

# The Bristol bullet-in

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## Editorial

The Committee would like to welcome two new probationer members to the club.

One from Bristol, is an established shooter and FAC holder with previous military experience. Interestingly he is a painter and decorator so he may be worth getting to know! Welcome!

The other is a former club member who left the club to follow his youthful instincts about ten years ago. Now he has settled down with a family he wants to get back into shooting again, he has just been granted his first FAC so welcome back!

This is continuing good news on membership, I think this must be the sixth

newsletter in a row that we have welcomed new joiners.

The cold and wintry weather looks as though it has set in now for a few months—so there is nothing left to do but test some new loads, zero in that rifle and get in some serious practice time so that you will be ready in the spring when the season gets going again. There are a few events coming up to keep us on our toes but in some ways I look forward to this more relaxed period after a very hectic summer and autumn. Having been selected to shoot with the Phoenix International Team in May this year and put in a pretty reasonable score, I can announce I have been selected for the squad for

the May 2007 Team so practice becomes even more crucial.

If anyone wants to have a go at competition shooting but doesn't know how to get started come and have a chat one Sunday morning (oh! and read the articles in the newsletter) - I know a bit about gallery rifle and we have plenty of members who shoot all sorts of other events who will be only too happy to help.

**Finally all the Committee would like to wish all the Membership a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.**

Keep in touch—if you would like the newsletter by e-mail let me know.

**Merry Christmas!**

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### **Christmas Clay Pigeon Shoot**

Failand Range

Tuesday 26th. Dec

The regular Boxing Day clay pigeon shoot will take place as normal this year. 10 o'clock start, be there on time. £3 entry fee, 25 birds, ammunition will be available on the range. Prizes will be on offer so why not have a go?

The event will be the December Guest Day so bring a friend. Shot-guns will be available for those who do not have one, or why not dust the cobwebs off the one at the back of the cupboard?

## Forthcoming events

December is a busy time. There is the Frome and District Pistol Club Christmas Shoot at Failand on Saturday 16th. December, all welcome. Lots of informal fun event and a random shoot using the traditional format of bring a

prize (about £5) and take a prize home. Our own Competition Secretary will be bringing along some mince pies to make the event even more festive.

If you haven't had enough on the Saturday, it is round four of the Greg Patterson

Match on Sunday 17th. December. With only three rounds to go after December your chance to win the aggregate may slip by, so remember you have to be in it to win it.

Remember the Boxing Day clay pigeon shoot as well.

# Gallery rifle part 5 advanced scoring

Gallery Rifle involves a lot of turning target shooting and it amazes me the number of targets torn in half by an obliquely striking bullet as the target turns away. It's the kind of shot that you couldn't do if you were given 1000 rounds and your life depended on it but it happens frequently in competitions. So how do you score that them?

The rule is that shots fired on the turn only count if they strike the target before the target has turned away by 45° or less. Impossible to do? Well you would think so but that schoolboys favourite, trigonometry, comes to our aid. If the bullet hole on the target is less than twice the calibre of the bullet then the target could not have turned more than 45° away from the shooter. I haven't got time for the mathematical

proof in this short article so you'll have to believe me!

The other troubling part of scoring is what do you do when you can't find all the bullet holes you should but the shooter whose target you are scoring swears he got all the shots off? Well before you refer the matter to the Range Office (as discussed last month) you first should look for clusters of holes that many bullets could have passed through. If such a cluster is present then the shooter can claim that the "missing" shots "must" have passed through the available gap and that is why they are apparently "missing".

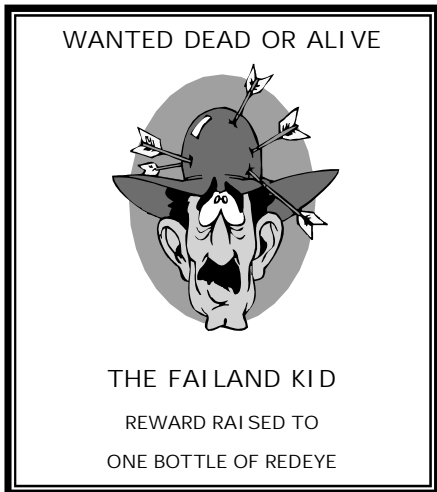
Over generous or very trusting? Well I have heard stories about shooters who "deliberately miss" the target as they have already generated a large

clustering and they don't want to chance messing up their score. Now a medal on the mantel shelf that you know you didn't deserve must be a constant reminder of ones own dishonesty and if you persist then you will eventually get caught out and you could be disqualified from the whole meeting and not just the single event you were "cheating" at!

You may think that such clustering is rare but on the short range stages and for the top shooters at longer ranges it is quite common, so they deserve the benefit of the doubt.

Next time we will look at the first two parts of the exciting action shooting Bianchi Cup event, which is becoming increasingly popular but requires some specialist range equipment.

## RETURN OF THE FAILAND KID!



It's nice to see our Competition Secretary, alias the Failand Kid (and our Competition Secretary) back on the range following a short illness, he seems to be getting back on his feet now and has asked me to let you all know that the "ornery critter" who removed his wanted poster from the Hamilton Range will soon have to pay there dues!

As we all know our Competition Secretary is an enthusiast for Western style shooting and he will be organising a Western Shoot, that's muzzle loading revolvers and lever guns yer' know, in the New Year. Western shooting is

## Members section

usually fast an furious and done at close range where having safe fun is as important as hitting the target. Western dress is optional. Watch out in the forthcoming event section for details.



"Competition Secretary in his younger days"

## Club news

We appear to have a .38 calibre woodworm in the cladding to the left of the back stop at 50m. A little cluster of them actually! Now the only way I can think they got there is by someone cross shooting—unless it was done deliberately. Members are reminded that the facilities they have access to are first class and the subscription rate is very fair. **If you wish to retain use of the facilities then shoot straight!**

## what went on at committee?

Without wishing to be accused of compulsive obsessive disorder the Committee would like to request that members keep the range clean and tidy. Members are welcome to bring snacks and packed lunches to the range and use the kitchen to make drinks but can you please dispose of any uneaten remnants properly, preferably by taking them home. This time of year there is a danger that vermin

will infest the range in search of scraps.

It does seem that when it comes to keeping things tidy it is the same few members that you see sweeping up and burning the rubbish. Please make it your business to help out. Thank you.

The Committee