
Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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NSRA Shooting Council report 21st March 2015

The meeting started with a presentation by Mr. C Blow and Mr. D Carter on the development work and fund raising by Lincolnshire SBRA.

It was with regret that members learned of the recent deaths of Peter Turnbull, Gill Goodfellow and Jack Hesketh.

Having reported after the previous Shooting Council meeting that Peter Underhill had joined the Association as Assistant Secretary and should have been taking over from Brian Woodall on his retirement we were informed today that he had left the Association. The Association has not yet found a replacement for Brian Woodall who will now be retiring towards the end of April.

Numerous small amendments were voted upon to tidy up various rules. The proposal from Lancashire to reduce the team size in the Inter-County Prone Rifle League from 20 shooters to 10 was defeated. However a counter proposal by the Rifle Committee that the team size should be reduced to 15 shooters will be considered at the next Shooting Council Meeting.

After consultations with the Associations insurers a new Code of Practice on Home Loading will be issued shortly.

The NSRA's Official Overlay Gauge is now available and a small quantity has been purchased by the CTSA.

The Chief Executive's report to the Shooting Council follows below.

The next Shooting Council meeting is due to be held on the 1st August 2015.

P.L.Ralph

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO THE SHOOTING COUNCIL

21st MARCH 2015

Obituaries

It is with regret that I report the deaths of the following:

Peter Turnbull – The Shooting Council Member representing Cumbria and Northumbria and a former member of the NSRA Board of Management.

Gill Goodfellow – Secretary of Surrey County SBRA and the English Small-bore Shooting Union.

SHOOTING MATTERS

National Meetings

British Open Airgun Championships, Bisley

The Championships were held over the weekend of 20 to 22 February with an entry of 308 competitors. The entry forms for this and all other Championships have been changed so that there is a closing date with no late entries allowed. This is to both simplify and streamline the entry process and is required because as we move forward to on-line entry, one closing date will be the standard. For this meeting there were about 15 entries received after the closing date and they were returned.

Another change which was implemented is that once a competitor has been allocated details and firing points that is where they shoot. A number of competitors did request to change details, but with the complexities of this meeting we need to simplify as much of it as possible. The Junior Open Championships returned to the programme, so there were 11 Finals run over the course of the weekend in the separate finals hall and this was a great success. Thanks are due to Bob Loughridge and the other RO's who ensured the smooth running of the finals, as well as to Dave Poxon as CRO and all the other RO's, Equipment Control staff and other volunteers who worked very long hours over the weekend and who helped make the Championships the great meeting it was.

50 Metre Meeting 2014

The entry form has been distributed to last year's competitors. The form has also been emailed to every club correspondent who has a team shooting in this year's 50/50 League. To date about 55 entries have been received, the first one being 15 minutes after the entry forms were sent out on email.

Scottish Rifle Meeting, Lauder

Plans are well under way for this year's meeting; Ian Burton is again the local organiser. The entry forms have already been emailed out to last year's competitors and we have received a number of entries. Again we have changed the entry form to reflect that there is a closing date and no late entries will be accepted.

Last year we ran an offer of a 25% discount if someone who brought a new competitor who had never entered the Scottish National Meeting before and as long as the new competitor entered the Championship Squadded Aggregate the discount is given.

This year the offer is slightly different with only a 20% discount being given, but if a person brings two new competitors then a 40% discount is given and so on, until they gain free entry to the meeting if they bring five new competitors, all of whom must enter the Championship Squadded Aggregate. The other new offer at this year's meeting will be if you entered the 2014 Scottish Meeting and return in 2015 and shoot the Championship Squadded Aggregate you will receive a £15 shop voucher. The entry form will also be in the Spring Rifleman and we will be sending out notes at regular intervals to remind competitors when then the closing date is.

National Rifle Meeting, Bisley

To date we only have a verbal agreement with the NRA, although we have enquired on a number of occasions. The entry form will also be in the Spring Rifleman and we will also be email former competitors.

Postal Competitions

Summer Leagues 2015

We have finished processing the entries for the summer leagues and stickers are going out at the moment. The last date for shooting Round 1 will be either the 20 or 27 April depending on the competition.

NSRA-Eley Competition

The 2015 Eley Competition is well under way and the second stage stickers were issued back in January. There were 2828 entries to Stage 1 across the nine events, which is an increase on last year. About 1400 competitors have progressed to Stage 2.

Local Scoring

Local scoring for 2015 will be on the National Long Range and the Scottish League. Clubs entering have already been asked whether they wish to score locally and this information has been received. They will be assessed over the first three rounds of the competition as to whether their standard is high enough. This assessment will be undertaken by the central scorers chosen for these leagues, who are the best scorers based on the research undertaken by Mr Nash during the previous trial.

International Match Officials

The Rifle Committee has appointed Mr Phil Strong, Shooting Council Representative for Berkshire, as Captain of the Great Britain Team for the Roberts Match against the United States in 2017.

The Pistol, Airgun & Crossbow Committee has appointed Mr Reg Hankey as Adjutant of the Great Britain Mayleigh Team for 2015 and 2016.

Scorers Course

Following the trials of local scoring and a review the data an update of the course is ongoing and further local scoring will take place during the 2015 summer competitions specifically, in the long range and Scottish league. The current number of qualified scorers is now 904 from 77 courses.

Lightweight Sport Rifle

The paper on LSR development was presented to the PAC Committee. The committee are now considering changes to the rules, current and future competitions and a British Championships for 2015. It is interesting to note that the well-established Mercia Regional Competition which has traditionally revolved around prone rifle competitions has seen falling numbers of competitors. The committee that deals with the match has decided to expand the event to include Benchrest and LSR disciplines to attempt to increase participation in the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Staffing

As a consequence of an unforeseen development in his family situation, **Brian Woodall** has found it necessary to bring forward the date of his retirement as Assistant Secretary to 23 April.

Peter Underhill left the Association at the end of December to pursue other opportunities.

Easter

The downstairs ranges at Lord Roberts Centre will be closed on 4 to 6 April of the Easter weekend, and also on 10 to 12 April. In addition the upstairs ranges will be closed on 5 April and 11 April.

British Shooting Show

The NSRA was represented at the British Shooting Show at Stoneleigh Park. NSRA staff and volunteers manned the new-look stand over the 3 days in the main hall alongside other governing bodies. The stand although smaller was equal to or better than the display provided by the other NGBs and provided a good contact point for the association. A combination of staff familiar with membership and staff/volunteers with a wide experience of shooting disciplines proved a good combination.

As there are very few opportunities to buy target shooting related equipment at the show a retail stand may be viable at future shows. This would need promotion prior to the event to alert target shooters that equipment would be available.

Review of Regional and GB Junior Squads

A review of the Regional and GB Junior Squads is currently taking place headed up by Bert Bertoloni. A paper survey of the squads has been conducted and visits to GB Juniors undertaken.

The information gathered is now being correlated and will be discussed at a meeting later this month. Once the review is completed it may be possible to release some funding from British Shooting to support squad activity.

Pony Club

A meeting took place with the Pony Club at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire to discuss the relationship between Pony Club and NSRA /British Shooting. The use of NSRA qualifications was discussed in particular RCO and YPS Tutor Pistol and the organisation was advised against the development of in-house qualifications. A request was made to attend their Board meeting on 9 January to answer questions on the subject. It was also flagged up to the organisation that they had not affiliated to NSRA for a long time and they were supplied with an affiliation pack.

ISSF Coaching Courses

Keith Morriss and Sinclair Bruce have successfully completed the ISSF B Coaching qualification in Montenegro.

Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland Target Shooting Federation has requested lists of qualified coaches and instructors to help develop a strategy for further coach education. Support will be given through this process.

Cambridgeshire Target Shooting Association

The Cambridge Association has had their application for charitable status refused by the Charity Commission. The reason given for the refusal was that there was insufficient evidence to support the fact that target shooting gave any health benefit. The Cambridgeshire Association are going to appeal the decision but have put out a request to the shooting community for funds to cover the cost of the appeal. It is in the general interest of target shooting to overturn this decision as it could affect future applications and set a precedent about the benefits of target shooting as a sport. British Shooting has put the request out on social media to attract more support.

Run Shoot

Development of the Run Shoot programme has continued in conjunction with Pentathlon GB and English Athletics. To date pilot Run Shoot events have taken place to standardise the event and a Deliverers Workshop developed and the first group of Deliverers trained. Further to this an Educators Workshop has

been created to allow educators to run workshops for deliverers across the country. The next Deliverers Workshop is scheduled for 10 May 2015 at Wellington College, Berkshire.

Discussions are taking place with Perkins Slade to upgrade the NSRA insurance for affiliated clubs to include Run Shoot on the list of activities covered to enable them to deliver it.

The next stage of progression for Run Shoot is to further develop the rifle version i.e. Target Sprint. The materials developed for Run Shoot will provide the start point for the rifle Target Sprint version following the current ISSF Rules. This will be of particular interest to Scouts and other uniformed groups as many already have the facilities to cover rifle disciplines. Already the Scout Association have modified its Summer Biathlon to the ISSF rules for its 2015 Championships.

In alignment with this development a meeting took place at Aldersley on 15 December 2014 to discuss the development of a portable range for use with Run Shoot and other have-a-go opportunities. Examples of portable ranges were provided by Dick Cobham, Phil Hobbs and John Kelman with photographs of the Pentathlon ranges by Cyril Marshall. The various methods of construction, portability, materials used and costs were discussed and how they could be applied. The Dwarf Sports Association were in attendance and are now considering the construction of two portable ranges to support their development programme.

British Shooting – England Development Group

Target Tokyo

Phase 2 of the Target Tokyo project took place at LRC over the weekend of 24 and 25 January 2015. Candidates took part in four exercises based on Scatt analysis, training drills, competition and psychological profiling. The successful candidates will be invited to a final session in Cardiff. After this the shooters chosen from the project follow a talent confirmation period with the GB Academy before being inducted into the squad.

The next issue arising from these events is how best to ensure those attending who weren't successful are kept in the system – in particular those who are relatively new but showed potential.

It was decided to include in the letter to the unsuccessful candidates the National Governing Body contact details to help them find support in an appropriate squad or club. To date five of the candidates have been in touch and directed to the appropriate organisation to continue their development.

Talent Programme

British Shooting has appointed Dean Leak as their new Talent Pathway Manager. Dean has previously worked for GB Canoeing offering psychological support to athletes and coaches and GB Taekwondo where he helped launch the "Fighting Chance" talent transfer project. He started in post on 26 January 2015.

British Shooting Coaching Development Programme

British Shooting launched their coach development programme at an event at Bisham Abbey on 10th December. The programme is called, "Coaching Beyond 2020" and the day was attended by rifle, pistol and shotgun coaches engaged with GB and home country programmes. Alan Olive (Coaching and Development Consultant to British Shooting) led the sessions which included guest speakers from Cricket and Triathlon. The main focus of the day was to start to establish what the profile of a high performance coach is and develop a framework for future coach development. Following on from this a second British Shooting Coach Development event (Bronze Workshop) took place over 18 and 19 February. The first day at Bosworth Hall was based on theory and the second more practical day at Normanton Shooting Ground. Coaches from pistol rifle and shotgun disciplines attended the workshop which covered coaching methods and skill acquisition. The next event will be the British Shooting Coaching Conference scheduled for the 18 and 19 April at Bisley. The conference will be cross discipline and include lectures, discussion and workshops

England Development Group Refresh

British Shooting have decided to "refresh" the England Development Group and discussed the possibility of shifting from focusing on the "funded" activities to looking at development activity more broadly. This would involve member National Governing Bodies sharing information about their current development initiatives including those not funded by British Shooting at the England Development Group. Further to this they have developed the VMOST tool that is now being used to measure development activity required to achieve funding and wider outcomes. It measures against the main headings of:

- Places
- People
- Programmes
- Partnerships

This was used for the first time at the January England Development Group. A copy of the plans across these themes and progress was provided to attendees prior to the England Development Group meeting. Other areas of discussion included:

- Club Toolkit and ensuring affiliated clubs are aware of it.
- Talent Scouts to support talent pathway activity and athlete recruitment
- Up- coming disability focused "have a go" activity. (VI session, session alongside IPC World Cup event at the end of March, activity in priority areas etc.)

DSGB representation on England Development Group

James Marsh Brown has now been invited to represent the Disabled Shooting Great Britain at the England Development Group. He provided an update on Disabled Shooting Great Britain activity and areas of mutual interest where British Shooting could assist. He reported that Shotgun is to be added to the IPC programme, with World Cup and other international competitions planned. Inclusion in the Paralympic programme will not happen before 2020. Further information regards classification for shotgun will be published in March. James Marsh Brown also informed the meeting that a VI Shooting test event was to be held at Stoke Mandeville with 11 shooters scheduled to compete. An invitation was extended to those at the England Development Group meeting to attend the event. The event is being run by the IPC. James Marsh Brown mentioned that the Disabled Shooting Great Britain Hub Clubs would now be supported by British Shooting and the need to identify further hub clubs across England was raised. It was pointed out that there was a need to align the Focus Club and Hub Club systems to avoid confusion and duplication of effort

Inclusive Shooting Projects Funding Programme

Ten projects have been funded by the first "Inclusive Shooting Projects Funding Programme" from British Shooting. An 11th is being supported for some alternative activity in conjunction with Pentathlon. The total of the overall funding round amounts to around £10 000. It is hoped to repeat this exercise in the next financial year to a wider range of applications.

Cadets on Target Launch

The launch event for the British Shooting Cadets on Target took place in London at the Cavalry and Guards Club on 10 March. The event was well attended by National Governing Body and Cadet/MOD representatives and other interested parties including Sport England and English Institute of Sport. Speakers included Hamish McInnes (British Shooting), Brigadier Smales (CCRS) and Nick Bitel (Chair Sport England). The event provided a high profile start-point for the initiative and an opportunity for networking.

Prior to the event a meeting at the Royal Air Force Club between NSRA Representatives and members of the ACF, CCRS and Air Cadets continued to look at the opportunities for development on the ground. The main points of discussion included:

- The formation of a Cadet National Squad
- The formation of Cadet County Academies/Clubs
- Development of links between clubs and cadet units locally
- Civilian coaches supporting Cadet Units and other Cadet structures
- Talent identification via competitions and the GB Junior Squad database

Sport England Club Development

Sport England has launched an on-line resource to help with sports club development. This is accessible via the Sport England website and also now linked to the British Shooting Clubs Tool Kit.

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21st MARCH 2015

Supplementary Report

Obituaries

It is with regret that I report the death of **Jack Hesketh**, who retired in 1988 from the position of NSRA Deputy Secretary. Mr. Hesketh was in the Association's employment for about 40 years.

SHOOTING MATTERS

Benchrest Championship

With advice from experienced competition organisers, the programme for the NSRA's first Benchrest Championship Meeting at Lord Roberts Centre has been finalised and will be published shortly. The meeting will be held on 13 to 14 June and run to international rules, with 50-shot competitions at 25 metres for air rifle and 50 metres for rimfire rifle.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Committees

At the request of the respective Committee Chairman, the membership of the Rifle Committee has been increased from seven to eight and the membership of the Pistol, Airgun & Crossbow Committee from nine to ten.

Election Results

62 voting forms were issued, of which 32 were returned.

The outcome of the elections is as follows:

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| Chairman | Mr. R.W. Newman | Elected unopposed |
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| Vice-Chairman | Mr. R.B. Loughridge | Elected unopposed |
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| Board of Management | Mr. E. Kendall | Votes 26 | Elected |
| | Mr. D.R.V. Parish | 5 | |

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| Administrative Members | Mr. M.J. Chapman | Both elected unopposed |
| | Mr. A.N. Gibbons | |

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| International Committee | Mr. W.J. Dallimore | All elected unopposed |
| | Mr. D.A.M. McIntosh | |
| | Mr. D.R.V. Parish | |
| | Mr. P.C. Scanlan | |
| | Mr. P.F.C. Underhill | |

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

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| Rifle Committee | Mr. H.C. Taylor | Votes 23 | Elected |
| | Mr. K.I. Nash | 22 | |
| | Mr. D. Poxon | 21 | |
| | Mr. F. Jennings | 15 | |

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| Mr. E. Kendall | 12 |
| Mrs. Y.P. Edwards | 11 |
| Mr. P.M. Mann | 9 |
| Mr. M.J. Chapman | 5 |
| Mr. D.R.V. Parish | 3 |

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
Mrs. Y.P. Edwards
Mr. E. Kendall
Mr. P.M. Mann

| Pistol, Airgun & Crossbow Committee | Votes | |
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| Mr. J.O. Lloyd | 29 | Elected |
| Mr. D. Poxon | 28 | Elected |
| Mrs. E. Twyford | 25 | Elected |
| Mr. R. Monksummers | 24 | Elected |
| Mr. M. Gault | 17 | Elected |
| Mr. R. Green | 15 | |
| Mr. A. Gregory | 7 | |

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

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

Mr. R. Green
Mr. A. Gregory
Mr. I. Morris
Mrs. K. Morris
Mr. R. Styles

| Referees Committee | Votes | |
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| Mr. K.I. Nash | 27 | Elected |
| Mr. M.J. Chapman | 21 | Elected |
| Mr. C. Powell | 15 | Elected |
| Mr. R. Heath | 13 | |
| Dr. P. Holdstock | 12 | |

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

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

Mr. R. Heath
Dr. P. Holdstock

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| 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.

On the recommendation of Mr. Kendall, the Board has appointed the following additional member.

Miss Z. Bruce

Special Awards Committee

Mr. D. Brigden
Mr. G. Lawson
Mr. D.A.D. Mottram
Mrs. J. Nicholl
Mr. P.L. Ralph

All elected unopposed

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

Downloading

The Board of Management yesterday approved an NSRA Code of Guidance for Handloading Firearms Ammunition, which also deals with the practice of downloading ammunition. The Code has been prepared by Dr. Paul Holdstock with input and advice from a group of other people with experience in the field, to all of whom the Board is extremely grateful.

The Code is now being sent to our insurance company for their confirmation, as a matter of extreme urgency, that it satisfies them for the purposes of covering these practices within the NSRA insurance package. As soon as this has been received, the Code of Practice will be published widely and made available directly to affiliated clubs. The insurance certificates already issued to clubs for 2015 will be updated and re-issued, taking the opportunity also to correct or clarify some other points in the paperwork, such as the apparent confusion between "bench rest" and "bench testing".

Newly-Affiliated Clubs

At its meeting in February, the Board of Management approved a new policy that any club affiliating to the NSRA for the first time, whether a new or a long-established club, should do so with a 50% reduction in the appropriate basic affiliation fee for the initial year. Clubs would also receive the relevant paperwork for two Range Conducting Officers and one Club Instructor, the relevant courses to be undertaken during the first 12 months of affiliation. The new arrangements apply to clubs affiliating on or after 14 February 2015.

Firearm Certificate Fees

The Government announced on 12 March that firearms licensing fees should be increased with effect from 6 April 2015. The decision was taken after a public consultation in November/December 2014 when over 70% of respondents strongly agreed or tended to agree with the government's suggested new rates. The fees are:

| | Current | New |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|
| Firearm Grant | £50 | £88 |
| Firearm Renewal | £40 | £62 |
| Replacement Firearm Certificate | £9 | £4 |
| Variation (not like for like) | £26 | £20 |
| Visitor's Permit – individual | £12 | £20 |
| Visitor's Permit – group | £60 | £100 |
| Registered Firearms Dealer | £150 | £200 |

Fees were last increased in 2001. The Board and many other shooting bodies, led by the British shooting Sports Council, supported the proposed increase as it was unrealistic to expect rates to remain unchanged much longer than the current period of almost 14 years. To leave the rates unchanged at this time raised the prospect that a change of government in May this year could lead to much more substantial increases later in 2015. Instead the introduction of these new rates reduces the risk of firearm fees being a priority target for action by a new government.

Overlay Gauge

The NSRA's Official Overlay Gauge is now available in the NSRA Shop, priced 80 pence each or £9.00 per dozen.