



## NEW BROOMS?

Lancashire is an ancient county, and most of the officers of the CLSTSA are similarly long in the tooth. We need fresh blood to get things going and stir up the apathy that exists. We have a new Hon. Sec. in Paul Holdstock, and our ex Hon. Sec. David Pritchard is now the Chairman, we have also created two new posts, of Membership Secretary; Bob Clevely, and Minutes Secretary; John Lloyd, which should hopefully, make things a little easier for Paul Holdstock. Paul, Bob and John are all members of Blackburn R&PC, which is convenient for communications. At the last AGM, in November there were several re-elections, John Bilborough as President, John Lloyd as Vice Chairman, Phil Sadler as Hon. Treasurer and Reg Cox as Patron. There are a number of positions still vacant. Pete Byers has had to give up the job of Rifle Captain-Long Range, due to ill health. We thank him for past services, but we need someone to take over that job. If you are a 50m man, or woman, and feel you could take on the position, please get in touch with the Hon. Sec. Paul Holdstock, tel 0161 434 0192. The other officers of the association that were elected, or not, at the January Council Meeting are as follows:-

- a) Executive Sub-Committee - Chairman; David Pritchard, Vice-Chairman; John Lloyd, Honorary Secretary; Paul Holdstock, Honorary Treasurer; Phil Sadler, Dorothy Bannister and Reg Cox;
- b) Section Sub-Committee - no appointments made;
- c) Section Officers:
  - i. Section Secretary - no appointment made;
  - ii. Chief Statistical Officer - no appointment made;
  - iii. Competition Secretaries - Dorothy Bannister (Prone Rifle), others to be elected as and when required;
  - iv. Badge Secretary - no appointment made;
  - v. Team Captains
    - Rifle Captain-long range - candidate still to be found;
    - Rifle Captain-short range - Joe Thompson;
    - Ladies Captain - Heather Doyle;
    - 3p Small-bore - Sandie McHugh;
    - Black Powder - John Lloyd;
    - Air Rifle Captain - Steve Glaisher;
    - Air Pistol Captain - Richard Shaw;
  - vi. Chief County Coach - no appointment made;
  - vii. Chief Range Officer - no appointment made;
  - viii. County Coaches - no appointment made;
  - ix. Range Officers - no appointment made;

d) Minutes Secretary - John Lloyd;

e) Membership Secretary - Robert Clevely;

If you wish to nominate anybody, including yourself, for any of the vacant positions, please contact the Hon. Sec., Paul Holdstock. tel 0161 434 0192.

### Lanc's Rifle Open Meeting

It was suggested at the Council Meeting in January, that the Rifle Open should be organised by a different club each year, so that the work is shared.

Most clubs have the organisational skills necessary to put on such a shoot, so how about your club having a go? If we don't get an organiser, there won't be a shoot. It's as simple as that.

Please contact the Hon. Sec. Paul Holdstock, tel 0161 434 0192.

### Lanc's Sporting Rifle Postal Comp

We haven't had a "Sporting Rifle" competition for some years, as we haven't got an organiser. There's plenty of sporting rifle types out there, banging away happily. If you're one of them and feel up to it, how about organising the postal league for the next season? The county will give you all the help you need to get going. Please contact the Hon. Sec. Paul Holdstock, tel 0161 434 0192.

### RETIREMENT

Grateful thanks to **Tony Powers** and **John Kruger**, our outgoing Chairman and Hon. Sec., for their hard work for the Association over the past few years.

Taking on an Executive role can be an onerous, though often rewarding job, and we thank our two colleagues, for all that they have done.

John Kruger is rumoured to be moving south, but we hope to see Tony at future CLSTSA events. Both will always be welcome.

### CLSTSA WEBSITE

Thanks to **Neil Roberts** we now have our very own website at [www.clstsa.org](http://www.clstsa.org) well worth a look, as there is already a mass of information about the association and lots of links with other shooting organisations. Other "pages" will be completed soon.

Congratulations to Neil for a fine job that will bring in a lot of "business" for us and spread the word about our activities.

Neil needs more information, so if you have anything you think might be useful for our website, contact Neil Roberts on his home 'phone 0151 226 6832, or by email <[n.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:n.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk)>

### Tip for Postal League shooters

If you attach the stickers to the back of the target before shooting, and then find that they've been ripped off by the bullet/pellet, try putting a used target behind and in contact with the target you're shooting. You'll find this will prevent the stickers coming off.

### Air Pistol Matters

**Your County Needs YOU!**

**Dick Shaw**, our Air Pistol Captain, is on the lookout for suitable candidates for the County Air Pistol Teams. We've been unable to fulfil some of our commitments recently, not fielding full teams in the 20yd A/P Reserves League and the 20 yd Standard Pistol League.

If you fancy your chances, or there is someone in our club who fits the bill, at 10m, 20yds or Standard Pistol, then get in touch with Dick ASAP, on tel 01229 833 455. (It could be your "moment of glory".)

### Speak Up!

Clubs are reminded that it is their duty to warn anyone entering a range where shooting is taking place of the danger involved in not using ear defenders.

You only have to look at the number of "senior" shooters, who wear hearing aids to prove the point. (Me included Ed.)

You could also lay yourself open to a claim for negligence.

## Lanc's Airgun Championships, Blackburn 29-30 March '03

The Airgun Spring meeting was held at Blackburn R&PC ranges last weekend, with the usual efficiency, that we have come to expect from that club and it's members. Many thanks to John Lloyd, all the other club members and everyone else that turned up to help.

The winners were:-

### Pistol A

1. Simon Preston	566	575	1141
2. Hugh Owen	569	566	1135
3. Ian Jones	562	553	1115

### Pistol B

1. Peter Taylor	542	550	1092
2. Jonathan Ball	544	545	1089
3. David Budworth	550	536	1086

### Pistol C

1. Peter Plunkett	533	526	1059
2. Dave Kirk	535	524	1059
3. Dave Poxon	527	521	1048

### Pistol D

1. Ron Elison	497	514	1011
2. Neil Roberts	492	498	990
3. Alan Laurikietis	444	535	979

### Rifle A

1. Steve Glaysher	561	571	1132
2. Mike Lewis	557	560	1117
3. Geoff McHugh	559	558	1117

### Rifle B

1. Marc Preddice	542	540	1082
2. Paul Holdstock	527	540	1078
3. Roger Woodhouse	531	537	1068

A full list of results can be seen on our new website at [www.clstsa.org](http://www.clstsa.org) plus some pic's. Our next Airgun shoot will be September 13/14. , also at Blackburn, and a Standard Pistol shoot is being planned there for July. For an entry form to these shoots contact John Lloyd on 01254 209 851 ASAP, or quicker!

## Rifle Winter League 02/03. Results

The Rifle Winter League is for club teams of five. The winners of each division are currently shooting for the John Conway Memorial Trophy, in a postal shoot against their own average. The results will be published later. *Dot Bannister*.

Div 1	Pts	Agg
1 Bury	14	235
2 Morecambe A	13	164
3 Leyland A	12	178
4 Wigan	12	190
5 Urmston	8	234
6 Vulcan A	1	239

Div 2	Pts	Agg
1 City of Salford	18	150
2 Blackpool A	14	187
3 Leyland Motors B	13	189
4 Ashton u Lyne A	8	761
5 Warrington	7	244
6 Cheadle	0	333

Div3	Pts	Agg
1 Preston G H	13	847
2 Blackpool B	12	369
3 Salford B	12	536
4 Vulcan B	8	364
5 Leyland C	8	424
6 Ashton u Lyne B	7	510

Div 4	Pts	Agg
1 Colne B L	20	413
2 Morecambe B	12	564
3 Ashton u Lyne C	10	646
4 Vulcan C	8	634
5 Blackpool C	8	665
6 Leyland D	2	626

## Those BI\*\*dy kids!

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, we're all getting older. Can't stop it I'm afraid. Our beloved sport is gradually being peopled by decrepit old fogies like myself, (Ed.), with very few young members in most clubs. I know they're a damned nuisance, taking up your precious shooting time, but unless we encourage Junior members to take up the noble sport, your club will founder and the sport will die.

Does your club encourage Junior members? Do you, or your club, coach or help any youngsters? If you don't, then please think seriously about encouraging the under 21's. Get them to come along to your club and have a go. You never know, you may discover a "natural", who could help win trophies for your club.

## NSRA Rules & Regulations

At its October meeting, the NSRA Shooting Council agreed two changes to NSRA Rules and Regulations, following recommendations from the Rifle Committee. which came into effect on 1 April 2003.

### Eagle Eye

The Eagle Eye, a lens contained within the foresight of a rifle, will be permitted in competitions governed by NSRA Rules (but not in NSRA competitions which are fired under ISSF Rules). The foresight lens may be used in conjunction with shooting spectacles and still remain within the definition of aperture or "iron sights". The use of a foresight lens at the same time as a lens or system of lenses in the rearsight will mean that the system is

classified as, and may only be used in competitions open to "Any Sights" .

### Penalty Points for Excess Shots

In rifle competitions, the penalty for firing each shot in excess of the required number for a competitions will be standardised at one point. Under current rules it is one point in postal competitions (Rule 5.2.3), but two points at meetings (Rule 5.3.1.3 & 5.3.1.4).

### Disabled Shooters

There have been changes to some of the rules concerning SH2 competitors. As these are very detailed, interested shooters should contact their advisers, or NSRA representative.

### BSA & County Cup Comp's

There are proposals to reduce the team size from 20 to 10, which must be discussed.

## Air Pistol Team Result

**Dick Shaw**, our Air Pistol Captain reports that the County Team was placed 4th in the NSRA 20yds Team Comp.

We ended up in 4th place behind

Yorkshire	2162
Cheshire	2159
Devon	2107
Lancs	2059

Oxfordshire 2002

Ulster, Lincolnshire, Hertfordshire & Middlesex all NCR

The teams individual scores were:-

Paul Holdstock	269
Richard Shaw	268
Joe Brown	262
Dick Horrocks	262
Mark Schooling	256
Mark Hutchinson	251
David Wintersgill	250
Peter Plunkett	241

**David Pritchard** reports that the latest Airpistol Postal League is up and running, at about Round 4, with some good shooting going on.

The current leaders on points of the three Divisions and their averages are:-

**Group 1.** 1st Iain Candlish 186.6, equal 2nd Hugh Owen 185.6 and Jonathan Ball 184.5.

**Group 2.** 1st Mark Schooling 180.33, 2nd Tom Horrocks 175.8 and 3rd Allan Langhorn 173.75.

**Group 3.** 1st Neil Roberts 169.25, 2nd Tony Powers 167 and equal 3rd J Winstanley 164.5 and John Sutcliffe 162.

If you would like to get your name down for the next comp., give David a ring on 0151 228 6578.

## Anti Social Behaviour

There is a White Paper before Parliament proposing changes that will affect shooters, in particular Juniors. It is proposed to make it illegal for anyone under the age of 17 to have an air weapon, making it impossible for members of the National Junior Squad to attend shoots, in this country, or abroad.

It will be an offence for *anyone* to have an air weapon in a public place, without lawful authority. Previously it was only an offence if it was loaded. And they don't understand that a lot of Airgun Clubs are not in "Home Office Approved" ranges. "Tandem Cartridges" are to be banned. So anyone with a "Brocock", will presumably, have to hand it in. *Have a moan to your M.P.*

Once again M.P.'s are rushing through ill considered laws. Will they never learn?

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