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## LSR Championships at Burnley go with a bang



LSR Trophy Winners



Brian Girling



Dan Valmont



Gary Radcliffe



Ian Cox



John Webb



Martin Hannam



Neil Roberts



Nigel Hannam



Ron Higginbottom



Trevor Earnshaw

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The County of Lancaster Light Sporting Rifle Championships made a welcome return to Burnley Rifle Club on Sunday, 12th October 2008. The range, situated on the top floor of Trafalgar Mill, is a great venue for a Championship meeting as it provides ten firing points with electronically controlled turning targets at 25 yards and static targets out to 50 yards on all firing points. It has been some time since CLSTSA last held a meeting for light sporting rifle and we were a little unsure about how many entries to expect. As it turned out we need not have worried. Most of the ten details were full with only a handful of vacant slots throughout the day. Many thanks to Andrew Waller and the other members of Burnley Rifle Club for hosting the meeting, setting up and helping to run the range, scoring and generally helping to make the whole thing an enjoyable and successful event. Thanks also to Kevin Hindle for overseeing the scoring and ensuring that results were posted within 15 minutes of the last shot being fired. Finally we thank John Billbrough (CLSTSA President) for presenting the prizes, and all the competitors for supporting our Championships. We hope to see you all again next year.

Paul Holdstock.

### Prize List

#### Competition 1: 25yd Precision Class A

- 1st Valmont D 271 Gold Medal
- 2nd Girling B 268 Silver Medal
- 3rd Earnshaw T 264 Bronze Medal

#### Class B

- 1st Cooper A 265 Gold Medal
- 2nd Cox I 264 Silver Medal
- 3rd Callaghan A 248 Bronze Medal

#### Competition 2: 50yd Precision Class A

- 1st Valmont D 290 Gold Medal
- 2nd Cox I 287 Silver Medal
- 3rd Girling B 285 Bronze Medal

#### Class B

- 1st Callaghan A 280 Gold Medal
- 2nd Hannam N 272 Silver Medal
- 3rd Roberts N 270 Bronze Medal

#### Competition 3A: County of Lancaster Confined Championship

- 1st Earnshaw T 543 Mrs D. E. Jackson Cup
- 2nd Radcliffe G 530 Silver Medal
- 3rd Roberts N 516 Bronze Medal

#### Competition 3B: Open Championship

- 1st Valmont D 561 The Kenneth Lawrence Cup
- 2nd Girling B 553 Silver Medal
- 3rd Cox I 551 Bronze Medal

#### Competition 4: LSR Timed Class A

- 1st Radcliffe G 249 Gold Medal
- 2nd Webb J V 243 Silver Medal
- 3rd Earnshaw T 235 Bronze Medal

#### Class B

- 1st Roberts N 238 Gold Medal
- 2nd Cox I 238 Silver Medal
- 3rd Hannam N 229 Bronze Medal

#### Competition 5: Precision & Timed 1 Class A

- 1st Callaghan A 299.13x Gold Medal
- 2nd Cox I 297.15x Silver Medal
- 3rd Hannam N 295.07x Bronze Medal

#### Class B

- 1st Hannam M 285.04x Gold Medal
- 2nd Higginbottom R 278.05x Silver Medal
- 3rd Radcliffe G 272.07x Bronze Medal

#### Competition 6: Junior Champion

Hannam M Gold Cup

#### Competition 7: Veteran Champion

Girling B Gold Cup

Full results are available on the website - <http://www.cltsa.org/sport/2008/2008sportresults.pdf>

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## Report to Council 2008

The number of affiliated clubs for 2008 is 16, unchanged from 2007. Individual membership has decreased from 122 in 2007, to 93 in 2007. We had 12 new individual members join this year, but unfortunately we lost 41 members for reasons which are not clear.

County teams have participated in National leagues again this year; in rifle, air rifle and air pistol. Our teams continue to perform well within their respective divisions. We thank our Team Captains; Kevin Hindle, Tony Power, Nigel Miller and Geof and Sandie McHugh for their hard work and dedication in leading our County teams.

Our regular events – rifle leagues and competitions, air pistol leagues and the two airgun meetings (Championships and Autumn Meeting) continue to be well supported. This year the Free Pistol Championship, which takes place during the Airgun Championship Meeting was generously sponsored by **Stratstone Landrover of Bury**. The winner of the Stratstone Trophy was Mick Gault OBE, who kindly donated 1000 rounds of Lapua Midas ammunition as prizes for other competitors.

The support for our Championships by the most successful Commonwealth athlete of all time certainly helped to attract media attention. BBC Radio Lancashire spent most of the day at the meeting, and included several live broadcasts during their Saturday programmes.

Two events were resurrected this year: the Prone Rifle Meeting and the Light Sporting Rifle Championships. The Prone Rifle Meeting organised by Kevin Hindle to run concurrently with the Cheshire Rifle Meeting at Appleton attracted a small number of entries, but we hope to see numbers increase next year. The LSR Championships, organised by Paul Holdstock, were hosted by Burnley Rifle Club and attracted a near full entry. Our thanks to members of Burnley Rifle Club, for their help and hard work.

Once again the Association participated in the NRA Open Day at Altcar Training Camp with a 10 m. airgun range set up in the Shanty training area. Despite the rather blustery conditions we were able to promote Smallbore Target Shooting to enthusiastic members of the public. Thanks to the following volunteers for helping run the range: John Billbrough, Reg Cox, Paul Holdstock, Tony Power, Dave Pritchard and Andy Waller.

We had another opportunity to promote target shooting to the general public thanks to The Mall in Blackburn and Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club. The Mall, the company that operates the shopping centre and others around the

country, is sponsoring a group of eight prospective Olympic athletes, including Neil Stirton (prone rifle). During this year's Olympic Games The Mall in Blackburn invited local sports clubs to set up display stands in the shopping centre to promote their respective sports. Blackburn RPC shared the invitation with CLSTSA and together we mounted an exhibition in Victoria Square during the weekends of the Olympic Games, and followed up with an Open Day at Blackburn Ranges. We are grateful to Eley Limited and NSRA for kindly donating posters and promotional materials for the exhibition.

On a sad note, this year saw the passing of two of our old friends: Kenneth Sykes and Richard Malbon. They made huge contributions to shooting at Club, County and National level and they will both be greatly missed.

We finish our report by thanking the Captains, Competitions Secretaries, Event Organisers and other volunteers who have dedicated their time to supporting target shooting in the County this year.

**Paul Holdstock. Hon Sec CLSTSA.**

## Individual's Success in NSRA/Eley Comp.

Four CLSTSA members made it through to the finals of the NSRA/Eley finals this year. The NSRA/Eley Competition is the biggest single competition that NSRA run, with over 2000 entries, so getting through to the final is an achievement in itself. I am pleased to report that all four shooters performed extremely well and brought a haul of crystalware back to the County, including three first place trophies. The shooters and their results are:

Chris Brown (Blackpool) - 2nd in Light Sporting Rifle - Precision Class C;

Paul Holdstock (Blackburn) - 1st in 20yd Air Pistol Class A, and 3rd in Prone Rifle Class E;

Andy Hopkins (Blackburn) - 1st in Light Sporting Rifle - Timed Class B, and 2nd in Cartridge Pistol Class B;

John Lloyd (Blackburn) - 1st in Cartridge Pistol Class B.

## NSRA News Individual Membership WELCOME Offer

The Association has announced a new introductory offer for those who have not previously been individual members of the NSRA. Following the examples of the NRA and CPSA, the Board of Management has approved a special discounted price for the first year for new Annual and Junior Annual Members, together with a bounty for the new member's club.

NEW FOR 2009! Our Special 1st Year Offer for NEW MEMBERS

To welcome you to the Association, we are offering a VERY SPECIAL DEAL for your 1st year subscription: Annual Subscription £72 WELCOME! Offer £40. Junior Annual also for those in full-time education Subscription\* £41 WELCOME! Offer £25

There are only two conditions:-

1. You must not have been a member of the N.S.R.A. before.

2. Payment must be by Direct Debit.

After the 1st year, your subscription will revert to the normal rate.

## Rifle Meeting Questionnaire

Monday, 03 November 2008

The Rifle Committee has been looking at a number of options proposed by members of the Committee, or by competitors at National Meetings, about how and where the meetings are organised. They would welcome your views and comments and to this end you are invited to complete a questionnaire, A copy can be had at the NSRA website <nsra.co.uk>

Basically, they are asking if members would like to change the format of the week long rifle meetings, at Bisley and Scotland, to the format for most of the other meetings, such as the Airgun Meeting, i.e. over a weekend.

NSRA would like to hear your thoughts.

A copy of the questionnaire can be obtained from the Hon Sec.

## Where will Stewart Nangle reach?



Blackburn RPC's Stewart Nangle, started shooting from scratch this last March, attended the Welsh Open at Cardiff in November '08, scored 567 ex 600 to get into the Olympic Final and took fifth place amongst the top eight UK elite pistol shooters. Oh, and he has a broken leg and can only shoot off one foot. Needs crutches 100% unless on the Firing Point.

Stewart won five major trophies. As Mick Gault took first place, then two Blackburn members were in the top five.

(Who said Blackburn couldn't blow their own trumpet? Ed.)