



Lancashire Lightweight Sporting Rifle Championships at Burnley

Editorial

Target Shooting in Great Britain has been under attack for many years, certainly since well before 1997 and Dunblane.

We have not helped ourselves, as most shooters are happy to do their own thing and not contribute to the sport. They're content to shoot their cards, maybe have a chat, and that's it. The encouragement of youngsters into our sport has not been pressed, in consequence, with few exceptions, clubs are dying off as members pop their clogs.

Now newsagent WH Smith is stopping under-14s from buying shooting magazines from its stores by using a till prompt to check the age of its customers. The decision seems to be based on the erroneous belief that people under the age of fourteen are not allowed to shoot. There is no age limit for a shotgun certificate in Great Britain, and a recent survey by the Countryside Alliance found that almost one third of people who shoot learn to whilst under the age of 12.

This decision not only shows a complete lack of understanding of the law, but also WH Smith's own customers, as many young people enjoy reading these magazines. The same Countryside Alliance survey found that 30% of young shooters read magazines to learn more information about their sport.

The shooting press and all shooting organisations, including CLSTSA should encourage you to support a campaign for this policy to be retracted.

Email a complaint to WHSmith Chief Executive at kate.swann@whsmith.co.uk to its Chairman at walker.boyd@whsmith.co.uk and to its Head of Customer Services at juliette.cavilla@whsmith.co.uk

Sign a petition to retract this policy at: <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/whsmiths-retract-policy-on-sale-of-shooting-magazines>

We must do more for the young shooters that are keen to follow in our footsteps,

Adapted from an article on the Countryside Alliance website.

Reg Cox



Andrew Waller Hon Sec of Burnley RC presenting the trophies for Open Champion and Confined Champion to Carl Birnie of Blackburn R&PC.



Winners Left to Right: Emma Duffy of Fulwood, Lady Champion, Nigel Hannam also of Fulwood with the Derek Waterworth Trophy and Trevor Earnshaw of Furness Marksmen winner of the Veterans Trophy

Light Sporting Rifle Championships 2012

The 5th County of Lancaster Light Sporting Rifle Championships took place at Burnley Rifle Club on Sunday, 14th October 2012. With the exception of the first and last details (apparently LSR shooters don't like getting up too early, and like to be home in time for tea), the firing points were busy and a good programme of shooting was enjoyed by all. For the second year running, Carl Birnie of Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club won both the Confined and Open Championship. Also making it two years in a row was the Lady Champion, Emma Duffy of Fulwood Shooting Club. Trevor Earnshaw of Furness Marksmen won the Veterans Championship.

Derek Waterworth, a long-time member of Burnley Rifle Club and

CLSTSA, sadly passed away earlier this year. In memoriam to Derek, the Association inaugurated a new trophy to be awarded to the overall highest score in the Timed & Precision 1 event. The reason for choosing this event for the Memorial award was that before such things were denied to law abiding shooters, the event was shot with pistols and called Police Pistol 1. Derek was both a former pistol shooter and a police officer. The winner of the Derek Waterworth Memorial Trophy is Nigel Hannam of Fulwood Target Club. Coincidentally, Nigel purchased his first target pistol from Derek.

The Association is grateful once again to Andrew Waller and the other officers and members of Burnley Rifle Club for hosting and running another great shooting event.

Paul Holdstock

Report of Council to the 2012 AGM

The number of affiliated clubs for 2012 is 16, one less than last year. Overall individual membership has fallen again this year to 64, compared to 76 in 2011 and 85 in 2010. We had 5 new individual members join this year that had not previously been members of the Association.

2012 will of course be remembered as the year of the London Olympics. John Lloyd (Vice-Chairman) and Kevin Hindle (Chief County Coach) were both in attendance helping to run small-bore shooting events. The Glorious Twelfth will also be remembered this year, but for another form of shooting. It was on the 12th of August that Samantha Murray ran and shot her way to second place in the Modern Pentathlon, thereby winning an Olympic Silver Medal. Samantha regularly trained in air pistol shooting at Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club and represented the County of Lancaster in the Junior Air Pistol Team.

In the NSRA national leagues and competitions, County of Lancaster A and County of Lancaster B were runners-up in Divisions 1 and 2 respectively of the NSRA County Pistol League, and County of Lancaster A won Division 3 of the NSRA County Air Pistol League. Our air rifle team also had success this year, winning the County Air Rifle Competition.

The prone rifle team finished mid-table in the NSRA County Rifle League and the Reserves were close runners-up in their Division, finishing just one point behind Yorkshire.

In the County of Lancaster Individual Rifle League the winners in Divisions 1 to 6 respectively were H Doyle (Wigan), T Horrocks (Salford), G A Fidler (Salford), S Kay (Vickers), P Meadows (Wigan), B Ward (Blackpool). In Division 7, the division average proved hard to beat, but D Knight (Leyland) finished second.

A total of twenty-one teams took part in the Summer League (one better than last year) with the Division winners being Wigan A, Blackpool A, Ashton-under-Lyne B and Leyland A.

The County of Lancaster Airgun and Free Pistol Championships had to be postponed to the autumn because of too few entries for the spring meeting. Entries for the autumn meeting were better and the Championships were able to run. The County Air Pistol Championship was won by David Owen (Cumberland), and the County Air Rifle Championship was won by Paul Horbury. Rachael Whitehead (Blackburn) won both the Ladies and Junior Air Pistol Championships, and Adam Cook (Blackburn) won the Junior Rifle Championship. The County Free Pistol Championship was run concurrently with the competition for The Laslo Antal

Memorial Trophy for Free Pistol, and was won by Les Pearson (Swadlincote).

At the Light Sporting Rifle Championships, Carl Birnie (Blackburn) won both the Open and County Championships for the second year in a row. Emma Duffy (Fulwood) was Lady Champion, and Trevor Earnshaw (Furness Marksmen) was Veteran Champion.

The County lost one of its most hard working members this year, Derek Waterworth of Burnley, who sadly died in July. Derek had been an active member of the Association for many years, and until recently he was Secretary of Burnley Rifle & Pistol Club. In memoriam to Derek, a new trophy was inaugurated and presented at the Light Sporting Rifle Championships.

In a year that saw James Bond celebrate 50 years in the cinema, and Her Majesty celebrate 60 years as Queen, our very own "007", Reg Cox (membership number 007), surpassed them both by celebrating 60 years of marriage to his wonderful wife Ina, and 70 years of target shooting. Congratulations to Reg on both counts.

As always, we finish our report by thanking the captains, competition secretaries, event organisers and other volunteers who have dedicated their time to supporting target shooting in the County this year.

SPORTING HEROES HONoured BY COUNTY OF LANCASTER

At the Annual General Meeting of the County of Lancaster Small-bore Target Shooting Association being held on 10th November 2012, nominations will be considered for two new Life Vice-Presidents of the Association, the highest honour in small-bore shooting within the County.

The first nominee is Samantha Murray, silver medallist in Modern Pentathlon at the London 2012 Olympics. As a junior, Samantha regularly trained in air pistol shooting at Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club and represented the County of Lancaster in the Junior Air Pistol Team.

Commenting on Samantha's nomination, County President, John Billbrough said "It was wonderful to see Samantha battle through tough competition in London. An Olympic Silver Medal is well-deserved testimony to Samantha's hard work and dedication to her sport. Samantha is a true inspiration to everyone in the County, particularly our youngsters."

Mick Gault OBE, England's most successful Commonwealth athlete, is the second nominee for Life Vice-President. As Paul Holdstock (CLSTSA Hon. Secretary) explains "Although Mick is not based in the County, Lancashire shooters have gained considerable inspiration from his outstanding success over many years, and have benefited greatly

from the support and encouragement Mick has given through his participation in County competitions and training courses".

The Life Vice-President's certificate will be awarded to Mick Gault immediately after the annual General meeting at Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club on Saturday, 10th November 2012.

A separate presentation will be made to Samantha Murray at the Mitton Hall Hotel, Clitheroe on Friday, 16th November 2012 at about 3 pm.

Light Sporting Rifle Club Instructors Course

23 -24 February 2013 at the City of Salford Rifle Club

Price £60

This Includes Course Material Admin and CRB fees

Course Instructor is David Frogget

Pre Course Requirements: Life or Full Member of the NSRA Hold NSRA Range Officer Certificate

All Enquiries to Kevin Hindle Tel: 07952413445 or email k.hindle@mmu.ac.uk

Guns etc for Sale

The following pistol and rifles are for sale due to the ill health of the owner.

If you could circulate details to anyone who may be interested, any contacts you may have in the black powder or full-bore disciplines, I would be grateful.

1. Black powder revolver cal 0.44 Italian navy model 1851 c/w box flask, mould etc.
2. Cooley shotgun 12bore, damaged forestock
3. BSA martini - could be a 'Centurion' cal 0.22 c/w glove and sling.
4. Browning pump action cal 0.22
5. Marlin under lever model 1894cs cal 0.357 magnum
6. Rossi under lever carbine cal 0.44
7. Ruger carbine M10/22 cal 0.22, c/w spare stock
8. 2x reloading presses 0.357/0.380 - Redding
9. Lyman dies 0.44, BP scales, BP measure
- 10 Gun safe (6)

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