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AGM NEWS

At the 87th Annual General Meeting of the Association changes took place among the officers of the CLSTSA, though some positions were not filled. It is hoped that members will be elected to fill the vacant positions at the Council Meeting at Leyland on Saturday 27th January.

The biggest change came when David Pritchard finally got his way and stood down after seventeen years service to the Association as Hon. Sec.

David was presented with an NSRA "Distinguished Service Award" in appreciation of the hard work that he has done for the county. David said, "It was time someone else did the job. I have enjoyed my time as Secretary and I intend to continue being involved with the county but the Secretary's job needs a fresh approach.

Elected as Honorary Secretary was John Kruger of City of Salford club, who will be led into the job by David, taking over the records and all the other paperwork from the Pritchard's attic.

The list of Officers that were elected is

Patron: Reg Cox
President: John Billbrough
Chairman Tony Power

Vice Chairman To be elected
Hon Secretary John Kruger
Hon Treasurer Phil Sadler
One of the elections that took place was the appointment of Ken Sykes, of Morecambe R&PC as Life Vice President. Ken has been one of the elders of the Association for many years, looking after legislative matters, keeping an eagle eye on the Government and firing off maroons whenever he spotted some item that went against shootings best interests. Unfortunately Ken was not well enough to be present at the AGM. We wish him a speedy recovery and will make the presentation at a suitable occasion.

Other appointments that were made, were as follows:-

NSRA Delegate John Billbrough
NWFS Delegate Tony Power
CLRA Delegate Reg Cox

The position of Auditor was left vacant, as the previous incumbent is now the Hon Sec. If you know of anyone with the necessary skills, who is willing to take on the job of keeping an eye on the books, then please ring John Kruger on 0161 798 7725.

Kate Hoey for Prime Minister !!

The article below is a reprint from "Epsilon", the newsletter of Blackburn R&PC, with thanks to John Lloyd.

The Club most heartily congratulates Kate Hoey MP, Minister for Sport, for the forthright manner of her support towards shooting sports in the UK. The Telegraph broadsheet newspaper of Tuesday 2nd January carried an article in which the Minister made impressive, and very accurate, noises about the fallacy of the post Dunblane firearms legislation, the ongoing indiscriminate spread of firearms in the criminal statistics and her personal stand for shooting sports in the U.K.

Would that there were more MPs of her intelligence and integrity within the political ranks of this country where we are besieged to left and right by woolly headed incompetents who do nothing to research a subject prior to voting as puppets of their equally ill informed political masters.

Preston Cup 2000

Twelve club teams were entered in the competition last year, which was decided at the final, shot at Leyland Motors range on 7th December.

The finalists were Bury "A" and Morecambe, resulting in a win for Bury, who are the Preston Cup Champ's for this year.

The competition is an "Knock out" with an "own start", where each shooter states a figure to be added to his gun score total. So congratulations to Bury for shooting the highest gun score and also

calculating their average more accurately.

The teams were:-

Bury "A"	Start	1	2	Total
J Thompson	5	100	98	2
S M Henderson	7	98	100	2
Mrs G Henderson	7	97	100	3
B Fletcher	5	100	99	1
Total points lost				8
Morecambe				
B Irwin	5	100	98	2
T Cowperthwaite	5	97	97	6
E Entwistle	5	100	99	1
J Wilkinson	5	99	99	2
Total points lost				11

Some good shooting there, by both teams. Keep up the high standard. Thanks go to John Billbrough for scoring the competition and to Leyland Motors for hosting the final. Did your club enter a team? Why not have a go? In an "own start" competition everyone has an equal chance. (Well, in theory). Entry details for this years competition can be had from Dorothy Bannister on 01704 514 458.

Changes to ISSF Rules & Reg's

Several changes have been made to these rules, effective 1st January 2001, that will concern any shooter wishing to compete in an event run to ISSF Rules. The most pertinent changes for Lanc's shooters are listed. *(I understand that the rules were written in English by a committee that includes David Parish and Derek Ivy, how they got into this state of English is anyone's guess. The excerpts are printed as I received them from the "ISSF Journal", via the NSRA. Ed.)*

If any shooter would like to see the full rule changes please contact either John Billbrough, or myself, Reg Cox.

GENERAL

The main goal of the amendments has been to bring the Rules in such an order that the coaches and shooters can find all parts are important for the competitions in each of the RULES corresponding to each of the Disciplines.

ISSF GENERAL REGULATIONS

WOMEN'S EVENTS

300m Rifle 3 position (3x20) and 300m Rifle 60 shots prone has been added to the recognised ISSF events.

GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES

The new "TECHNICAL RULES" do not include Rules for Tie breaking, Protests and Appeals. These chapters have been transferred to the corresponding Rules for each discipline.

RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

This Chapter has been cancelled and each DISCIPLINE RULE: includes also the rules for Final competitions in the different Olympic events of that discipline. However, the command in all cases of "Count Down" has been changed from "5-4-3-2-1-START" to "3-2-1-START", as well in Final competitions as also in different Pistol events.

RIFLE RULES.

STANDARDS FOR 300M STANDARD RIFLE AND 10M AIR RIFLE

The butt plate may be adjustable up or clown, offset parallel to the centre line of the normal end of the butt plate left or right a maximum 15 mm or the complete butt plate (not part) may be turned on the vertical axis. Turning the butt plate on the horizontal axis is not permitted. Lowest point of stock or toe of butt plate with the butt plate in its maximum downward position 220 mm from the centre line of the barrel.

THE IMPORTANT MEASUREMENTS IN THE NEW RULES ARE:

E: Lowest point of pistol grip 160 mm

F: Lowest point of stock ...as until now 220 mm

K: Offset of butt plate parallel to the centre line of the normal end of the butt left or right - 15mm.

300 M RIFLE FOR WOMEN

Same as for men but with a 6.5 kg weight limit.

SHOOTING SHOES

The flexibility of shooting shoes will be enforced.

PISTOL RULES

CLOTHING REGULATIONS

Shoes will be checked at Equipment Control.

Clothing will be checked on the firing line.

COMPETITION RULES

Specific Rules for 25m Pistol and Centre Fire Pistol Precision stage: Time limit for each series: five (5) minutes.

Rapid Fire stage: After the command "LOAD" the shooter(s) must prepare themselves within (1) minute.

When one (1) minute has expired, the Range Officer will give the command "ATTENTION". A series is considered as having started from the moment the red light is switched on, or the target turns away from the shooter after the command "ATTENTION".

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE STANDARD PISTOL EVENT

The same Procedure as in 25m Rapid Fire stage above.

DISTURBANCES

If the claim is considered Justified. The shot (50m Pistol, Air Pistol, Centre Fire Pistol and 25m Pistol) must be annulled and the shooter may repeat the shot and complete the series.

MALFUNCTIONS:

25m Pistol and Centre Fire Pistol (Precision and Rapid Fire Stage):

The number of shots is recorded and the series may be completed.

In the Precision stage a maximum time of one (1) minute will be allowed for each shot to be fired.

FINALS IN THE OLYMPIC EVENTS

Number of Finalists

25m Pistol, 50mPistol, 10m Air Pistol: 8 Competitors

25m Rapid Fire Pistol: 6 Competitors

When in Rapid Fire Pistol there are more than six (6) eligible for the Finals start because of tied scores, the tie will be broken by a shoot off on the qualification range.

This shoot off includes one (1) 4 second sighting series and one (1) 4 second shoot off series. In the event of further tied score the shoot off will be continued until the tie is broken.

FINAL 25M: PISTOL (Remember?)

The Final will be conducted as follows:

One sighting series and two (2) competition series of 5 shots each in Rapid Fire in 3 seconds exposures.

10M FIVE SHOT AIR PISTOL

Maximum Weight: 1500 g

Weight of trigger pull: No restriction.

10M AIR PISTOL FIVE TARGET EVENT:

40 competition shots for men / Juniors male
30 competition shots for women / Juniors female.

The events are divided into series of five (5) shots in 10 seconds on Falling Targets.

FALLING TARGETS: (New-ish Air Pistol event)

Distance between the Blacks: 300,0 mm

Diameter of the Black: 59.5mm with a tolerance of + 0.2mm

Diameter of the aperture(hole): 30,0mm with a tolerance of+ 0.2mm

10M AIR PISTOL STANDARD EVENT

40 competition shots for men / juniors male

30 competition shots for women /Juniors female

The events are divided into series of 5 shots each in 10 seconds: In each series five (5) shots are fired on one (1) Air Pistol Target as used in other Air Pistol events.

MALFUNCTIONS

Only one (1) ALLOWABLE MALFUNCTION will be accepted.

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INDIVIDUAL TIES IN 10 M EVENTS

In the event of tied scores for the first eight (8) places, the order of ranking must be determined by the following rules taken consecutively until the tie is resolved: The highest score in the last ten shot series working backward by 10 shot series until the tie is broken.

The highest number of 10's, 9's, 8's, etc.

The highest number of inner tens.

If any ties remain, the shooters must be given the same ranking.

(I sincerely hope that some of that is useful to you. If you are planning to run a shoot to ISSF Rules & Reg's; then you'd better find out about the changes, before you make a prat of yourself. Others, such as our International shooters, should find out about the changes that effect them P.D.Q. I'm sure your coach will have the "Rules According to Hoyle". Ed.)



The picture above shows our Spanish subsidiary, "El Toro Español". (Any bloke that gets down on his knees in front of one of those bulls, has my unqualified admiration. Ed.)

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