



Wanted - an organiser

A new organiser is needed to run the Rifle Open Meeting. The popular annual event, usually held on the excellent ranges of Appleton Rifle Club, near Warrington. It has been suggested that clubs be invited to organise this important event in rotation.

If nobody comes forward, there won't be a meeting! It's as simple as that. Everyone is keen to have these shoots, but the people willing to give a hand are thin on the ground. So, how about your club taking on the job? Ring John Kruger on 0161 798 7725.

World Masters Games 2002

"The Biggest Multi-Sport Festival on Earth"

5th to 13th October 2002, Melbourne, Australia.

Recognised as the world's biggest multi-sport festival, the World Masters Games are considered the premier international event for Masters competitors, that is "oldies", over 40's, allowing them to compete regardless of ability, gender, race or religion. In terms of competition, they are twice as big as the Olympic Games.

Held every four years in different cities around the world, the World Masters Games are participant focused, with competitors only being required to meet each sport's age qualification. So, if you're fed up with being beaten by these young whipper-snappers and fancy some sun and 4X, then why not push the boat out and take a SKI holiday. That's not skiing, it's Spending the Kids Inheritance.

True to tradition, competitors can be assured that in October 2002, Melbourne will turn on its very best welcome for visitors to the city, because the Games are about more than just sport - they are a sporting festival creating a sense of community and goodwill, in what has been credited as one of the world's safest and most cosmopolitan cities.

The qualifying age varies depending on discipline, if you're interested contact:-
World Masters Games, Locked Bag 2002, SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3205
AUSTRALIA. tel +61 3 9211 2002. www.2002worldmasters.org

Future Lancashire Events :-

County Spring Airgun Championships, Blackburn, 28-29 April. This meeting attracts shooters from all over the country, including some of the real stars. So if you fancy your chances against the best, phone for an entry form right now.

Autumn Airgun Shoot, Blackburn, 15-16 September

Isle of Man Handgun Shoot, 9th October. For which it is planned to charter an aircraft. Cartridge guns will be available to use over there by mainland shooters, who've been deprived of their equipment - or so the rumour goes. Best check it out.

For info on the Blackburn shoots, contact John Lloyd on 01254 209 851. For the Isle of Man shoot contact John Kruger on 0161 798 7725.

Winter Rifle League Results 2000 / 2001

Div 1		Pts	Agg
(Aggregate is stated as points dropped)			
1	Vulcan A	16	311
2	Leyland Motors A	12	711
3	Bury A	11	199
4	Urmston A	10	755
5	City of Salford A	6	210
6	Morecambe A	6	238

Div 2		Pts	Agg
1	Wigan A	15	157
2	Leyland B	12	403
3	Blackpool A	11	300
4	Ashton u Lyne A	9	761
5	Euxton A	8	266
6	Bury B	4	1793

Div 3		Pts	Agg
1	Cheadle	18	365
2	Blackpool B	14	383
3	Leyland C	12	655
4	Warrington	10	368
5	Ashton u Lyne B	4	1166
6	Urmston B	2	1827

Div 4		Pts	Agg
Vulcan B		16	386
Morecambe B		12	424
3	City of Salford B	10	387
4	Vulcan C	10	463
5	Wigan B	8	3106
6	Liverpool University	2	3806

Div 5		Pts	Agg
1	Ashton u Lyne C	18	504
2	Southport	15	453
3	Blackpool C	13	500
4	Euxton B	6	589
5	Leyland D	6	1008
6	Blackpool D	2	783

The shoot off for the "John Conway Memorial Trophy" was won by Cheadle.

Election of Sub Committees

The following people were elected at the Council Meeting on 27th January 2001.

Rifle Stats & League Secretary.	Dorothy Bannister
County Rifle Captain, Long Range.	Pete Byers
County Rifle Captain, Short Range.	Joe Thompson
County Rifle Captain, Ladies.	Heather Doyle
County Rifle Captain, Standing & Kneeling.	Sandie McHugh
County Air Rifle Captain.	Steve Glaisher
County Air Pistol Captain	Dick Shaw

New NSRA Range at Bisley

Report by Reg Cox, Administrative Member of NSRA's Shooting Council.

At the meeting of NSRA's Shooting Council held at Bisley on 24th March, conducted tours of the new 50m and 10m ranges were conducted by Geoff Doe. Your editor and Laslo Antal joined a party in the morning and were most impressed by what they saw. It's a lot bigger than I imagined and will be this country's first real step into state of the art shooting facilities. The builders have been delayed by the awful weather we've been having and, surprise, surprise, the range complex is behind schedule. You only have to try to get in to see what it's been like, as the whole place is surrounded by a sea of bright orange liquid mud. We were advised to bring "stout boots", but I turned up in a pair of "slip ons" and had to pick my way through the mud moat as best I could. After the visit, I was standing in a nearby camping site, washing my shoes at a "Fire Point" tap.

The new range will have facilities for 50m "outdoor" shooting in a high walled range with electronic targets, with a second floor giving indoor 10m shooters all they could desire, once again with electronic targets for slow fire and several sets of turning targets. There is even a part of the range that can be converted to 25m shooting.

NSRA will be moving into the new building just as soon as they can and there is bound to be a bit of a hiccup while all the equipment is carried over. It is hoped to carry on business as usual, as far as possible. The present HQ building has been sold to the CPSA, who are currently sharing the building. A new telephone system is being installed using the current numbers. Or you can contact NSRA on email at info@nsra.co.uk The website is <http://www.nsra.co.uk>

European Plans. (Not to be taken too seriously)

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt ENGLISH as the preferred language for European communications, rather than GERMAN, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish, (Euro for short).

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only will this klear up konfusion, but keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e"s in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th"by "z" and "w" by "v". During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropped from vords kontaining "ou", and similar changes vud of korz be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru!!!!

NEWS & VIEWS

The TAVR insist that clubs wishing to use their ranges have "Proof of Affiliation". Unfortunately they don't say to whom they insist you be affiliated, on the piece of paper that I have, but, if you want to play with their ball, you'd best find out before you turn up. (I've just been told that your CLSTSA members card is OK. Ed.)

Postal Air Pistol

David Pritchard and Phil Sadler from Liverpool are planning to start organising a 10m Postal Air Pistol comp. If you're interested in joining in the fun, or have comments or suggestions as to the form of the comp, then 'phone Dave on 0151 228 6578.

BRING BACK BADGES!

Plans are afoot to re-establish the popular "Badge Competitions" for Rifle, Lightweight Sport Rifle and Air Pistol. It has been difficult to find a supplier for the various badges that we require for the comps at a reasonable price, but we think we have found a solution, right under our noses. We still have to sort the details, but should have something running in time for the coming Winter season. Watch this space!

WANTED - STORIES - NEWS

Although now on the eleventh issue, I'm still having difficulty finding information that is both useful and informative to include in the BULL. As you can see from the "Euro" article, I have to put in "fillers", just to fill holes.

Somebody must have done something, somewhere, that they are proud of and would like to share with other shooters, or know about something that affects our sport. Please let me have any news about your club, its members and its activities. Reg Cox, Editor.

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