



Torchbearer Rachael Whitehead



Rachael Whitehead, a Junior Member of Blackburn R&PC was an Olympic Torchbearer, carrying the torch through Horwich on Friday 1st June. Rachael is a member of the GB Junior Squad and has Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Her ambition is to represent GB at Olympic and Commonwealth Games, and for her Coach Sue Preston and her Mum to see her on the podium. She also raises money for Bully Free Zones Children's Charity in Bolton, has spoken at an NSPCC Conference and is the recipient of a Princess Diana Award.

World Cup, London, 2012

By John Lloyd.

Short version ... Four words - Bl**dy cold, wet and windy. Sorry five. Longer version:

This World Cup event was to be the test event for the Olympic shooting venue at Woolwich in south east London. Some 860 competitors were due to fly in from around the world to compete on the Olympic site. The weather in England during the preceding months had been hot and dry and so there were stringent hose pipe bans in place throughout the south of England.

By the 16th April when the NSRA support team arrived the good weather had greatly assisted the contractors building the site however they were still about a month behind.

However the weather turned nasty on the Tuesday with very cold, windy and wet weather. Woolly hats and multiple layers of clothing were the order of the day and every day thereafter until the event closed on the 28th April. It did not help the situation that there was no heating until the Thursday as someone had forgotten to order fuel for the generators that ran the heating systems.

The temporary armoury was an impressive piece of organisation. Surrounded by security fencing and 24/7 CCTV cameras on every corner the armoury consisted of two rows of twenty foot shipping containers. Each row of ten inward facing containers were separated by a decked out area of about thirty metres wide and fifty metres long. The

whole being protected by a free span marquee roof. The armoury team were on duty from about 0700 till late evening and some staff often worked into the small hours in order to receive firearms that were ferried in from Heathrow on special UPS vans.

The main Final Hall was very impressive, both inside and out. All the very latest hi-tech gizmos and equipment. The local fox, upon whose patch this whole circus had descended, was obviously not impressed as one night Foxy sneaked into the Finals Hall, left a 'message' on the podium and went off with a hairy microphone costing 5,000 Euros!

The 50 metre hall was also impressive but, with the cold weather and wind, it was a bitter place in which to shoot. The Russians wore shooting gloves during the Free Pistol event!

Elsewhere the Shotgun Range was impressive in its size but less impressive on the ground as it flooded everywhere in the rain.

There was a distinct lack of catering facilities for non shooting team people. One mobile snack bar about 600 metres away. The toilet facilities were sadly lacking as well.

There were some sunny spells between heavy showers but most people were using their umbrellas very frequently. As a team we had to be up before 0600 in order to get breakfast at 0630. We were then on the road at 0700 from the north side of the Thames, through Blackwall Tunnel and out to Woolwich by 0730.

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Later in the day we were finishing about 4.30pm, putting everything into secure storage and then travelling back via the Blackwall Tunnel to the hotel. Long days in very poor weather conditions and cold on-site accommodation. At the end of two weeks I was very glad to get the north bound train from Euston.

Overall a very interesting experience but my lasting memory will be the cold and inclement weather for the whole two weeks.

Oh to be in England in the Spring !

John Lloyd

HELP!

We need experienced shooters to help at our meetings in Spring and Autumn. Anyone who can spare half a day or even the full day. We need Range Officers, Stats workers and people to book in entrants.

We are not insisting on qualifications, such as Range Conducting Officer or Club Instructor, just experienced shooters.

Volunteers should please contact Hon Sec Paul Holdstock at the address below.

Lancashire Air & 50m Free Pistol Championships

*Sunday 16th September 2012
Blackburn Shooting Centre.*

The Air Pistol and Air Rifle events will be 60 shot matches at 10 metres 2 shots per diagram.

In addition there will be an Air Pistol match at 20 yards and a Free Pistol full course match.

There will be an Early Entry Draw:
First Prize 100% refund of entry fee
Second Prize 50% refund of entry fee
Third Prize 25% refund of entry fee

Entry forms are available on the website: www.clstsa.org, from the organiser, Neil Roberts, at neil@clstsa.org or from the Hon Sec Paul Holdstock, email: paul@holdstock.eu

ISSF announces "Run & Shoot", shooting's new Sport for All event

The ISSF launched the "Run & Shoot" event, a new "Sport for All" competition format. The name says it all: the competition combines running with Air Rifle target shooting.

It's a bit like the Winter Biathlon, but without the ski's, and not running as far.

The Rules for this new comp can be

found on the ISSF website: www.issfsports.org/

First Ever NRA Disabled Shooting Competition!

It's great news that during Disabled Shooting Year the National Rifle Association is launching its inaugural Adaptive Military Shooting Championship, open to all former service personnel.

The matches will take place on Wednesday, 4th July as part of CENT-SAM at Bisley.

Full details (including contacts for those who wish to enter are on the website: <http://www.disabledshooting.org.uk/news/about-events/308-1st-nra-adaptive-competition.html>

Please do all you can to spread the word about this initiative, and encourage those who are eligible to enter, so that it is a great success.

Affiliations

At the Council Meeting in April it was announced that the number of individual Annual Members is 61 (cf. 77 in April 2011) and the number of Affiliated Clubs is 16 (cf. 14 in April 2011).

Light Sporting Rifle Championships

The date has been confirmed as Sunday, 14th October 2012 and once again Burnley Rifle Club has kindly agreed to host the Championships.

Firearms Licensing

Some Police authorities are taking an unreasonably long time to issue and renew Firearms and Shot Gun Certificates; many months in some cases. Thankfully, in Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester, delays, if any, are not too bad. However, the advice is to assist the Police by sending in renewal applications in good time – do not leave it to the day before certificates expire!

Stuart Nangle in the medals

Stuart Nangle did well at an International shoot at Hannover in May this year, winning Bronze in the Team 50m Pistol with a score of 531 and Silver in the Team 10m Airpistol, with 568. The other team members were: Mick Gault and James Newsome. Mick also won an individual Bronze in 10m Airpistol.

Georgina Geikie 377, Victoria Mullin 369, Victoria Tripney 357 won Gold in

Women's 10m Air Pistol Team. There was a Silver in the Men's 50m Rifle Prone Team by Matthew Thomson 595, James Huckle 592, Neil Stirton 590. Matthew Thomson won Bronze in the Men 50m Rifle Prone

Kristian Callaghan won Bronze in Junior Men's 10m Air Pistol. Jennifer McIntosh 391, Jenny Corish 390, Sheree Cox 389 won another Bronze in Women's 10m Air Rifle. Michael Bamsey of Wales won Bronze in Junior Men's 10m Air Rifle with a 590.

There were two Golds, one for R5 Mixed SH2 10m Air Rifle Prone Team by James Bevis 600, Adam Fontain 598, Ryan Cockbill 593, Matthew Skelhon won another Gold for R3 Mixed SH1 10m Air Rifle Prone. There was another Gold for Nathan Milgate 600, Matthew Skelhon 600, Deanna Coates 594 in R3 Mixed SH1 10m Air Rifle Prone Team.

Quite a haul! Congratulations to all for their efforts. Let's hope we see similar results at the Olympics.

Apathy at Lanc's Council Meetings

Committee Meetings of the Association are gradually becoming less well attended. When I first joined the Association, there would be over a hundred in attendance. At the last meeting on Saturday 21st April at Blackburn there were only 13 people from 7 or so clubs, and five of those were Officers of the Association.

CLSTSA is there for the benefit of all shooters in Lancashire. It is a member of the NSRA, in fact John Lloyd is Chairman of the Pistol, Airgun & Crossbow Committee of NSRA. Decisions on our sport are made at NSRA and then discussed and maybe modified at CLSTSA. Shooting in Lancashire is also discussed and decisions on Competitions and many other matters are decided at the Committee Meetings.

Each club affiliated to the Association is allowed to nominate two people to represent their club at these meetings, if your club members do not attend, then your club is missing out on the opportunity of introducing your opinions into these discussions.

Is your club represented?

Lanc's Individual Rifle League 2012 Results

- Div 1 1. Mrs Doyle. Wigan
2. J Wilkinson. Morecambe
3. M Lowe. Wigan
- Div 2 1. T Horrocks. Salford
2. C O'Leary. Wigan
3. B Craig. Blackpool
- Div 3 1. G A Fidler. Salford
2. J Foster. Vulcan
3. B Jones. Blackburn
- Div 4 1. S Kay. Vickers
2. K Skidmore. Vulcan
3. D Hunter. Ashton u Lyne
- Div 5 1. P Meadows. Wigan
2. M Hesketh. Vulcan
3. Bogey.
- Div 6 1. B Ward. Blackpool
2. Miss R Hunter. Ashton u Lyne
3. R Sockett. Vulcan
- Div 7 1. Div 7 Average.
2. D Knight. Leyland
3. K Rawcliffe. Blackburn

Olympic Legacy

The 2012 Olympics have cost mega millions. New stadia have been built for Athletics, Swimming, Cycling etc., whereas Shooting has had a temporary range built at Woolwich, reportedly costing £32 Million, despite all of the facilities being a few miles down the road at Bisley.

The target equipment has been hired, and will be returned after the shoot and the range, which is in kit form, taken down and possibly used for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Legacy for Shooting = near nowt. Despite it having been a major provider of medals in previous Games.

If you don't invest in anything, or make use of the most successful individuals, (Mick Gault) you can't expect top results.

One of the reasons stated for not using Bisley, was that it was too far from London. Yet Sailing is in Weymouth, which last time I checked is a lot further from the Olympic site than Bisley. Football at Hampden Park (Scotland), Old Trafford (Manchester) and City of Coventry Stadium, Canoe Slalom at Lee Valley Whitewater Centre, near Cheshunt. Mountain Bike at Hadley

Farm (Essex) Rowing at Dorney Lake, just north of Bisley and Cycling at Box Hill, also near Bisley.

Do I detect a certain amount of prejudice? We managed to restore Long Arm Free Pistol, thanks to NSRA and particularly Geoff Doe, but when are they going to trust us to shoot International Pistol Events in our own country, just as they do in the Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands?

Do we have to wait for the 100 year moratorium to end, to discover the truth, and maybe receive an apology? (Ed.)

Sales & Wanted

Our website at www.cltsa.org is offering a FREE sales and wanted service for members and clubs.

If you have anything to sell, or are looking for a piece of kit, then put an advertisement on the website. Don't forget to add your email address or phone number.

NSRA News

Disabled Shooting Project

The NSRA's Disabled Shooting Project has now been assimilated into the Whole Sport Plan, funded by Sport England and managed by British Shooting. Liz Woodall has been appointed as its full-time Co-ordinator.

The Project's new website (www.disabledshooting.org.uk) was launched, last January. There you will find a wealth of information about shooting for those who are disabled or less-able, and as it is part of the Whole Sport Plan, the information covers clay target and full-bore shooting as well as the disciplines within the NSRA's areas of activity.

The work of the DSP can also be followed on Facebook and Twitter.

Mayleigh and Gallie Pistol Matches

The Mayleigh Match (the postal international pistol competition) and the Gallie Match (the British Pistol Championship) were to have been contested at the Northern Ireland Pistol Meeting in June. However this event has been cancelled because of insufficient entries. The NSRA Pistol, Airgun and Crossbow Committee is currently looking at alternatives for the shooting of these matches in 2012 and an announcement will be made as soon as possible.

NSRA Rules & Regulations

The latest amendments to NSRA Rules and Regulations, approved by the Shooting Council in November 2011 and March 2012, came into effect on 1st April.

None of the changes affect the technical rules for shooting. The responsibility for considering penalties in some disciplinary matters has been transferred from the Board of Management to the Referees Committee, so that any appeal against such a penalty can be considered by the Board.

The other changes relate to the eligibility criteria for taking part in NSRA National Meetings and Postal Competitions. These changes do not alter current requirements, but correct the references to them in Rules and Regulations which had become out of date over a number of years.

The amendments have already been incorporated into the copy of Rules and Regulations which are available from NSRA.

Benchrest Shooting

The Board of Management has agreed that the NSRA should apply to the World Rimfire & Air Rifle Benchrest Federation and the European Rimfire & Air Rifle Benchrest Shooting Federation for membership as the National Association representing Great Britain.

Following the withdrawal of UKBR22 from membership of these two Federations, there is no British organisation in membership. Affiliation of a national organisation is an essential prerequisite for British shooters to be able to take part in the Championships organised by these Federations.

Information on the NSRA's membership database suggests that over 200 of our affiliated clubs include benchrest as part of their activities and they probably cover in excess of 1,500 active benchrest shooters.

Accordingly to protect the interests of these shooters and to support the aspirations of those who wish to shoot at international level in the competitions of the WRABF and ERABSF, the NSRA will be making an immediate application to join.

NSRA Elections

Congratulations are due to John Lloyd who has been re-elected as Chairman of the Pistol, Airgun and Crossbow Committee, and also Paul Holdstock who has been appointed to the Referees Committee.

National Meetings

The British Pistol Championships are to be held at Bisley on the 7th to the 9th September.

British International 50m Rifle Championships

which was postponed from when it is normally shot in June, will now be shot at Bisley on 21st to 23rd September.

Entry forms are available from NSRA.

Winter Season 2012/2013 Individual Competitions

For Rifle, Pistol and Airguns

Entry is restricted to Life and Annual Members of the NSRA. Entry forms are available from NSRA. tel: 01483 485508. email: competitions@nsra.co.uk

Lancashire Individual Rifle Rankings

Based on CLSTSA Individual Rifle League Scores, July 2012.

Ranking	New Ave	Name	Club	Pre Ave
1	98.5	R Horrocks	Sal	99.0
2	98.5	H Doyle Mrs	Wig	98.5
3	98.4	M Lowe	Wig	99.5
4	98.2	J Wilkinson	More	98.8
5	97.8	T Horrocks	Sal	96.5
6	97.5	B Craig	BP	96.0
7	97.2	D Young	Sal	98.7
8	97.2	B Jones	BB	95.5
9	97.0	D Scanlon	Ley	98.0
10	96.9	MW King	Warr	96.8
11	96.9	G Meadows	Wig	96.3
12	96.9	S Kay	Vic	94.3
13	96.8	N Battersby	BP	96.8
14	96.6	M Liversage	BB	96.8
15	96.6	P Cook	BP	95.8
16	96.5	S Holt	Warr	97.4
17	96.5	N Cook	More	96.0
18	96.5	GA Fidler	Sal	95.5
19	96.5	C Brown	BP	95.2
20	96.5	K Skidmore	Vul	94.5
21	96.2	D Carr	AUL	95.0
22	96.1	P Shaw	AUL	96.5
23	96.0	C Oleary	Wig	95.6
24	95.8	E Chadwick	Vul	96.0
25	95.3	J Foster	Vul	95.2
26	95.0	B Irwin	More	95.7
27	94.6	Steve Mottley	Wig	95.2
28	94.5	D Hunter	AUL	93.5
29	94.5	B Ward	BP	90.8
30	94.4	A Cockayne	Vul	94.8

Ranking	New Ave	Name	Club	Pre Ave
31	94.3	D Lee	Wig	95.7
32	94.3	W Taylor	BP	95.0
33	93.7	P Meadows	Wig	92.7
34	93.4	T Bryan	BP	94.7
35	93.4	R Hunter Miss	AUL	90.1
36	93.3	M Hesekth	Vul	92.7
37	93.1	M Underwood	Wig	95.0
38	92.9	R Baker	Wig	93.1
39	92.8	F Slater	AUL	91.5
40	92.7	P Leviston	Vic	94.2
41	92.5	A Gregson	AUL	93.9
42	92.0	M Easton	Vul	89.8
43	91.8	D Watkin	Vul	91.5
44	91.5	R Sockett	Vul	90.3
45	91.4	N Sundholm	Ley	91.0
46	91.1	J Auerswald	Vul	89.3
47	90.5	A Ormerod	Vul	89.2
48	89.6	C Auerswald	Vul	92.5
49	89.5	S Ramsbottom	BP	92.5
50	89.4	N Morley	BB	92.8
51	89.1	D Wells	More	87.0
52	87.6	T Ormrod	Vul	85.0
53	87.0	P Bertwistle	More	88.0
54	86.2	D Knight	Ley	86.6
55	86.0	K Rawcliffe	BB	81.8
56	84.8	D Ormerod	Vul	87.0
57	84.2	S Christie	Vul	85.0
58	83.5	L Sergeant	Ley	79.8
59	83.1	I Derbyshire	AUL	82.6
60	82.5	D G Wilkie	Vul	85.2
61	82.5	J Sergeant	Ley	74.0