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A/G & F/P Championships, Blackburn September 2014

The County of Lancaster Airgun & Free Pistol Championships were hosted by Blackburn Rifle and Pistol Club on Sunday, 14th September 2014. In some ways it was a minor miracle that the Championships took place at all. At the end of 2013, the club suffered a number of floods caused by local drains backing up during severe rain storms. Considerable damage was done to the fabric of the building, the repair of which is still ongoing. The managing committee at Blackburn were very helpful in scheduling re-building work around the Championships, so despite the rather rough and ready appearance of the club, we were able to hold the Championships without too many difficulties.

In recent years, the number of entries for the Championships has been rather disappointing, and unfortunately that trend continues. Nevertheless, there were a small group of enthusiastic competitors ready to keep the faith and support this year's event. Competitions were held for a single 60 shot course for air pistol (Airgun Championship), a double 60 shot course for air pistol, 20 yd air pistol and a 60 shot course for 50 m free Pistol (Free Pistol Championship). In most events we were able to have two classes, with some additional classes for juniors. The full results are

shown on our website, partial results are on p2.

Amongst the juniors were two first time competitors, brother and sister Tim and Isabelle Woodman. Although both Tim and Isabelle have shot air pistol as competitors in pentathlon, this was their first time at a full 60 shot course under ISSF rules. We were delighted to see both shoot so well in their first competition. In addition to medals in the junior class, Isabelle took silver in Class C of the Championship competition and was overall Lady Champion – many congratulations to Isabelle.

David Owen (Cumberland News) won the Open Airgun Championship for the second time, and Craig Leah (Altrincham) won the Confined Airgun Championship.

With a diminished entry in the 50 m free pistol competition, Paul Holdstock (Blackburn) won both the Open and Confined Free Pistol Championship.

Without volunteer, events such as this would not happen, so we are particularly appreciative of the help and support given by the following volunteers: Belinda Whitehead, John Breakwell, Andy Waller and Kevin Doughty.

We also thank Steyr UK (Sue & Harry Preston) for supporting the event once again, *Continued on p2*

Pentathlete Juniors excel in their first full shoot



Ladies Champ & Class "C" Silver Medal Isabelle Woodman & brother Tim Woodman being congratulated by Paul Holdstock



Top row: 1 Roles reversed: Paul Holdstock Free Pistol Open & Confined Champion being presented by Sue Preston. 2 David Owen, Cumberland News, Open Pistol Champion. 3 Peter Warwick, Blackpool, 1st A/P Double 20. 4 Kieth Cordell, Wrexham. 5 Michael Whatcott, Wakefield, 6 Rachael Whitehead, Blackburn. 7 Andrew Waller, Blackburn

Continued from p1. and to Sue for presenting prizes. Harry's on the spot servicing of Steyr airguns is always much appreciated by competitors.

Finally, thank you to Blackburn club for making time in the re-building schedule to accommodate the Championships. The re-building work should be completed later this year, so we are looking forward to a shiny new club for next year's Championship. We hope that many of you will join us there and make the Championships a real event to remember once again. **Paul Holdstock.**



Lanc's LVP is World Champion

At the recent World Pentathlon Championships the Association's Life Vice President Sam Murray became Women's World Champion.

After winning bronze at the 2012 World Championships in Rome, then silver in the London Olympic Games the same year, Samantha Murray (Great Britain) continued her meteoric rise by winning gold in the Women's Individual event at the Warsaw 2014 Modern Pentathlon World Championships today.

Murray, 24, is the fourth British woman to have been individual world champion and after the victory by Mhairi Spence in 2012, this second triumph in three years demonstrates the depth of talent that exists in the country.

Congratulations to Sam.

The County of Lancaster Open Light Sporting Rifle Champ's

took place at Burnley Rifle Club on Sunday, 12th October 2014. Shooters from across the UK competed in precision shooting and timed events. A new name will appear on the Open Champion's trophy this year – Norman Veitch (Sunderland RC). Norman also won the Derek Waterworth Memorial Cup. After narrowly missing out to his clubmate Tony Holmes last year, Carl Birnie (Blackburn RPC) once again won the County of Lancaster Championship, adding to his previous two victories.

The Association appreciate the help and support from the members of Burnley Rifle Club in organising and running the championships.

No photographs were taken at this event so we show a previous photo of Carl Birnie winner of the County of Lancaster Championship 2014



Results of the 2014 LSR Championship

Competition 1: 25 metre Precision

	Name	Total
Class "A"		
1st	Norman Veitch	270
2nd	Anthony Holmes	267
3rd	Carl Birnie	266

Class "B"		
1st	Paul Harkins	248
2nd	Nigel Hannam	243
3rd	Christopher Gillett	240

Competition 2: 50 metre Precision

Class "A"		
1st	Joe O'Brien	287
2nd	Carl Birnie	287
3rd	Norman Veitch	285

Class "B"		
1st	Robert Hartley	268
2nd	Paul Harkins	267
3rd	Adam Williams	267

Competition 3A: County of Lancaster Confined Champ

1st	Carl Birnie	553
2nd	Anthony Holmes	546
3rd	Neil Roberts	544

Competition 3B: Open Championship

1st	Norman Veitch	555
2nd	Carl Birnie	553
3rd	Philip Johnston	547

Veteran Medal: Philip Johnston

Derek Waterworth Memorial Cup: Norman Veitch

Competition 4: LSR Timed (25 metre)

		Total
Class "A"		
1st	Norman Veitch	265
2nd	William Pow	256
3rd	Carl Birnie	253

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Class "B"		
1st	Nigel Hannam	250
2nd	Adam Williams	225
3rd	Robert Hartley	220

Competition 5: Precision & Timed 1

Class "A"		
1st	Norman Veitch	299
2nd	Nigel Hannam	298 (13x)
3rd	William Pow	298 (10x)

Class "B"		
1st	Trevor Earnshaw	290
2nd	Miles Johnson	289 (10x)
3rd	Anthony Holmes	289 (5x)

Dear All,

For the past couple of years we have been trying to recruit someone to run the County Airgun & Free Pistol Championships and Autumn Meetings. So far we have not been successful in finding someone that has been able to make the necessary commitment. As a result we have struggled to run these events, with several cancellations being necessary. At the Championships last month, we only had 14 competitors, and yet we only just managed to cope, and arrangements were far from ideal. We had too few volunteers, each trying to do too much work, much of which they never volunteered for in the first place!

If we are to re-establish our Championships and Autumn Meetings as major events that competitors look forward to entering, we need committed volunteers to help run them. Blackburn R&PC hosts the events and provides range facilities, but these are **COUNTY** events. Blackburn members do their fair share, and most times more than their fair share. But we need volunteers from all clubs in the County.

With that in mind, I am asking once again for volunteers. The main point is that we need an "army" of volunteers so that we have enough people to cover all these tasks, with a few extras to fall back on if necessary. If we have enough volunteers, we can lighten the load on each person, so that volunteering can be enjoyable rather than a burden.

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours to help with scoring, or do an RO duty, or help with catering, etc., that will still be very helpful. All you need to do is let me know that you are interested in volunteering and what you would like to help with.

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