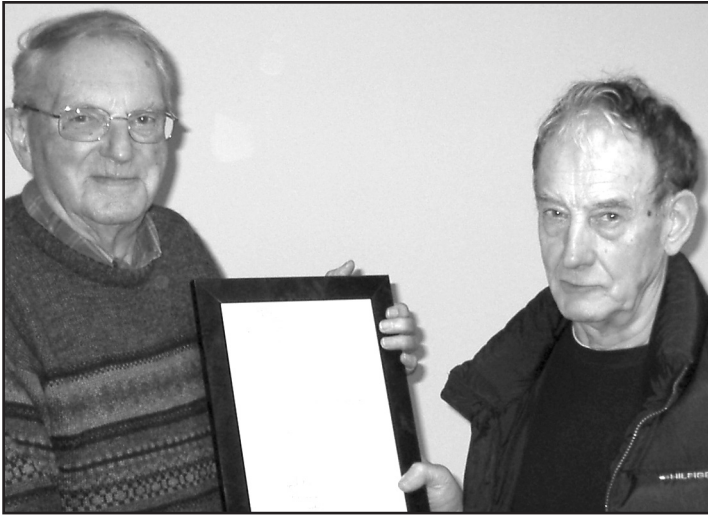


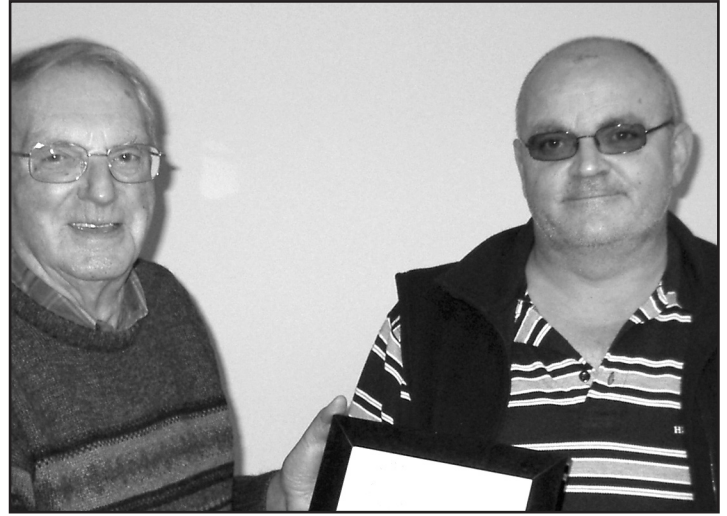


Newly Elected Life Vice Presidents



At the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Association on 3rd November 2007, two long standing members were elected to the post of Life Vice President.

Tony Power has been the driving force at Whalley Pistol Club for many years, keeping the club going despite the national problem of dwindling membership. His encouragement and coaching of Juniors resulted in Tom Miller becoming a member of the GB Junior A/P Squad. Tony has



been a regular member of the CLSTSA Council and has been a member of several committees.

Phil Sadler of Aintree R&PC has been the Hon Treasurer of the Association for many years, keeping a firm hand on the finances and ensuring a healthy outlook for CLSTSA.

Though not often seen shooting nowadays, Phil represented Great Britain at the Paralympics at Seoul in 1988, where he shot A/P and Std/P.



Mick Gault OBE

Mick was awarded the OBE in the new years Honours List, for Services to Shooting.

As the athlete winning the greatest number of medals at the Commonwealth Games ever, he should have been given an award equal to the bemedalled Sir Steve Redgrave, or maybe that young lad Seb, now Lord Coe.

Mick won his first medals in 1994, in Victoria, with Gold in the Individual 50m Free Pistol - an event he was to defend successfully in 1998 and 2002. His medal haul includes a total of nine gold, three silver and three bronze medals won across four events - 50m

Free, 10m Air, 25m Centre-Fire and 25m Standard Pistol - and includes a clean sweep of four Golds from four starts in the 1998 Games in Kuala Lumpur. His fifteen medals make him the most successful English Commonwealth Games athlete ever. The 53 year old from Norfolk said the OBE was a great honour for the sport. He said: "It means the earth to me, not just for myself but for the sport of shooting which I dearly love."

Gault was chosen to carry the England flag at the closing ceremony of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006 after winning Gold in the 25m Standard Pistol.

Gault, who works at RAF Marham will now set his sights set on the Delhi Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Mick's friendly unassuming personality made a big impression on all who attended the Pistol Master Class, that he conducted at Blackburn R&PC in October 2006.

Lancashire congratulate Mick on his award and wish him every success in the future.

Photography by: John Breakwell.

CLSTSA PISTOL & HANDGUN WORKSHOP

Sunday, 17th February 2008

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an introduction to target shooting disciplines using pistols and handguns of the following types:

- Match air pistol, single shot and five shot
- Muzzle loading pistol
- Muzzle loading revolver
- Long barrel revolver
- ISSF free pistol (.22RF longarm)

Participants will have opportunity to learn about the different types of pistols and handguns and the competitions that are available for them. All types of pistol and handgun will be available for inspection and, where the law permits, participants will be able to try them out on the range.

The workshop will be hosted and run on behalf of CLSTSA by Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club, and it will take place at Blackburn Ranges, Unit 5A Audley Hall Mill, Dickens Street, Blackburn BB1 1RN. Details of how to get there can be found on

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the club website: www.blackburn-rpc.co.uk or contact Paul Holdstock as shown below.

The workshop will open at 10 am and finish at 2 pm. The club snack bar will be open during the workshop, serving a variety of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and other snack foods.

The fee for the workshop is £2.00 for CLSTSA Members and £3.00 for non-members, payable at the door.

The fee includes the cost of all shooting activities.

Protective eyewear and hearing protection is available for loan at the club, but it would be helpful if you could provide your own.

All enquiries to the Hon. Secretary:
Dr Paul Holdstock

Tel. 0870 099 2250. email:
holdstock@regusnet.com

Important Information To all Non Military users of Altcar Rifle Ranges

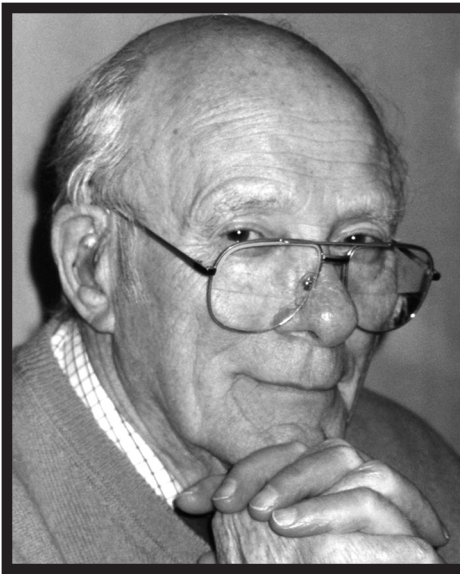
After discussions between the MOD and NRA, the MOD has agreed to increase the muzzle energy, Altcar have decided, along with 42 NW BDE Headquarters to rescind the previous documentation on this subject forthwith.

With immediate effect the muzzle energy has been increased from 3800 joules or 2804 IBS to 4500 joules or 3321 IBS with no restrictions other than for the time being no hand made bullets may be fired at Altcar until further notice. (excluding muzzle loading weapons)

All club Secretaries by latest 31 January 2008 will receive official notification of this change, when by then, hopefully all the procedures and adoption of any changes needed, will have been given to those responsible for ensuring all military ranges carry out the changes and how it may effect any civilian shooters wishing to fire in excess of 4500 joules and the strict procedure to follow to permit this if agreed, once all the data is collected.

Finally may I remind all civilians Rifle Clubs that you are paying guests of MOD and NWRFCFA and as such we expect you and your club members to ensure that you fully comply with the rules and regulations that are set in place, failure to do so could result in instant dismissal from this or any other military range complex, notwithstanding any comments above may I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year to you all and may 2008 bring you an extremely good shooting year

Thank you
Yours sincerely
Mr Gerry Allen
Range Liaison Officer
Altcar Training Camp
02 December 2007



Ken Sykes 1927 - 2007

Lancashire, Great Britain and Morecambe in particular, lost one of their greatest battlers in December last year, when Ken Sykes died. He had not been well for some time and passed away peacefully.

Ken represented Morecambe R&PC at CLSTSA Council Meetings for many years and his work in the defence of shooting, in all forms, was recognised nationally. As well as his connection with Lancashire Small-bore, he was also President of Morecambe Bay Wild Fowlers Association and was a

full-bore rifle shooter.

He campaigned relentlessly over the years for the rights of people to be able to use guns for legitimate purposes, writing to politicians and relevant authorities in support and defence of our sport. He wished to protect the future of shooting in UK, becoming a thorn in the side of those who oppose shooting, as we know it.

Ken received respect from whoever he met. But, this was no accident, for he gave respect to everyone he met, was genuinely interested in them and brought out the best in people. Ken was a gentleman in all senses of the word. He was a stickler for accepted standards, tradition and behaviour and always led by example. Whenever he stood to address a meeting everyone went quiet and listened intently to his well researched and presented arguments.

His best known phrase was "For any of you gentlemen who don't know me, my name is Ken Sykes".

At the Civil Ceremony funeral the chapel was packed, standing room only, with friends and fellow shooters coming from far and wide. Ken leaves a widow Audrey and a son Keith. He also leaves a garage full of things he couldn't throw away. He will be greatly missed at Lancashire meetings.

Preston Cup

Semi Final

Vulcan A	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
J Donovan	7	93	100	93	100
K Skidmore	7	93	100	91	98
E Chadwick	7	93	100	95	98
R Boughton	7	94	99	91	98
Score			399		394

Total Score 793

V

Wigan	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
I Thompson	5	95	100	95	100
R Hunter	7	93	100	94	99
M Lowe	7	92	99	90	97
S Motley	7	93	100	94	99
Score			399		395

Total Score 794

Bury

Bury	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
J Thompson	5	94	99	94	99
B Fletcher	5	94	99	94	99
M Gardner	7	94	99	92	99
S Henderson	7	92	99	94	99
Score			396		396

Total Score 792

V

Morec'me	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
E Entwistle	5	94	99	95	100
P Holmes	5	94	99	96	99
B Irwin	7	95	98	94	99
J Wilkinson	5	95	100	94	99

Score 396 397

Total Score 793

Final

Morec'me	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
E Entwistle	5	96	99	95	100
P Holmes	5	94	99	95	100
B Irwin	7	93	100	90	97
J Wilkinson	5	94	99	95	100
Score			397		397

Total Score 794

V

Wigan	Start	GS	CS	GS	CS
I Thompson	5	95	100	96	99
S Duncalf	7	93	100	91	98
M Lowe	7	93	100	93	100
S Motley	7	93	100	93	100
Score			400		397

Total Score 797

The Final of the Preston Cup was Held on Friday 21 Dec 08 at Leyland Rifle Cub

My Thanks go to Paula and Mick Miller for their assistance on the range and for the supper made by Paula. The winners of the Cup were Wigan RC and the team consisted of Martin Lowe, Steve Duncalf, Ian Thompson and Steve Motley

Kevin Hindle.

CLSTSA 94th AGM Blackburn R&PC

3rd November 2007

Election of Officers:

President: Mr John Billbrough;
Chairman: Mr David Pritchard;
Vice-Chairman: Mr John Lloyd;
Hon. Secretary: Dr Paul Holdstock;
Hon. Treasurer: Mr Philip Sadler
Patrons: Dorothy Bannister and
Reg Cox.

Subscription Rates:

a. Individual members subscription fees were proposed to remain at the 2007 rates, i.e. general membership £5.00p, senior membership £4.00p and junior membership £2.50p, approved unanimously.

Club affiliation fees were proposed to remain at the 2007 rates, i.e.:

Up to 10 members	£14
11 to 20 members	£25
21 to 35 members	£38
36 to 60 members	£47
Over 60 members	£60

Treasurer's Report:

The Hon Treasurer reported that the Associations finances has remained stable and that the current balance was £6,766.81

Report of Council

The number of affiliated clubs for 2007 is 16, compared to 20 in 2006. Individual membership has increased from 118 in 2006, to 122 in 2007.

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 Steve Glaysher for their hard work and dedication in leading our County teams. Unfortunately for us, Steve has now given up shooting and has stepped down as Air Rifle Captain. We will be looking to elect a new Air Rifle Captain in January.

Our regular events – rifle leagues and competitions, air pistol leagues and the two airgun meetings (Championships and Autumn Meeting) continue to be well supported. We congratulate all winners this year, including Sandie McHugh (Air Rifle Champion), Peter Taylor (Air Pistol Champion), Roger Woodhouse (10m Air Pistol Class A Winner), R Hunter (10m Air Pistol Class B Winner), Neil Carter (20yd Air Pistol Class A Winner) and Derek Waterworth (20yd Air Pistol Class B Winner).

There was a disappointing response to our efforts to establish a league for muzzle loading pistol, which had to be cancelled. Undeterred, our Muzzle Loading Captain, John Lloyd, is planning other events, possibly to coincide with the airgun meetings.

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NSRA Inter County Air Pistol Leagues

10m Lancashire "A" Div 3.

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Ave'g
A Hopkins	277	283	279	280	1119	559.5
P Holdstock	276	275	283	272	1106	553.0
P Taylor	266	277	270	276	1089	544.5
J Lloyd	273	272	266	263	1074	537.0
J Brown	269	274	266	265	1074	537.0
Team score	1361	1381	1364	1356	5462	
Opponent	Wark's	Hert's	Mdx	Dorset		
Opponent's Score	1369	1362	1355	1376		
League Position	4th	2nd	2nd	4th		

10m Lancashire "B" Div 5

J Ball	277	270	275	279	1101	550.5
N Hodgson	274	272	279	270	1095	547.5
R A Shaw	264	271	268	267	1070	535.0
N Carter	258	271	261	266	1056	528.0
P Plunkett	269	254	255	251	1029	514.5
Team score	1342	1338	1338	1333	5351	
Opponent	Cumbria	York's	Shrop's	Herts		
Opponent's Score	799	1353	1323	1323		
League Position	1st	2nd	2nd	1st		

10m Lancashire "C" Div 8

N Miller	268	258	255	266	1047	523.5
C Brown	259	264	258	262	1043	521.5
A Jinks	251	252	250	248	1001	500.5
M Tsang	238	232	247	231	948	474.0
Jim Lloyd	261	0	260	264	785	392.5
Team score	1277	1006	1270	1271	4824	
Opponent	Glos	IoM	Hants	Bye		
Opponent's score	1300	1002	1251	0		
League Position	4th	3rd	3rd	3rd		

20yds Lancashire "A" Div 2

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Ave'g
J Brown	190	189	179	185	743	92.9
A Hopkins	187	186	188	180	741	92.6
J Bond	181	182	187	179	729	91.1
P Holdstock	182	175	187	184	728	91.0
R Shaw	168	179	176	175	698	87.3
Team score	908	911	917	903	3639	
Opponent	Sussex	Devon	Bye	Hants		
Opponent's score	908	929	0	894		
League Position	2nd	3rd	2nd	2nd		

20yds Lancashire "B" Div 3

N Hodgson	183	183	177	184	727	90.9
P Taylor	179	174	188	173	714	89.3
N Carter	181	180	172	178	711	88.9
G Radcliffe	182	174	188	166	710	88.8
J Lloyd	179	181	176	170	706	88.3
Team score	904	892	901	871	3568	
Opponent	Cheshire	Devon	York's	Bye		
Opponent's score	912	871	888	0		
League Position	5th	3rd	2nd	1st		

20yds Lancashire "C" Div 4

T Earnshaw	180	171	163	157	671	83.9
A T Power	166	159	163	171	659	82.4
C Brown	158	158	171	170	657	82.1
Mrs R Bond	154	168	162	169	653	81.6
N Miller	152	177	167	156	652	81.5
Team score	810	833	826	823	3292	
Opponent	Bye	Camb's	Hants	Forth&Clyde		
Opponent's score	0	733	674	870		
League Position	2nd	1st	1st	1st		

Nigel Miller

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There are a number of other events that are in the process of planning or have been identified for the future, including: a gallery rifle meeting, a prone rifle meeting running concurrently with the Cheshire rifle meeting at Appleton, and handgun workshop.

Following the success of the Mick Gault Master Class, this year we organised a Rifle Master Class conducted by Dave Froggett, Coaching and Development Manager at NSRA. Dave is regarded as one of the best rifle coaches in the sport. Eleven members participated in the Rifle Master Class, ranging from juniors just starting to shoot rifle, through to average club shooters and even a one-time England shooter. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day and gained much from the experience and expertise passed on by Dave. The Rifle Master Class was hosted by the City of Salford Target Shooting Club, and we thank them for the excellent facilities and help they provided. We are now considering running follow-up classes for both rifle and pistol, and possibly running a new Master Class for gallery rifle.

For the second year, members of our Association volunteered their time to help with the NRA Open Day at Altcar Training Camp, including Graham Readyoff who put in a marathon effort on the muzzle loading revolver range. The Open Day is an excellent opportunity to showcase our sport to the wider public and the Association will be present again next year.

On a sad note, this year we lost an old friend of the Association. Eric Anderton passed away on 5th February. Eric was a member of the CLSTSA Pistol Committee for many years, in the 80's and 90's, taking part in the organisation of meetings and leagues. Eric was also member of Bolton R&PC and regularly attended shoots, both in Lancashire and farther afield. An obituary will be published in "The Lancashire Bull".

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

SHORT RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

There was a disappointing return for entries for this competition I therefore went straight to a final at Leyland

RC on the same night as the Preston Cup Final.

The results were
Individual Winner: Murray King (Warrington)
Runner Up: Paul Holmes (Morecambe)
Ladies Winner: No Entries for final
Juniors Winner: No Entries

Kevin Hindle,

Future Events

Muzzle loading: John Lloyd is trying to set up a Postal for ML Pistol, anyone interested??

Prone Rifle: John Lloyd is trying to set up a "Roses Match" between Lancs and Yorks. He has made the contact with those on the other side of the big hill and needs input from Lancs end to push it forward.

Anyone interested in either of these events, should contact the John Lloyd at: john.lloyd@alliancepiling.co.uk or, Hon. Sec. Paul Holdstock; address at bottom of p4.

New NSRA Website

NSRA have launched a much improved website, well worth a look. nsra.co.uk provides up to date news on competitions, the Association, membership, Lord Roberts Centre and the shop.

CRB Checks

The NSRA's service for obtaining Criminal Records Bureau Checks on people who work with children and vulnerable adults in affiliated clubs and organisations is now operational. Work is proceeding on finalising the NSRA Policy and Procedures Guide on Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection. This will be supplied to all affiliated clubs and organisations and available on this website as soon as it has received the necessary clearances.

In the meantime some clubs have indicated that they wish to undertake checks urgently on some of their members who work with young people, for example young members of the club or members of youth organisations with which the club operates in close co-operation.

Click to download the CRB Check Request Form. One form should be sent for each person who is to be the subject of a check, together with the appropriate fee, to the NSRA. Shortly afterwards the subject of the check will be sent a copy of the CRB application pack direct from TMG CRB, the bureau that acts for the NSRA.

Launch of Appeal against Breach of Olympic Charter

The Sportsman's Association has launched a formal appeal against the breach of the Olympic Charter by the British Government with regard to the pistol shooting events at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

We have launched the appeal with the International Olympic Committee - the response of the IOC to our letter is awaited.

We have also written to the International Committee for Fair Play - a part of the Olympic Movement and to the secretariat and also some 39 individual member countries of the European Fair Play Movement (ranging from Albania to Ukraine) asking them all to support the British pistol shooters and to 'assist the British Government in its endeavours to comply fully with the Olympic Charter'.

Copies of our correspondence with the above bodies will be placed on our website when the said bodies have had a reasonable chance to respond.

Richard Malbon, Director, Sportsman's Association

CLSTSA Air Pistol Squad

As an individual member of CLSTSA you could be entitled to shoot for one of the County teams. We require shooters of all abilities, those who will qualify for the first team would be shooting a regular 540 plus. The third team would be looking for an average of 480 plus and this is where we need members who can progress up the score ladder with the challenge of regular competition.

We have postal competitions starting soon for Air Pistol over 10 metre and 20 yard courses.

The 10 mtr format would be 3 shots per card, 10 cards per round, shot in one session under competition rules on your home-club range. One round to be shot every 2 weeks to a total of 10 rounds.

The 20 yd competition requires 10 shots per card, 2 cards per round, shot in one session under competition rules on your home-club range. One round to be shot every 2 weeks to a total of 10 rounds.

If you are interested in representing the County of Lancaster in Air Pistol competition please contact the Hon Sec Paul Holdstock at the address at the end of p4.

We are particularly interested in strengthening the junior (under 21) squad.

We would encourage anyone wishing to be considered for the County team to enter the 2008 Air Championship meeting at Blackburn see the County website <http://www.clstsa.org> for details and entry form.

Nigel Miller (Air Pistol Captain)