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Editorial

I was very pleased at the turnout for the first round of the Winter Aggregate, with eight shooters taking part. If I can encourage my son (the clubs safety officer) to RO a detail I may even shoot it myself.

If you still want to take part there are six more rounds before it ends in March 2007, with the best three scores in each of the three matches being aggregated to find the winner. There will also be medals for the highest aggregate in each match so there is plenty to shoot for.

You can shoot one event or have a go at all three each time—no charge just turn up and shoot.

The scores in round one will be posted on the notice

board in the Hamilton Range alongside the course of fire.

I did managed to get the e-version of the newsletter out to the ten members who have given me their e-mail address. This month I intend to get it out in a more timely fashion. It is strange to think that our most distant member, in the USA, will be amongst the first to get this months issue—such is technology!

If you have not sent me your e-mail address or have changed it recently let me know.

On other e-events I have to report that my evening class to learn how to create a web-site has been delayed until 8th. November. The target of having a club

Web Site by the end of the year now looks unlikely but I will try my best to get things up and running early in the new year.

Some members have let me have old photographs of the club before the range was completed for the history page—does anyone have photographs of the new range being built so we could have a before, during and after sequence?

Let me have anything you think may be of use, I will only need to borrow it for a short while to get it digitally copied.

If you have anything to say let me know and I will put it in the members section of the next newsletter—**thanks Ed.**

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The Annual Cadet Skill at Arms Match

Sunday 22 October 2006, 1 p.m. start

New young shooters will ensure the continuance of shooting sports in the UK.

Our club's contribution to this is hosting an annual Cadet "Skill at Arms" Match, in which eight 3-man teams of youngsters compete with air rifles and pistols and .22 rim fire rifles.

Help is always needed at these events so call the Junior Air Gun Captain or just turn up or even stay and help after your Sunday morning shoot.

Thanks!

Forthcoming events

No rest yet at the end of the season!

This is the time of year shooters reflect on their achievements and put the trophies on the shelf—supposing you won any that is?

Our club is having none of it and October looks to be as busy a month, shooting

wise, as any other in this years calendar.

The second round of the Patterson Aggregate will be held on the first Sunday. A precision match at 50/25 metres (hosted by the Frome Club) is on the second Sunday and what looks

like an exciting practical shoot (also hosted by Frome) on the third Saturday.

There are rifle events away from Failand and as usual a Guest Day to round the month off—**Happy Shooting!**

Gallery rifle part 3 more short events

In Gallery Rifle Part 2 we looked at the time and precision matches. This time we complete the "shorts" with an overview of the multi-target and advancing target events. Like all gallery rifle matches they are shot in classes, so you will only ever be competing against shooters of similar ability as yourself.

The multi-target events are, not surprisingly, shot at more than one target, two in fact. The targets are disruptive pattern about four feet high and 18 inches across. The circular central ring of about 2 inches diameter scores five points with scoring rings out to two points.

The first event, called the multi-target match itself is just 24 fast and furious

shots at 25/20/15 and 10 metres. Fast shooting at different targets in different sequences ensures that it is easy to make mistakes and hard to get a maximum score. The possible maximum score of 120 has been achieved for the centre-fire match, but the highest recorded score for the small-bore event (on half size targets) is 117.

The second event is the Phoenix A, so named after the Phoenix Spring Bank Holiday Meeting at Bisley. This match is also a quick fire event but of 40 shots and also adds multi position (kneeing and sitting) and well as introducing fire and movement. This is made safe by loading the gun but not chambering a round until the end of the movement phase. The possible maximum scores of 200 have never been achieved but very respectable 199

(centre-fire) and 187 (small-bore) scores have been made.

The course of fire for these matches is given on the reverse of the forthcoming events calendar in this newsletter.

The last match, the Advancing Target, which started off as a fun shoot but is now taken very seriously and regularly attracts a hundred shooters when it is held at the Action Weekends at Bisley. The special mechanism propels the target from 25 to 10 metres in about 10 seconds, at which point it faces away. All you have to do is fire six shots (centre-fire) or 10 shots (small-bore) as it moves towards you. You get six runs so a possible maximum scores of 180 and 300 respectively are available. 300 and 294 have been achieved.

Could bisley become a regular club venue?

A short report by the Rifle Captain on what sounds like an excellent day out, could it become a regular thing?

It's 10 a.m. Friday 29th. September 2006, a small group of intrepid B&D members arrive at the 200 yard firing point of the Short Siberia Range at Bisley. A short phone call had booked a single lane at this range all day for just £52.

There then ensued a full days enjoyment of shooting everything from .22 rim fire to .45 black powder muzzle loading rifles and everything in be-

tween, only being stopped by the rain at 3.30 p.m.

If you wish to share the pleasure of full bore rifle shooting mid-week at Bisley, phone me. With B&D being a NRA affiliated club ranges can be booked through me a Club Rifle Captain. Just ask the two members who came along about the pleasure to be had, their smiles had to be surgically removed! The more of you there are, the more the cost can be spread out. You do have to do your own marking in the butts, but details do not have to be stopped to do the changeover. Hours

of innocent fun!

If you have any ideas for expanding the type of shooting the clubs offers why not speak to a Committee Member and ask if it can be brought up at the monthly meeting.

We heard in last months article that the club started off as just an idea, it will only continue if we keep having good ideas!

Club news

The range is looking very nice and tidy after the summer refurbishment and last week the doors were re-hung and given a coat of wood preserver. This completes the maintenance on the buildings but what next?

The turning target gear at 50 metres, that's what. The next project is to re-wire the turners and get them back into working order. When the leaves have fallen the trees on the approach

road are going to be cut hard back and plans for filling in the pot holes in the access road are also in hand.

With the onset of autumn the annual battle with nature to prevent the place becoming overgrown is nearing an end but, as the keen gardeners amongst you will know, a strict in time saves nine. So next time you are down on the range and go forward to re-face your target frame do what the

what went on at committee?

gardeners do and if you see a weed pull it out, then it won't grow back next year.

Two new probationer members were accepted at this months meeting. Welcome! Both are new to shooting sports so it looks like the Training Officer will have to come out of the tea room and do some instruction.

The Committee