

The Bristol bullet-in

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Editorial

I reported last month two new members, following on from the one in September. A good year so far for the growth of the club (and for keeping the Training Officer busy). Even more good news as we welcome two new probationary members. They are from Weston super Mare and have some previous shooting experience.

The second round of the Winter Aggregate was shot on 8th. October, with another eight entries. So far twelve shooters have taken part. I have had some appeals against the scores shown in the first round, which I have to admit may be down to my mathematics. I have sorted this out now and I have published

the scores of the first two rounds on the back of the forthcoming events calendar, enclosed with this newsletter. If you want to be in with a chance of the Trophy, to be presented at the AGM, then you have five more rounds (best three to count) between now and March 2007. Come along and have a go!

The 2006 AGM agreed the need for a Web Site for the Club and I reported recently that I had started evening classes to learn how to design one, but the course was cancelled. I am starting on another course on Wednesday 8th. November, which is good in that we may have a site by the spring, but is not so good in that I will miss about four of

five Committee Meetings. I will keep the reports coming in the newsletters as my son David (the Training Officer) is also a Committee Member.

On other matters "e", I now have eleven people in my mail shot for the newsletter so if you want to join let me know.

Please keep the messages coming, I think it is vital that members have a say in what goes on in their club. What sort of shooting activities do you want in 2007? Let me (and the readers) know ... **Ed.**

Forthcoming events

anything to do over the winter?

I suppose the National Gallery Rifle Championships at Bisley held on 28th./29th. October finally signified the end of an eventful shooting year.

What is to be done between now and March, when the Spring into Ac-

tion Match (March 2007) heralds the new season? Well lots actually. We have the ongoing club aggregate but now it's time for some housekeeping.

Those savings you have made, how are they to be invested, new equipment

or are you treating yourself to that new gun from your wish list?

I am going to try out some different loads for my new LBR and getting in some serious practice so that I can do better next year (maybe?) - **Happy shooting!**

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Christmas Fun Shoots at Bristol and District

Frome and District Pistol Club are holding a Christmas Fun Shoot on Saturday 16th. December—it is the bring a prize (about £5) and win a prize format. Bristol member are welcome to join in.

The date for the very popular Christmas clay pigeon shot has yet to be finalised—it is usually held on Boxing Day but this year with Christmas falling over the week-end things may be different. Watch out for the next newsletter when the date will be confirmed.

Gallery rifle part 4

scoring

It sounds like a strange subject to cover this month, but I think it must be the one area that shooters new to competition are most apprehensive of and fear possible embarrassment.

Firstly when is a shot "in". Not as simple as it sounds because for gallery rifle matches the shot must touch to line to score the higher value (so called inside gauging). For small bore precision rifle if it cuts the line it scores the lower value (outside gauging) and for black powder half the shot must be over the line to score the higher value. Strange but there it is.

What about scoring etiquette. If the range staff do the scoring for you, then simple, you hand over your card and they record the shots, but in most matches competitors swap cards and

score each other targets, a la stroke play golf. On most score cards all you have to do is record the number of hits on each scoring ring of the target (or targets in the case of multi-target matches). Be careful to write the hits on the right part of the card for that stage of the match and remember it is the responsibility of the shooter to check and agree the score with the marker before the card is signed and submitted. Some scorecards have two copies, one for the competitor to keep and the other for the match director to score, the so called stats (or statistics) copy.

What if you disagree with the markers decision? You can refer decisions to the chief range officer overseeing the event. It is important that you use only approved transparent overlay gauges

of the correct calibre to check shots and nothing must be pushed through bullet holes. If you are still unhappy with the decision of the chief range officer you can refer it to the match director, who must call an independent panel together to sit in judgement. The panel's decision is final. If you wish to appeal do not sign your scorecard as this is an acceptance of the score you have been given. You may be asked to sign the target face for record purposes. Don't be afraid to appeal if you think you are right, range staff will never get upset when shooters politely assert their rights.

And finally don't forget to hand those scorecards in, if you get home and find one on the back seat your score will be **nil!**

Cadet skill at arms match

I have received a letter of thanks from the Junior Air Gun Captain for all those who helped at the Cadet Skill at Arms Match, held at Failand on 22nd. October. Here are the results: -

Overall Team:

- 1st Team 'A', Nailsea Platoon,
- 2nd Team 'A', 2467 Sqn, ATC
- 3rd JAGS, BDRPC

Top Shot:

- 1st CWO was from 2467 Sqn, ATC
- 2nd L/cpl from Nailsea Platoon, ACF

3rd from JAGS, BDRPC

Sniper:

- 1st Cdt from 2467 Sqn, ATC
- 2nd Cdt from 2467 Sqn, ATC

3rd CWO from 2467 Sqn, ATC and JAGS, BDRPC

Air Rifle:

1st L/cpl Nailsea Platoon ACF and CWO 2467 Sqn ATC

3rd JAGS, BDRPC

I would like to add my thanks, on behalf of the club, to the Junior Air Gun

Captain himself, who works hard with the junior air gun sections, introducing young people to the discipline of shooting sports. Well done Mike keep it up!

Thanks also to the Competition Secretary and chief cook who once again did kitchen duty to feed the throng.

Club news

I have to say that I can hardly remember such a quite Committee Meeting as that held on 1st. November. There seemed to be nothing going on yet when I looked at my notes there is plenty of news—so must concentrate harder perhaps?

The turning targets at 50 metres have been identified as the next area for attention, it would be great if we could have them working for next season,

that would bring the range right back up to it's full and original specification.

The NRA are now the authority for range licensing with respect to civilian run ranges, that means us at Bristol and District. There should be no immediate change for established ranges but there is a slight cost implication as we have had to increase our third party liability insurance to £5 million. So our premiums are probably set to

what went on at committee?

rise, which is a bit galling considering the safety record of shooting sports.

Lastly the Committee approved the upgrading of clubs guns to have all the Ruger 10/22s triggers tuned and to be fitted with competition standard scopes. The Rossi under lever rifle will also be exchanged for a Marlin, which will also be brought up to competition standard.

The Committee