

31st January, 1979.

NEWSLETTER

Winter Competitions

The full qualifying results list accompanies this letter plus the Finals targets for the qualifiers. The last date for shooting the Finals is 26th February, 1979, and all shot cards must be back in my hands for scoring not later than first post Monday, 5th March, 1979. Entries for all three competitions were well ahead of all previous entries. Note, the CanDicap is a two-card Final.

Air Weapons Meeting

The next big S.S.R.A. event is the Open Air Weapons Meeting, including the Scottish Air Rifle Championship, on 17th/18th March. Entry forms can be obtained from R. Normand, [REDACTED], now. Although the date is fixed, the venue has still to be confirmed as the first choice Meadowbank is not available. However, arrangements are already in hand to hold the 1980 Championships jointly with the Pistol Association at Meadowbank on 15th/16th March, 1980.

Team Trials 1979

The 1979 Team Trials will follow the established format with a postal stage, first stage at Perth and a final trial at Aberdeen. Members should note, however, that a new system will operate for 1980. The team squad for next year will be formed about October, 1979, based on all performances during summer 1979. All are therefore advised to give as much support as possible to the Open Meetings listed on the enclosed Calendar of Events, try to qualify for this year's team matches and ensure they are shooting in the N.S.R.A. Scottish leagues and at St. Andrews.

For the 1979 Squad, Alister Allan, Sheila Robertson, Bill Moonie and John Knowles will be seeded, the last three for taking the top three places in the 1978 Order of Merit table. The remainder of the 1978 squad go straight to the Final trial. All other shooters with ambition should complete and return the entry slip below. Teams for the 1979 Home Countries matches and Army match will be selected from the Squad. The Mini Games selection will be made from those at the top of the 1979 Order of Merit in August plus Alister Allan.

Freuchie 1979

The Freuchie Individual Knock Out Competition will again be run at the Scottish Meeting, 23rd/28th June at St. Andrews. As before, the draw is made in groups of 3 with the winner over 20 shots at 100 yards going through to the next round. Entries are taken on the range but early entry is favoured as the timetable places a top limit of 81 entries. Draw is made on Sunday, 24th June, 6 p.m., first round the Monday 1 p.m., second round the Tuesday 1 p.m., semi-final Thursday, 1 p.m. and Final on the Thursday at 5.30 p.m. The unexpected often happens!! Return the entry form overleaf NOW to book your place.

St. Andrews Race Night

Also at St. Andrews, the Association will be holding a convivial social evening around a modest gambling theme. Full details will be published widely later, including in the Rifleman, but the Secretary would like to hear from any member or Clubs or others who wish to join in the flutter as "owners" of the

Entry Form for 1979 Team Trials

NameClub

Address

Entry fee - 50 pence for Individual Members, 60 pence for Club Members.

Return to R. Normand, [REDACTED]

Cards to be returned for scoring by 8th May. Top 25 to Perth.

racing horses or donaters of prizes or who have ideas of sponsors of the races or potential advertisers in the race programme.

Full ownership of each horse for the eight races costs £36 and would be sub-divided among syndicate members (club colleagues or groups of friends) for different individual stakes as follows:- 1 owner £10, 1 trainer £8, 2 assistant trainers £5 each and 8 jockeys at £1 each, with the prize list for each race being awarded to the winning syndicate in order of their importance, i.e. best prize to the owner etc. The eight horses run in all eight races (a different number each time). Six horses for the evening will be pre-sold, leaving two horses in each race to be auctioned at the function immediately prior to the race being run. Syndicates would also be free to trade, sell or auction their nags for any or every race. A tote will operate during the evening.

Sponsorship of a race costs £25 and conveys the privilege of being able to name the particular race for the printed programme. Advertising would be at very modest rates and be of particular interest to commercial concerns supporting or providing a service to shooting or to entertainment or retail businesses in the St. Andrews area.

A good prize fund will make the evening go with a zing so please give generously. Remember this is the big fundraising effort for 1979; no raffles, no prize draws, no sweeps!

Age-group Coaching

Development of an S.S.R.A. coaching programme for the two age groups 14-17 yrs. and 18-22 yrs. is under consideration. Initially, entry would be by application to the Secretary and letters giving dates of birth and shooting interests, i.e. prone, air rifle, 3-position, are now sought from those interested. Sessions would be run centrally (probably Linwood because of its facilities, but could also be Perth or Aberdeen if demand so justified) with the shooters meeting their own expenses and providing their own shooting equipment. The opportunity to try air weapons shooting with "club" equipment would be available.

Match Results

(a) Scotland recorded their first victory over New Zealand N.I. in the 1978 match. The scores were 5899 against 5893. Special New Zealand cloth badges and date chevrons have been received for all who have represented Scotland in the five matches to date. The 1979 match will be shot in April after the Speedway Final from which at least eight of the team will be picked.

(b) At the big international Air Rifle match in Holland on 27th & 28th January, both Scotland A and Scotland B finished ahead of Wales A & B in the first match! Scotland A took third place behind Belgium and Holland on both occasions and, in the second match, produced a new Scottish team record of 1464 (A.Allan 371, R.H.Mackeith 365, A.R.Campbell-Smith 365, A.J.Sprott 363). Alan Sprott's 363 was a Scottish Junior record until it was topped by Alan Stewart's 369. Top score at the meeting was 385 by a Norwegian and three Belgian juniors broke 380.

Scottish Sports Council

The Sports Council continues to extend its encouragement to the sport of shooting and has recently made a substantial grant to the Clay Pigeon Association to help instal Olympic Trench facilities at Kippen. They are particularly keen to see the S.S.R.A. as the active voice of smallbore shooters and clubs in Scotland and, to this end, have agreed to make a £250 grant to be used to increase the membership. The effort to be funded by this sum will be announced soon. Meantime, clubs wishing to expand facilities are reminded that the Sports Council stands ready to help any sound scheme with capital grants.

Bob Normand, Secretary

Entry Form for the Freuchie

Name Club

Address

Entry fees - 60 pence for Individual Members, 75 pence for Club Members.

Return to R. Normand, [REDACTED], as soon as possible.

Limited to first 81 entries.

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

1979 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

** Denotes Grand Prix Event for the Scottish 50 Metres Championship
(Holder: Mrs. S. Robertson)

February 17th/18th		Glasgow Rail Indoor Open, Barrack Street
February 25th)		
March 4th)		Perthshire Indoor Open, Perth
March 17th/18th		S.S.R.A. Open Air Weapons Meeting, venue to be decided
March 25th		Speedway Final, Perth
March 31st)		
April 1st)		Lanarkshire Indoor Open, Barrack Street
early April		New Zealand Match (indoor international) at Perth
May 5th		Aberdeenshire Association Dance
May 12th/13th	**	S.S.R.A. Open 50 metres Meeting, Linwood
May 20th		First Trial (Perth)
May 26th/27th		Perthshire Open, Perth
June 3rd		Aberdeenshire Wapinshaw (confined)
June 10th		Final Trial (Aberdeen)
June 17th	**	Denwood Open (50 metres)
June 23rd/29th		Scottish Meeting at St. Andrews
July 6th/8th		Army Match at Dartford, Kent
July 14th/15th	**	Eley Supershoot, Perth
August 4th/5th	**	Glasgow Rail Open 50 metres, Linwood
August 11th/18th		Bisley
August 26th	**	Inverness-shire Open (50 metres)
September 21st/23rd		C.G.F.(E.D.) Championships (Mini Games) in N. Ireland
October 6th/7th		Blackpool Annual Indoor Open
October 28th		S.S.R.A. Annual General Meeting

and the bad news

Ayrshire Association advise with regret that the Dam Park Hall is not available to them this spring for their very popular Annual Open Meeting. They are hoping to stage the event in October.

25th January, 1979.

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION 1979 MEDAL

Qualifiers for Final Stage

Class A

Points
Dropped

- 2 W. Moonie, Stirling R.I.
S.D. Nicoll, Perth C.&C.
J. Lavety, Portlethen
J.N. Knowles, Ardeer
I.A. Kerr, Larbert
A.J. Dick, Clachnacuddin
J. Swanson, Caithness
H. Simpson, Wick O.S.
- 3 C.C. Gall, Embankment
I.E. Baird, Bon Accord
R. Normand, Glasgow Rail
C.G. De Jonckheere, R.S.R.E.
D.M. Sutherland, Stirkoke
J.D.B. Kennedy, Steeple
P. Shand, Bon Accord
A.M. Robertson, Dunfermline
D. Garrow, Dallas

Class B

Points
Dropped

- 2 W.P. Baird, Bon Accord
- 3 W.H. Macdonald, Durnain Bridge
- 4 A.J. Sprott, Bearsden
P.W. Sharman, Forres
Mrs. F.A. Sinclair, Stirkoke
D.J. McIntosh, Elgin
J.H. Reith, Banchoy
J.L. Spalding, Callender
Mrs. S. Smith, Glenrothes
N. Millar, Arbroath
R. Cameron, Arbroath

Class C

(first eleven & equal as one competitor promoted)

- 2 T. Hamilton, Dunblane
- 6 J. Gray, Alloa
- 8 D. Hardie, Montrose
K. Sands, Dysart
- 9 J.P. Sorley, B.S.C. Corby
J.W.D. Weir, Park Wynd
I. Cameron, Larbert
D. Grieve, Larbert
D. King, McTaggart Scott
T. Finlay, Selkirk
- 10 R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians
J.W. Allan, Bideford
J.R. Hood, Ardeer
J.B. Anderson, Alloa
A.D. Jack, Beaulay
N.J. MacRitchie, Beaulay

Class D

- 12 W. Kerr, Dunfermline Railway
R.M. Begg, Thrumster
- 13 J. Orr, Lanark
Patricia Werfel, Thrumster
- 14 J. Smith, Clachnacuddin
- 15 Mrs. M. Macfarlane, Ardeer
- 16 Miss S. Fraser, Alloa
A. Stevenson, Lanark
L. Brydon, Selkirk
- 17 Mrs. M. Muir, Ardeer

OTHER SCORES

Class A

- 4 off J.E. Scobie, W.T. Clark, J.C. Manson, I. Cruickshank, R. Brown, J.R. Sinclair, Mrs. A.M. Hamilton.
- 5 P.B. Cook, Mrs. S. Robertson, A.A. Craig, I.M. Crombie, I. Shanks, D. Ross, W.M. Fraser, H. Levack, N. Burgess, D. Ritchie.
- 6 R.M. Jack, J.P. Millar, I.B. Robertson, W.F. Hamilton, J. Cole-Hamilton, R. Cooper.
- 7 W.F. Mackenzie, D.M. Henderson, R. Reid, R.J. King.
- 8 G.A. Lawson, R.P. Tazioli, Mrs. S.E. Robertson.
- 9 J.H. Hind
- 10 E.G. Pullar, W.G. Gibbon.
- 11 D.W. Allan, A. Ross.
- 12 R. Kelman
- 14 J.T.M. Mason

No returns - 25

Class B

- 5 off G. Webb, A. White, Miss I. Grant, G.L. McWalter, A. Brown, J.G. Munro,
W. Vaughan, W.R. Bateman, R. Macdonald.
- 6 W.D. Barclay, W. Barclay, N. Cowall, C.W. Shepherd, G.B. Douglas, J. Ross.
- 7 A. McDougall, J. Eccles, Mrs. M.H. Curtis, D.G. Cuthbertson, J.G. Sheddon,
D. Sutherland.
- 8 A.J. Oliphant, J.C. Burridge, A.C. Nicoll, D.W. Miller, R.B. Fraser (Selkirk),
T.F. Hodgson, D.F. Mackenzie, J. Nicoll, R. Aitken.
- 9 J. Keir, I.H. Thomson, C.J. Bruce, J.R. Buchanan, A. Gourlay, J. MacDougall,
I. Askew.
- 10 S.M. Henderson, S.A. Guild, J.C.M. Allen, J.M. Chivas, W. McDonald (Dallas).
- 11 W.B. Anderson, J.G. Williamson, B. Mackie, G.C. Smith, W.H.C. Alexander,
R.D. Anderson, S. Graham, D. Thornton, I. Ross, A. Sinclair, D. Macdonald.
- 12 E. Soja, Mrs. R. Moffat, R.B. Fraser (Alloa), A.S. Mackay, D.H. Macleod.
- 13 Mrs. M. Massie, J.H.M. Gorry, I. Brandon, R.L. Miller, K.G. Mackenzie.
- 16 P.E. Pegram, T.K. Flynn, K. Macdonald.
- 17 T.P. Kennedy

No returns - 25

Class C

- 11 P. Law, M. O'Loughlin, G. Macdonald, T.A. Rae, S. Brown, L. Bell.
- 12 K. Miller, Mrs. L. Fraser, N. Sutherland, C.R.G. Paul, N.A. Stewart.
- 13 J.A. Manson, P. Gray, J. Stewart, M. Rodigan, W. Masson.
- 14 E.G. Watt, M. Donaldson, J. Quinn, A. Pirie, J. McRae, K. Dick.
- 15 J.T. Moncur, H.R. Brown, R. Ferguson, J.D. Sutherland, A. Mowat (Pentland).
- 16 Miss J. Redpath, F. Ferguson, G. McGregor, E. Graham, J. Hatton.
- 17 Mrs. V. Somerville, W. Sutherland, C. Brand, C. Begg, G. Paterson.
- 18 B.T. Brogan, D. Mackie, E. Munro, S. Quintela, J.A. McCook.
- 19 G. Wyper
- 20 H.A. Ross, J. Normington, R. Martin, P. Smithard.
- 24 C. Aske : 26 off - N. Holmes : 28 off - P. Halliday : 29 off - N. Lee :
- 34 I. Lochtie

No returns - 17

Class D

- 20 A. Goodlett, J.A. Macgill.
- 22 C. Cameron
- 24 M.W. Harper, Mrs. M. Millar, G. Clarke.
- 25 J. Law, K. Green.
- 26 A. Gregori
- 28 Mrs. M. MacLeod
- 29 A. Fraser
- 30 J. Lockhart
- 33 Mrs. S. Bennett, A. McNaughton, J. Thomson, J.I.K. Webster.
- 35 Mrs. M. Mackie
- 39 J. Thomson
- 40 A. Muir, T. Walker.
- 42 Mrs. C. Morrison : 43 off - Mrs. D. Lavety : 51 off - A.J. Loudon :
- 66 D. Banks : 72 off - B.S. Dick : 83 off - J. Barton : 93 off - B. Sim :
- 142 R. Thomson

No returns - 12

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

CanDicap 1979

			Ind. Scores
0 off	J. Stewart, Larkhall	(5)	
1	D. Campbell, Banchory	(8)	8 - 8 - 9
	G. McGregor, Banchory	(5)	5 - 6 - 5
	N. Lee, Bearsden	(8)	8 - 8 - 9
	J. McRae, Tain & District	(5)	6 - 5 - 5
	R.J. Sinclair, Spittal	(5)	5 - 5 - 6
	L. Bell, Beaulay	(5)	4 - 5 - 5
	N.J. MacRitchie, Beaulay	(5)	6 - 5 - 5
2	R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians	(6)	6 - 6 - 4
	M. Donaldson, Ardeer	(7)	6 - 7 - 6
	F. Ferguson, Ardeer	(7)	5 - 7 - 7
	Mrs. M. Macfarlane, Ardeer	(10)	9 - 10 - 11
	K. Miller, Alloa	(5)	6 - 5 - 6
	P. Law, Alloa	(5)	4 - 5 - 6
	A.D. Jack, Beaulay	(7)	8 - 8 - 7
	D. Grieve, Larbert	(7)	6 - 6 - 7
	J. Normington, Northern Co-op	(5)	6 - 5 - 4
	W. Sutherland, Banchory	(5)	6 - 5 - 6
	J. Gray, Lanark	(5)	4 - 5 - 4
	I. Marchbank, Dunblane	(5)	5 - 6 - 6
	A. Gregori, Greenock	(6)	7 - 5 - 6
	W. Masson, Dallas	(6)	6 - 7 - 7
	R.M. Begg, Thrumster	(6)	5 - 5 - 6
3	Mrs. S. Bennett, J.A. Manson, D. King, A. Stevenson, C. Begg, S. Quintela, G. Paterson, N. Sutherland, Miss P. Werfel, B. Begg, N.A. Stewart.		
4	J.P. Sorley, J.W. Allan, Mrs. M. Muir, C. Cameron, P. Gray, J.B. Anderson, G. Wyper, J.M. Brown, A. Little, J. Quinn, R. Ferguson, C. Wyles, I.W. Mackay, I. Cameron, J.A. McCook.		
5	T.A. Rae, S. Brown.		
6	Mrs. M. Mackie, H.R. Brown, M.D. Lowndes, R. Martin, K. Sands, K. Dick.		
7	P. Halliday, Mrs. D. Lavety, H.A. Ross, A. Mowat, J. Orr, Miss S. Fraser, A. Goodlet.		
8	Miss J. Redpath, C. Brand, M.W. Harper.		
9	J. Law, J. Hatton, B. Adam, I. Barclay		
10	Mrs. C. Taylor, G. Sutherland, D. Banks, G. Clarke.		
11	D.A. Brand		
12	J. Barton		
14	E. Smith		
15	H. Sharp		
19	R. Thomson		
20	A. MacLennan		
21	A. Muir		
36	Miss L.A. Guild		
51	Mrs. P. Gray		
56	B. Hendry		
60	B. Sim		
No returns - 18			

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

SPEEDWAY : Scores in Qualifying Stage

Qualifiers

Points
Dropped

- 1 C.G. De Jonckheere, R.S.R.E.
I.A. Kerr, Larbert
- 2 I.E. Baird, Bon Accord
- 3 J.D.B. Kennedy, Steeple
D. Ross, Caithness

Points
Dropped

- 4 A.J. Sprott, Bearsden
W. Moonie, Stirling R.I.
W.F. Hamilton, Watsonians
W.T. Clark, Ardeer
J. Eccles, Alloa
J. Swanson, Caithness
A. Brown, Banchory
A. Thomson, Dysart

Plus three of:-

- 5 J.E. Scobie, Stirling R.I.
J.N. Knowles, Ardeer
J. Kerrigan, Glasgow Rail
J.C. Manson, Elgin
I. Shanks, Bon Accord

Final in Perth on 25th March

- 6 off R.G.H. Thomson, G. McKay, J. Lavety, G.M. Gove, Mrs. M. Massie, A.J. Dick,
H. Simpson, W.M. Fraser.
- 7 C.C. Gall, A.A. Craig, R. Anderson, W.P. Baird, A. Johnstone, I. Cruickshank,
Mrs. S.E. Robertson, E. Soja, D.U. Miller, G.C. Baxter, K. Sands, G.B. Douglas,
D.F. Mackay, J. Ross, W.G. Gibbon.
- 8 S.D. Nicoll, R. Normand, A. White, J. Cole-Hamilton, Miss I. Grant, R. Brown,
N. Burgess.
- 9 S.A. Guild, A.S. Bruce, E.G. Pullar, D.G. McRae, P.W. Sharman, W. Kerr,
D. Thornton, J. McRae, W. Vaughan.
- 10 W.F. Mackenzie, G.A. Lawson, Miss J.M. Adamson, D.J. McIntosh, J.R. Buchanan,
I. Brandon, D. King, A. Gourlay, J.H. Hind, W.H. Macdonald.
- 11 J.G. Williamson, D.W. Allan, P. Shand, J.L. Spalding, C. Begg, A.C. Nicoll,
Mrs. E. Arthur, J.T.M. Mason, N.J. MacRitchie.
- 12 K. Miller, P. Law, J. Stevenson, A.J. Oliphant.
- 13 W.D. Barclay, J.K. Glen, Mrs. J.B. McKay, G. Webb, R.B. Fraser (Selkirk),
R. Cameron, D. Macdonald.
- 14 Mrs. R. Moffat, R.L. Miller.
- 15 S.M. Henderson, J.H. Reith, J.M. Chivas, D. Ritchie.
- 16 Mrs. M.H. Curtis, A. Broderick, W.R. Bateman.
- 17 J. Keir, B. Mackie, N. Cowell, J. Soutar.
- 18 S. Graham, C. Aske.
- 19 P. Halliday, J.C.M. Allen, W. Sutherland, I. Askew.
- 20 P.E. Pegram, J. Gray, J. MacDougall.
- 21 J.W. Allan, T. Finlay
- 22 R. Law, C. Brand
- 23 G. McGregor
- 26 N. Lee
- 34 A. Goodlet

No returns - 44