

The Bristol bullet-in

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Editorial

Thank you to the twenty members that turned out for the maintenance day on 9th. July. You are sworn to secrecy not to tell the wives and partners of the skills shown by some members that are often found to be in short supply in the domestic setting. **Well done everyone our range is looking a lot better!**

The Chief Range Officer has also been putting in a lot of effort on our behalf and has had contractors in to finish painting the ranges and tidying up the lower car park—very smart. **Well done!**

Sunday 30th. July the smart new Hamilton Range was bustling, with a whole page full of 20 visitors on the range sheet including lots of youngsters, **a great sight!**

I get the feeling that there seemed to be a lot of people having fun and that's what it's. Was there a future Olympic contender amongst them?

Welcome to two new Probationary Members this month, from Weston super Mare. They are both leaders with the Army Cadets and are no strangers to shooting—I get the feeling they may be wanting to get more practice in so the Cadets don't show them up! **Welcome to you both.**

The date has been set for the visit to Warminster Small Arms Collection—see below for more details

The club has been lucky enough, courtesy of the Competition Secretary, to be allocated 20 places for

the firepower demonstration next June on Salisbury Plain. I believe this is well worth the effort—more details nearer the time but suffice to say it will be first come first served so if you are interested speak to the Competition Secretary soon.

Lastly a short reminder that the summer is not over until August Bank Holiday and that brings the 1500 and Bianchi National Championships at Bisley. All kinds of Gallery Rifle matches and also some Full Bore Rifle at short and medium range. Let's see the club can bring some medals home to the West Country again on Saturday/Sunday 27th./28th. August 2006.

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Annual Barbecue Failand Ranges

Sunday 3rd. September 2006

There will be a free barbecue for all members at the Failand Range on Sunday 3rd. September 2006.

Shooting will cease at one o'clock and lunch will be served shortly afterwards.

Bring along your camp seat, a bottle of lemonade (or something stronger in moderation) and enjoy an outdoor luncheon.

Lets keep our fingers crossed for some fine weather that weekend.

See you there?

Forthcoming events

visit to small arms collection warminster

The date set with the Army for the club day out to Warminster Small Arms Collection is **Thursday 24th. August.** Arrival time at Warminster is 1 p.m.

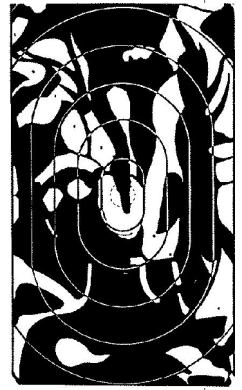
Please put you name on the list in the Hamilton Range notice board if you are in-

terested. You should include a contact telephone number and your vehicle registration (Army security).

If you could arrange to share cars that would be great as there is only limited parking at Warminster for private vehicles.

To aid upkeep of the collection the Army are charging £5 per head for the visit, cheap at twice the price.

Thanks to the Competition Secretary for arranging the visit, definitely one for the diary. More next month!



Gallery rifle part 2—the “shorts”

Last time we took an overview of gallery rifle shooting, this month we will examine more closely the “Short Events”, matches that obviously do not take very long.

The first two matches are what used to be called the Police Pistol (PP) Matches, and are now known as timed and precision (T&P). The T&P 1 is more correctly precision and timed with 12 shots precision shots at 25 metres being fired first. Then come the timed exposures at 15 and 10 metres. 30 shots in all and a course of fire that will be familiar to many and is included in the Greg Patterson Aggregate. I think T&P 1 is a great place to start and remains a firm favourite shooters 138 GRCF and 90 GRSB entries in this the T&P 1 at this years Phoenix Meeting at Bisley in May.

The second match (T&P 2) is slightly more complicated with kneeling, sitting and standing (left and right shoulder) shooting at 25 and 50 metres (that's 24 shots at each distance). 50 metres is where the magnification offered by a scope starts to count. Oh! I forgot to tell you it's against the clock and you only get 3 minutes at 50 metres and 2 minutes at 25. The T&P 2 also has a rapid stage, with six shots in 8 seconds (shot twice) at 10 metres just to interrupt your rhythm at the start of the event. A total of sixty shots in all. The match and is a great next step after the T&P 1 that fully stretches shooters.

The full courses of fire for T&P 1 and 2 are on the reverse of this months calendar.

Both events are shot on a disruptive pattern target that stands about five feet high and 18 inches wide—sorry I'm not metric yet. The scoring goes from 10 down to 5 with possible maximum scores of 300 for the T&P 1 and 600 for the T&P 2. The target for the GRSB event is **half size** and provides a real challenge. All three T&P 1 matches (GRCF, GRSB and LBR) have recorded maximum scores, T&P 2 maximum scores achieved are 595 (GRCF), 596 (GRSB) and 590 (new LBR record 2006).

Next time we will examine the other “short” events, the Service Matches and the Advancing Target.

—Happy Shooting!

Letters to the editor what the shooters think!

I need to start off this month with an apology, I re-named **Ed Skuse** in the last edition, sorry about that—more concentration necessary during the proof reading!

I notice that members have started using the wall planner to show when they intent to shoot (other than a Sunday). It is good to see that use is being made of the light nights to get in some extra practice and to enjoy the lovely summers evenings.

I have had a couple of offers of help with the web site from members,

thanks very much guys! It seems like a good time to get the cameras out and take some pictures of the range looking so good in the fine weather. I look forward to seeing the results of your artistic endeavors. A senior club member has also let me have some old photographs for the history bit of the Web Site, you may soon find a youthful image of yourself circulated world wide—with your permission of course.

Finally another member with a passion for the unusual asks if you can look over you old stock for 45 acp and 45 autorim cases and any lead or jack-

eted .452 bullets and a sizing die in the same calibre. He is also on the lookout for half or full moon clips for 38 special and 148 grain HBWC. We can help keep his heritage collection going by turning out our cupboards. Kind of nostalgic this sort of thing, isn't it? If you are just starting to reload he also has a Lee Challenger press for sale at £15 and a turret model for £25. Phone Dave on 01275 373652, or see him on the range most Sundays.

Keep in touch!

Club news what went on at committee?

Now that we have the range is tip top condition the Committee request that we **all** keep it that way. Already there are signs of black powder fouling on the range floor in the Hamilton. The toilets have been unblocked—please take care what you put down there. Don't put clays in the sand we are only approved to shoot **targets**.

The Chief Range Officer, requests that tables are not slid across the new floor

surfaces and teabags not thrown at the walls, quote, **“the range is to be kept in good order and I am not prepared to run around after you lot any longer”**.

There is still more work to be carried out and if members won't turn out for work parties then shooting will be delayed until essential works have been completed, **including weekends!**

Do remember the bottom car park is

for Disabled and Committee Members only. The Committee will deal with any infringement of club rules or damage to club property.

Have some pride in your facilities, they are first class and we are very lucky to have access to them, if we don't look after them then the annual subscriptions will have to rise to make sure we continue to keep them up to scratch.

The Committee