

The Bristol bullet in

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Editorial

The outstanding action from the Annual General Meeting of 2006 was to try and get a Web Site up and running for the Club.

The Committee, and also Membership, was generous in not dwelling on the lack of action at this years AGM but I can report that my studies are reaching a conclusion and we should be in business with an operational site early in the new year.

It looks likely that we can have bdrpc.org.uk as our site name, I will let you know when we are up and running and you can log on. I have included:

- Ranges and facilities.
- A history of the club.
- A membership section.

Forthcoming events

The Boxing Day Clay Pigeon Shot will take place as usual this year on Wednesday 26th. December, be there 10 a.m. sharp it is a very popular event. You don't have to be a crack shot to have a go, guns and ammunition will be available for those who don't

BDRPC GO ON-LINE SOON!

- An events calendar.
- Newsletters.
- Useful shooting links.

I hope you find it interesting.

Another piece of interesting news I read this week, Lord Coe, of London Olympic fame, was the Chairman of the National Pistol Association at the time of the Dunblane tragedy. He quickly resigned (called political expedience).

It seems his metamorphic conversion to the anti-shooting lobby is permanent—as related in my recent Newsletter diatribes.

The other Olympic figure, I mention with much more favour, is Pierre de Coubertin—the founder of the

modern Olympic Games at the turn of the last century.

Pierre was in fact seven time French National Pistol Champion, the article I read about him does not recount if he was past his prime at the inaugural Modern Olympic Games in 1900, so I don't know if he won any Olympic shooting medals.

Coubertin was an all round athlete, being a good rugby player and later referee (so he didn't get everything right then?) and was a significant figure in the scouting movement in France.

Would Zeb Coe be a contender for the Pierre de Coubertin medal, awarded for "The True Spirit of Sportsmanship" I wonder?

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have a shotgun, felt wad only please if you bring your own ammo. The event is a Guest Day so why not bring a visitor?

The first round of the Winter Aggregate Trophy was attended by only three

shooters, seven shot round two, four more rounds to go. The precision event, shot in the form of a postal competition, has been well received with many members already taking cards, which can be shot any time before the end of March 2008.

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Western Shooting

Well partners this is your old pal "Captain Jack" telling you the Shoot-out between the three finalists of the Western Shoot will take place soon at Failand.

On Sunday 9th. December there is a fun shoot for a 10 cent cigar.

and

On between the 19th. and 21st. December we have two visitors (Western Shooting enthusiasts) from Arizona USA who would like to mosie on down to the range and have a shoot with us, I am sure you will all make them welcome.

Much obliged to you'll

Captain Jack

Shooting Equipment —part 6

setting zero?

After last month the scope should now be fixed onto your rifle and nicely focused, but will it hit the target? You must zero it first.

The first way is to bore sight. This is sometimes done with a special device that fits the bore of your rifle. An expensive option that need an additional tube for every calibre you shoot. Cheapest way is the DIY way.

If your rifle is of the type that you can remove the breach from, i.e. bolt action or some under-levers, then look down the bore at a distant object. I use the church steeple out of the back bedroom window, but be careful not to scare the neighbours. Without moving the rifle look down the scope, set in the middle of its range, and if properly zeroed it should be pointing at the same spot! If by luck it does then replace the breach mechanism

and get off down the range. If it doesn't then turn the windage and elevation knobs until it does.

Again if you are lucky it will not be far out but sometimes you need more elevation. Never pack the rings, this will risk crushing the expensive scope tube. Always pack the mounts, the back of the mounts specifically if you need more elevation. Even better some of you may have access to a machine shop and can have a slope machined onto the mounts.

If you need more windage then some rings have built in adjustment, they are not very expensive and are well worth the few extra pounds.

Whichever way you do it you should try and get the zero in the middle of the adjustment range at normal shooting distances. If you are a long range

shooter you may prefer the zero to be at the bottom of the elevation in stead.

The next stage it to shoot a bullet at short range, say 25m or so, at a generous sized plain target and see where it goes. You should shoot groups of three shots and then adjust using the necessary number of clicks to set the final zero. You will need to do this for each shooting range you wish to use.

Of course you need to do this from the outset if you cannot remove the rifle breach and hope that the first shot is on the paper somewhere.

When you are happy, there will be a lock screw (usually an Allen key head) that allows you to turn the turrets without moving the scope elements. Using these you can set the turret zero marking to match the marking on the scope body—thus zeroed!

Range talk

The clocks go back during the last NRA Meeting of the season and this annual ritual signifies to shooters that, apart from the club winter competitions, the busy testing and maintenance period begins.

You have about four and half months to get you gear ready for next year. Sound a lot, doesn't it, but it will fly by. A bit of advice by way of a checklist then: -

1. What type of shooting will you be doing next season, have you got the right guns and gear? If not then it's a shopping list or Santa!

what TO DO IN THE WINTER MONTHS!

2. Put a practice schedule together and drill yourself into doing it, regularly. Not many of us are so gifted that we don't need practice.
3. Do we want to shoot new competitions. Then speak with someone who knows about them and adjust your practice sessions accordingly.
4. Have you the right ammunition, or do you need to get some reloading tests done. Remember that particularly long range loads perform different during the hot summer month that those honed

during the winter chill, so re-zero in the spring before the first match. It is becoming difficult to get a constant supply of the same reloading components so you may need to bulk buy if the opportunity presents itself.

5. Start saving now! Competitions are not too expensive to enter but a few nights out at Bisley can dent the bank account a bit.

Oh! by the way hunters can ignore all this as you are right in the middle of your busy season.

Happy Shooting!

Club news

Last month the matter of references for firearm certificate renewals was discussed at Committee and there was a lengthy piece in the Newsletter.

The Committee would like to reinforce that only the **"officers of the club"** can provide the necessary club reference, they are the **Chairman**, the **Secretary** and the **Treasurer**, so as soon you get notification of your renewal speak with one of the officers and they will complete one of the two required ref-

erences, thank you.

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A new members was granted probationer status at this month Committee Meeting. Gary is new to shooting sports and is an Estate Agent from South Bristol (I'm saying nothing I guess he has heard most of the jokes by now anyway), welcome to the club!

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what went on at committee?

The health and safety fever, as demonstrated by the appearance on the range of the fire extinguishers and no smoking notices will be extended soon. The range log will be amended soon to include a safety check, that must be completed by anyone opening the range. Please complete the checklist and sign the declaration and enter your club membership number.

The Committee