
Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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Dear All,

A brief report of the 'goings on' at the recent 'Shooting Council' meeting at Bisley. I was unable to attend and am grateful to Phil Ralph, who deputised. You may be aware that I was in Derriford having a kidney transplant at the time!!

The important bits are:-

There was some disquiet at the length of time being taken by some police Forces in renewing FAC's.

There were questions in respect of the changes to County Affiliation fees and the need now to pay for certain competitions. The increased cost of such entries was discussed there will be some research into the effects of the changes, and the NSRA may take some measures to help those hardest hit.

Both the Scottish and Bisley meeting venues and dates were only finalised in February due to very long negotiations with the land owners and the NRA. NSRA is looking at using a different venue for the 2013 Bisley meeting due to difficulties with the NRA. The cost of running the Bisley meeting is increasing.

There is no news of the Bisley Hotel.

There were complaints at the length of time being taken to get results out. Part of the problem is that an entirely new staff had to be taken on in Competitions and it will take time for them to 'get up to speed'. The other problem is the fact that the NSRA's computers in HQ do not talk to each other!! This is being looked into, but the cost may be prohibitive.

There is an appeal for some form of memorial tribute to the late Eric Dougliss, who was the Chairman of the Pistol, Airgun and Crossbow Committees for many years. Donation envelopes can be obtained from Brian Woodall at HQ.

The British Airgun Championships has 303 entrants this year, a slight improvement on the previous year.

Helen Roibins, a lady who been of great help to me as the PA for the Chief Exec retires on 30th March. This lady has been in post for 28 years and I counted her as a friend and a great help when I needed something. During the past 24 years I have been either a Board member or a Shooting Council member. She is being replaced by another lady, Fiona Rhodes, who I hope will be equally friendly and helpful.

The NSRA has, over the past three months been sending information by e-mail to those whose details they hold. That is about 2500 recipients. If you do not currently receive these e-mails, pass your e-mail address to the membership department at membership@nsra.co.uk with a request to be included.

Any chance of some form of 'legacy' from the Olympic shooting events is looking poor.

I was again elected to the 'Awards Committee'. Don't forget to use it!

Yours,

Charlie Batten

A W Batten (Hon Secretary)