

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO THE SHOOTING COUNCIL

23rd MARCH 2013

SHOOTING MATTERS

National Meetings

Airgun Championships

The British Airgun Championships were held over the weekend of 22nd to 24th February and there were just over 300 competitors competing in Air Rifle, Air Pistol, 5-shot Air Pistol and Sporter Air Rifle. The existing system on data-ease was used as the primary results service, but the Match Manager system, the purchase of which was kindly sponsored by Lapua, was tested in parallel for the first time. The Match Manager system gave us the ability to provide scores direct to the internet and live via Wi-Fi. The internet coverage also included live pictures of the range, and Ian Morris conducted some interviews with competitors and live commentary on finals. The opportunity was also taken to introduce bar coding to the old data-ease system which meant that we were able get the results out much quicker than in previous years, which in turn contributed to the smooth running of the meeting.

This meeting is by far the most complex meeting to organize and run. We have more competitors than the Scottish Rifle Meeting and run the meeting in under half the time. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who came to help, Ian and Karen Morris who looked after the input of all the scores into the Match Manager system, other members of the PAC Committee who helped in various roles and NSRA back room staff (Gloria & Charlotte) who input over 900 scores in two and a half days. The results booklet, medals and other prizes were posted out within 10 working days of the end of the meeting.

National Rifle Meeting, Bisley

Agreement was been reached with the new Chief Executive of the NRA for this year's National Rifle Meeting at Bisley to go ahead at its normal time of 10th to 18th August. This was announced on on the NSRA website and by email to members on 23rd January. The entry form has been finalised and will be in the next edition of *The Rifleman*. We are also emailing a copy direct to last year's entrants.

The events on the Malcolm Cooper Range will be shot to the new ISSF times, which are shorter than previously. The opportunity afforded by this change has been taken to revise squad times on the Malcolm Cooper Range with the intention of increasing the number of options available for shooters in the Championship Aggregate to take part also in the Double English and Unsquadded 3x20 Matches.

Scottish Rifle Meeting, Lauder

Plans are well under way for this year's meeting; Ian Burton has taken on the local organizer role. The entry forms will be in *The Rifleman* and we have also emailed entry forms to anyone who entered last year and gave us a valid email address.

50-metre Rifle Championships

The Championships is returning to its usual time in the first half of June and will operate to the new ISSF Rules on timing and conduct of finals.

Summer Postal Leagues (2013)

We have finish processing the entries for the summer leagues and stickers are going out at the moment. The last date for shooting round one will be either 6th May or 13th May depending on the competition.

NSRA-Eley Competition

The 2013 NSRA-Eley competition is well under way and we have recently issued the second stage stickers and details. We had approximately 2700 people enter stage one across the nine events, so approximately 1300 people have progressed to stage two.

Phil Martin has now been in post for 10 months and thus has seen at first hand the work necessary to run virtually all of the NSRA's meetings and postal competitions. Among the things noted for possible improvement is the timing of the NSRA-Eley Competition next year. The current plan is for the entry forms to be available in the late summer and entries to close on the 1st November 2013. The shooting period for the first stage will run to 20th December, the scores being received at the NSRA by the 3rd January 2014. The second stage will run between late January and early April. At this moment the first and second stages are four to five weeks in length; the revised timetable will provide a much longer shooting period for both stage one (7 weeks) and stage two (approximately 10 weeks). The change has the additional benefit that some of the workload on the competition is moved to time of year which fits in better with the other time-critical commitments in Competitions Department.

International Matches

Pershing Match

The Pershing team having now been selected, we are in the final stages of the eight-yearly cycle. Some training sessions have been arranged for the team members and they will depart for Camp Perry on 16th July. The match is scheduled for 23rd July, the Tuesday prior to the next Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Scorer's Course

The Scorer's Courses has been well received and further courses have been requested around the country. As well as the main course content new trainers will be taken through the material to help run future courses.

The cost of complete sets of gauges and targets has been worked out for each region and will be purchased from the SE funding. These will be released to regions as soon as they have trainers in place.

Scoring of NSRA Postal Competitions

The introduction of the scorer's qualification has raised the possibility of extending the use of scoring postal competitions within each participating club whilst having provisions in place to ensure that the scoring is undertaken by individuals of demonstrated ability. Local scoring currently only takes place in the first stage of the NSRA-Eley Competition.

The Board of Management recognises the burden placed on clubs' finances by postal charges, particularly the massive increases introduced in April 2012. The Board has therefore decided that work should commence immediately on investigating the arrangements and systems that would need to be put in place to underpin the running of competitions using scoring in the club/county. The work will need in addition to identify the competitions where it can be most quickly introduced, as well as competitions where it may be appropriate to retain central scoring. A part of the exercise will be the identification of electronic systems for the direct transfer of scores into the results system without the intervention of NSRA Competitions Department staff. However this will not be a reason to delay progress where less technologically-advanced methods can provide a satisfactory solution in the short term.

A number of affiliated counties and other organisations already run events on this basis and some may have electronic systems for the handling of scores and issue of results. Input to the pool of knowledge from county associations and others on their experience of "club-scoring" will be welcomed.

British Field Target Association

A further meeting with the BFTA Development Officer took place at LRC. The discussion mainly centred on the development of the BFTA Marshal's course and disability inclusion. The cost of developing the Marshal's Course will be supported using the Sport England funding. Disability Inclusion is still a topic of discussion within the BFTA and has not yet been resolved.

British Shooting Show

The British Shooting Show took place at the new venue of Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, over the weekend of 9th and 10th February 2013. The NSRA was represented on a stand in the main hall with the other NGBs and on a "have-a-go" range in the Airgun Hall. About 560 people shot on the NSRA 10m Air Rifle Range including the Blind Shooting and Scatt Ranges, including many juniors and some people with disabilities who were visiting the show.

The general consensus from the range staff was that the show was worthwhile and that the new venue was an improvement over previous years. The costs are to be covered from the Sport England Project.

Sport England Whole Sport Plan 2013 – 17

The funding decisions from Sport England and UK Sport have been released. Sport England has announced that £1.1 million will be available over the next four years for shooting development in England via the British Shooting 2013-17 Whole Sport Plan. This will be used to fund part of the British Shooting Infrastructure, talent development, the Disabled Shooting Project and some NGB initiatives. The £1.1million has been offered as a 4-year proposal – not on a yearly basis as in some sports, which shows a degree of confidence in the BS Governance and the realistic approach of the plan. The England Development Group is now discussing the implementation of the plan.

Some changes in the Management structure of British Shooting are taking place. These will involve a part-time National Development Manger role (funded via the WSP), and a full time Talent Manager (funded partly by WSP and part by World Class). These are currently advertised. The Disability Co-ordinator role would not be advertised and continue as a full time post.

The NGB projects funded by the plan amount to £51,500 over the four-year period for each NGB and plans need to be developed for this by each NGB for sign off in April.

Also UK Sport has announced £4.3 million to support the British Shooting World Class plan for Rio 2016.

Current NSRA Sport England Project

The meeting between the two West Midlands Regional Squads (rifle and pistol) took place on 15th December at Alvechurch. The squads have decided to pool resources and run squad training sessions together at the WMRSC, Aldersley when bookings permit. This will give economies of scale and hopefully provide a more robust structure. The first joint West Midlands Regional Squad training for combined rifle and pistol squads took place on 26th January 2013 at WMRSC. The event was successful and future combined events are being planned.

The reformed South East Regional Squad first full squad session took place at Fareham on 13th January 2013.

Support for coaching courses continues in the development regions and has been extended to others.

Disabled Shooting Project

Following the announcement of continued funding for the project, Sport England has asked for further information about how the Disabled Shooting Project will be implemented. In particular they have asked for plans and outcomes (including measures) which will be used to determine the success of the many interventions.

Also further liaison with the Sports Able and Battle Back organisations has taken place with a view to working together.

The programme of six Regional Conferences is under way to publicise and discuss the project. These provide the opportunity to tell people locally what the DSP is about and also provide a networking opportunity to identify clubs and individuals that would like to link with the DSP. Five have already been held and the last, in Hereford, takes place tomorrow (Sunday 24th March).

Further work has taken place on the website with new sections being developed for blind and VI shooting and a further section added on disability awareness.

The first clubs to carry the DSP certification as being "Disabled friendly" will be issued by the end of March.

The standards for focus clubs are under development and pilot clubs identified to commence the benchmarking of clubs which cater for disabled people.

The Disability Shooting Year comes to a close in April with an award ceremony at LRC on 2nd June. Presentations will be made including club certification and awards for athletes, clubs, coaches and support staff.

The launch of National Shooting Week started with a reception at the House of Lords. Representatives from shooting and the media had the opportunity to meet members of both Houses of Parliament. Several disabled shooters attended as well as the Disability Shooting Co-ordinator. It is hoped that there will be more involvement in National Shooting Week in the future.

Further development has taken place in conjunction with Dwarf Sports UK. Equipment has been sourced to help expand the project.

Certification for Using Military Ranges

Despite undertaking to issue the revised policy for civilian use of MOD ranges in November 2012, a final solution is still awaited from the MOD. The latest date given by the MOD for the release of the policy was Friday 15 March 2013, however once again this deadline has slipped.

The latest communication received from the MOD is:

'The Land Ranges Safety Sub Committee has agreed the revised policy for the use of MOD ranges, which will be presented to the Defence Land Range Safety Committee in April for endorsement. Until such times as the revised policy is released, the current policy remains extant i.e. only NRA certificates of competence will be accepted for fullbore shooting on MOD ranges.'

As soon as the revised policy has been issued, information will be published to all clubs.

Election Results

At a recent meeting the Board of Management decided that the announcement of the election results should include the number of votes cast for each candidate.

61 voting forms were issued, of which 27 were returned.

The outcome of the elections is as follows:

Chairman	Mr. R.W. Newman	Elected unopposed
Vice-Chairman	Mr. R.B. Loughridge	Elected unopposed
Board of Management	Mr. K.I. Nash	Elected unopposed
Administrative Members	Mr. F. Jennings Mr. D.R.V. Parish	Both elected unopposed
International Committee	Mr. W.J. Dallimore Mr. D.A.M. McIntosh Mr. D.R.V. Parish Mr. P.C. Scanlan Mr. P.F.C. Underhill	All elected unopposed

The Board has re-appointed Mr. Parish as Chairman.

		Votes	
Rifle Committee	Mr. F. Jennings	23	Elected
	Mr. K.I. Nash	22	Elected
	Mr. H.C. Taylor	18	Elected
	Mr. E. Kendall	14	Elected
	Mr. D. Poxon	13	
	Mr. M.J. Chapman	7	
	Mr. D.R.V. Parish	5	

The Board has re-appointed Mr. Nash as Chairman.

On the recommendation of Mr. Nash, the Board has appointed the following additional members.

Mr. M.J. Chapman
Mr. P.M. Mann
Mr. D. Poxon

Pistol, Airgun & Crossbow Committee	Mr. D. Poxon	22	Elected
	Mr. J.O. Lloyd	20	Elected
	Mr. M. Gault	18	Elected
	Mr. R. Monksummers	15	Elected
	Mrs. E. Twyford	14	Elected
	Mr. R. Green	12	
	Mr. I. Morris	6	
	Mrs. K. Morris	6	
	Mr. C. Aston	5	

The Board has re-appointed Mr. Lloyd as Chairman.

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Mr. R. Green
Mr. I. Morris
Mrs. K. Morris

Referees Committee	Mr. K.I. Nash	21	Elected
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Mr. M.J. Chapman	20	Elected
Mr. R. Heath	14	Elected
Mr. W.N.G. Gilmour	13	
Dr. P. Holdstock	6	

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Mr. C. Powell

NB. Subsequent to the issue of the voting paper, Mr. Gilmour informed Mr. Nash that he would not be available to be a member of the new Committee.

Coaching and Development Committee

Mr. R. Evered	All elected unopposed
Mr. E. Kendall	
Mr. D.R.V. Parish	
Mr. H.C. Taylor	
Mr. M. Woodhead	

The Board has re-appointed Mr. Kendall as Chairman.

Special Awards Committee

Mr. D. Brigden	All elected unopposed
Mr. G. Lawson	
Mr. D.A.D. Mottram	
Mrs. J. Nicholl	

The members of the Committee will elect their own Chairman at their first meeting after 1 May.