



At the Council Meeting on the 27th

January 2007, held at Blackburn R&PC, the following list of people indicated their willingness to continue in the respective offices with the Association and were all elected by unanimous vote:

- a) Council Members of the Executive Sub-Committee:
Kevin Hindle & Bob Clevely.
- b) Competition Secretaries:
Rifle **Kevin Hindle.**
Air Pistol **Dave Pritchard.**
- c) Badge Secretary: **Phil Sadler.**
- d) Team Captains
Ladies **Kevin Hindle.**
3P Small-bore **Sandie McHugh.**
Black Powder **John Lloyd.**
Air Rifle **Steve Glaysher.**
Air Pistol **Tony Power (20yd) & Nigel Miller. (10m)**
Free Pistol **Peter Taylor.**

The offices of Section Secretary, Chief Statistical Officer, Chief County Coach, Chief Range Officer, County Coaches and Range Officers will remain vacant.

Also at the above Council Meeting;

Rifle Master Class – Mr Billbrough reported on progress with the organisation of this event. The date and venue are Sunday, 14th October 2007 at the City of Salford Rifle Club. The Master Class will be conducted by Dave Froggett and will be open to Individual Members of the Association only. Numbers will be limited to 12 seniors and 2 juniors. Applications forms will be sent to affiliated clubs and individual members, and posted on the website in due course.

Latest news: Application forms are now available from the Hon. Sec. tel: 0161 434 0198. email <holdstock@regusnet.com>

NRA Open Day at Altcar Training Camp

7th April 2007 *Report by Dr. Paul Holdstock*

The NRA has been holding open days at Bisley for several years and they have proved to be a great success. Last year, in line with NRA policy of promoting shooting in the regions, an open day was held for the first time away from Bisley. The venue was Altcar Training Camp – a military establishment owned and run by the North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, and used extensively by civilian clubs in the North West region. Last year the weather was awful and the number of visitors was disappointingly low. Nevertheless, the organisers to their credit were not discouraged and taking on board the lessons learned from the first event, set about organising this year's open day with every intention of making it bigger and better than last year.

The open day this year was again at Altcar, on Easter Saturday, 7th April. A misty and rather chilly start turned into a glorious spring day – almost cloudless skies, comfortable temperatures and just the lightest of breezes. Perfect shooting weather.

When visitors arrived at the camp, they were first required to register before purchasing books of vouchers that could be redeemed at the numerous activities dispersed around the camp. Activities included archery, full-bore and small-bore target rifle, F-class rifle, laser clays, .22 semi-automatic rifle, .357 underlever rifle and black powder revolver. The good weather, and no doubt good reports of last year's open day, brought in visitors in much greater numbers. Most of the activities were kept busy from start to finish.

Each activity was set up and run by volunteers from local clubs, using club equipment, or in some cases equipment belonging to individual volunteers. NRA will reimburse clubs and individuals for the costs of all consumables (ammunition, targets, etc.). NRA staff were also on hand to help with administration and running of activities. Visitors came in all "shapes and sizes" – young and old, male and female,

Bogus firearms enquiries: there have been reports of some firearms certificate holders being contacted by persons fraudulently claiming to be firearms enquiry officers. Please beware – make sure you know who you are dealing with and do not answer questions or let anyone into your home unless you can positively identify them as genuine enquiry officers. If in doubt, double check with your usual firearms manager or enquiry officer first.

Photocopying FAC: it is also reported that some retailers are insisting that they take a photocopy of FAC when making sales of firearms and ammunition. We have been advised that this is not a legal requirement and that holders should not allow their FAC to be photocopied.

Rifle Meeting – it was generally agreed that the time is right to try again to re-instate an open rifle meeting within the County. The preferred venue is Appleton, although other venues should also be considered. July was thought to be the best time of year as students would be available to participate. Mr Hindle volunteered to canvass the opinions of clubs and their members. For further details please contact Kevin Hindle at: tel. 0161 792 0517 or email K.hindle@mmu.ac.uk

A letter was received from **Joe Thompson** after the meeting in which he indicated his intention to resign as Rifle Captain (Long and Short Range) at the end of the current season. As the letter arrived after the meeting we did not have the opportunity to make the customary vote of thanks. I therefore take this opportunity on behalf of the Association to thank Joe for the tremendous work he has put in over the years in leading our rifle teams, and to wish him continued good shooting. *P Holdstock Hon. Sec.*

those with some shooting experience and those with none.

The feedback from visitors was excellent. Firearms liaison officers from Merseyside police also visited the open day and were suitably impressed with what they saw.

Despite the long day and hard work, the volunteers running the activities also enjoyed the day and commented on how worthwhile it had been to be able to promote their sport to a wider population. Two of the hardest working volunteers were Graham Readyoff and Richard Malbon (Morecambe Rifle & Pistol Club) who were running the black powder revolver range. They loaded, demonstrated and supervised visitors shooting throughout the whole day without a break. Even when his own revolver gave up the ghost, in a true "show must go on" spirit, Graham improvised a loading routine – loading his cylinder in a smaller calibre revolver and then transferring it back to his own revolver.

The organisers, lead by David Young (NRA Regional Representative), and the army of volunteers are to be whole-heartedly congratulated. The open day showed what shooting sport is all about – people from all walks of life coming together to enjoy an activity that is both challenging and enjoyable. Glynn Alger (NRA Secretary General) pledged NRA support for an open day next year and hopes to double visitor numbers.

The open day is a unique opportunity to showcase our sport and bring new blood into shooting sports in general and local clubs in particular. So, here's a challenge – start thinking about ways in which you and your club can get involved in the open day next year. It is never too early to start planning. Think about what activities you would like to help with. Maybe there is something new that you could organise. Think about how you can use the open day to promote your own club and attract new members. And when you have finished thinking – make sure you do something about it. You can contact the NRA Regional Representative, David Young by e-mail at northwest@nra.org.uk, or via the CLST-SA Hon. Secretary, Paul Holdstock at the usual address.

Inter County Air Pistol Leagues

10m Lancaster "A"

Name	Agg.	Ave. ex 600
A Hopkins	2835	567.0
J Brown	2733	546.6
P Taylor	2722	544.4
P Holdstock	2721	544.2
N Hodgson	2703	540.6

Div 3	Win	Lose	P'ts	Score
Devon	8	2	16	13713
Lanc's "A"	7	3	14	13714
Dorset	6	4	12	13704
Mdx	4	4	8	13120
Durham	4	6	8	12220
Shrop's	1	9	2	13397

Lancaster "B"

Name	Agg.	Ave. ex 600
J Ball	2714	542.8
N Carter	2681	536.2
R A Shaw	2649	529.8
T Miller	2602	520.4
J Lloyd	2447	543.8

Div 5	Win	Lose	P'ts	Score
Staff's	9	1	18	13545
Hert's	7	3	14	13421
Leics&Rut	6	4	12	13482
Kent	5	5	10	13179
Lanc's "B"	2	8	4	13093
Cornwall	1	9	2	13298

Lancaster "C"

Name	Agg.	Ave. ex 600
N Miller	2621	524.2
N Roberts	2599	519.8
C Brown	2595	519.0
B Ward	2334	466.8
I Collinge	2269	453.8

Div 8	Win	Lose	P'ts	Score
Glos	9	1	18	12768
Durham "B"	7	3	14	12780
Kent "B"	7	3	14	12046
Lanc's "C"	5	5	10	12418

20yds Lancaster "A" Div. 1

Name	Agg.	Ave.
P Taylor	1245	88.9
C Brown	1182	84.4
Mrs R Bond	1127	80.5
P Holdstock	1105	78.9
N Hodgson	1026	73.3

Div 1	Win	Lose	P'ts	Score
Ulster	10	0	20	8942
York's "B"	8	2	16	8684
Lanc's "B"	6	4	12	8292
Devon	3	7	6	8111
Camb'ge	2	7	6	8012

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Ulster	10	0	20	8942
Yorks "B"	8	2	16	8684
Lanc's "B"	6	4	12	8292
Devon	3	7	6	8111
Camb's	2	7	6	8012

Div 4	Win	Lose	P'ts	Score
York's "C"	10	0	20	8684
Hamp's	8	2	16	8114
Lanc's "C"	5	5	10	7622
Camb's	5	5	10	7245

Air Pistol Postal League

The latest league positions are as follows:

10m "A"

1. R Woodhouse
6. A Langhorne

2. G Horrocks
3. N Carter
- =4 S Lee

10m "B"

1. R Hunter
2. J Kirkham
- =2 E Pugh
- =2 B Ward
5. R Cox

20yd "1"

1. N Carter
2. C Brown
3. D Burton

20yd "2"

1. D Waterworth
2. A Power
3. T Miller
4. A Jinks

7. C Brown
8. W Green
9. D Burton

6. K Clapham
7. B Pearce
8. T Hankey
9. M Bateson

4. A Langhorne
5. G Horrocks
6. W Green

5. E Langhorne
6. B Pugh Eward
- =6 B Ward
8. J Kirkham

CLSTSA Rifle Winter League

Winners

Division 1	Morecambe A
Division 2	Vulcan A
Division 3	Leyland B
Division 4	Cheadle A
Division 5	Aintree

NSRA Inter Counties Ladies Rifle League Div 3

Marion Young	City of Salford
Margaret Gardner	Bury
Gillian Henderson	Bury
Paula Miller	Leyland
Heather Doyle	Wigan

- 1 Oxfordshire RA "A" 4867
- 2 Surrey County SBRA "B" 4747
- 3 Ulster County (East) 4834
- 4 Gloucestershire Assn 4813
- 5 County of Lancaster 4341
- 6 Kent County SBSA "A" 4629

John Lloyd becomes

NSRA Director

Our congratulations go to Vice Chairman John Lloyd who has recently been co-opted onto the NSRA Board of Directors. (He's also standing for election - which is required, for co-opted members to stay on after the next available election).

Once more, we have direct access to our governing body's top table.

Anyone wishing to discuss matters concerning the NSRA can contact John at 0125 420 9851, or email <john.lloyd@alliancepiling.co.uk>.

Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley 25m Range

The "new" 25m range has been fitted with a concrete slab firing point and a mud free access to the targets area.

CLSTSA and individual members contributed to the appeal for funds for the necessary work and volunteers have done most of the work to update the range. Pictures of the range can be accessed at www.nsra.co.uk

Tony Power has a turning target mechanism for 4 firing points. There are no controls but the mechanics are good. These need to be moved as soon as possible and would be free to a good home if any club can make use of them. Contact Hon Sec. See right>

CLSTSA Air Championships 12th & 13th May 2007

Blackburn Shooting Centre.

The 2007 Championships will again be held at the Excellent Blackburn Shooting Centre. On offer this year will be the 60 shot Championship as well as a double 60 shot match in Air Rifle & Air Pistol.

Prizes will be awarded to 3 places in both the Championship and the double 60 depending upon entries.

Also on offer will be a full course of Standard Pistol match, 20 yard Air Pistol and Free Pistol at 50m !

Entry forms were posted in early April and are available on the county web site now. www.clstsa.org or from Neil Roberts, tel: 0151 226 6832.

GBTSF Pistol Officials Course, Bisley 1st-2nd September 2007

The course is on and will take place in the BPC Clubhouse at Bisley.

The fee for the course is £25 and is payable on booking. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If insufficient applications are received the course will not take place.

Further courses are planned but dates are not yet known.

For more information contact:

Course Organiser,
GBTSF,
Edmonton House,
Bisley Camp,
Brookwood, GU24 0NP
email jonpturner@btinternet.com

ALDERSLEY OPEN MEETING 2007

SPORTER & 3 POSITION AIR RIFLE

INCORPORATING OPEN TRIALS FOR GB JUNIOR SPORTER & 3 POSITION AIR RIFLE TEAMS FOR 2007

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 May 2007

At the National Indoor Shooting Centre, Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton, WV9 6NW

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Open to male and female competitors aged under 21 on 31 December 2007

For details contact NSRA on 01483 485 505, or www.nsra.co.uk

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