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The Newsletter of the County of Lancaster Small-bore Target Shooting Association

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## Autumn Airgun at Blackburn

The results of the 2005 CLSTSA Open Air Meeting are now on the County web site [www.cltsa.org](http://www.cltsa.org)

Although the number of entries was down on last year the event still proved popular.

Many thanks must go to all those who helped put on the meeting, especially Dave Pritchard who ran ALL the 60 shot details, Phil Sadler who ran the stats single handed, Lynda who kept everyone fed and watered and all those from Blackburn who made the event possible.

Marksmanship badges can be claimed from Phil, details are on the web site, or contact Phil Sadler on 0151 523 2790.

In the mean time we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, the Airgun Championships in April 2006.

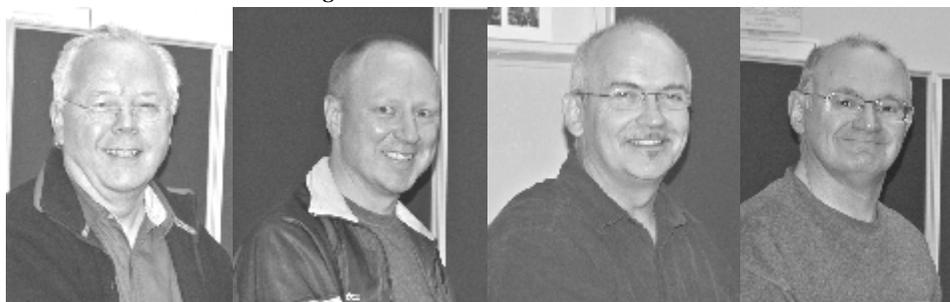


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*Hugh Owen*

*Neil Roberts*

*Glen Eldershaw*

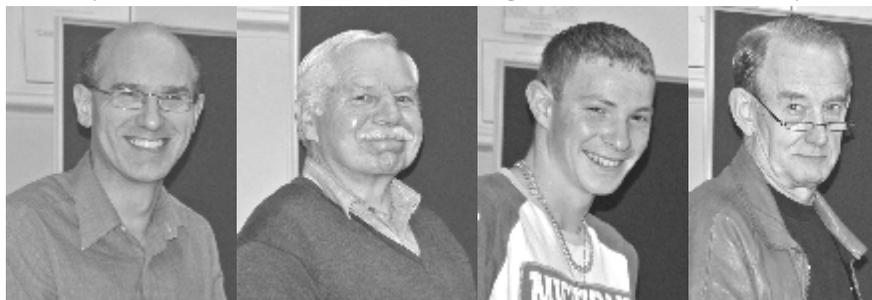


*John Lloyd*

*Paul Holdstock*

*Nigel Miller*

*Raymond Stead*



*Ian Jones*

*Don Ideson*

*Alex McIlwaine*

*Tony Power*



*Thomas Miller    Ian Candlish    Blackburn Air Range*



*Bob Clevely of Checkmate Guns    Phil Sadler, the man who get the stats out  
[www.checkmateguns.co.uk](http://www.checkmateguns.co.uk)*

*Photography by John Breakwell & Reg Cox*

## **The Annual General Meeting of the CLSTSA**

will take place on Saturday, 26th November 2005 at Blackburn Rifle and Pistol Club, Unit 5A, Audley Hall Mill, Dickens Street, Blackburn, commencing at 2pm. All club representatives and members are welcome.

## **Yet another club bites the dust**

West Lancs Olympic Air Rifle & Pistol (nee Liverpool AR&PC) disbanded on 15th April.

The club had been losing members/struggling to find permanent new members for approximately 18 months prior to the closure. We had reduced our shooting days to make it just financially viable to continue in the medium term, though we still would have needed new members longer term (we had five automatic lanes, correct lighting, a club room, etc. all much under-used).

The decision to disband was hastened to an extent on 11th April 2005, when the Altcar Commandant (Major Bill Hunter) phoned me to say that he needed the space that our range occupied (an old tank hangar) and requested we clear all equipment by Friday 15th April. There was no other space available for the club to convert or share on the Altcar range, and Bill explained that it was no longer financially worthwhile for Altcar to provide the facility, due to recent low income from the club.

In reality, I think that the club would have eventually closed, as I had tried advertising, changing the club name, etc. all to no avail.

Peter Callaghan (ex-Club Chairman).

West Lancs Olympic Air Rifle & Pistol (nee Liverpool AR&PC)

## British Prone Championship (The Lord Roberts)

The final of the British Prone Rifle Championship (the Roberts) proved to be the closest fought for many years.

The winner was Mike Babb (Appleton) with a score of 776. Walter Griffin (Sunderland) came second on 775, having also come a close second in the Squadded Aggregate. Phil Scanlan (Romford), last year's Champion, followed one point behind on 774 with Neil Davis (Wimbledon Park) and Keith Rudgway (Maidenhead) close behind on 773, Neil taking the honours at 100 yards with a score of 387 against Keith's 381.

At the Pistol Championships Ian Candlish of Yorkshire beat Mick Gault in the final of the Allies and Hugh Owen of Grange R&PC, Wirral, took home the Veterans Trophy, once more.

Congratulations to our successful neighbours.

## Better late than never Dept.

### Air Pistol Postal League. Spring '05

Group 1	Ave	P'ts
1 A R Horrocks	180.8	84
2 B Taylor	177.8	72
3 J Caesar	175.3	60
4 A Langhorn	173.3	48

### Group 2

1 J Sutcliffe	172.6	86
2 B Munt	171.1	75
3 W Green	171.0	75
4 H Doyle	169.8	75

### Group 3

1 M Taylor	163.2	90
2 S Broadbent	160.8	82
3 D Broadbent	158.2	78
4 Houghton	156.4	71

Medals to first three places, in all Divisions. All entrants will have received a full results list.

## Black Powder

For all those smokey folk. You must be aware of the new regulations for the storage of your "things that go BANG".

Neil Roberts has posted a guidance letter from HSE to Police on the website <[www.cltsa.org](http://www.cltsa.org)>

The new regulations not only apply to Black Powder, but also to any other type of gun propellant, as well as percussion caps & primers, and the nett quantities of propellants and priming compositions contained in loaded ammunition.

All shooters must read and understand these new requirements.

Why?

Because the Firearm Certificate will state that a certain maximum quantity of ammunition may be held, but that quantity of ammunition may contain sufficient explosive material to put the possessor outside of the law relating to storage. **Be careful!**

**Further information may be found at:-**

<[www.cltsa.org](http://www.cltsa.org)>

**The Manufacture and Storage of Explosive Regulations 2005.**

<[www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si200520051082.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si200520051082.htm)>

**HSE Approved Code of Practice and Guidance.**

<[www.hsebooks.com/Books/product/product.asp?catalog%5Fname=FSEBooks&category%5Fname=&product%5Fid+4633](http://www.hsebooks.com/Books/product/product.asp?catalog%5Fname=FSEBooks&category%5Fname=&product%5Fid+4633)>

**HSE Explosives - Information - Shooting and Historical Re-enactment.**

<[www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/shooting.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/shooting.htm)>

For those interested in the legal implications of the law and our sport...

Please download this .pdf file and study its implications --- especially Part 2 -- pp. 24-36.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmbills/010/2006010.pdf>

It could kill off many aspects of our heritage or sport

## 10m Air Pistol Targets

CLSTSA now has a stock of the excellent Kruger 10m A/P tgts., which can be purchased by affiliated clubs

Targets must be ordered in advance and are only available by collection from Council meetings.

They are intended for affiliated clubs and will only be sold in packs of 4000 at a price of £144.00.

Contact Hon, Sec Paul Holdstock on 0161 434 0192, email <[holdstock@regusnet.com](mailto:holdstock@regusnet.com)> for further information.

## NSRA/GBTSF Courses & Workshops

Listed below are the remaining courses and workshops being held at the Lord Roberts Centre in 2005 and those either arranged or proposed for 2006.

Please remember you must be an individual member of the NSRA to be eligible for the NSRA or GBTSF courses.

Courses

### 2005

26/27 November GBTSF Club Coaches

### 2006

28 January NSRA Club Instructor 3P (Standing & Kneeling Only)

25 February NSRA Club Instructor (Pistol)

29/30 April NSRA Club Instructor (Prone Rifle)

24/25 June GBTSF Club Coaches Course

9/10 Sep & 21/22 Oct

GBTSF County Coaches Course 2 weekends

25/26 November GBTSF Club Coaches Course

9/10 December NSRA Club Instructor Course

(Prone Rifle)

Workshops

### 2005

29/30 October Advanced Pistol (2 days)

5 November SCATT Day

13 November	Basic Pistol Techniques
11 December	Mind Training
<b>2006</b>	
4/5 February	3P Rifle Technical Skills
March tba	Mind Training
April tba	Basic Pistol Techniques
23 September	Air Rifle Technical Skills
September tba	Basic Pistol Techniques
7 October	Rifle Technical Skills
October tba	Advanced Pistol (2 days)
4 November	SCATT Day
November tba	Basic Pistol Techniques
December tba	Mind Training

Contact Chris Webb either by email [cwebb@nsra.co.uk](mailto:cwebb@nsra.co.uk) or phone 01483 485513 for details.

## Good Advice!

Following the events in London, The Ambulance Service have launched a national “In case of Emergency (ICE)” campaign

The idea is that you store the word “I C E” in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted “In Case of Emergency”.

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It’s so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.

Please will you also forward this to everybody in your address book, it won’t take too many ‘forwards’ before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life.

## Mick Gault going for a record

Marksman Mick Gault is aiming to make a piece of history at next year’s Commonwealth Games. The 51-year-old was named in Team England’s 29-strong shooting team for Melbourne. Gault needs just three medals to become England’s most medalled Commonwealth Games athlete of all time. Gault will compete in six events in Melbourne he will shoot in the individual and pairs competitions in the 10m air pistol, the 25m standard pistol and the 50m pistol and needs just one more medal to equal the most medals won by an English shooter, the late Malcolm Cooper who won 12 medals between 1974 and 1990. The England team for Melbourne also features Mike Babb, Charlotte Kerwood and Richard Faulds amongst others. More@ [www.gbtsf-worldclass.co.uk](http://www.gbtsf-worldclass.co.uk)

## *Bl\*\*dy Yoof!*

So often do you hear shooters saying things such as; “I’m not having kids cluttering up the range, taking up shooting time”, but with Julia Lydall setting a new British Ladies Record with 387 ex 400, maybe having that sort of talent in the club team wouldn’t be a bad idea.

### NATIONAL YOUTH PROFICIENCY SCHEME AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL SHOOTING

#### The Scheme.

The NSRA National Youth Proficiency Scheme (YPS) was created as a means to introduce young people to air gun target shooting in a safe and interesting manner. The Scheme takes the form of a course of eight lessons culminating in written and shooting tests to qualify for a proficiency badge. As an additional benefit, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has accepted three months participation in, and successful completion of, the YPS course as qualifying for a D of E Bronze award for the “Skills” section.

### **Instructors.**

Instructors and youth leaders wishing to undertake air rifle or air pistol shooting with their groups must first be suitably qualified. To this end, the National Small-bore Rifle Association Diploma courses for air gun shooting have been tailored to qualify an instructor in the safe conduct and supervision of air rifle or air pistol target shooting. These courses are typically of one or two day's duration. The YPS Instructors Diploma is a minimum requirement of the Scout Association for scout leaders to conduct air gun shooting with scouts.

### **What it's about.**

The course syllabus covers air gun law, safety, safe loading methods, range building, maintenance of air guns, basic shooting skills and range discipline. It also imparts background information that allows the instructors to be comfortable in the shooting environment knowing that they can make correct decisions based on good practices. For the practical element the instructors are taken through the requirements for the safe running of an air gun range, as well as actually shooting.

### **What then?**

Having qualified for the Diploma the instructors are deemed proficient not only to operate an air gun range for young people, but are also qualified to deliver the 8-lesson Youth Proficiency Scheme course to students. A full set of notes is provided for this, which contains not only the tutorials but also provides a valuable reference source for instructors

The NSRA can also provide advice and recommendations on range construction and the targets, ammunition, and air guns that are best suited to the desired purposes.

For information or assistance please contact Malcolm Lee on 01483 485506 or email: [mlee@nsra.co.uk](mailto:mlee@nsra.co.uk)

## **LSR Shoot, Liverpool October '05**

The planned shoot at Liverpool had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to the lack of entries.

It is frustrating for the organisers and expensive for the Association when this happens.

A lot of work goes into organising a meeting, ranges have to be booked, medals and trophies ordered, not to mention the time of the organiser, Neil Roberts.

Shooters are often unwilling to travel, or shoot on anywhere but their own range, but if you want to improve, then open competitions are the best way to gain experience. (Ed.)

## **CLSTSA Individual Membership**

In recent years there has been some confusion over procedures for renewing Individual Membership of CLSTSA. This is a result of trying to rationalise and modernise our membership subscription and administration process whilst still ensuring some continuity with the old system that some members are more accustomed to. In order to prevent further confusion Council have agreed to adopt the following system.

- The membership year will continue to run from 1st January to 31st December.
- Membership fees must be paid by 30th April.
- New memberships and renewal of existing memberships may be made either by:

a) Applying directly to the Membership Secretary using an Individual Membership Application Form, or by:

b) Entering a CLSTSA competition or league and paying the Individual Membership Fee with your entry fee.

- Competitors in CLSTSA Prone Rifle competitions and leagues must apply for membership through the Rifle Section Competition Secretary (Mr Kevin Hindle) at the time of entry, i.e. option b) above. Competitors in other CLSTSA competitions and leagues may use either option a) or b).
- Individual Membership Application Forms are available from the Membership Secretary, from Affiliated Clubs, or as a download from the CLSTSA website ([www.clstsa.org](http://www.clstsa.org)). The forms will also be printed in our newsletter "The Lancashire Bull".
- When applying directly to the Membership Secretary, please remember to enclose a postal order or cheque payable to CLSTSA to cover your Individual Membership Fee, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your Individual Membership Card.
- Reminders will be sent out during April to all existing Individual Members who have not already renewed their Membership. This reminder may be ignored if a membership application has already been made or if renewal is not required.

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