



## Airgun & F/P Champ's



Photo Paul Holdstock

Pistol Champion 2013 Ian Hart of Mattersey

Following the postponement of the County Airgun & Free Pistol Championships last year, it was great to be able to run this year's event in its usual slot in the calendar.

Although entries were a little low, the competitors that did enter made the most of the new ISSF timing for 10 m airgun events and enjoyed a full day of shooting. Several 10 m air pistol competitors also found time on the day to enter the 20 yd event, making it possible to run two classes. Free pistol was also well supported this year, and again this event was run in two classes.

Congratulations go to the 2013 Champions: **David Owens** of Cumberland News Rifle Club (Air Pistol Champion); **Paul Horbury** of Ilkley Rifle & Pistol Club (Air Rifle Champion); **Ian Hart** of Mattersey Rifle & Pistol Club (Free Pistol Champion); **Ingrid Falat-Marsh** of Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club (Lady Champion) and **Rachael Whitehead** of Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club (Junior Champion).

CLSTSA is grateful to Blackburn Rifle & Pistol Club for hosting the event and to several members of the club who volunteered to do everything from setting up the range to making the sandwiches. Thanks are also owed to the officers and members of the Association and affiliated clubs that volunteered to help with equipment control, RO duties and scoring, and to Harry Preston of Steyr UK for providing free servicing during the meeting.

The next County event will be the Autumn Airgun & Free Pistol Meeting, possibly 1st September. We hope to see you there.

**Paul Holdstock**

### Pistol Class A

1 Owens David	Cumberland	570
2 Jones Ian	Altrincham	554
3 Schooling Mark	Blackburn	552
4 Leah Craig	Altrincham	551

### Pistol Class B

1 Pearson Les	Swadlincote	555
2 Williams David	Lincoln	550
3 Searle Richard	BPC	549
4 Instone Ian	Wakefield	518

### Pistol Class C

1 Falat-Marsh Ingrid	Blackburn	521
2 Whitehead Rachael	Blackburn	517
3 Carter Neil	Blackburn	509
4 Fawcett David	Wigan	507
5 Warwick Peter	Blackpool	502
6 Lee Kenneth	Wigan	500
7 Braganza Francis	Altrincham	492
8 Horbury Megan	Ilkley	489
9 Pearson Pet	Swadlincote	466
10 Jacklin Paul	Lincoln	398

### Pistol Class D

1 Barker Kieran	Cumberland	483
2 Power Anthony	Whalley	458
3 Holmes A	Blackburn	495
4 Bernie Carl	Blackburn	489

### Rifle Class A

1 Horbury Paul		572
2 Lee John	Wakefield	541

### Rifle Class B

1 Theophinides C	Cumberland	467
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### Double 60 Pistol Class A

1 Owens David	Cumberland	1133
2 Jones Ian	Altrincham	1111

### Double 60 Pistol Class B

1 Williams David	Lincoln	1095
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### Double 60 Pistol Class C

1 Carter Neil	Blackburn	1036
2 Whitehead Rachael	Blackburn	1019
3 Falat-Marsh Ingrid	Blackburn	1015
4 Horbury Megan	Ilkley	994
5 Warwick Peter	Blackpool	993
6 Jacklin Paul	Lincoln	917
7 Pearson Pet	Swadlincote	906

### Double 60 Pistol Class D

1 Barker Kieran	Cumberland	974
2 Power Anthony	Whalley	928

### Double 60 Rifle Class A

1 Horbury Paul		1145
2 Lee John	Wakefield	1085

### Double 60 Rifle Class B

1 Theophinides C	Cumberland	936
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### 20 Yd Pistol Class A

1 Carter Neil	Blackburn	258
2 Brown Joe	Preston	246
3 Leah Craig	Altrincham	270

### 20 Yd Pistol Class B

1 Falat-Marsh Ingrid	Blackburn	245
2 Whitehead Rachael	Blackburn	243
3 Warwick Peter	Blackpool	236
4 Holmes Anthony	Blackburn	231
5 Bernie Carl	Blackburn	224
6 Horbury Megan	Ilkley	217

### 50m Free Pistol Class A

1 Hart Ian	Mattersey	503 5X
2 Pearson Les	Swadlincote	503 1X
3 Holdstock Paul	Blackburn	482
4 Searle Richard	BPC	396

### 50m Free Pistol Class B

1 Carter Neil	Blackburn	449
2 Waller Andrew	Burnley	424
3 Braganza Francis	Altrincham	316

## Where is the Pride?

There was a time when shooting in a County team was considered an honour. Members practiced hard to reach the level of skill required to achieve this honour and were proud to be acknowledged as County of Lancaster marksmen. Team members were dedicated to shooting well, not just for their own satisfaction, but also for the glory of the team. Indeed, County of Lancaster teams have had many glorious victories.

Unfortunately, reports from our Team Captains suggest that team membership may no longer be held in the same high regard by some individuals. We have reports of cards not being shot on time, cards not being shot at all, or being returned late. Some shooters have simply given up half way through the season, even though they asked to be in a team in the first place. The consequence is some of our County teams have performed poorly in Inter-County Leagues.

The majority of team members do still shoot with a sense of pride and dedication, and if you are one of them, we thank you sincerely for your support.

For those that are not so dedicated, we ask you please to consider the following before joining a County team. By joining a team, you are making a commitment to the team and all the other members of it. The commitment you make is to shoot to the best of your ability, to shoot cards on time, and to return cards to the team Captain on time. If you do not do these simple things, you not only let yourself down, you also let the team down, and waste the time and hard work of other team members and the team Captain.

We acknowledge that there may be circumstances such as illness or work and family commitments that may prevent you shooting on time. However, if you let the team Captain know as soon as possible, he or she can make alternative arrangements. In such circumstances, please co-operate with the team Captains so that cards or stickers can be passed on to reserve shooters in good time.

If you are not prepared to make this commitment, please do not ask to be a member of a County team. If you do want the honour of shooting for the County of Lancaster and are prepared to dedicate yourself to a team, then we welcome you and look forward to helping you bring success to the County once again.

## Light sporting rifle

Light sporting rifle (LSR) is becoming one of the most popular of small-bore disciplines. County members participate, and frequently do very well in the Cumbria Leagues and National Meetings down at Bisley. CLSTSA has held the County of Lancaster LSR Championships for the past 5 years, which although offering team competitions, has really only been supported by individual entries.

However, that may be about to change this year. In recent months, members in a number of clubs in the County have been forming ad hoc teams for informal shoulder-to-shoulder matches with neighbouring clubs.

The competitions and courses of fire have been arranged to suit the facilities available at the host clubs.

These include LSR Timed at Colne and Blackburn, Precision & Timed 1 at Blackburn & Fulwood, Multi-Target at Fulwood, and Practical LSR at Bolton. There is some rivalry between the clubs, but the matches are always friendly and the hospitality provided by host clubs is top notch. Formality is kept to a minimum and fun is very much the order of the day.

The County of Lancaster LSR Championships will take place at Burnley Rifle Club on Sunday, 13th October 2013. Team competitions are available for Precision, LSR Timed & Precision & Timed 1. Entry forms will be sent out soon, or check the website: [www.clstsa.org](http://www.clstsa.org)

## Modern Pentathlon

Five British athletes will contest next week's Modern Pentathlon World Cup Final in Russia. Joe Evans and Jamie Cooke go in the men's competition, with world champion Mhairi Spence and London 2012 Olympic silver medallist Samantha Murray joined by Katy Burke in the women's competition.

The World Cup Final is a straight final with no need for athletes to tackle semi-finals first. Athletes are invited to compete at the event based on their performances at this year's World Cup series events.

The 2013 World Cup Final, which is at Nizhny Novgorod in Russia, will be 19-year-old Joe Evans' first and follows his bronze medal on his World Cup debut in Palm Springs in February.

Jan Bartu Pentathlon GB Performance Director said the GB athletes won't taper ahead of the competition. He said: "All of the athletes are going to there from full training, there won't be a taper or any special preparation for them. They'll fly in, compete on one day, fly out again and be back in training on Monday."

"The World Championships in August will be the ultimate milestone for us this year, but it will be a good experience for the younger athletes, particularly Jamie and Joe."

## International Shooting

Peter Wilson has returned to competitive shooting in fine form winning a Gold medal at the Al Ain World Cup. The London 2012 Olympic Double Trap Gold medalist secured the accolade after coming out on top in the final shoot-off against China's Wang Hu.

The tournament is Peter's first competitive shoot since he won Double Trap at the Olympics last year, and what a return he has made. He said: "It was a new experience for me, there was some pressure on me as Olympic Champion. I struggled yesterday in practice, but by focusing entirely on technique I was able to get the best out of myself."

Peter's extended break after his Olympic success has clearly done the trick coming back fresh to begin his

journey to Rio 2016.

With support of British Shooting and UK Sport Lottery funding, Peter flew out early to Dubai and worked with his coach, Ahmed Maktoum, to work on his technique and mental strength.

High Performance Manager, Tim Newenham said: "This is significant success for Peter in his first competition of 2013. He held his technique and focus to record a perfect score in the final. What a boost for Peter and British Shooting."

The medal came just two days after Aaron Heading impressed the crowds in Al Ain with a Gold medal of his own. *British Shooting*

## Disability Shooting

Britain's disability shooters won four medals at the Shooting World Cup in Poland.

Matt Skelhon took silver in the R3 10m air rifle prone mixed SH1 in Britain's first international competition since the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Former wheelchair basketball Paralympian Ann Wild won bronze in the women's P2 10m air pistol. Britain claimed silver in the team R4 10m air rifle standing mixed SH2 and bronze in the R5 air rifle prone SH2.

*Disability Target Shooting Great Britain.*

## Extract from Council Minutes

The Honorary Secretary reported on a conversation that he had with Mr Stewart Nangle, a member of the GB Pistol Team. Mr Nangle advised that the team had a new Head Coach who was more open to nominated meetings being held away from Bisley.

The new Head Coach had asked Mr Nangle to approach us to see if we had an interest proposing our Airgun Championships as a nominated meeting.

The Honorary Secretary explained that in order to meet the criteria for a nominated meeting, some improvements may need to be made to the facilities at Blackburn Shooting Centre, such as levelling the firing point floor, securing the ceiling plasterwork and installing some form of heating in the range. Mr Breakwell said that Blackburn RPC may be willing to work with the Association to finance and undertake such improvements if nominated status could be secured.

It was agreed that the Honorary Secretary and Blackburn RPC would contact the new GB Head Coach to discuss this further.

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