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Preston Cup 2009

The final of the Preston Cup was shot at Vulcan RC Range on the 1st March 2010, Salford winning by the narrowest of margins from Wigan "B".

| | Card 1 | | Card 2 | | C/S | Team Total | Total |
|------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-----|------------|-------|
| | Start | G/S | C/S | G/S | | | |
| Salford | | | | | | | |
| J Fidler | 7 | 93 | 100 | 92 | 99 | 199 | |
| G A Fidler | 8 | 91 | 99 | 91 | 99 | 198 | |
| D O'Donnell | 7 | 88 | 95 | 94 | 99 | 194 | |
| N Middleton | 10 | 91 | 99 | 91 | 99 | 198 | 789 |
| Wigan "B" | | | | | | | |
| J Birmingham | 7 | 93 | 100 | 91 | 98 | 198 | |
| S Duncalf | 7 | 90 | 97 | 94 | 99 | 196 | |
| C Leary | 7 | 94 | 99 | 94 | 99 | 198 | |
| R Baker | 7 | 92 | 99 | 91 | 98 | 197 | 789 |

In accordance with NSRA Rule 5.5.4.1.1 Salford won with the higher number of 99's.



Salford



Wigan B

Rifle Individual 2009

- Div 1. 1st J Wilkinson (Mor).
2nd M Lowe (Wig)
- Div 2. 1st E Entwistle (Mor).
2nd J Kay (BL)
- Div 3. 1st K Skidmore (Vul).
2nd Mrs M Young (Sal)
- Div 4. 1st Div 4 Ave.
2nd J Parker (BL)
- Div 5. 1st P Auerwald (Vul).
2nd G Pugh (Wig)
- Div 6. 1st D G Willie (Vul).
2nd Mis J Gaskell (Wig)

- Div 2. 1st Warrington "A".
2nd Blackpool "A".
- Div 3. 1st Cheadle "A".
2nd Wigan "C".
- Div 4. 1st Blackpool "B".
2nd Salford "C".
- Div 5. 1st Wigan "D".
2nd Aintree "A".

A total of 26 teams entered.

Rifle Individual 2010

The Rifle Individual League is under way with six divisions of 12.

Unfortunately clubs are failing to return the scores by the given dates. Whilst this is not a major problem for CLSTSA Postol Competitions it does raise concern regarding Inter County Competitions.

Geoff Barlow. Rifle Comp. Secretary.

Winter Rifle League 2009/10

The Winter Rifle League was completed in February and the final results have been issued. The results were:

- Div 1. 1st Wigan "A".
2nd Morecambe "A".

John Tomlinson

Lancashire's popular ex Olympian, now 76, is in hospital in Preston.

He had entered the Manx shoot over the Easter weekend and, as he was packing his bags, he had sudden pains in his legs, which became worse, until he was unable to stand.

He was whizzed into the Royal Preston Hospital, where a specialist diagnosed a viral attack on the nerves at the base of his spine, and then pronounced that "You will walk out of here".

In the meantime John has to lie in bed for several weeks and would welcome any visitors or cards from shooting friends.

His full address is: Ward 17, Royal Preston Hospital, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9HT. tel: 01772 716 565.

Air Pistol Postal League Summer 2010

Nigel Miller is organising the 10m and 20yd competitions. Please contact him for entry. Nigel's address is: Nigel Miller, 108 Chorley Road, Westhoughton, Bolton. BL5 3PL
Phone: 01942 810687 / 07768 548860
Email: nigelmiller@talk21.com

Entries must be made by 30th April.

Shooting for the Blind

More properly the subject is known as Acoustic Shooting.

Blackburn RPC have been fortunate to win a Sport England grant of over £6,000 which has enabled the Club to purchase three lanes of acoustic rifle equipment. This grant was the result of considerable time and effort by the Club Chairman, Dr Neil Carter.

The equipment should be operational during May and it is expected to prove to be popular amongst the many blind and visually impaired (VI) people throughout the North West. In the Chorley area alone there are 750 registered blind and VI people. Blackburn will actively market this new shooting facility to blind and VI support groups throughout the northwest including Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Preston and Lancaster.

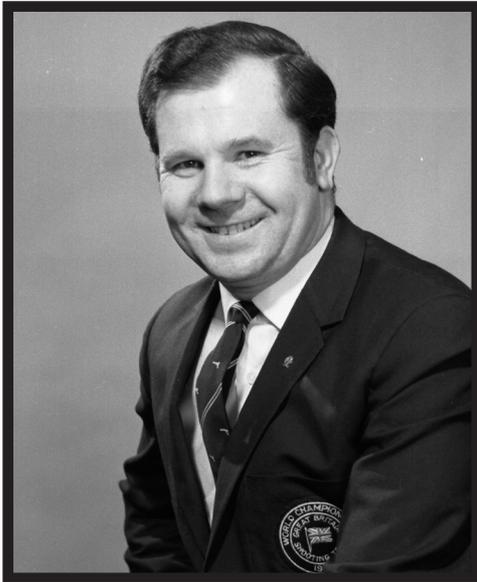
This new facility will help close the geographical gap of the closest current similar clubs being Wolverhampton to the South and Aberdeen in the North.

John Lloyd

Coming Events

- 8th & 9th May. Air Championships
- 11th & 12th Sept. Air Open
- 10th Oct. County Sport Rifle, Burnley.

Entry forms are available on the website: cltsa@org or from the Hon Sec Paul Holdstock, tel: 0161 434 0192, email: holdstock@regusnet.com



Laslo Antal

10th April 1936 - 30th March 2010

Laslo died after a number of illnesses in the last few years. His funeral took place at St. Mary's, Grassendale, Liverpool on the 8th April, Shooters from all over the country were present.

Laslo was a great music lover and the family plan to dedicate a seat to his memory in the Philharmonic Hall. If you wish to make a donation, then send a cheque to: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society, Hope St. Liverpool L1 9BP, quoting "for Dr Antal".

If you wish to write letters of condolence to Laslo's daughters Lucinda, Clarrisa and Sophie, please write to: 13 Salisbury Road, Cressington Park, Liverpool L19 0PH.

The following obituary was written by his friend Reg Cox.

Dr. Vitez, Laslo Charles Antal MB, BS, LRCP, MRCS.

Laslo was born in Pecs Hungary and matriculated from the pre eminent "Louis the Great High School. He entered the University of Pecs Medical School in 1954. He became politically active leading up to and during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, volunteering for the National Guard and was partly responsible for the arrest of all the leading Communist officials of the city. During that time he had a narrow escape from the Communist Police and went into hiding, together with others including his good friend Andrew Zsygmond in Andrew's fathers well stocked wine cellar for several weeks before escaping on foot, walking at night through the snow, arriving in Jennersdorf, Austria, where they were signed on as Bevin Boys by the National Coal Board, who were recruiting the escaping miners of Hungary, using a Red London Double Decker bus as a recruiting office.

He came to Barnsley, where he and his friends taught themselves English, without the benefit of an English/Hungarian dictionary, unobtainable at the time, by

listening and watching TV and going to the cinema.

In further debriefing, it was discovered that he was a medical student and he was offered a place at Keble College Oxford, where he renewed his interest in pistol shooting.

After graduation he moved to Liverpool, where his friend Andrew had studied and taken residence, married Morag MacBeth and settled into life as a GP. He and Andrew Zsygmond were Season Ticker holders at Liverpool FC for 44 years. Laslo and Morag had four children, Lucinda, Clarrisa, Sophie and Catriona. Sadly Catriona died, whilst they were on holiday in Italy.

I met Laslo through a mutual friend Colin Bennett some fifty years ago. Laslo was then shooting for Knutsford Marksmen, travelling there regularly to shoot his team cards and he was looking for somewhere nearer, with the right attitude to target shooting, and so he became a member of Mossley Hill Rifle & Pistol Club. Mossley Hill was then just emerging from a "plinking" club status and with Laslo as an example; we soon became a force to be reckoned with.

Occasionally you meet a natural shooter, someone who just picks up a gun and hits the ten ring. In my 60 years in shooting, I've met four, possible five such shooters and Laslo was one of them. He loved telling of an American Air Force shoot he entered, where he won the .22 events and then borrowed a .45 from the Yanks and cleaned up in that too.

His ability as a shooter was undeniable. At Oxford University he started making a name for himself at national events. The National Squad was then run on a patronage basis. If you shot the scores and your face fitted, you were in. As you may be aware, Laslo had a wonderful talent for rubbing people up the wrong way, but as he kept winning things it became impossible to ignore him and he was eventually invited to join the National Squad, coming under the patronage of Gerald Cafferata, who lent him guns and supported him. He was soon travelling to European and World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympics, shooting against the best in the world, bringing home the occasional medal, mostly as a member of a team, but in 1974 he won the individual Bronze for Free Pistol at The Commonwealth Games at New Zealand.

He had a truly photographic memory. Whereas I have difficulty in remembering what my score was in my most recent competition, Laslo could, and did, reel of his scores, shot by shot in shoots from years ago.

He knew everyone in shooting, and they knew him. I went with him as Team Manager to the European Championships in Zagreb in 1989. I was a rookie and more than a bit lost, but the real old timers, Las-

lo, Barry Dagger and David Parrish were very helpful, showing me what I should be doing.

He wrote a number of books that became the standard textbooks for the sport of target pistol shooting, which I illustrated, proof read and, occasionally "put into English". One book was produced in co-operation with that great Swedish shooter Ragnar Skanaker, for the American arms manufacturer Crossman.

Until quite recently he was still receiving requests for copies of his books from shooters all over the world. Ken Mainey tells a story that when he bought a copy of Laslo's book, Laslo wrote in the fly-leaf, and Ken had to take it to a chemist to find out what he had written.

He was very much a member of shooting's elite. Apart from his skill as a shooter, he was a great organiser and delagater. I was landed with several jobs by him and eventually became his unofficial Adjutant. Laslo had a very loud voice, shooters knew we lived a couple of miles apart, and they would ask; "when he contacts you Reg does he use the telephone?"

He was Britain's representative on the Olympic Medical Committee. Vice President of the National Small-bore Rifle Association, Chairman of that Association's Pistol Committee for many years, and was awarded NSRA's Gold Medal for his services to shooting, their highest award.

Another area in which he excelled was driving cars. If ever anyone was in need of a complete overhaul of their nervous system, then a drive with Laslo would restore tingling awareness. We used to travel down to Bisley at regular intervals and sometimes we went together. It is 240 miles from Liverpool to Bisley and, in his red BMW, early one Saturday morning we did it in three hours; an average speed for the journey of 80 mph. On the return journey in the evening with more crowded roads it took us ten minutes longer.

On another occasion, he was giving a lift to Ken Stanford, another shooter, who while being blasted down some road or other, mentioned to Laslo that as a serving Police Officer, he felt it necessary to point out that he was breaking the law in his presence. Laslo pulled over and told Ken to get out.

Sadly, since the chaos and untruths of Dunblane, British Target Pistol Shooting has declined. Laslo was a part of the golden age of the sport, a key figure in almost every British and Lancashire Pistol team.

As another member of those successful teams, Prof Dick Horrocks emailed me to say, "Laslo really was the centre of British pistol shooting for so long and in fact represents the end of that era!

I am more than proud to say "he was my friend". I shall miss him.

Reg Cox.

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