



What did you do in the war Daddy?

Editorial comments:-

The Home Office is once again waging war on the law abiding shooting community, whilst all around us lunatic gangsters run around shooting each other and innocent bystanders, with impunity.

In May '04 the Home Office published a consultation paper "CONTROL OF FIREARMS", which lays down various options for changes in the current gun laws for most of the UK. Very few are recommended to remain unchanged.

The Home Office asks for comments from interested parties and the Council of the CLSTSA met on 26th June to hammer out a common reply. But, and it is a big but, this will be regarded as only one reply, not as coming from several hundred shooters.

It is up to *you* to read the paper concerned and write *YOUR* reply, before the closing date of **31st August '04**, for the more replies that the Home Office receives, the more likely it is, (WE HOPE), that they will take notice!

And don't think that because you're a club shooter, who just tootles down to the range for the odd thirty rounds .22, 20yds rifle, now and then, that they're not talking about you. The whole of shooting sport is under threat!

So don't just sit there on your backside and moan about how the sport is being taken away from you. Read "Control of Firearms" and put in your penn'orth. Have a word with your club rep. and see what the CLSTSA has said, but don't just copy it. Write in your own words!

The things that are listed in the paper are:-

Part 1: "Firearms" describes the three categories on which gun licensing is currently based. It asks whether types of gun are subject to the right levels of control and if licensing should continue to be

based on these categories. The section also asks whether the certification process can be improved, if any changes are needed to the regulation of component parts and whether responsibilities for administering controls on firearms should continue as at present.

Part 2: "Unlicensed guns" discusses those types of guns, principally imitations, low-powered air guns and deactivated firearms, which are not subject to licensing. We do not believe that licensing of low-powered air guns and imitations, or restrictions on their sale, is proportionate or enforceable. Part 2 invites consultees to say whether they agree with this. It also invites views on whether further controls on deactivated firearms are needed.

Part 3: "Young People and Guns" refers to growing concern about the attractiveness of guns to some young people. It asks how the complex age limit provisions might be simplified and invites comments on the principal of young people and legal shooting.

Part 4: "Trade" discusses the means by which guns, their parts and ammunition are bought and sold. It asks whether the regulation of Registered Firearms Dealers can be improved, and whether action is needed in connection with internet, newspaper and telephone sales and mail order deliveries.

Part 5: "Ammunition" seeks views on whether shot gun cartridges and component parts of ammunition should be licensed and whether the existing controls on expanding ammunition should be maintained.

Part 6: "Other Issues" asks for views on topics not covered elsewhere in the paper. For example, if exemption from a need to have a firearms certificate should continue in their present form and whether changes are needed to the existing procedures for appeals against licensing decisions.

So you can see, the battle has only just begun. Get cracking and start writing NOW!
Reg Cox.

AIR PISTOL TEAMS

Dick Shaw, our Air Pistol Captain, reports that at the moment our team situations are;

- 10m. A team at Rd 8 lying 5th in Div 4
Reserves at Rd 7 lying 5th in Div 1
Juniors at Rd 7 B team 4th and A team 5th in Div 1
- 20 yd. A team 4th in Div 2
Reserves at Rd 6 1st in Div 2
Team is John Lloyd, Peter Plunkett, Mark Schooling,
Brian Ward and Trevor Earnshaw.

The "A" team started well but from round five has been running a man down due to illness. The county needs more people to shoot 20yds so as to increase the pool of possible team members.

Also we need to ensure that the Juniors are helped, as we have lost silly points due to cards being unsigned and, in the seniors, using non NSRA cards.

Anyone who's shooting scores that could be considered for the county teams, should get in touch with me at <richard@tmrshaw.fsnet.co.uk>

Dick Shaw. *County Air Pistol Captain.*

UK SPORT & BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOC. ANNOUNCE NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

50 days to the Olympics - Countdown to Athens - 85 days to the Paralympics
LATEST NEWS

UK Sport and the British Olympic Association this week unveiled a new partnership designed to ensure that future Olympians benefit from a truly world-class support network.
www.uk sport.gov.uk

MAYLEIGH CUP 2004

The Great Britain Team shot their Mayleigh Cup Match for 2004 on Saturday, 19 June, during the Northern Ireland International Pistol Meeting. The team was selected on the basis of scores made in the 50 yard competitions, shot the previous day. As ever, the East Antrim range was in fine condition and the hospitality was superb. The weather was a different matter, though, the team having to cope with a brisk, fishtailing wind from behind - and the disruption caused by one mighty gust blowing down two target frames during the first detail. Despite the weather, the team score of 2383 was 45 points up on the 2003 result. Robert Doak was top scorer, with 263, with new cap, Steve Archer, close behind on 252 - despite the inconvenience and distraction of having his target blown away. Trevor Haynes solved the problem of getting his Morini "Long Arm" trigger to lift the 2lb weight and used it in the match. The same "technology" was also applied to Doak's (standard spec) Morini Free Pistol, which he used in the match to good effect.

G B Scores:

Reserves: Michael Tighe, England and Eamon Hughes, NI.

Robert Doak	NI	263	William Kennedy	NI	237
Steve Archer	England	252	Trevor Haynes	England	234
Hugh Stewart	NI	249	Robert Blake	Jersey	229
Derek Bernard	Jersey	248	Mervyn McFarland	NI	221
Lewis Wright	England	237	Tom Brown	NI	213
			TOTAL		2383

Captain: Eric Dougliss, England. Adjutant; Shirley Baudains, Jersey. Official Witness; Robert Green.

Firearms Acts 1968 - 1997

Below are details of firearms or shotguns which have recently been reported lost, stolen or found. Should you become aware of any firearms or shotguns which are shown on the list, please contact me on telephone number. 01772 412 664

- 12 bore Charles Hellis side by side shotguns, serial number 1757
.22RF Remington bolt action rifle, serial number 265395
BRNO bolt action rifle, serial number 216476
Browning over/under shotgun, serial number 66214NN
12 bore Greener single barrel shotgun, serial number 18405
20 bore Beretta over/under shotgun, serial number L65088B
12 bore Baikal over/under shotgun, serial number 408194
12 bore Lawson side by side shotgun, serial number unknown
12 bore Browning self loading shotgun, serial number 7237758
12 bore Gordon Brescia side by side shotgun, serial number 4897
12 bore Baikal over/under shotgun, serial number 402620
28 bore Ruger shotgun, serial number 420-06764
12 bore Beretta shotgun, serial number H20783B
12 bore Beretta shotgun, serial number M09397B
12 bore Beretta over/under shotgun, serial number E35545B
Gunmark Silver Sable double barrel shotgun, serial number PG92687

Chris Peart, Firearms Licensing Unit. Lancashire Police.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Autumn Airgun, with Free Pistol and Standard Pistol (Air). 11th & 12 September. Contact Neil Roberts on 0151 226 6832, or go to our website www.cltsa.org for an entry form.

NSRA Pistol Competitions

The .22 ISSF Single Shot Free Pistols (Longarm 60) are eligible for the following: Competitions;

POSTAL

- 1) **Inter-County**
 - a) 20yds Slow Fire Pistol Competition Team of 8
 - b) 20yds Slow Fire Pistol League Team of 5
 - c) 20yds Slow Fire Pistol Reserve League Team of 5
 - d) 20yds Slow Fire Pistol Knockout Competition Team of 5
 - e) 50m Free Pistol Competition Team of 5
- 2) **Club**
 - a) 20yds Slow Fire Club Pistol League (Summer) Team of 3
 - b) 20yds Slow Fire Club Pistol League (Winter) Team of 3
 - c) 50m Free Pistol League (Summer) Team of 3
 - d) 50m Free Pistol League (Winter) Team of 3
 - e) 20yds British Club Team Championship Team of 3
- 3) **Individual**

20yds Slow Fire Tiger Trophy
Proficiency Badge Competitions in 9 categories

National Pistol Meeting - Bisley

- 1) **County Events**

20yds Slow Fire Pistol Team of 4
- 2) **Club Events**

20yds Slow Fire Club Team Team of 3
50m Free Pistol Team of 3
- 3) **Individual Events**

20yds Slow Fire
25m Slow Fire
50m Free Pistol Competition
20yds British Short Range Championship
Life and Annual Members Competition
Veterans Competition
Eley Slow Fire Competition
Centenary Competition
County and League Medal Holders Competition

Please note: There are now NO trigger weight restrictions whatsoever on NSRA cartridge pistol competitions.

Wanted - NEWS!

This edition contains some items which I would not normally have considered important enough for inclusion, but I have to fill the page and it was all I could find. If you have any items, that would be of interest to our members, please let me know. Reg Cox.
"What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter, OK?" Ed.

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