



DOUBLE SIXTY SPRING AIRGUN SHOOT a great success

The Airgun shoot at Blackburn on 6th & 7th May, went in the well oiled manner of these popular shoots. People came from quite a distance, as well as our local association members, as it was an "NSRA Nominated Event". Shooters wishing to have their scores considered for international team membership, could stake their claim at this shoot, with John Bilbrough on hand with his ISSF qualification, to make sure everything was done according to Hoyle.

For the first time the competitors were required to shoot a "double sixty", so there were a lot of cards to be numbered before a shot went down the range. There was also a larger than expected entry for the "multi shot" event, (Rapid fire to oldies, like me. Ed.) An extra detail having to be arranged for these shooters.

A big thank you to all the people who pitched in to make the shoot the success it was, especially John and Linda Lloyd and the crew from Blackburn R&PC.

Rifle

Class A	1st	Paul Horbury	Keighley	1152	Open Champ.
	2nd	Gary Barker	Blackpool	1131	
	3rd	Geof McHugh	Euxton	1111	
Class B	1st	Clair Priest	Pinderfields	1098	
	2nd	Stephen Barker	Blackpool	1031	
	3rd	Mathew Duckworth	Cresswell	1015	

Pistol

Class A	1st	Robert Doak	Antrim TSC	1137	Open Champ.
	2nd	Harry Pennington	Vickers	1122	
	3rd	Helen Preston	Jubilee, York	1108	
Class B	1st	Lindsay Cook		1047	
	2nd	Adrian Brookes	Ossett	1047	
Class C	1st	Katie Fenn	Reivers	1055	Junior
	2nd	Ian Silburn	Reivers	1034	
	3rd	Peter Plunkett	Euxton	1033	
Class D	1st	Terry Jefford	Creswell	998	
	2nd	Suzanne Jackson	Vickers	960	
	3rd	Edna Langhorn	Aintree	951	

Long Range Rifle Championship

Despite plenty of notice being given for this usually popular shoot only 12 people turned up to compete on 11th June at Appleton Range near Warrington. However this did not detract from the good shooting of those taking part. The Champion for 2000 turning out to be Dave Scanlon of Leyland Motors with a score of 788. The runner up being Eric Chadwick of Vulcan with 776. The poor attendance meant that the County Cup could not be shot, as this requires a team of 20 shooters to be there on the range at the one time. Thanks go to Pete Byers for organising the event.

Short Range Rifle Championship

This competition was held over two stages, the first stage being shot on the shooters own range. The seven finalists came together at the City of Salford range on 17th June and fired a further four cards. The results were:-

1. H Doyle, Wigan 390
2. D Scanlon, Leyland Motors 389
3. K Skidmore, Vulcan 388
4. H Temperley, Bury 386
5. D George, Bury 385
6. A Cockayne, Vulcan 384
7. B Irwin, Morecambe 381

The Ladies and Juniors Championships were decided by the First Stage scores. Heather Doyle of Wigan taking the Ladies and Ben Smith of Euxton winning the Junior Championship.

Many thanks to Grantham Fidler and his assistants at City of Salford for their hard work and hospitality. Thanks also to John Billbrough for scoring the competition

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Standard Pistol, half course

Class A	1st	Ian Candlish	Ossett	286
	2nd	Alun Thomas	Tondu, Wales	285
	3rd	Alan Ritchie	Scottish PA	283
Class B	1st	Nigel Hodgeson	Antrim TSC	274
	2nd	Len Pakalski	Reivers	272
	3rd	Bill Pritchard	Liverpool	272

Single Sixty Pistol Match

1st	Alan Ritchie	Scottish PA	561
2nd	Ian Jones	Altrincham	546
3rd	Ian Instone	Pinderfields	542

Lancs. Closed Rifle Champion, Gary Barker
Lancs Closed Pistol Champion, Harry Pennington
Top Lady Pistol & Top Junior, Helen Preston. (Equal British Junior Record).

Veteran Cup, Hugh Owen.

Particular congratulations go to Helen Prescott for equalling the Junior British National Record at one of Lancashire's shoots. *Aaah! I'nt that smashin', eh? Ed.*

Situations Vacant

WANTED! DEAD OR ALIVE. (Preferably the latter).

David Pritchard has been Hon Sec of the CLSTSA for more years than he cares to remember, and his wife, Joan, would like him to do some jobs around the house. David too thinks that it is time that we had some new blood in the Secretary's job, and has given notice that he will retire at the end of this year.

The County urgently needs a .22 Rifle, Short Range, Captain. Martin Fairhurst has coped wonderfully with this position for many years, and has had to retire, and we need someone to replace him. The volunteer's job would be to keep a

track on 20yds and 25m shooters in Lancashire and organise and field a team of twenty for the NSRA County Championship. Not an easy job, but definitely one that's worthwhile. Are you the one we're looking for? If so contact either David Pritchard or Dorothy Bannister.

Will all applicants for these jobs please form an orderly queue at the Annual General Meeting in November, after having given notice to the present incumbent of the Secretary's job on 0151 228 6578.

Make a name for your club in the Manchester Evening News

The Manchester Evening News has a website to promote local sport and would like correspondents to send in reports by e-mail: dave.thomas@mcr-evening-news.co.uk by mid July. The information they're looking for is:- Name of Club, type of activity, contact's name and address, or telephone number, location of club (approximate area - not actual address) and of course, how much, sub's, range fees, etc! They would also like to hear of reports of competitions, successes, news, gossip, photographs etc., by August.

Rifle Individual League

Shot over 11 rounds, during the Spring, depending on the number of shooters in the division, at 25 yards on the shooters own range.

Div.	1st	2nd
1.	H Doyle	P Edmondson
2.	K Skidmore	N Battersby
3.	R Boughton	M W King
4.	R Allingham	P Schoolden
5.	P Shaw	M Hesketh
6.	J Meekin	A S Huxley
7.	A Aplin	D Halsall

Organised by Dorothy Bannister, to whom you should apply for an entry form on 01704 51 44 58

Individual successes.

Sandie McHugh of Euxton won the Class A air rifle at the Welsh Open.

Tony Atkins of Burnley won the Lightweight Sporting Rifle Precision Competition and came second in the timed event at the Phoenix Meeting at Bisley in May. Congratulations to both shooters.

Forthcoming events

Lanc's Autumn Airgun
Air Rifle & Air Pistol, 16-17 September at Blackburn. Entry forms from John Lloyd 01254 209 851.

Lanc's Open Rifle Championship

September 24th at Appleton. Entry forms from Dot. Bannister 01704 514 458.

Entry forms, and other information regarding the association, and other events to be organised in the future, can also be obtained from the Hon. Sec. David Pritchard 0151 228 6578.

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