



## Expansion at Blackburn

Already one of UK's leading clubs and one of Lancashire shootings driving forces, Blackburn R&PC have embarked on a scheme to enlarge the clubs facilities. The new Air Range will soon be in operation, with six lanes at ten metres for Precision Rifle or Pistol and a turning target system for Sport Pistol and similar disciplines. A SCAT Training System is also due to be installed by the end of this year.

### COUNTY RIFLE TEAM & RESERVES REPORT 2002/03

The results are in and I have managed to find the time to prepare the usual end of term report. Having been promoted to division 2 for this season the first team were always going to find the league a challenge and I am pleased to say that they rose to it well. We managed to finish second, only 2 points behind the deserved winners Lothian. Even though shooting is 'on its knees' the team managed to improve on last season's aggregate by 28 points and win the first two rounds of the knockout cup.

Division 2 (Top three places only)

First	Lothian	W9	D0	L1	18pts	Agg 19,550
Second	Lancs	W7	D2	L1	16pts	Agg 19,461
Third	Caithness	W5	D0	L5	10pts	Agg 19,449

As you can see the third placed team was beaten by a distance. I may seem masochistic but I hope that our aggregate gets us into division one next season!! It would be nice to get a shot at it before we are all too old, which means that we have only got a couple of years left!

The reserve team won it's division last year so it was impossible to improve on that. By coming third this season they have given themselves a good chance to improve next season. I believe it is what is called forward planning.

Reserves Division 6 (Topthree places only)

First	Yorks C	W8	D0	L2	16pts	Agg 9,590
Second	Worcs A	W7	D0	L3	14pts	Agg 9,479
Third	Lancs	W5	D0	L5	10pts	Agg 9,558

Because the team shot in three rounds of the K.O. Cup this season the results would not fit in the usual portrait style spreadsheet. There are therefore two sheets for the results this time. If you pin up the results on your club notice boards please be sure not to miss the second sheet because it has this year's superstar on it. With an average of 98.77 John Wilkinson has shown that when you get older you can draw on experience and improve your shooting!! Heather Doyle, Jamie Dummer, Paul Hatton and Howard Temperley were the other team members to keep in the 98.0 and above average group for the season. Congratulations to all five – lets hope that they inspire us all to better things next term.

As usual thanks to all who took part and to those who were on standby in case of emergency. Special thanks to those who ensured that cards were doled out, collected and returned.

Finally a request. If anyone knows of a shooter with a 95+ average who is eligible to shoot for Lancashire and whose name does not appear on the attached results please would they let me know who he/she is. Alternatively ask him/her to contact me. Unfortunately information from CLSTSA leagues is tainted by a load of Cheshire shooters!!

Joe Thompson.

### News & Views

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on 1st November 2003.

The official opening of Wigan RC's new range will be held on Saturday 8th November. It is hoped that Kate Hoey, former Minister of Sport, will be present as well as representatives of NSRA, CLSTSA and other organisations

At the time of the last Council Meeting CLSTSA had 15 affiliated clubs. At that time we had not heard from Bolton, Liverpool University, Vickers and Wigan.

The County has booked the usual tent at the NSRA Rifle Meeting at Bisley, which will be shared with members of the Cheshire Assoc.

Quite a lot of people have applied for, and been granted, variations to their FAC for one of the now legal "Long Arm .22 Pistols" in Lanc-ashire. We hope to run comp's for these pistols very soon.

The advantages of individual membership of NSRA are considerable. Including insurance for; Personal Accident of £12,500, Medical Expenses of up to £2,500, Equipment £5,000, more can be arranged, Legal Costs £25,000 and Civil Liability of £2M. You also get FREE entry to some competitions and other discounts.

NSRA is the body that represents and fights for .22 shooting. It was NSRA that successfully brought the case in the High Court to regain the right for shooters to own and use .22 pistols in Great Britain.

Annual membership is £51.50, Juniors £29.00 and Seniors £31.00. For an application form contact NSRA on 0845 130 6772 (Local call rate), or the website <http://www.nsra.co.uk>

## OBITUARIES

### John Wood



The funeral of John Wood was held at Newton le Willows Methodist Church on 17th July. John was a keen walker and had a short illness after a holiday with his wife Eunice in Scotland. He was a staunch supporter of CLSTSA and before that CLSRA. Chairman for several years, he was one of those invaluable people who always turn up to give a hand, when there's work needs doing. He and his wife Eunice did an immense amount of work for the running of the Association.

At his funeral, many were surprised by the diversity of interests that were listed by the Minister in his eulogy. Apart from shooting, John was very involved in the work of the Methodist Church, being himself a "Local Preacher". He was also active in work for the youth club, and taught the members of a local Pony Club pistol shooting for the Pentathlon.

Perhaps the most eye opening fact divulged by the minister, was that John was a Starting Marshal at the Ellesmere Port Speedway and also a regular attender at Manchester's Belle Vue.

There was a very large turn out for the funeral, many members of Vulcan Rifle Club and other local clubs were part of the huge crowd that packed the church.

John will be sadly missed by the Association and we send our sympathy to his widow Eunice.

### Keith Butterworth



Keith had been battling cancer for some years, but despite this, he was a very active member of Leyland Motors Rifle Club, and also scored rifle targets in the Summer and Winter Leagues of CLSTSA.

He was diagnosed as having cancer in a kidney, three years ago. He had one kidney removed; subsequently the cancer migrated to his lung and finally his brain.

Even in St Catharine's Hospice he was concerned about who would shoot his Summer league cards and do his scoring, this was the type of person he was, a genuine nice guy.

He was involved in many other activities, as well as shooting, including ornithology, and he was Chairman of the South Ribble Lions, an organisation that raises money for local charities.

Keith, who passed away 1st August, the day before his 53rd birthday leaves a widow, Anne and two daughters, Helen and Carol, to whom we extend our sympathy.

Anyone who knew Keith and would like to make a donation in his memory, should make cheques payable to 'South Ribble Lions' and send it to Peter Byers, 5 Doodstone Avenue, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5TY.

### Final result of the Air Pistol Postal Comp.

(These arrived too late for the last issue. Ed.)

Group 3	Name	
Average		
1	Neil Roberts	171.0
2	Tony Power	169.5
3	J Winstanley	165.6

## 2002/2003 Air Pistol Results

20yd A/P DIV 2	
Devon	9154
Hampshire	8997
Lincolnshire	8705
Cambridgeshire	7317
Lancashire	8338
Middlesex	538

Our aggregate was depressed due to the lateness of two sets of cards, lesson return cards early and obtain certificate of posting.

20yd A/P Reserves Div 1	
Yorkshire A	8985
Yorkshire B	8939
Devon A	8723
Ulster East	8524
Lancashire	4476
Bye	0

David Wintersgill deserves special mention as in round ten he shot 100, 96.

Standard Pistol Div 1	
Yorkshire	8444
Hampshire	8384
Yorkshire B	8286
Ulster East	7851
Derbyshire	6174
Lancashire	5365

The team was a man down from the start so Mark Hutchinson and myself were onto a loser from day one. The county needs to promote need for SP shooters if we as a county are to compete on par with the rest of the country.

10m A/P Div 3	
Derbyshire	13439
Cumbria & Northumbria	13750
Lancashire	13268
Devon	13083
Leicestershire & Rutland	13584
Hampshire	13305

On average the county team is 10 points per person per round behind the leaders.

10m A/P Reserves Div 2	
Lancashire	
12031 (lost 1 round in all comp due to cards being late)	
Cumbria & Northumbria	13147
Bedfordshire	12711
Ulster East	12556
Gloucestershire	12770
Dorset	12418

The team of:- Joe Brown Alan Kirkham Paul Holdstock Chris Brown & John Thompson shot well and apart from the mistake of the missing cards we would have walked the league, Lancs will be promoted and also some of these reserves should expect to be representing the A team next time.

We as a county need bodies to fill the teams. We need two teams and a venue for a team of 8, for 20yd A/P and a sport pistol team at 10m this has to be shot all on same day before end of September. Any offers? People contact me at 01229 833455 or richard@tmrshaw.fsnet.co.uk. Richard Shaw

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