back next year.

For full results, visit gbfclass.com 🌐

Below Left: Doug Skogman (USA) – F-Open Individual Champion. **Below Right:** Team Great Britain Red F-Open International Team Champions.



NEW F-CLASS DISCIPLINE REPRESENTATIVE

New NRA F-Class Discipline Representative, **Peter Dommett**, describes his shooting journey and priorities for his new role.



I am honoured to have been elected to the position of 'F-Class Rep', to help represent the many NRA members around the UK (and beyond) who participate in this exciting and growing discipline.

My own shooting journey started in 2013, accompanying my young son to a holiday '.22 taster' at a

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local public school. The only exposure I'd had to shooting was at the funfair, and seeing Air Training Corps cadets marching at secondary school in Essex.

The experience led to us joining our local indoor club in Tonbridge, and through lots of encouragement from the club's members (especially David Harvey and Simon Presnell, both sadly no longer with us), I eventually started to find my feet in F-Class and my first proper competition was at the Phoenix at Bisley.

Six years on, and I'm about to complete a year which has brought me 10th place in the F-Class World Championships in South Africa, world team 3rd place as Vice-Captain/Adjutant of Great Britain FTR, 2nd place FTR in the recent European Championships, and another full-on season in the GBFCA National F-Class League.

With the 2026 F-Class World Championships being held at Bisley, the next few years will be pivotal for the ongoing development of F-Class shooting in this country, and will have a big impact on many F-Class competitors around the world who will be travelling to FCWC 2026.

I will be trying to focus my efforts on issues that are specific to F-Class – encouraging and promoting participation across the UK, assisting the NRA team at Bisley to make the F-Class Imperial more accessible to the typical F-Class shooter, as well as supporting the Range Office and Range Teams to improve range facilities for all F-Class shooting at the NSC Bisley.

Please feel free to contact me using fclass@nra.org, uk, or I can also be found most weekends on a range, somewhere in the UK! 📍

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GB FTR 2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CAPTAIN CONFIRMATION & *Team Applications*

Simon West announces his position of Captain for
Great Britain FTR.

GET IN CONTACT

Please email me in the first instance at simon@simonwestkitchens.com stating the roles you are intending to be considered for. We will be in touch to confirm tryout dates.

I would very much like to take this opportunity to formally announce my confirmation as the Great Britain F-Class FTR team captain for the next world championships to be held at Bisley in 2026.

I am also delighted to announce my management team - Ewen Campbell as Vice-Captain and Mike Harris as Adjutant.

We are inviting applications to be considered for the various team roles. These include the non-shooting positions of Wind Coaches, Plotters, Register Keepers, Register Keeper Minders and, of course, Shooters. Each of these roles requires different skills and the training squad will be chosen to reflect this. As part of this training squad, membership of both the GBFCA and the NRA will be obligatory. Individuals are welcome and encouraged to apply for any and all team roles.

Closing date for initial tryouts is 1st January 2024. 🇬🇧





HAMPSHIRE RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2023 OPEN MEETING

Report from the meeting held in June by **Nick Mace**.

The Hampshire Rifle Association's Open Prize Meeting is a one-day target rifle event held at Bisley in June each year. One of the attractions of the meeting is that it offers a friendly introduction to self-coached shooting for less experienced shooters and, as such, always has a good number of cadets taking part. That said, there is also no shortage of experienced international competitors and the mix of youth and experience always makes for some very stiff competition. 2023 was no exception.

Held on Saturday 24 June, the meeting followed its normal "Empire Match" format of 2 sighters and 10 to count at each of 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards with the longer ranges shot in the morning due to range availability. As was the case in 2022, 46 shooters took part including a strong presence from Wellington and Bradfield Colleges as well as ACF cadets. There were 9

X class, 3 A class, 13 O class and 21 T class entrants.

The first match, at 900 yards, was the "Humphry". The wind wasn't too threatening first thing in the morning with a bracket of around 2 to 4 minutes left with small changes. Cadet shooters led the way on the first detail with Bradfield shooters making the three best scores – Keisha Farley (on her 18th birthday!) led the way with 50.5v, from Bella Cox (50.4v) and Rory Mace (49.6v). Another cadet, Alexander Cui (49.6v) from Wellington was just behind them. On the second detail, Philip Hakim gave an early indication of his good form scoring 50.5v and taking the trophy as he counted out the birthday girl by finishing with a v to Keisha's 5.

At 1,000 yards, the wind seemed to get a bit more difficult with a larger bracket (3 to 6.5 minutes left) and rapid changes from one end of the bracket to the other.

Philip Hakim had another good shoot, with 48.2v. Jamie Allum, shooting master at Wellington College, decided to give his shooting team a practical demonstration of how it should be done by scoring an excellent 50.6v. However, it was John Deane who won the "Symmons" cup with a wonderful 50.7v. John nearly didn't take part as he was suffering with a cold, but he was very pleased that he made the effort. Behind those three, Ed Welford and Peter Bromley both scored 47.5v, and Keisha Farley and Rory Mace continued their close battle with 47.4v and 47.3v respectively.

Jamie Allum took the "Wooldings" cup for the long-range aggregate with 98.11v from Philip Hakim (98.7v) and Keisha Farley (97.9v).

After retiring for a well-earned lunch, the meeting moved down to 300 yards to shoot for the "Excellent" cup. Six competitors managed to score possibles. The best of them

came from Peter Bromley who made a very tidy 50.8v on the second detail. Philip Hakim (50.7v), Rory Mace (50.7v) and Keisha Farley (50.6v) all continued their good form from the morning. Matteo Garcia-Oliver, another Wellington pupil, scored 50.6v and Jemima Hince posted 50.5v.

That just left the “Heygate Vernon” at 600 yards to complete the day’s shooting and to determine the winner of the open championship. Going into the final range, Philip Hakim was leading the way having dropped just 2 points. Keisha Farley was close behind on 3 off, with Rory Mace lying third with 4 off.

Rory and Keisha went on first detail, and both scored very solid 49s ensuring that only Philip could better them in the overall championship. The Bradfield pair had been battling with each other all day for the “John Gilmour” trophy for the top cadet and it was Keisha who managed to come out as the winner thanks to the extra point she scored in the first shoot of the day at 900 yards. The day’s shooting certainly stood them both in good stead as Keisha went on to finish as the highest cadet in the Imperial Meeting Grand Aggregate (55th overall) with Rory achieving the same feat in HM King’s Prize (15th).

But how would Philip fare on the second detail? The answer was that he would fare very well thank you very much! His years of experience told as he held his nerve to score a truly excellent 50.9v – the best at

that range. Talk about winning it in style! Other possibles were made at 600 yards by David Curtis (50.7v), Peter Bromley (50.7v), Jemima Hince (50.6v), Marcus O’Leary (50.6v), Will Morriss (50.5v) and John Deane (50.4v).

Philip’s excellent shooting won him the “Heygate Vernon” 600-yard trophy, the “Solomons” cup short-range aggregate (with 100.16v from Peter Bromley (100.15v) and Jemima Hince (100.11v)) as well as the “Cutler” cup for the Open Championship (with 198.23 from Keisha Farley (196.22v) and Rory Mace (196.21v)). Rory Mace won the HRA Closed Championship with Ed Welford finishing second.

At the time of writing, it is hoped that the 2024 HRA Open will be on 22 June 2024, but we are waiting for confirmation of range availability. It will again be possible to enter the 2024 meeting through the excellent SHOOTR app (www.shootr.app) and the author would like to thank Al Haley for the enormous effort he has put in developing that. Entries will open in the Spring, but if you would like to register early interest (particularly if you have a school or cadet unit that would like to take part), please contact me at nick.c.mace@gmail.com.

The Hampshire Rifle Association is also keen to hear from any Hampshire-qualified TR shooters who want to get involved in county shooting. If you are interested, contact me at the above e-mail address. ☺

Top Left: The Bradfield College contingent with their impressive collection of trophies and medals. **Left Inset:** The HRA has some very nice silverware up for grabs! **Below Left:** Rory Mace collecting the HRA Closed Championship Trophy. **Below Middle:** Philip Hakim being presented with the Open Championship Trophy **Below Right:** Keisha Farley won the John Gilmour Trophy for top Cadet overall.

MAIN RESULTS	
The Excellent (300 Yards)	
Peter Bromley	50.8v
Philip Hakim	50.7v
Rory Mace	50.7v
The Heygate Vernon (600 Yards)	
Philip Hakim	50.9v
David Curtis	50.7v
Peter Bromley	50.7v
The Humphry (900 yards)	
Philip Hakim	50.5v
Keisha Farley	50.5v
Bella Cox	50.4v
The Symmons (1000 yards)	
John Deane	50.7v
Jamie Allium	50.6v
Philip Hakim	48.2v
The Solomons (Short Range)	
Philip Hakim	100.16v
Peter Bromley	100.15v
Jemima Hince	100.11v
The Wooldings (Long Range)	
Jamie Allium	98.11v
Philip Hakim	98.7v
Keisha Farley	97.9v
The John Gilmour (Top Cadet)	
Keisha Farley	196.22v
Rory Mace	195.21v
Bella Cox	189.13v
The Lord Lieutenant's (HRA Closed Championship)	
Rory Mace	195.21v
Ed Welford	190.19v
Nick Mace	189.13v
The Cutler Cup (Open Championship)	
Philip Hakim	198.23v
Keisha Farley	196.22v
Rory Mace	195.21v
Peter Bromley	194.26v
Jamie Allium	193.21v
John Deane	193.16v
Ed Welford	190.19v
Natalia Tercojak	189.16v
Bella Cox	189.13v
Nick Mace	189.13v



SLG BISLEY 1500 OPEN MEETING

Alan Podevin reports on SLG Bisley's annual Open competition.

SLG Bisley held their annual open competition on the Melville range at Bisley on the 23rd September this year. The day was blessed with sunshine and ideal shooting conditions.

The day started with complimentary bacon rolls to give everyone an energy boost. We took over almost all of the range hosting advancing targets, multi targets, Phoenix A, T&P1, T&P2, WA48, 1020 and 1500's, all at very reasonable rates.

The match is RO'd by club members and is renowned for being one of the friendliest matches on the Gallery Rifle & Pistol circuit.

“The day was blessed with sunshine and ideal shooting conditions.”

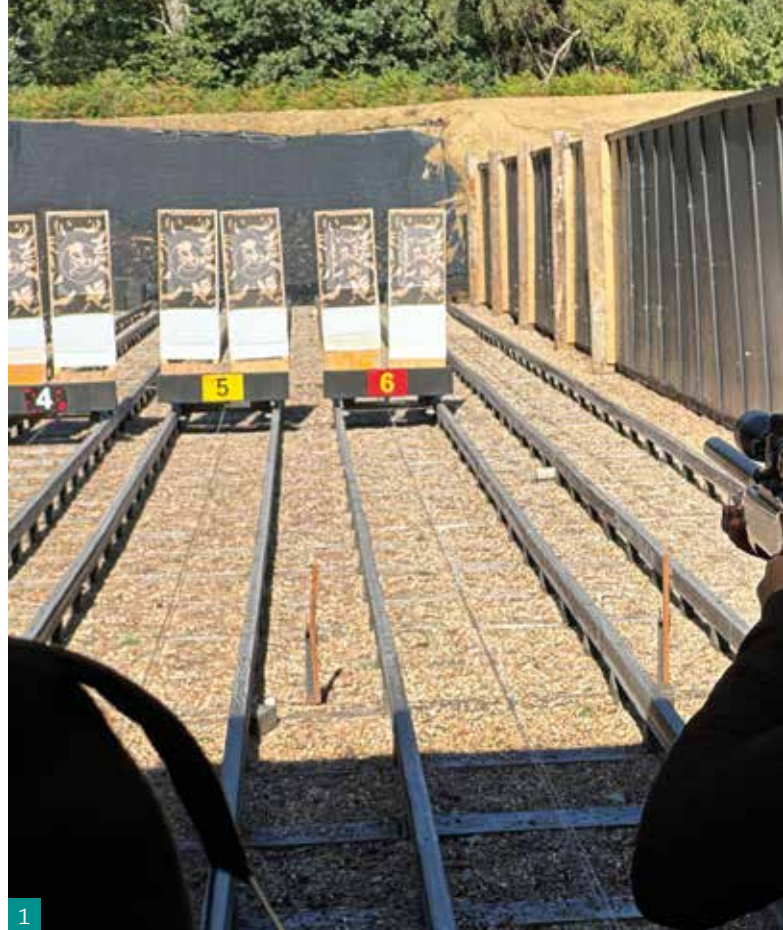
Lots of competitors returned this year together with a few new faces who were welcomed into the fold. Breakfast and Lunch were provided with bacon rolls for the early starters and venison and bacon burgers to keep people going through the day. They went down extremely well and were followed up with homemade cakes.

Shooting was of a high standard with many close run battles. The day ended with the

characteristic prize giving that has become a real feature. A big thank-you to William Evans and all the other prize doners for their generosity. However, it didn't end there. The Feast was held at the Spott with some super homemade dishes that completed this wonderful foody shooting event with lots of friends new and old chatting late into the evening.

If you enjoyed it this year, or it sounds like you would have, then put the 21st September 2024 in your diary for the SLG Bisley 1500 Open next year. We look forward to welcoming you. 🍷

1: Advancing looking down range **2:** Advancing getting very close. **3:** Even the ROs smile. **4:** Concentration. **5:** Keeping competitors and ROs fortified! **6:** Handsome Raffle Prizes **7&8:** Medal winning is not just for the young. **9:** Settling down for Prize Giving. **10:** Extensive prize table. **11:** The SLG Bisley Prize Giving.



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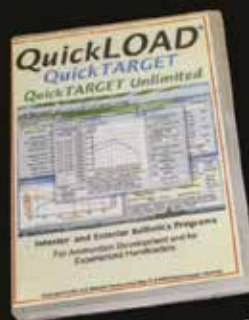
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WA1500 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report from the event held in Sweden on 15-21 August 2023. Written by **David Harris**.

The biannual WA1500 World Championships took place at the Botkyrka Skyttcenter Range in Tullinge, just south of Stockholm. Chief organiser Michael Axel, the Swedish WA1500 Association and

their range crew, including Neil Jones from GB, put on an event worthy of the title World Championship. With three hundred competitors from fourteen countries, two thousand start cards and eight thousand targets shot, the organisation was incredible.

The WA1500 has twenty six member countries, fourteen of whom were represented and ten of those fielded teams for the three International matches (Pistol, Revolver and Optical). Despite the difficult circumstances in which the GB

Handgun Team operate, it was one of these teams and it is quite an achievement to be competing at this level.

WA1500 events range from the full 150 shot match for modified revolvers, pistols and optically sighted firearms. 60 shot matches for more standard revolvers and pistols and the 48 shot matches for short barrelled revolvers and stock pistols. The UK GR&P equivalents are the 1500 (150 Shot Match), Practice 5 of the 1500 (the 60 shot match) and the WA48 is based on the WA1500 48 round match.

In addition the 60 shot match is also shot as a two person team in pistol, revolver and optical classes. There is no UK equivalent of the teams matches, where a team of two work together. They shoot one

at a time and the partner is expected to communicate with the shooter. The partner is able to observe the targets through binoculars and call the shots, reset targets, check times/foot fault lines, carry kit etc. This adds an extra element to the discipline and allows the active shooter to concentrate purely on their shooting. However, the shooter must learn to hear their partner above the noise of everyone else's partner and maintain concentration in these extreme circumstances.

This was the first outing for the newly formed GB Handgun Team and seven members of the squad (Dave Harris (Captain), Alan Podevin (Vice-Captain), Steve Lamb, ▶

Above top: Team Photo. **Above:** Captain and Pistol Team. **Left:** Adjutant and Optical Team.





“The range setup for the International Matches was impressive, with a grandstand behind the firing line for spectators.”

Above: Captain & Revolver Team. **Right:** In Action – Optical. **Below Inset:** In Action – Pistol.

Neil Jones, Matt Peppitt, Dave Berry and Chris Pannell), plus our adjutant (Sharon Bowden), made the journey to Sweden. Given it is not possible to own or shoot these firearms in the UK, the team were reliant upon borrowing firearms and provision of ammunition.

Whilst some members were able to use their club firearms, others were borrowed from individuals. Our thanks to all of those who helped us compete and our sponsors for providing team shirts. These were much admired by many of the other shooters and they reinforced that we are part of a team and were proud to be representing our country.

A practice day was held on the Monday of the championships and people were able to check their sight settings on guns many of them had not seen in a year, or in the case of one member of our squad, ever. The Practice Day is therefore vital preparation for the individual competitions,

upon which the International Team selection is made. It is accepted by the WA1500 and the Match organisers that it isn't possible for the GB Team to do their team selection in advance, as they have no UK based performance data on which to base that selection.

With most of the individual and team (open – not international) events being run from Tuesday to Friday (there were a few on Sunday morning), it was possible to compete in three or four matches and one of the team events each day and have Friday as a rest day before the International Matches on the Saturday. This spreads the effort and stress of the matches enabling you to perform at your best. You certainly won't be doing that if you try to shoot three full 150 Shot matches back to back.

Team selection for the international matches was based on the scores achieved in the individual 150 Shot and 60 Shot matches and the team 60

shot matches.



- International Revolver Match - Steve Lamb and Alan Podevin
- International Optical Match - Chris Pannell and Dave Harris
- International Pistol Match - Matt Peppitt and Steve Lamb

The range setup for the International Matches was impressive, with a grandstand behind the firing line for spectators and a large scoreboard for each country behind each of the firing points. These were updated between each practice, so the knowledgeable crowd was able to follow the matches as they progressed. The excitement was palpable!

The inter country rivalry between the top countries was evident and the preparation before the start fastidious. The Australians went as far as fine raking their 50m firing point to ensure no

unevenness under their prone mat and, at that level of performance, every little tweak can make the difference between winning or not.

The quality of shooting was outstanding, as you would expect from a World Championships. With a possible maximum score of 1200, the overall winners in each discipline dropped very few points.

- **Revolver** – the German pairing of Roman Hauber and Ralf Vanicek dropped only 5 points between them to register a score of 1195, emphatically winning Gold, with Australia Silver and Canada Bronze.
- **Pistol** – Arguably the hardest discipline, with Sweden in Gold, Australia Silver only three points behind and Austria beat the Czech Republic on X-count to take Bronze, demonstrating

not just every point, but every X counts.

• **Optical** – This was a very exciting, close match, with only one point separating Gold and Silver and Silver and Bronze. Sweden were again Gold with a score of 1192, Germany Silver with 1191 and Australia Bronze with 1190.

GB Handgun Team performed very well, earning a respectable

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Place	Country	Score	X
1	Germany	1195	75
2	Australia	1186	69
3	Canada	1184	70
4	Sweden	1182	68
5	Austria	1181	67
6	Romania	1168	61
7	Netherlands	1150	46
8	Czech Republic	1140	49
9	Great Britain	1122	27
10	Norway	923	28

PISTOL

Place	Country	Score	X
1	Sweden	1184	70
2	Australia	1181	72
3	Austria	1170	61
4	Czech Republic	1170	55
5	Canada	1166	59
6	Romania	1151	53
7	Germany	1126	67
8	Netherlands	1116	67
9	Great Britain	1056	21
10	Norway	909	17

OPTICAL

Place	Country	Score	X
1	Sweden	1192	79
2	Germany	1191	86
3	Australia	1190	84
4	Austria	1187	81
5	Romania	1187	72
6	Canada	1183	78
7	Czech Republic	1169	51
8	Netherlands	1149	37
9	Great Britain	1086	26
10	Norway	897	32

ninth in all three events and had one shooter who scored more than one of the team above in every discipline. That shows just how close we were to those immediately above us. With our scores improving all the time, we aspire to provide real competition to those closest to us and to improve our finishing position in the future.

In the individual competitions, the only British medal winner was Matt Peppitt who won Gold in Pistol 1500 Sharpshooter Class scoring 1432 with 50x. There were thirty four shooters in that class and the closest score to Matt's was 1427 with 58x. A fantastic result – well done Matt.

British shooters also did well in the team matches, with SLG Bisley taking Gold (Norman Brown and Chris Pannel (guesting)), Silver (Steve Lamb and Andy Pain) and Bronze (Dave Harris and Dave Berry) in the Optical Expert Class and Bronze (Norman Brown and Andy Pain) in the Revolver Sharpshooter Class.

Full scores can be found at wa1500.org/competition_results.php

The Open Shooting finished on Sunday morning and the prize giving was held in the afternoon. Prize Giving was

extremely well attended, largely due to the score card raffle. The more events you entered, the better your chance of a prize, whatever your results. The competition was well sponsored, with many prizes, some of which were high value. Several Brits were lucky in the draw, winning items such as pistol bags, bullet heads and cleaning products, but missed out on some of the big prizes, such as a case tumblers, case sorters and a Dillon 750 press.

During the meeting Neil Jones and I also attended the WA15000 AGM. We were given a short presentation on next year's European Championships which are to be held in Bucharest Romania.

- The event would be held the week 18th to 25th August 2024 near Bucharest Romania.
- The range is about twenty minutes by car from Bucharest Airport and has one 50m range with fourteen firing points, one 50m range with six firing points and one 25m range with eight firing points.
- Negotiations for a group hotel rate are currently underway with The Pullman Hotel in



Bucharest. It was also confirmed that the 2025 World Championships will be in Germany (Alsfeld) and the 2027 World Championships will be in Australia. The host for the 2026 European Championship has not yet been confirmed.

It was a real pleasure to lead the squad in this inaugural competition and I'm delighted to have been appointed as Captain for 2024. We will be taking a Team to the European Championships in Romania in August. If you are interested in being part of the Squad next year, then check out the selection criteria on the GBGR website gbgr.org and contact me on david.gbcap@gmail.com. 🍀

Above Right: In Action – Revolver. **Below:** Individual Gold – Matt Peppitt.





MATCH RIFLE

R J Scaglione reports on a successful Match Rifle Autumn season.

I write this from my seat on a ferry from Harris to the Isle of Skye and as I approach the port of Uig I can see cattle on a distant hill, and like Thomas Nightingale's 2021 Winter Journal MR piece, I am reminded of the words of a poet, not Auden, but the famous Scottish Poet, Tragedian and Twit, William Topaz McGonagall, "On yonder hill there stood a coo - It's no' there noo - It must'a shif'ted"

On that vaguest of Celtic connections we must move on to the Welsh Open, the first of the Autumn meetings in the MR calendar, this single day meeting was hotly contested with Hannah Fisher winning the Gold Badge with a score 218.22, two points ahead of Tim Brooking and five points ahead of Nick Tremlett. Hannah & Ian Brown were the only competitors to break 70 at 1200 yards with scores of 70.06 & 71.04 respectively.

The Cambridge Cup meeting was next with Fergus Flanagan taking the top spot but only after settling the matter with a tie shoot against Alex Cargill Thompson, a remarkable feat considering Fergus had not brought enough ammunition. The tie was one sighting shot and three to count

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with Fergus using miscellaneous blow offs. Semper Paratus, Fergus!

The NRCoS Open was held over a pleasantly dry September weekend. The winds were light but were coming straight down Glen Tilt, the frequent changes of direction, as the wind passed from left of zero to right of zero, resulted in a fair number of inners and magpies. Some people took comfort from describing their dropped shots as 4.9s and 3.9s but it did little to alter the scoreboard. The fact that a "zero" can never really be established at Blair just added to the fun of the weekend. Aled James shot the only MR century of the weekend at 1000 yards on the first day. Angus McLeod took an early lead on Saturday which the others had little

chance of overtaking. Angus maintained his lead to win with score of 439.48, one point ahead of Mike Barlow and three points ahead of Hannah Fisher.

Those who shot the NRCoS Autumn meeting were met with very similar wind conditions at Bisley for the English VIII & Irish Autumn meeting and there was again much discussion about wind zeros, and again no conclusions were actually made. The Saturday afternoon 1000 yard stage was a tricky affair, with the winds passing through zero and building in strength, Derek Lowe and Ashley Abrahams shot the only 75s at 1000 yards in what was a challenging opening detail. The behaviour of the wind was no different for the 1100 yard detail and Tim Brooking returned

the only 75 on the range. No 75s were recorded at 1200 yards, though David Lindsey managed a 74.07, nonetheless, the steady progress made by Rob Lygoe throughout the day gave him the top spot with four off and the Dram Trophy. The English VIII Club hosted an enjoyable reception after shooting and the NLRC provided a convivial atmosphere for dinner on Saturday evening. The tricky conditions continued on Sunday, yet the increased number of possibles being returned indicated a better understanding of what the wind was doing. Thomas Nightingale, who was sitting in third place on Saturday, continued his solid performance with the top 1200 yard score and in doing so won the 1200 yard Salver (and the Under 25 prizes). A victorious Rob Lygoe was awarded the Stamford Young Trophy with a score of 439.61, two points ahead of Thomas who finished one vee ahead of Jon Sweet. The fact Mike Buchanan equalled Rob's score with his 7mm Any Rifle perhaps demonstrates that any future change of chambering is not automatically a way to eclipse the scores we have currently "enjoyed".

The North London Rifle Club Championship rounded off the competition calendar and Hattie Mansell's efficient organisation was rewarded with a modest entry of eleven, of whom seven shot both full days. In the event Hattie was unwell and the weekend was ably run by Silke Lohmann. Competitors enjoyed two days of sunshine, interesting winds and low temperatures. The overnight leader was Tim Brooking on 218.28 two vees ahead of Jon Sweet. At 1100 yards on Sunday Jon shot a spectacular 75.14, the only MR possible of the weekend and despite having trouble feeling his trigger in the 3°C chill. Jon was the overall winner on 365.50, with Tim second on 359.35. Tea and cake were served in Elcho Lodge and rounded off an enjoyable weekend to finish the season.

My thanks to Keith Baxby and Hannah Fisher for filling in the blanks, one of these days I hope to shoot all of these wonderful MR meetings. 🍵

Above Right: LouLou Brister presented Hannah Fisher with the Gold Badge as winner of the Welsh Open.

Right: Angus McLeod receiving the NRCoS Open trophy from Will Meldrum.





NRA E-League

Civilian Service Rifle:

Winter 2023 Course of Fire

Classes: Historic Enfield, Any Iron, Service Optic, Practical Optic

Ready Position: Standing Alert unless otherwise specified

Competition 1: Based on 200x Match, SI

Distance & Position: 200x Sitting

Targetry: Fig 14 window | **Ammunition:** 10 rounds

Procedure:

1. Targets will make 10x 3 second exposures over a frontage of 6ft at irregular intervals varying between 5-20 seconds
2. On appearance of the targets, firers will engage the target with 1 round

Competition 2: Based on Rural Match, SI

Distance & Position: 100x Standing, then Sitting/ Kneeling/ Squatting

Targetry: Fig 14 window | **Ammunition:** 10 rounds

Procedure:

1. The target will make 5x double exposures: 5 seconds up, 2 seconds down, 5 seconds up, at irregular intervals over a period of 2 minutes
2. The first shot of each double exposure must be fired standing, the seconds from either sitting, kneeling or squatting
3. Firers will return to the standing alert position after each double exposure

Competition 3: Based on SR Practices, Sitting Snaps

Distance & Position: 100x Sitting

Targetry: Fig 14 window | **Ammunition:** 10 rounds

Procedure:

1. Firers are to start in the Sitting position, with rifles loaded, made ready with safety catches applied
2. Targets will make 5x 6 second exposure, with a 5-10 second interval
3. On appearance of the targets, firers engage with the target with 2 rounds per exposure

Ties: Competition will be counted back in Competition order: 3, 2, 1

For more details about the E-League please visit:

nra.org.uk/e-league/



BEHIND THE SCENES *of the* GALLERY RIFLE AND PISTOL MEETINGS

Have you ever wondered how all your scores get from the range to the score boards? **Sophie West** explains how the magic happens... opening your eyes to the world of the Stats team.

This article will take you through the journey of your scores from the range to the score boards and all the way to the prize givings. You'll learn about the history, systems, people, and processes involved, with top tips along the way to ensure your score cards reflect your true scores and you don't find your score cards posted on the "wall of shame".

Charles Murton first volunteered as Chief Stats for the Phoenix back in the early 2000's. They had to use some old and borrowed computers, which ran on very old software, it wasn't a great set up. At one time they had to abandon the prize giving due to the lack of results and it took the Stats team a very long time after the meeting to resolve the issues and produce the results. After this, Charles managed to acquire a set of Windows laptops for the NRA and wrote the first version of the Stats database using Microsoft Access. Although the database has been modified many times since, it's still in Access and still uses the same basic approach that was used back then.

Today, as well as being used for the four NRA GR&P meetings, customised versions of the database are used for the Scottish Championships and by the JSPC, Derby, Cheshunt, Police Sport

UK, SLG Bisley and Harbour House (in Ireland) for their competitions. The combination of the software and the process it sits within has meant a very low error rate over many years.

Firstly, when you shoot your competition ensure you enter your scores on the correct score sheet; you would be surprised how many are written on the wrong one when they reach the Stats office. We have even seen some come through with no name and GRID number on them. Although we like to think of ourselves as all-knowing, we cannot

guess whose it might be. We know people put a lot of time and effort into their shooting and we want every shot to count for you.

Once you have enjoyed your shoot, remember to hand your score card in before you leave the range. The Stats office cannot accept cards directly from the shooters. Before you hand your card

in at the range, please do check that your numbers add up to the correct number of shots. Maths can at times be challenging for us all, particularly when it's raining and you are in a hurry. However, ensuring your scores add up can be very helpful – why not carry a calculator? This is the responsibility of the shooter and the Range Officer scoring your targets. Surely if two people at the time are checking it, it will be correct when it gets to Stats? We often have cards come through with not enough shots or too many recorded. When scoring targets, please think twice when you hear "and the rest X", making sure you have the numbers correctly recorded so that your scores reflect what you have achieved.

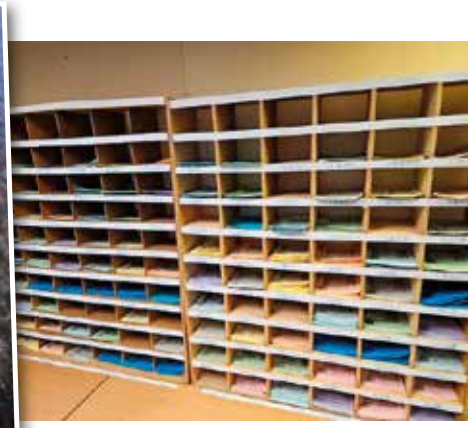
It's always recommended to keep your half of the score card and fill it in, this can really help if you need to challenge any scores which are published that you do not feel are correct.

We are very lucky to have an amazing score card 'runner' who picks all the score cards up from the ranges across the Bisley site during the meetings. They bring the score cards to the Stats office throughout the days we are shooting. This regular score card drop off means ▶



Above inset: Score cards being checked after input.

Right: An anonymous selection of BX cards.



Above left: Score cards being input into the database. **Above middle:** Team motivation! **Above right:** Score card pigeon holes

the people working in Stats can keep up with the live shooting and ensure more up to date results are available during the meetings. Having the cards not all in one go means that the Stats workers can have the results ready in time for prize givings and end of meeting publishing.

Once the score cards reach the Stats office, they are sorted by event number into a wooden shelving unit. From here the Stats office take the cards and input them into the computer system. To keep up with the number of score cards needing to be processed there are several people inputting numbers into the computers all day. This takes concentration and the office is a hive of activity, working as a well-oiled machine.

The system used is very sophisticated. Each person who has entered a competition is already in the database with their name, GRID number and a list of the comps they have entered. We check the comp and find the name and GRID number to match. We then enter the scores from the card into the computer.

One of the great things about the computer system is that it calculates the number of shots which are required against what has been entered and can tell us if there are too many or too few shots recorded. If there are too few shots then we add zeroes to make up the correct total. If there are too many shots then we take off the highest scoring shots until we reach the correct number. If we take shots away like this, the card goes on the “wall of shame” (usually known as the “BX Board”) outside Stats; photos of this are regularly updated on the web. Other problem cards, such as

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those with no name or GRID number, also go on this board. Note that we don’t put up cards which had too few shots on them – if we did that, we would need a much bigger board!

When we have input a batch of cards, we print a checklist for those cards we entered, then the checklist and the score cards are passed to other members of the Stats team – the checkers – who make sure that what’s in the computer matches what’s on the cards. They also ensure it’s the right competitor, GRID number and competition entered. However great we are, we are human; it’s good to have this check in place and sometimes we find things. If an error is found the checker will pass this score card back to one of the data inputters to amend.

Once the score cards have been checked they are then placed in another wooden shelving unit, sorted by event number, for safe keeping and so a card can be found later if there are any appeals or queries.

At several intervals the full results at that point are backed up on the computer system and printed off, being posted on the boards by the office for people to have a look at. The scores are also updated online for people to view during the meetings and following. Sometimes when we stop for the systems to be

backed up, we may have a homemade cake from Charles, long may this continue to refuel us.

After shooting stops the Stats office are still hard at work inputting the final score cards that have come in, working hard to get the provisional results posted and printed in a timely manner. Some of the meetings have a prize giving shortly after shooting finishes on the last day of the meeting. On these occasions the Chief Stats officer ensures all the scores are ready and supports the prize giving team in presenting the results.

To give you an idea of the volume of score cards which are processed through the Stats team... in 2005 the SAW had around 568 entries and the Phoenix 2278. Now in 2023 we are processing around 1237 score cards at the SAW and 3584 at this year’s Phoenix meeting. We are pleased to say that at this year’s Phoenix meeting there were noticeably fewer errors in the score cards being handed in. This is great news, and we hope this continues to reduce moving forward.

We look forward to seeing continued increasing entries in the future coming through the Stats office as more and more people enjoy Gallery Rifle and Pistol shooting. 🍷



NRA E-League

Gallery Rifle & Pistol:

Winter 2023 Course of Fire

Classes: GRSB, GRSB Benched, GRCF, GRCF Classic, LBP, LBR

Position: Standing. GRSB Benched as per B6.1.1d of the GR&P Handbook

Ready Position: 45 degrees unless otherwise specified

Competition 1: *Based on Multi-Target 3, Practice 2*

Distance: 25m

Targetry: GRSB & GRSB Benched: DP1 half, Others: DP1 | **Ammunition:** 20 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1: 5x 5 second exposures, with 7 second away time. Any number of shots may be fired at each exposure, but there can only be a total of 5 shots on each target

Practice 2: 4x 5 second exposures, with 7 second away time. Any number of shots may be fired at each exposure, but there can only be a total of 5 shots on each target

Competition 2: *Based on Timed & Precision 1, Practice 2*

Distance: 15m

Targetry: GRSB & GRSB Benched: DP2 half, Others: DP2 | **Ammunition:** 20 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1 & 2: 5x 3 second exposures, with 5 second away time, 1 shot per exposure

Practice 3 & 4: 5x 2 second exposures, with 5 second away time, 1 shot per exposure

Competition 3: *Based on Multi-Target, Practice 4*

Distance: 10m

Targetry: GRSB & GRSB Benched: DP1 half, Others: DP1 | **Ammunition:** 20 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1: 1x exposure of 10 seconds, 2 shots to be fired on each target

Practice 2: 1x exposure of 10 seconds, 3 shots to be fired on each target

Practice 3: 1x exposure of 8 seconds, 2 shots to be fired on each target

Practice 4: 1x exposure of 8 seconds, 3 shots to be fired on each target

Ties: Competition standings by the greatest number of Xs, then in practice order from last to first. Overall Round standings will be counted back in Competition order: 1, 2, 3

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REVISED TR & MR TARGET DIMENSIONS EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY 2025

On 14th October Council approved the following changes to the TR and MR target dimensions. Rule 221 requires at least 1 year’s notice to be given of revised target dimensions, therefore the changes below become effective on 1st January 2025.

1. BULLSEYE DIAMETER

The diameter of the bull for the TR Short Range Target at 500x & 600x and the TR/MR long range target (800x - 1200x) will be reduced as set out in the table below. The bull diameter at 200x 300x and 400x remains unchanged (200x and 400x are rarely used for competitive shooting). The dimensions of all other scoring rings except the long range Inner (see note 3) remain unchanged.

2. V-BULL DIAMETER

The diameter of the V-Bull at all distances remains at 0.6x the diameter of the bullseye.

3. LR AIMING MARK & INNER

- The diameter of the LR aiming mark is reduced from its present 48” to 1120mm (44.09”). The effect of this change is that the NRA, ICFRA and F-Class long range aiming marks will all be the same diameter.
- The Inner remains coincident with the aiming mark therefore as a consequence of reducing the diameter of the LR aiming mark the diameter of the Inner is also reduced to 1120mm (44.09”).
- A single ‘universal’ target continues to be used for TR and MR at all distances from 800x to 1200x.

4. UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

In future all TR & MR target dimensions will be published using metric units with associated angles subtended in minutes.

5. FUTURE REVIEW OF DIMENSIONS

A further review of dimensions is mandated no later than September 2028 (i.e. following the Palma and World LR Championships currently scheduled to be shot at Bisley that year).

A review of the TR and MR Target Dimensions was first commissioned by the Shooting Committee in 2016. After discussing the merits of two proposals put forward in September 2017, the General Council advised that as a first step minor adjustment the diameter of the 300x and 500x bull should be adopted

REVISED TR & MR TARGET DIMENSIONS						
Distance Yds	Current NRA Targets Bull diameter			As from 1 January 2025		
	Ins	mm	MoA	Ins	mm	MoA
200	3.50	89	1.67	3.50	89	1.67
300	5.12	130	1.63	5.12	130	1.63
400	8.00	203	1.91	8.00	203	1.91
500	10.24	260	1.96	9.84	250	1.88
600	13.00	330	2.07	12.60	320	2.01
900	24.00	610	2.55	23.03	585	2.44
1000	24.00	610	2.29	23.03	585	2.20



in order to determine the effect on scores before contemplating the significantly more extensive and severe reductions put forward in one of the proposals.

A new TR Discipline Rep was elected in 2022 and following the appointment of a new TR Subcommittee in September that year a working group was formed to consider whether further changes to target dimensions were appropriate and if so to make recommendations.

The remit of the working group was first to determine the effect on the level of scoring at 300x and 500x following the reductions in diameter of the bull introduced in 2019 and then consider if, as a consequence, there should be:

- a further reduction in diameter of the 300x and 500x bull
- a reduction to the diameter of the 600x bull
- any changes to the dimensions of the long range target, including the diameter of the bull, used for TR at 800 to 1000yds and MR at 1000 to 1200yds
- any other changes which were thought appropriate.

SHORT RANGE BULL DIAMETER

The working party considered four options:

1. no change
2. adopt the ICFRA bull diameters used by other nations
3. a proposal from an earlier working group led by Charles Dickinson based on an in depth analysis of groups fired on electronic targets in Australia
4. a proposal that having established a suitable diameter for the 300x bull to then apply a simple linear expansion based on distance plus a fixed increment per 100 yards to allow for increased wind effect.

Following a lengthy discussion:

- options 1 & 2 were rejected on the grounds that in both cases the current 500x bull was disproportionately large when compared to 300x, and the ICFRA 600x bull was too challenging when using factory ammunition especially for club level shooters and cadets.
- whilst recognising the considerable work which had gone into the statistical analysis, option 3 was rejected on the grounds that (a) the proposed reductions to all scoring rings, especially bull diameter were too severe and the consequent reduction in scores would potentially discourage novice and club shooters; and (b) adopting a set of dimensions based on scores/groups fired in very different conditions to those in the UK was not appropriate.
- decided to recommend the adoption of option 4.

In future this means that by applying this formulaic approach, once a suitable diameter for the 300x bull is established based on scores, the new bull diameter at 500x and 600x follows automatically. If necessary the level of scoring at 500x & 600x relative to 300x can be adjusted by varying the value of the incremental increase per 100yds.

Note: the reduction in bull diameter at both 500x and 600x is relatively small and since all other dimensions remain unchanged therefore no change to existing plot sheets for those distances should be necessary.

LONG RANGE TARGET

For purely practical reasons the same target (with whatever dimensions were in use at the relevant time) has been used at all distances from 800x to 1200x for at least the last 100 years. The working group could see no good reason for change.

The unique challenge is then to decide on a suitable diameter for the bull in particular so that for the major TR competitions of the Imperial Meeting, 900x is not too easy and 1000x whilst challenging is not excessively so. The same consideration applies for MR competitions at 1000x and 1200x.

After further discussion the working group recommended the bull diameter of the long range target should be reduced from the current 24" (unchanged since 1974) to 585mm (23.03) which represented a reasonable compromise to reduce the present excessively high scores at 900x without making the 1000x target overly challenging.

The working group also recommended a common diameter of aiming mark should be adopted for all long range shooting at Bisley. Therefore

(a) the current 48" aiming mark used for TR & MR should be reduced to 1120mm (44.09") to align with both the ICFRA and F-Class targets.

(b) for simplicity and to avoid marking errors the Inner ring should remain coincident with the aiming mark and is also reduced to 44" diameter. ↻

Update from the

REGIONAL RANGES MANAGER

Nic Couldrey discusses Winter 2023.

C10 CHARLIE HIGH RANGE AT WARCOP

I travelled to Cumbria to join over 50 members of Fifty Calibre Shooting Association UK for the first booking on the “new” range at C 10 on the Warcop Training Area. The range has 12 fixed firing points on the existing concrete slab and a variety of designated hard targets at a variety of distances up to 2.4 KM. Shooters may only engage targets between the left and right arc markers on November Ridge. This a fixed range designed to be run by an NRA qualified RCO for static shoots using HME firearms including the .50 calibre (50 BMG) bolt-action target rifle for long distance competitions. We're grateful to our DIO colleagues for their support in the design, approval and delivery of this exciting new facility. Access to the range is restricted to FCSA UK and only when the Warcop Range Complex is being used by MoD. It was great to see shooting return to Warcop after a five-year

absence, some club members had travelled considerable distances to attend. Everyone had an opportunity to shoot; it was fascinating to observe a shooter engage targets at such extreme long range. My thanks to the Chairman and Secretary of FCSA for their patience; we finally got this done.

For more information about FCSA and long range shooting contact FCSA – fcsa.co.uk, Facebook [facebook.com/fcsauks](https://www.facebook.com/fcsauks), Twitter @FCSA_UK

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

Access to ranges on the Defence Estate continues to be a challenge particularly in the South West of England. I am working with Landmarc to reinstate a regular meeting with licenced clubs and DIO. This will likely take place in early 2024, more details to follow. A key outcome of the meeting will be to understand what ranges are available for civilian bookings and to explore opportunities to share/consolidate bookings to make best use of the available capacity.



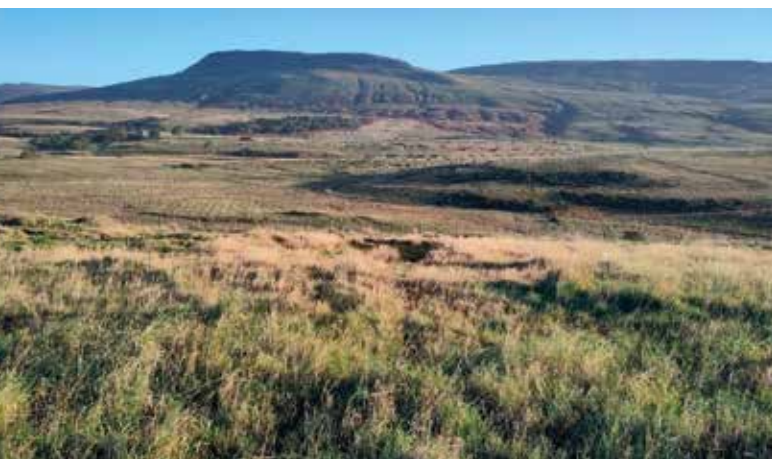
HOME OFFICE APPROVAL & CLUB OPERATED RANGES

The criteria for HOA includes a requirement that a club has regular use of ranges. This is not new criteria however where the club is a range operator the Police may look for evidence that the range is properly maintained and that shooting activity falls within the limits of the range and range orders. This is particularly important on outdoor ranges on sites close to public footpaths etc. The NRA publishes advice for range operators at nra.org.uk/all-downloads/nra-handbooks/

In future, maintenance records for managing lead bullets on outdoor ranges (de leading) is likely to become an important part of the derogation for the continued use of lead ammunition on outdoor ranges. Clubs that operate an outdoor range are encouraged to read the HSE proposals published on 11th October. See nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Lead-in-Ammunition-Restriction-Opinion-Draft-SEA-Opinion.pdf

The NRA is working with the NSRA on our risk management measures for using lead bullets on outdoor ranges. 📍

Left: View from the firing point at C10 Charlie High Range at Warcop, designated hard targets from 900 yards up to 2.4 KM. **Above Top:** Fixed Firing point with 12 lanes with space for individual shooter and spotter/coach. **Above:** View from range control tower.





NRA E-League

Target Shotgun:

Winter 2023 Course of Fire

Classes: Shotgun Manual (SGM), Shotgun Semi-Auto (SGSA)

Position: Standing

Ready Position: 45 degrees unless otherwise specified

Competition 1: *Based on Service Match 1, Practice 2*

Distance: 25m

Targetry: DP1

Ammunition: 10 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1: 2x 5 second exposures with 4 second intervals, 2 shots per exposure

Practice 2: 3x 5 second exposures with 4 second intervals, 2 shots per exposure

Competition 2: *Based on Service Match, Practice 3*

Distance: 20m

Targetry: DP1

Ammunition: 10 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1: 2x 10 second exposure, with 5 second interval.

5 shots are to be fired on the left hand target during the first exposure

5 shots are to be fired on the right hand target on the second exposure

Competition 3: *Based on Multi-Target, Practice 4*

Distance: 10m

Targetry: DP1

Ammunition: 10 rounds

Procedure:

Practice 1: 1x 15 second exposures, 5 shots on each target

Ties: Competition standings by the greatest number of Xs, then in practice order from last to first. Overall Round standings will be counted back in Competition order: 1, 2, 3

For more details about the E-League please visit:
nra.org.uk/e-league/





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2024 NRA GUEST DAYS

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

CENTURY RANGE / SHORT SIBERIA BOOKINGS

Two members and their guests will be assigned to a target, sharing the firing point for the session. The day is designed for you to introduce your guests to prone target rifle shooting, taking alternate shots on the shared target throughout the session.

CHEYLESMORE BOOKINGS

Each member will be assigned their own target for the session.

NOTES

£85 per session – includes hire of Range,

Range Officers, Targets and Markers.

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

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

DATES

16 March: 25 yards Cheylesmore Range (and) 100 yards Short Siberia Range. **20 April:** 300 yards Century Range. **18 May:** 600 yards Century Range. **24 August:** 600 yards Century Range. **21 September:** 300 yards

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The NRA's 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 7th June 2024 at 6pm, in the NRA Pavilion, followed directly by the NSC's Annual General Meeting.

BISLEY GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 Bisley General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 9pm in the NRA Pavilion.

Century Range. **3 October:** 25 yards Cheylesmore Range (and) 100 yards Short Siberia Range. **Online bookings available from 1st January 2024.**

TEAM CAPTAIN - NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for the following team captains:

- GB Kolapore Team Captain 2024
- NRA Channel Islands Team 2025
- GB Match Rifle Team Captain Woomera Match 2025

Nominations in writing, signed by three proposers all of whom must be full annual or life members of the NRA, must be received by the Secretary General not later than 5pm on Friday 19th January 2024. Nominations forms and CV pro-forma available on the NRA website, or from Georgina.Thatcher@nra.org.uk.

2024 NRA SHOOTING CLUB DAYS

Because of the high number of cancellations of the Shooting Club throughout 2023 due to low attendance, we have taken the decision to run the club in the mornings only, at all distances (subject to availability), to maximise attendance. There will be more targets available at each distance to allow for increased attendance.

All sessions are overseen by NRA Range Conducting Officers/Instructors. Three attendances at the Shooting

Club in a 12 month period will provide automatic qualification for an NRA 4 year SCC. Cost - £42.00 per session

SESSION TIMING 8.30AM TO 12.30PM

7 Feb – 200 E, Winans B, 1000E
24 Feb – 300E, 600E, Melville, 1000E
13 Mar – 200E, 600E, 1000E
10 Apr – 200E, Winans B, 1000E
20 Apr – 300E, 600E, Melville, 1000E
1 May – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E

18 May – 300E, Winans B, 1000E – No 600x
5 Jun – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E
15 Jun – 300E, Melville, 1000E
17 Aug – 300E, Melville, 1000E
4 Sep – 200E, 600E, Winans B
21 Sep – 300E, Winans B, 1000E
9 Oct – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E
6 Nov – 200E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E
16 Nov – 300E, 600E, Winans B, 1000E

Online bookings available from 1st January 2024

PROCEDURE FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES AND PROPOSERS

Only persons who are Registered Members of the Association and who have fully paid up their subscriptions for 31st March are eligible to be Candidates for election to the General Council and to be Proposers for such Candidates.

REGIONAL AND SHOOTING DISCIPLINE CANDIDATURE AND VOTING

Those voting for Regional Candidates must live in the appropriate Sports Council Region even though their nominated Candidates for election may live elsewhere.

Those voting for Shooting Discipline Candidates must have previously declared that Shooting Discipline to the NRA as their primary Shooting Discipline. Eligibility for voting will be determined as at 30th April 2024.

CURRICULUM VITAE

In order to assist the Registered Members with their choice of representatives in the election, a CV for each Candidate will be provided with the voting papers. A draft of no more than 300 words should accompany the nomination. A passport sized photograph of the Candidate will accompany all CVs. A content layout for the CVs is on the pro-forma.

The Secretary General will refer back to authors where CVs are too long or are or appear to be factually incorrect.

THE PROGRAMME OF KEY DATE FOR ELECTIONS

31 March 2024 – All Candidates and Proposers must be fully paid-up Registered Members of the Association by this date.

30th April 2024 – a. Nominations for all vacancies must be returned to the Secretary General by 17:00 on this date.

b. Registered Members must be qualified for voting for their respective Regional or Shooting Discipline Candidate by this date.

c. All Members desiring to vote must be fully paid-up Registered Members by this date.

31 May 2024 – All entitled Members will be balloted by this date, either by electronic or postal means with the procedures for voting.

15th July 2024 – Postal votes must be received no later than 6.00pm on Monday 15th July 2024 by placing the voting slips in the correct envelope supplied. Electronic votes must be made by 6.00pm on Monday 15th July 2024.

Scrutineers appointed by the Council – To be notified after the Council Meeting on 19th April 2024.

Results – All results will be confirmed at the General Council meeting in September.

Routine Vacancies – There will be the following vacancies in 2024, all of whom are entitled to stand for re-election.

Five Ordinary Members – GK Alexander, CM Brooks, FPR Northam, TG Rylands, R Sayer.

Five Regional Members – PR Coley – South Western*, AN Gran – Greater London and South East, RS Kenchington – West Midlands, GAE Larcombe – Southern, MP Watkins - Wales.

Three Shooting Discipline Members – JS Harris – Target Shotgun, N St Aubyn – Civilian Service Rifle & Practical Rifle, S Wallis – Sporting Rifle.

* Not standing for re-election.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES 2022/2023

	GC	S	M	
No of Meetings	3	4	4	
S Aldhouse	0	1	X	(D)
GK Alexander*	2	X	2	(O)
HRM Bailie	1	X	X	(R)
JPS Bloomfield*	3	4	X	(O)(D)
N Brasier*	0	X	X	(O)
CM Brooks	2	3	X	(O)
DP Calvert	2	3	X	(O)
AMW Cargill-Thompson	3	4	X	(D)
PR Coley	1	X	X	(R)
DC Crispin	2	3	X	(O)
A Dagger	2	3	X	(D)
A Gran*	2	X	4	(R)
JS Harris*	3	4	X	(D)
MD Jenvey	2	X	X	(O)
R Kenchington	2	X	X	(R)
GAE Larcombe	3	X	2	(R)
Miss SS Lohmann	3	X	4	(O)
J Longhurst	1	2	X	(D)
D Lowe	3	4	X	(O)
N Macfarlane	1	3	X	(D)
M Maksimovic	0	X	X	(O)
J Marsden	0	X	X	(R)
FPR Northam	3	X	4	(O)
CG Perry	3	X	X	(O)
BD Ritchie	2	4	X	(R)
Mrs KD Robertson	2	X	X	(O)
TG Rylands	2	3	X	(O)
R Sayer	1	X	X	(O)
I Shirra-Gibb	0	0	X	(D)
N St Aubyn	0	3	X	(D)
I Thomson	2	4	X	(O)
G Trembath	1	X	X	(R)
S Wallis	1	3	X	(D)
JD Warburton	2	4	X	(R)
MP Watkins	2	X	X	(R)
JGM Webster*	3	2	X	(D)
AP Wolpe	0	2	X	(D)

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

X not a member of that committee
(O) Ordinary member
(R) Regional Member
(D) Shooting Discipline Member

CALLING ALL UNDER 25 F CLASS SHOOTERS

The F Class World Championships are being held at Bisley in 2026, and I am interested in putting together an Under 25 F Class Team to compete against the overseas U25 teams already expressing an interest in attending.

If you are an experienced F Class shooter, or a Target Rifle shooter interested in transferring to F Class for the World Championships, please do get in contact.

We would love to be able to be represented at our own World Championship at Bisley.

Please contact me at:
tomgoesshooting@hotmail.com

Tom Reynolds
Under 25 F Class Shooter

AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUS COTTESLOE HEATH CHALLENGE RESULTS

Standard

1	Lucius Hilger-Ellis	100.00%
2	Jake Jeffries	87.23%
3	Michael Cousins	81.64%

AUTUMN JOURNAL - APOLOGY

In the Target Rifle Meeting report on pages 36-39, it was incorrectly reported that John Kennedy won the Times. It was his son James, who won the Times with the only perfect score. Apologies to James for the error.

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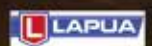
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Obituaries

Dave Stanley 20 July 1958 – 20 June 2023

David Stanley, Dave to everyone who knew him, was born in Durham in 1958 and was the eldest of three children. He was a quiet, studious lad and attended Belmont Comprehensive School where he became Head Prefect.

After leaving school Dave took an Electricians apprenticeship at Thorns in Spennymoor. He was thought of very highly at Thorns by everyone there, becoming a very accomplished electrician, passing all the courses he could. Dave worked at Thorns for 49 years and had retired just three months before he became ill.

Dave was a big strapping fella at six foot four and he loved his food. Sometimes he could eat two meals at Bisley, not that he was greedy he just needed to fill his big frame. He had a very large Rottweiler at one point and was asked if he ever fed it on left overs to which Dave just laughed and said "what's left overs, like" in his

great North East accent. He also loved ice cream, which was his sweet of choice and he could often be seen walking around at Bisley eating an ice cream cornet. Some of the lads at Mattersey club often called him 'ice cream Dave'.

Dave was a member of three shooting clubs - Bishop Auckland Gun Club, Mattersey R&PC and Skerningham Gun Club and was a member of the NRA. He loved to visit the National Shooting Centre at Bisley Camp where he shot several times a year. He was a member of the London and Middlesex club and stayed in the Saint Georges Lodge.

Dave was Secretary at Bishop Auckland Gun Club from 1996 to 2006 and he took the club through the hand gun ban. As we

all remember memberships were at an all time low and with a new mortgage for the building the club looked like it might be ready for winding up. Dave was convinced it should keep going and he made it happen by agreeing a mortgage settlement figure and obtaining an interest free loan from the NRA plus convincing some of the members to loan some of their compensation money to the club. The result was that Bishop Auckland Gun Club bought the building outright and paid all monies back within 9 years meaning the range was paid for in full. Bishop Auckland Gun Club members agree they would not be in the position they are in today without Dave. He stayed on the committee and continued to RO on military range

“ When Dave visited Bisley it was not just for the full bore rifle, he also enjoyed the Gallery Rifle and pistol events.



days and all agree at Bishop Auckland Gun Club that he will be very sadly missed. They intend to put up a plaque for Dave and rightly so.

Dave also loved his Wood Pigeon shooting as part of Skerningham Gun Club, a north east vermin control club, so Dave was an all round shooter.

He used to shoot his full bore rifles at Military Ranges such as Catterick and Bisley but when Dave visited Bisley it was not just for the full bore rifle, he also enjoyed the Gallery Rifle and pistol events. At these events he could be found on Short Siberia shooting Target Shotgun. He loved Target Shotgun and made lots of friends on that range.

Dave became a member of Mattersey R&PC in 1994 and, on a personal note, I had the pleasure of working with him on Mattersey's committee where he was

Geoff Cox GM

1942 to 2023



Secretary for a number of years, after he took over the post half way through the year when the Secretary at the time just walked out of the job. Dave took it on and he did a great job making a fantastic difference to Mattersey. He made the club a better run organisation in my and lots of members opinions and was probably the best Secretary we've ever had. I never heard Dave shout or lose his temper, he was always calm. He was a fountain of knowledge for all things shooting and reloading and was always willing to pass on that knowledge.

Dave had a lovely Partner in Jane and they had known each other for thirty years or more, becoming close in the past fourteen years. They spent holidays together going to Bisley four times a year and taking seaside trips to Whitby and Whitley Bay where Dave would enjoy another of his favourites - fish and chips. They also used to spend time in Edinburgh together. Many of his shooting friends did not realise how romantic he was until Jane mentioned that he used to send her red roses when he got the chance.

Dave was taken ill at Bisley during the Phoenix meeting and after travelling home was un well again and taken in to hospital in Durham. He was transferred to Newcastle, where he peacefully passed away on the 20th of June.

He will be sadly missed by a lot of people and I am honoured to have called Dave a very good friend.

Rest in Peace big fella, I'll see you in the ice cream queue!

Geoff grew up in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. He attended the local Grammer School but left after one term in the Lower Sixth to join the Civil Service. Realizing this was not the career for him, he studied mechanical engineering at night school. After joining the Royal Air Force as a Radar Fitter, he was stationed in Borneo in the 1960s during the Indonesia-Malasia conflict. Keen to progress, he applied to become a commissioned officer. He successfully graduated as a navigator flying Hercules transport and Canberra bomber aircraft but, unfortunately, he had persistent bouts of airsickness. Geoff was posted to RAF Laarbruch, Germany, for a ground tour in Mission Planning. Taking up gliding as a sport, he found that he was not airsick in a glider and qualified as a gliding instructor. Geoff was first married in 1971 and had two children. In 1978 he and his family returned to the UK and he was posted to the Navigator Training School. Geoff left the Royal Air Force in 1979.

Geoff found his niche in the Education Sector where he could keep current with the latest IT technology. He taught computing at HM Borstal in Rochester, and then HMP Stanford. He joined Mid Kent College as a lecturer in computing and helped run the Mid Kent Astronomy Club. At the same time he gained an OU Science degree and then a MSc in Computer Science at City University. Geoff retired and remarried later in life but continued to work in between his sporting interests and pastimes that included shooting, motorcycling and sailing.

Geoff started shooting at an early age and when he was just 21, he shot in his first Queen's Final at Bisley. In the Air Force he shot competitively in all service weapon disciplines and in 1973 he won the Queen's Medal for the Royal Air Force – one of the rarest military medals in existence. Geoff's success lay in him being meticulous in everything he did and when something was not quite right, he would set about rectifying it. For this he had a car boot full of tools and was often seen tinkering with or using brute force on his rifle and shooting equipment. He

was even seen rebedding his rifle the day before a major competition at the NRA's Imperial Meeting. In 1986 the BBC was filming HM the Queen's Prize at Bisley and had been following a number of well established shooters. Geoff was not on their list. After many hours of filming and interviewing, the BBC proceeded to film the Final at 1000 yards, still following their favourites. Meanwhile, Geoff Cox was quietly storming through with a stunning shoot, leaving his opponents and the BBC behind. They hurriedly tried to obtain film coverage of Geoff, but only managed a small clip of him shooting. Fortunately, they filmed him being crowned the winner, chaired off the range and celebrating as he started his procession around the Bisley's clubhouses. This was the first time that anyone had used a stiff action rifle in the Third Stage to win HM the Queen's Final. Only two other people have won both HM the Queen's Medal for the Royal Air Force and HM the Queen's Prize making this an almost unique achievement that is most unlikely to be repeated. Geoff's last Imperial Meeting was in 2012 but he did continue shooting full bore, albeit less frequently, with the RAFTRC and small bore with the Bury St Edmunds Rifle Club.

In 2010 Geoff was, unfortunately, diagnosed with locally advanced prostate cancer and given a prognosis of three to five years. He responded well with his initial treatment and typically researched everything on the subject. He developed a diet and fitness regime that would best compliment the medical treatment prescribed. Everything was carefully recorded and measured to the nearest gram. Defying the doctor's initial prognosis, Geoff persevered to the end. He continued to sail, drive sporty cars and ride his motorbikes around the Suffolk country lanes until he no longer had the strength to do so. A few years ago, he was awarded Honorary Life Membership to the RAFTRC where his target rifles had been donated. They are still in constant use and his family are delighted to see that his legacy lives on.

Geoff is dearly missed by his wife, family and friends but he continues to be an inspiration to everyone.

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0101 25m Precision GRSB

1	C Bestwick	279 6X
2	Jonny Cormie	278 5X
3	Chris Douglas	269 4X

0102 25m Precision GRCF

1	J Cormie 297	14X T
2	Dave Morrow	297 10X
3	C Douglas	295 16X

0103 25m Precision GRCF Open

Steve Lamb 290 12X

0104 25m Precision GRCF Classic

1	Neil Francis	291 13X
2	Pet Pearson	289 8X

0121 25m Precision LBP

1	Marek Pawlik	289 9X
2	A Chapman	284 5X

0122 25m Precision LBR

1	Marek Pawlik 285 11X	
2	A Chapman	281 8X

0201 25m Precision Benched GRSB

1	M Deakin	300 20X
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0202 25m Precision Benched GRCF

1	Clive Ward	299 20X
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0204 25m Precision Benched

GRCF Classic

1	Les Pearson	266 6X
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0301 50m Precision GRSB

1	Jonny Cormie	290 7X
2	Chris Douglas	289 9X
3	RL Tonner	285 9X

0302 50m Precision GRCF

1	C Douglas	281 10X
2	J Cormie	276 6X
3	Les Pearson	273 6X

0304 50m Precision GRCF Classic

1	K Kilvington	273 5X
2	Les Pearson	265 3X

0321 50m Precision LBP

1	David Gwalter	266 3X
2	Steve Lane	264 2X

0322 50m Precision LBR

1	Glenn Gordon	239 1X
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0401 50m Precision Benched GRSB

1	M Deakin	294 14X
2	L Pearson	267 10X

0402 50m Precision Benched GRCF

1	Les Pearson	268 6X
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0404 50m Precision Benched

GRCF Classic

1	Pet Pearson	270 5X
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0501 America Match GRSB

1	M Deakin	284 8X
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2	C Bestwick	280 7X
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0502 America Match GRCF

1	Peter Watts	284 6X
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0503 America Match GRCF Open

Adam Chapman	276 4X
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0504 America Match GRCF Classic

1	Peter Watts	281 9X
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0521 America Match LBP

1	A McGee	253 5X
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0701 Timed & Precision 1 GRSB

X 1	Keith Cox	300 22X T
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X 2	Jake Mossom	298 19X
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A 1	M Deakin	300 13X
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A 2	Jonny Cormie	299 21X
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A 3	RL Tonner	299 15X
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B 1	G Gough	296 10X
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B 2	Mike Hibberd	295 17X
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C 1	J Mabbitt	298 8X
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C 2	Alan Barker	290 4X
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D 1	Gareth Cooney	285 4X
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D 2	Simon Bold	264 1X
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0702 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF

X 1	Steve Lane	300 28X
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X 1	Joe Pugh	300 28X
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X 3	Keith Cox	300 26X
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A 1	Oscar Deakin	300 21X
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A 2	Peter Keegan	300 20X
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A 3	Stuart Russell	300 20X
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B 1	J Mabbitt	300 17X
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B 2	Ian Webb	299 15X
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C 1	Julian Fox	299 19X
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C 2	G Trimmer	299 6X
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D 1	J McDonagh	281 10X
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0703 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF

Open

1	A Chapman	300 21X
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0704 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF

Classic

1	K Kilvington	300 22X
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2	G Betteridge	300 20X
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3	A Podevin	300 17X
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0721 Timed & Precision 1 LBP Open

X 1	David Gwalter	300 23X
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X 2	Peter Watts	300 20X
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3	L Townsend	300 15X
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A 1	C Horner	298 17X
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A 2	RL Tonner	298 15X
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A 3	Jim Smith	297 10X
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B 1	Amiel Gardiner	296 6X
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B 2	Julian Fox	292 12X
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0722 Timed & Precision 1 LBR Open

X 1	L Townsend	296 13X
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A 1	Nigel Porter	293 6X
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A 2	Mick Tedesco	292 9X
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A 3	Jim Smith	292 6X
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B 1	Scott Lyon	289 12X
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0724 Timed & Precision 1 LBP

Iron Sights

1	Alan Podevin	294 11X
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0725 Timed & Precision 1 LBR

Iron Sights

1	Alan Podevin	293 6X
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2	Neil Jones	293 6X
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0731 Timed & Precision 1 SGM

1	Rob Sanders	286 6X
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0735 Timed & Precision 1 SGM

1	James Harris	298 15X
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2	Rob Sanders	297 15X
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0736 Timed & Precision 1 SGSA

1	A Chapman	299 16X
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2	P Matthews	297 20X
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3	Tim Jemmett	295 16X
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0737 Timed & Precision 1 SG Classic

1	Rob Sanders	297 16X
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0901 Timed & Precision 2 GRSB

X	Jake Mossom	583 29X
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A 1	Scott Lyon	572 20X
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B 1	Alan Barker	573 13X
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0902 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF

A 1	Steve Lamb	594 24X
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B	Leslie Kong	569 16X
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0921 Timed & Precision 2 LBP

X 1	Peter Watts	583 20X
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A 1	RJ Tonner	583 22X
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1021 Timed & Precision 3 LBP

1	Neil Francis	245
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1022 Timed & Precision 3 LBR

1	Jim Smith	236
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1101 Multi-Target GRSB X]

1	Jonny Cormie	117 17X
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X 2	Jake Mossom	117 15X
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X 3	Scott Lyon	116 16X
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A 1	Oscar Deakin	114 12X
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A 2	Keith Cox	113 11X
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A 2	R L Tonner	113 11X
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B 1	Mike Hibberd	102 5X
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C 1	PMcGuinness	106 2X
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C 2	J McDonagh	104 7X
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D 1	Mark Whelan	91 3X
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1102 Multi-Target GRCF

X 1	C Douglas	120 19X T
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X 2	G Betteridge	118 17X
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X 3	Steve Lane	118 14X
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A 1	David Hackett	116 18X
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A 2	C Horner	116 14X
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B 1	Mike Hibberd	114 11X
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C 1	Julian Fox	115 10X
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C 2	Andy Wiggins	114 6X
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D 1	J Mabbitt	113 5X
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1104 Multi-Target GRCF Classic

1	Alan Podevin	118 15X
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2	G Betteridge	116 10X
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3	Peter Watts	112 10X
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1121 Multi-Target LBP Open

X 1	David Gwalter	119 20X
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X 2	Dave Morrow	118 14X
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X 3	Steve Lane	115 12X
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A 1	G Betteridge	109 12X
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A 2	Steve Jordan	109 6X
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A 3	Charlie Horner	106 9X
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B 1	Kevin Mayo	103 4X
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B 2	John Bibby	103 3X
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1122 Multi-Target LBR Open

X 1	Marek Pawlik	111 8X
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X 2	Jim Smith	109 9X
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A 1	Leslie Kong	103 5X
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A 2	Robert Illius	102 6X
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B 1	Graeme Dodds	97 3X
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1124 Multi-Target LBP Iron Sights

1	Alan Podevin	109 7X
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1125 Multi-Target LBR Iron Sights

1	Alan Podevin	105 6X
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2	Peter Keegan	104 7X
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1135 Multi-Target SGM

1	Rob Sanders	111 6X
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1136 Multi-Target SGSA

1	A Chapman	113 8X
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2	Tim Jemmett	110 14X
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3	Rob Sanders	110 7X
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1301 Phoenix A GRSB

X 1	Gary Bowden	189 18X
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X 2	Jake Mossom	188 17X
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A 1	A Gardiner	180 18X
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B 1	R Goldsworthy	157 3X
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1302 Phoenix A GRCF

X 1	Chris Douglas	197 25X
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A 1	L Townsend	185 16X
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B 1	Tomasz Dolski	180 6X
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1304 Phoenix A GRCF Classic

RESULTS

A 2 Joe Pugh 1483 100X	1 Steve Lane 480 39X	1 K Csoz 268 15X	2 S Doyle 50 8V 50 4V
B 1 Steve Lamb 1483 97X	2 Neil Francis 479 40X	2101 Speed Steel Challenge GRSB	3 D McGill 50 7V 50 5V
C 1 Philip Bond 1473 81X	3 Dave Morrow 479 34X	1 Chris West 23.91 T	6590 McQueen Issued Rifle
1503 1500 GRCF Open 1780	1822 WA48 LBR	2 Steve Jordan 24.17	1 Simon Walker 50 3V
Lance Peltz 1458 70X	1 M van Dalen 472 23X	3 Gary Bowden 25.22	2 Jason Baker 50 2V
1504 1500 GRCF Classic	2 Marek Pawlik 464 22X	2102 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF	Individual Aggregates
1 Chris West 1478 77X	1901 Advancing Target GRSB	1 Arthur Hughes 42.57	National Champion – GRSB
1521 1500 LBP	X 1 Joe Pugh 296 43X	2 Lara Bestwick 48.45	1 J Cormie 2191 146X T
X 1 Neil Francis 1484 80X	X 2 Chris West 295 36X	2103 Speed Steel Challenge	2 J Mossom 2185 133X
X 2 S Foskett 1480 72X	A 1 Gail Podevin 266 20X	GRCF Open	3 RL Tonner 2169 124X
A 1 RJ Tonner 1468 53X	B 1 A Roberts 268 18X	Jim Dodd 47.38	National Champion – GRCF
B John Bibby 1368 35X	B 2 M Hibberd 267 22X	2104 Speed Steel Challenge	1 C Douglas 2189 139X T
1522 1500 LBR Open	C 1 P McGuinness 281 28X	GRCF Classic	2 J Cormie 2179 146X
X 1 J Robinson 1452 52X	C 2 E Gadd-Chapman 271 11X	1 Mark Harvey 61.58	3 G Betteridge 2170 125X
A 1 Nigel Porter 1433 39X	C 3 T Offen 270 22X	2121 Speed Steel Challenge LBP	National Champion – LBP
B John Bibby 1302 20X	D 1 Ian Perkins 255 12X	1 Steve Jordan 28.18	1 S Lane 2042 120X T
1524 1500 LBP Iron Sights	D 2 Simon Bold 239 11X	2 Sonny Bayly 28.26	2 G Gordon 2029 103X
Steve Lamb 1410 39X	1902 Advancing Target GRCF	3 Marek Pawlik 32.71	3 D Gwalter 2017 142X
1525 1500 LBR Iron Sights	X 1 Gary Bowden 180 26X	2122 Speed Steel Challenge LBR	National Champion – LBR
1 C Pannell 1436 42X	X 2 M Deakin 178 26X	1 Alan Barker 38.96	1 G Gordon 1971 72X T
1601 1020 GRSB	A 1 Chris West 178 22X	2 Jim Dodd 39.06	2 N Jones 1878 54X
X 1 Joe Pugh 1018 67X	B 1 Oscar Deakin 179 24X	3335 NRA Embassy Cup SGM	3 J Bibby 1758 29X
X 2 Chris West 1016 74X	B 2 T Dolski 179 22X	1 Glenn Isaacs 117	National Champion – Target
A 1 A Chapman 1012 73X	C 1 Julian Fox 173 18X	3336 NRA Embassy Cup SGSA	Shotgun 2987
A 2 A Gardiner 1009 64X	D 1 Scott Lyon 173 18X	1 Tim Jemmett 118	A Chapman 412 24X T
1602 1020 GRCF	D 2 A Wiggins 173 14X	2 Glenn Isaacs 118	Precision Aggregate – Rifle 2055
X 1 P Keegan 1017 64X	1903 Advancing Target GRCF Open	3501 Mini-Rifle	J Cormie 1141 32X T
A 1 Joe Pugh 1019 72X	1 Maria Bartlett 165 16X	1 Tom Ellaway 100%	Precision Aggregate – Handgun
B 1 Leslie Kong 1009 61X	1904 Advancing Target GRCF	2 Jim Starley 97.02%	G Gordon 1047 10X T
1604 1020 GRCF Classic	Classic	3 Kelvin Leaton 89.24%	Short Events Aggregate – Rifle 2055
1 K Kilvington 1018 66X	1 K Kilvington 179 32X	6380 200m Any Full-Bore Rifle	J Cormie 1297 125X T
1621 1020 LBP	2 Alan Podevin 178 25X	1 Bill Ellis 158 T	Short Events – Handgun 1837
X 1 D Gwalter 1019 80X	3 M Tedesco 171 10X	6381 200m Service Rifle A pre	M Pawlik 1172 82X T
X 2 G Gordon 1014 59X	1921 Advancing Target LBP Open	1955	1500 Aggregate – Rifle
A 1 G Trimmer 992 32X	X 1 Steve Jordan 180 22X	1 Bill Ellis 131 T	C West 2976 198X T
B 1 Julian Fox 982 30X	X 2 L Townsend 179 25X	6382 200m Service Rifle B pre	1500 Aggregate – Handgun
1622 1020 LBR	A 1 D Gwalter 179 28X	1955	G Gordon 2916 132X T
X G Gordon 986 44X	A 2 Ash Dagger 176 19X	Bill Ellis 104 T	Bianchi Aggregate – Rifle
A 1 Lance Peltz 992 40X	A 3 J Mabbitt 175 20X	6383 200m Service Rifle Open	D Morrow 3696 286X
B 1 G Trimmer 960 15X	B 1 L Bestwick 167 10X	pre 1955	Bianchi Aggregate – Handgun
1701 Bianchi GRSB	B 2 Mark Luther 160 9X	Bill Ellis 107	J Dodd 3611 216X
X Mel Beard 1855 126X	B 3 Owain Evans 159 6X	6392 200m Service Rifle post	Shotgun Aggregate – Pump Action
A 1 D Morrow 1822 139X	1922 Advancing Target LBR Open	1955 svc optic	Rob Sanders 408 21X
B 1 A Roberts 1538 89X	X 1 Marek Pawlik 174 15X	1 Bill Ellis 158	Shotgun Aggregate – Semi-Auto
1702 Bianchi GRCF	A 1 G Trimmer 173 18X	2 Peter Cottrell 148	A Chapman 412 24X
X D Morrow 1874 147X	A 2 G Gordon 170 18X	6501 McQueen GRSB	
A 1 G Bowden 1875 138X	B 1 M Tedesco 160 16X	X 1 M Zaremba 50 9V 50 9V	HOME COUNTRIES
B L Hinds 1397 56X	B 2 Ciaran Lennon 150 8X	X 2 N Jackson 50 8V 50 6V	NATIONAL MATCHES
1704 Bianchi GRCF Classic 1990	1924 Advancing Target LBP Iron	A 1 A Jubber 50 8V 50 8V	Long-Barrelled Pistol
Chris West 1863 131X	Sights	A 2 Ian Perkins 50 3V	1 England 1642 106X
1721 Bianchi LBP	1 Alan Podevin 172 17X	B 1 T Jubber 50 6V 48 0V	Steve Lane, Lee
A 1 D Morrow 1850 139X	2 Jim Smith 163 9X	B 2 J Derenne 46 0V	Townsend, David Guest,
B 1 G Bowden 1744 113X	1925 Advancing Target LBR Iron	6507 McQueen Issued GRSB	Charlie Horner, Morné
1722 Bianchi LBR	Sights	1 J Baker 50 8V 50 8V	van Dalen
X M Beard 1890 132X T	1 Alan Podevin 175 17X	2 N Jackson 50 8V 50 7V	Long-Barrelled Revolver
A Jim Dodd 1726 108X	2 Chris Pannell 164 13X	3 G Morgan 50 7V 49 3V	1 England 1577 48X
B 1 A Hughes 1598 81X	2001 Advancing Target	6580 McQueen	J Smith, A Podevin, C
1821 WA48 LBP	Benched GRSB	1 S Walker 50 9V 50 4V T	Pannell, N Jones, S Lamb

Gallery Rifle		2 R Wheeler	450.67	1 Colin Hudson	294 17X	0722 Timed & Precision 1 LBR Open	
1 Scotland	3297 223X	3 A Defreitas	442.36	2 Gary Bowden	289 8X	X 1 Marek Pawlik	298 16X
2 England	3285 224X	Service Optic B Class		0302 50m Precision GRCF		A 1 Sonny Bayly	299 8X
3 Wales	3199 165X	1 S Bulmer	453.78	1 Chris West	275 6X	A 2 Ian Archer	295 11X
HANDGUN LEAGUE		2 D Wylde	447.67	0303 50m Precision GRCF Open		B 1 David Hackett	293 9X
LBP Open		3 D Moran	440.67	1 Colin Hudson	286 7X	0724 Timed & Precision 1 LBP	
1 T Gardener	100.00%	Practical Optic X Class		0304 50m Precision GRCF Classic		Iron Sights	
2 B Parkhouse	75.28%	1 C Hudson	480.29	1 Neil Francis	262 5X	1 M Reynolds	295 10X
3 Paul Nicol	73.06%	2 O Dunn	478.37	0321 50m Precision LBP		2 Jim Smith	289 8X
LBP Standard		3 M Eustance	472.21	1 Steve Lane	258 2X	0725 Timed & Precision 1 LBR	
1 James Harris	81.33%	Practical Optic A Class		0322 50m Precision LBR		Iron Sights	
2 Tim Gardener	75.00%	1 C Vale	461.24	Ciaran Lennon	129 0X	1 Dave Berry	295 11X
3 Alex Florance	62.44%	2 M Adams	450.50	0401 50m Precision Benched GRSB		2 Alan Podevin	293 10X
LBR		3 M Lawton	446.64	1 Mike Reynolds	283 4X	3 David Harris	288 7X
1 Sonny Bayly	76.06%	Practical Optic B Class		0402 50m Precision Benched GRCF		0731 Timed & Precision 1 SGMB	
2 Tim Gardener	75.00%	1 G Gordon	466.67	Clive Ward	281 6X	1 Rob Sanders	293 8X
3 Paul Nicol	69.21%	2 J Day	442.22	0501 America Match GRSB		0735 Timed & Precision 1 SGM	
MINI RIFLE LEAGUE		3 G Stead	425.97	1 Colin Hudson	294 10X	1 Rob Sanders	296 15X
1 Duncan Roe	85.56%	E-LEAGUE TO DATE		0502 America Match GRCF		2 J Stevenson	295 12X
2 Kelvin Leaton	83.88%	GR&P GRSB		1 Steve Lamb	286 11X	0736 Timed & Precision 1 SGSA	
3 Tom Ellaway	81.94%	1 P McGuinness	438.11	0503 America Match GRCF Open		1 Paul Cooney	298 14X
SHOTGUN LEAGUE		2 V Greenall	433.12	Colin Hudson	276 6X	2 P Matthews	298 9X
Open		3 Adam Brown	380.3	0504 America Match GRCF Classic		3 T Jemmett	297 18X
1 L Bowditch	90.57%	GR&P GRSB		1 K Kilvington	281 7X	0737 Timed & Precision 1 SG	
2 P Matthews	78.31%	1 P McGuinness	438.11	0521 America Match LBP		Classic	
3 O Bloomfield	71.44%	2 V Greenall	433.12	1 Steve Lane	280 6X	1 Rob Sanders	297 14X
Standard		3 Adam Brown	380.3	0701 Timed & Precision 1 GRSB		0901 Timed & Precision 2 GRSB	
1 R Lawson	75.68%	GR&P LBP		X 1 K Kilvington	299 19X	A 1 A Gardiner	587 15X
2 James Harris	67.99%	1 C Gilmore	381.7	A 1 Ian Archer	300 24X	B 1 Jacky Lamb	558 8X
3 B Horner	66.76%	GR&P LBR		A 2 M Reynolds	300 18X	0902 Timed & Precision 2 GRCF	
Standard Manual		1 C Gilmore	325.2	B 1 Stuart Russell	297 8X	X 1 Peter Keegan	591 27X
1 Glenn Isaacs	91.66%	CSR Service Optic		B 2 Fraser Hay	294 10X	A 1 Philip Bond	591 29X
2 Jim Whiting	88.90%	1 M Wilkinson	95.0	C 1 Matt Greenall	295 10X	B M Reynolds	580 23X
3 Steve Cox	81.82%	AUTUMN ACTION WEEKEND		C 2 James Dodds	290 9X	0921 Timed & Precision 2 LBP	
CSR LEAGUE TO DATE		2023		D 1 Andy Kitchener	279 6X	X Peter Watts	575 20X
Historic X Class		0101 25m Precision GRSB		0702 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF		A Dave Berry	528 20X
1 J Gray	431.71	1 Colin Hudson	290 5X	X 1 Ian Archer	300 26X	0922 Timed & Precision 2 LBR	
Historic A Class		2 Mark Wallace	282 6X	X 2 K Kilvington	300 25X	Dave Berry	564 13X
1 M Standage	464.02	0102 25m Precision GRCF		A 1 M van Dalen	300 14X	1021 Timed & Precision 3 LBP	
2 M Rigby	314.78	1 Ian Archer	296 19X	A 2 Stuart Russell	299 23X	1 Ian Archer	248
3 J Mcaree	251.02	2 L Townsend	292 12X	B 1 T Dolski	299 18X	2 Chris West	247
Iron X Class		0103 25m Precision GRCF Open		B 2 Ian Webb	299 14X	1022 Timed & Precision 3 LBR	
1 A Cattell	369.23	Colin Hudson	299 22X	C 1 J Cooper	300 14X	1 Ian Archer	230
2 W Daysh	136.41	0104 25m Precision GRCF Classic		D 1 J McDonagh	282 6X	1101 Multi-Target GRSB	
Iron A Class		1 K Kilvington	291 14X	0703 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF		X 1 Steve Lane	116 13X
1 B Ellis	500.00	0121 25m Precision LBP		Open		A 1 M Stewart	116 8X
2 S Meredith	415.84	1 Steve Lane	290 10X	1 James Dodds	298 16X	B 1 P McGuinness	108 8X
3 R England	404.34	2 Marek Pawlik	279 8X	0704 Timed & Precision 1 GRCF		B 2 Fraser Hay	107 6X
Service Optic X Class		0122 25m Precision LBR		Classic		C 1 Gio Lowen	104 5X
1 N Greenaway	494.31	1 Lee Townsend	279 5X	1 Peter Watts	300 21X	C 2 Simon Finch	103 8X
2 A Chapman	491.65	0201 25m Precision Benched GRSB		2 Alan Podevin	300 17X	D 1 Martin Haynes	91 5X
3 R Wade	479.05	1 M Reynolds	300 23X	3 K Kilvington	299 19X	1102 Multi-Target GRCF	
Service Optic A Class		2 Simon Finch	294 11X	0721 Timed & Precision 1 LBP Open		X 1 M van Dalen	118 16X
1 G Lavandera	455.63	0202 25m Precision Benched GRCF		X 1 Steve Lane	299 22X	X 2 K Kilvington	118 15X
		Clive Ward	298 18X	A 1 Ian Archer	300 16X	A 1 Peter Keegan	116 12X
		0301 50m Precision GRSB		A 2 A Mcgee	295 12X	B 1 Jacky Lamb	111 8X
				B 1 Julian Fox	296 15X	C Tomasz Dolski	104 9X
				B 2 Ian Webb	291 8X	D 1 Paul Bennett	102 4X

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1103 Multi-Target GRCF Open G Thomas 111 10X	1504 1500 GRCF Classic 1990 Chris West 1472 87X	D 1 Paul Jebson 177 21X	2 David Ashcroft 80.69%
1104 Multi-Target GRCF Classic 1 Alan Podevin 116 18X 2 Matt Greenall 113 7X	1521 1500 LBP X 1 Neil Francis 1486 76X A 1 T Garwood 1473 82X	1903 Advancing Target GRCF Open 1 Mark Harvey 1 69 20X	3 Paul Nicol 76.78%
1121 Multi-Target LBP Open X 1 Lee Townsend 116 7X A 1 Sonny Bayly 113 16X A 2 Steve Jordan 112 14X B 1 Julian Fox 1 06 7X	B 1 D Nicholson 1455 61X 1522 1500 LBR Open X J Robinson 1356 31X A 1 Nigel Porter 1401 36X B Mark Harris 1309 43X	1904 Advancing Target GRCF Classic 1 K Kilvington 179 32X 2 Alan Podevin 179 26X 3 Peter Watts 178 28X	3522 Practical Revolver (Open) 1 Tim Gardener 100% 2 Sonny Bayly 79.30%
1122 Multi-Target LBR Open X 1 M van Dalen 108 10X A 1 Dave Berry 106 7X B 1 Chris Barnett 90 2X	1525 1500 LBR Iron Sights 1 C Pannell 1409 34X 1601 1020 GRSB X Chris West 1019 85X A 1 A Gardiner 1014 67X A 2 P Cooney 1011 60X B 1 Bill Ellis 990 34X	1921 Advancing Target LBP Open X 1 W Mickiewicz 178 27X X 2 L Townsend 178 24X A 1 J Cooper 176 20X A 2 Paul Cooney 171 14X B 1 GFielding 172 19X B 2 D Nicholson 168 10X	3524 Practical Pistol (Standard Iron) 1 Tim Gardener 100% 2 Alex Florance 70.44%
1124 Multi-Target LBP Iron Sights 1 Steve Lane 105 5X	1602 1020 GRCF X 1 Chris West 1020 87X A 1 Taff Wilcox 1000 78X B 1 S Russell 1011 67X	1922 Advancing Target LBR Open X 1 W Mickiewicz 178 18X A 1 Ian Archer 170 16X A 2 Jim Dodd 164 11X B 1 Mark Harris 160 10X	6301 200m GRSB 1 Vyv Greenall 135
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1304 Phoenix A GRCF Classic 1 Peter Watts 194 28X 2 K Kilvington 191 18X	1901 Advancing Target GRSB X 1 Chris West 292 41X A 1 M Reynolds 291 30X A 2 Paul Cooney 283 25X B 1 Timothy Offen 279 21X C 1 Paul Jebson 277 23X C 2 J Cooper 275 27X D 1 Ollie Charlton 262 13X D 2 Kane Evans 248 11X D 3 R Beckett 246 14X	2012 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	6382 200m Service Rifle B pre 1955 Bill Ellis 90
1321 Phoenix A LBP X 1 Steve Lane 193 24X A Stuart Russell 168 4X B 1 Chris Barnett 171 11X	1902 Advancing Target GRCF X 1 Ian Archer 180 32X X 2 David Guest 180 27X A 1 Chris West 179 22X B 1 Jacky Lamb 164 24X C 1 J Cooper 176 20X	2013 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	6392 200m Service Rifle post 1955 svc optic 1 Bill Ellis 164 2 O Ferneyhough 134
1322 Phoenix A LBR X 1 Lee Townsend 177 7X B Robert Illius 165 12X	1903 Advancing Target GRCF Open X 1 Neil Francis 1486 76X A 1 T Garwood 1473 82X	2014 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Peter Matthews 118 2 David Dawson 117 3 Martin Harper 114	6501 McQueen GRSB X 1 M Zaremba 50 9V 50 8V X 2 D McGill 50 9V 50 7V X 3 A Jubber 50 8V 50 8V A 1 David Robson 50 5V A 2 Timothy Offen 50 3V B 1 Ash Dagger 49 1V B 2 Gary Nicholls 48 1V B 3 Jeremy Derenne 47 2V
1501 1500 GRSB X 1 Chris West 1485 102X A 1 Mel Beard 1476 86X B 1 Ian Archer 1469 97X B 2 A Gardiner 1467 86X C 1 Jacky Lamb 1372 56X D Gio Lowen 1389 33X	1904 Advancing Target GRCF Classic 1 K Kilvington 179 32X 2 Alan Podevin 179 26X 3 Peter Watts 178 28X	2015 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	6507 McQueen Issued GRSB 1 M Zaremba 50 8V 50 8V 1 P Woods 50 8V 50 8V 3 T Offen 50 7V 50 7V
1502 1500 GRCF X 1 J Robinson 1496 117X A 1 P Keegan 1486 95X B 1 Ian Archer 1491 114X C 1 Philip Bond 1477 85X D S Bowden 1458 73X	1905 Advancing Target GRCF X 1 W Mickiewicz 178 27X X 2 L Townsend 178 24X A 1 J Cooper 176 20X A 2 Paul Cooney 171 14X B 1 GFielding 172 19X B 2 D Nicholson 168 10X	2016 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	6580 McQueen 1 S Walker 50 6V 50 5V 2 K Bright 50 6V 50 0V 3 C Shorthouse 50 5V 50 3V
	1906 Advancing Target LBR Open X 1 W Mickiewicz 178 18X A 1 Ian Archer 170 16X A 2 Jim Dodd 164 11X B 1 Mark Harris 160 10X	2017 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	6590 McQueen Issued Rifle 1 Simon Walker 50 6V 2 M Zaremba 50 5V 42 2V 3 Nigel Jackson 50 4V
	1907 Advancing Target LBP Iron Sights 1 T Garwood 174 16X 2 M Reynolds 172 19X	2018 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	
	1908 Advancing Target LBR Iron Sights 1 Alan Podevin 170 20X 2 Chris Pannell 167 13X	2019 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	
	2001 Advancing Target Benched GRSB 1 Gio Lowen 296 41X	2020 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	
	2010 Advancing Target LBR Iron Sights 1 Arwel Roberts 20.84 2 Steve Jordan 21.20 3 James Dodds 23.54	2021 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	
	2011 Advancing Target LBP GRSB 1 James Dodds 38.33	2022 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	
	2012 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	2023 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	
	2013 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Gary Bowden 44.33	2024 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	
	2014 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Classic 1 Peter Matthews 118 2 David Dawson 117 3 Martin Harper 114	2025 Speed Steel Challenge GRCF Open 1 P Jendrzewski 51.45	
	3521 Practical Pistol (Open) 1 Tim Gardener 100%		

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MESSAGE 10



Full name:
Steve & Jacky Lamb
Age: 62

How did you get into shooting and at what age?

Steve first used any kind of firearm as a child at around 10 years old in the garden of a friend shooting his .177 air rifle. Later he started shooting .22 and .303 SMLE rifles as part of the Combined Cadet Force at secondary school. After graduating, the company he worked for had a Rifle and Pistol Club and shot there for many years and was Club Secretary for about 15 of them. It was in this Club that he first shot pistols. Jacky came to pistol shooting much later. She was happy shooting gallery rifle and was put off pistol shooting by the inherent difficulty. After some years of frustration, her perseverance has paid off and she is now being drawn into pistol shooting as well.

What is the most memorable moment in your career?

For Steve shooting in Sweden for the first formal GB Handgun Team in August would be very hard to beat. For Jacky, it was completing her first Pistol 1500 at the Austrian Open in September.

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

Shooting Pistols and Revolvers is very difficult for people based in the UK, due to the restrictions in place on these types of firearms. Whilst practising with iron sighted LBP's and LBR's is beneficial, and indicative of underlying capability, it must be augmented by practice with the actual firearms that will be shot in competition. That practice and the competitions themselves are always overseas.

With the support of the BDMP in Germany and a lot of groundwork, SLG Bisley has

now been incorporated as a formal e.V. (German registered "not for profit" limited organisation) and holds its own firearms licence and firearms. It runs training days and supports competition entry. Members are also able to use the SLG Bisley firearms in the WA1500 (World Association 1500) competitions in the EU and local competitions in Jersey.

Whilst that addressed the problem of access to firearms, Brexit (and the loss of European Arms Passes) meant they couldn't travel with firearms or ammunition in the EU. After a lot of work, this has also been overcome. The process is complex, but we have also established a way for UK FAC holders to obtain the permits needed to bring UK firearms and ammunition to Germany through France and Belgium.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

Our friends in the BDMP have inspired us to pursue our sport abroad by welcoming us into their association, initially lending us firearms and ammunition at competitions, and later giving us support to establish SLG Bisley as a German Club. The friendship of our wider community in the WA1500 countries inspires us to do so much travel.

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

We would not be able to live as we do if we were not both shooters and both involved with running the clubs and the competitions. Mutual support is fundamental, as is the understanding of our wider families.

What sort of music do you listen to?

Our musical tastes are somewhat diverse, but we have a shared passion for Deep Purple.

What Club are you a member of?

For pistol shooting, our main club is SLG Bisley e.V, where Steve is currently the Chairman and Jacky is the secretary. We shoot throughout the year in Germany at Leitmar and in other EU countries such as Sweden, Holland, Czech Republic, and Austria.

In the UK, we are members of Aldershot RPC, the NRA and, after our recent house move, 1066 RPC in Hastings. Steve is also a member of Patcham RPC.

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

Germany!



How has Bisley and the NRA influenced you?

The NRA and Bisley bring together what otherwise would be separate disciplines and geographically widespread people and clubs. We would not have met most of our friends in the UK shooting world without the trips to Bisley. The NRA support of the GB Handgun Team and the development of the new Handgun Skills Course coming next year are both encouraging developments.

What do you do in your free time?

When we travel, we also go sightseeing and have trips out with our friends there. We are also happy to borrow dogs to go out walking, as our travel does not allow us to own one.

Do you have any pre-competition routines?

Our competition preparation usually starts with a cross channel trip and we challenge each other to guess what we've forgotten. Despite Steve's best efforts to be well prepared, before shooting he asks his fellow competitors to tell him what he's forgotten. They run through a list and he often then goes back to the car to collect the missing items. Wearing the wrong glasses is a favourite mistake of his, but he has been on the line without ammunition. For pistol shooting Jacky enters a lot less competitions than Steve and has the benefit of the wider community for help with preparation.

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

We believe that the key to getting a good start in our sport is to join a well-run Club with a wide range of disciplines to try and people who can train and inspire you. If you don't have a local club, then the NRA provide skills courses across the disciplines.

So, what Next?

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