

SCOTTISH SMALLBORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

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Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, 1986.

There is no doubt that this was the highlight of the International Shooting Year in Scotland. Our three team members - Alister Allan, John Knowles and Bill Macneil - had been selected several months prior to the games and have used that time to their advantage. Both Alister and John had been to Germany in the late winter to have their rifles checked out at the Anschütz factory, and then had the barrels batch tested for Tenex. All three had been personally sponsored to cover the costs of ammo. for their training. Their preparations were detailed and there was a growing confidence that medals would come their way.

An Invitation International on Ash Lagoons in May had given us some forewarnings of the likely problems - for example, tricky wind conditions, and faulty target changers. However Alister showed good form by winning two Gold Medals and Bill Macneil took Silver in the 3-P event.

The first matches shot at the Games were the Badge Shoots in which Alister took first place in the prone rifle with 598, second in the 3-P with 1156, and fifth in the air rifle with 576. John Knowles shot poorly in the prone rifle scoring 589 and finished 8th=. Bill Macneil fared no better, scoring 1102 for 12th place in the 3-P, and 564 for 11th place in the air rifle.

In the main Games events, Allan and Macneil scored 1137 in the Air Rifle Pairs; this was exactly the same score as they had achieved in Brisbane 4 years earlier to win the Gold, but on this occasion they came only 4th. In the Individual Air Rifle, Bill scored 577 to finish 6th, with Alister trailing in 11th place with a score of 569.

In Prone Rifle Pairs, Allan and Knowles scored 1155 for 6th place. They both showed their true form, however, in the Individual event when Alister produced another fine 598 to win the Silver medal, and John held off the pack with a 597 to get the Bronze medal. There had been drama throughout this match, faulty target changers had forced all three medal winners to change lanes during the shoot and John had to make two changes! Despite these worries, his score was good enough to give him the Bronze medal. Alister had shot with all the skill of a true champion, admitting to only one error, and was very disappointed to hear that he had lost the Gold by one point to Allan Smith of Australia.

Perhaps the hard lessons learned in the Prone match made Alister even more determined to do well in the 3-P match where he was up against World Champion Malcolm Cooper. At least there was some compensation in the 3-P Pairs when Allan and Macneil took the Bronze medals with a total score of 2241.

In the 3-P match, Alister fought a titanic battle with Malcolm Cooper which kept officials and spectators on tenterhooks to the last shot.

Alister scored a 399 in the prone to grab a 5 point lead. Malcolm immediately struck back with a standing score of 382 to Alister's 373, and thus took over the lead by 4 points. So to the kneeling event with Alister desperately trying to claw back those few points. He scored a brilliant 395, only to see Malcolm return a 394 and retain the medal winning position by just 3 points. Alister had beaten the World Champion in two of the three disciplines, but still was to get a Silver medal. Stirring stuff, and enough to bring a few tears to even the most hardened campaigners.

So it was all over for another 4 years.

The lessons we have learned are many, and already plans are being prepared for New Zealand in 1990. I was very proud of the dedication shown by our three shooters. They worked hard and they came away with 4 medals - the only shooting medals won by Scotland.

Medal Scores

Prone Rifle

Gold	A. Smith	Australia	599
Silver	A.M. Allan	Scotland	598
Bronze	J. Knowles	Scotland	597

3-P Pairs

Gold	M. Cooper & S. Cooper	England	2278
Silver	Dion & Senecal	Canada	2276
Bronze	Allan & Macneil	Scotland	2241

3-P Individual

Gold	M. Cooper	England	1170
Silver	Allan	Scotland	1167
Bronze	Senecal	Canada	1150

My final impression was that we had asked too much of Alister Allan. It is not possible for one person to compete at Gold Medal standard in all of these six events within a period of 10 days. We would be wise to send more shooters to cover the events, provided they are of a suitable standard.

Harry Milne.

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The 1986 Constitution.

At the A.G.M. this year, members present will be asked to consider two changes to the Constitution which have been proposed by the Council.

The first is to bring the Association into line with the recommended Scottish Sports Council policy on Doping. In conjunction with this change, there is also a new set of Rules on Doping which will be applied, as far as practicable, to all Association competitions.

The second change is to eligibility for membership to reflect the changes made to the N.S.R.A. Eligibility rules for representing Home Countries in the International matches at National Meetings, i.e. the N.S.R.A. now requires either :

- i) birth in Scotland, or
- ii) the birth of either parent in Scotland, or
- iii) five years residence.

In all instances the individual must not have represented any other Home Country.

Copies of the proposed Constitution and Doping Rules will be distributed at the A.G.M.

Drug test results

1986 saw the introduction of Doping tests at the 3-P final at Linwood in spring and at the Perth and Lothian Grand Prix Meetings. NO POSITIVE SAMPLES WERE RETURNED.

We would like to thank everyone who was selected for tests and all the others who helped organise the tests for their forbearance and good humour throughout the proceedings.

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D.O. NEWS

by

Bill Murray, Shooting Development Officer.

Probably most clubs, when they remember that there is a shooting development officer in Scotland, wonder what it is I do, because they never see me! Here are some of the projects I am working on which are relevant to smallbore rifle.

1. **Firearms.** Many clubs are not quite aware of the position they occupy today as it relates to the police and the issue of individuals' firearm certificates. Put as simply as possible, the fact is that the police allow that membership of an approved club is sufficient for the grant of a certificate. Clubs gain approval from the Secretary of State under the terms of the 1819 (!) Unlawful Drilling Act, and it is the duty of the police to advise the Secretary of State as to whether a club merits approval. Most forces take affiliation to a recognised National target shooting body as sufficient, however as such bodies are now proliferating, some forces (especially Strathclyde) are querying clubs' constitutions and methods of operation closely before approval is recommended. I am meeting with the Police Division of the Home and Health Department in an effort to get them to publish an advisory guide to clubs, as the present situation can easily give rise to a club adopting improper practices through sheer ignorance. The extent to which the police can pry into a club's business is also at present limitless, and I am trying to secure some codification of their powers and authority in this area. My advice in the meantime is, try to be as co-operative as possible with the police, but please contact me if there is a feeling that they are being heavy-handed.
2. **Actionsport.** As of this autumn, the Scottish Sports Council has the power to engage large numbers of Manpower Services workers to assist sports governing bodies in their development work in every region of Scotland. If your club is in close contact with other target shooting clubs in your area, and you feel that there could be an advantage in having one or two permanent, full-time workers in your area (visiting schools, setting up open days, writing news for local press), then I suggest you firstly get together as many clubs as you can and form a local Shooting Council, and secondly come to me. I will help to work out a project plan for Actionsport, which will be to the exclusive benefit of shooting in your area.
3. **Disabled People.** How many clubs in Scotland which can cater comfortably for disabled shooters, make any attempt to do so? There are literally hundreds of local and national organisations in Scotland which help to set up activities for the disabled, and there are few at which they can compete on such equal terms with the rest of us than shooting. Running charity competitions to raise cash for the disabled is also a good way of getting people into your club to try shooting, as well as getting your club into the local or even National press.
4. **Media Coverage.** How many of you know the name and address of your local newspaper's sports journalist? It's no use complaining about shooting not being covered by the National media if it isn't covered by the local press.

On these last two (and other subjects) I hope to bring out some advisory booklets shortly. A 35-minute video on all aspects of target shooting, intended as an introduction to outsiders, is

available from me direct. Cost to buy is £17.50, to hire is £2.50 per three days.

My address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Finally - don't be afraid of the answering machine (on [REDACTED]) - I do try to return every call!

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Tom Walker

As I am sure you are all aware, Tom died on the 11th July this year, just before the Commonwealth Games. Adam Gordon, Cyril DeJonckheere, Sheilah Birnie and Bill and Anne Hamilton, all involved in the last minute preparations for the pre-Games badge shoots, represented the Association at his funeral service at Kinross.

Tom's shooting career started when he joined the Territorial Army at the age of 16. After achieving the record of 600x600 at the Scottish Meeting in St Andrews in 1935, Tom became the N.S.R.A. Scottish Representative, the job he filled for 44 years, a main feature of which was his presence as Chief Range Officer at National Meetings. In a distinguished International career, he won two World-Maestro Medals in 1935 in Rome and in 1937 in Helsinki and was a Range Officer at the 1944 London Olympic Games. Tom's keen interest in target shooting endured throughout his life, even after he had given up his own career.

He will always be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

Mrs Pat Walker is very grateful to Tom's many friends who attended the funeral services in Kinross and Perth on 15th July. Such a warm-hearted tribute was greatly appreciated.

A.M.H.

Note : Copies of Tom's memoirs, "TOM WALKER REMEMBERS", are available from Tom Colvin at Milnathort.

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Where do all the juniors go?

Did you visit the Scottish Meeting at Lauder?

Did you notice that only 3 teams entered the Junior Team Competition?

Have you read the Results on page 37 in the June Rifleman?

Under the Army Cadet Force - The News of the World Challenge Cup - Highland Association, 8 Scottish Teams scored 1238x1600 and above on Cadets and Schools targets and in the Lowland Association, another 8 teams of 8 scored 798 and above. Scottish Cadets featured in 12 places in the first 22 teams. Turn to page 38 under Air Training Corps "The Battle of Britain Challenge Cup". Clydebank, Falkirk and Dundee Squadron shot 772x800 or better. This means at least 150 juniors are shooting regularly in their Cadet teams.

Lothian, Aberdeenshire and Fife and Kinross enter teams in the Junior Inter County Association League.

What do the juniors in the other counties do? How many juniors come to your club when they leave the Cadets or A.T.C.?

What steps are you taking to attract them into your club?

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Match roundup

by

Harry Milne

1986 New Zealand Match

This match was shot at Perth C & C on the 6th April. The team had a good blend of experience and youth, with four new faces - Bill Marr, Bill Murray, Simon Riley and Anne Hamilton. A fine 400 from Tim Kidner set the scene for a super team performance, with a record score of 63 points dropped.

Team	T. Kidner	0	0	0	0	0
	W.T. Vaughan	1	1	0	1	3
	A.F. Mackenzie	1	0	1	1	3
	R.R. Simpson	0	0	2	1	3
	W.G. Marr	2	1	1	0	4
	H. Simpson, Jnr	1	2	1	0	4
	H. Simpson	1	1	3p	0	5
	G.B. Winch	2	2	0	1	5
	S.C. Riley	1	3	0	1	5
	I.B. Robertson	3	0	1	1	5
	A.M. Hamilton	0	1	2	2	5
	T.F. Hodgson	1	4	0	1	6
	W.A. Murray	2	2	0	3	7
	W.F. Hamilton	2	0	3	1	7
				TOTAL		63
Reserve	A.A. Reid	2	1	2	1	6

The New Zealand team score will be published in an early newsletter as soon as we receive it.

1986 Devon Match

This year a team of 3-P shooters was selected for match experience. All members of the shot in the 3-P events, the individual prone and the Invitation International Match prone. This provided a formidable programme. Dr G. Webb travelled as team manager; he reported as follows :

"After a hot and sticky drive to Devon on Friday, it was very disappointing for all that the weather turned very wild on the Friday evening and continued this way for the rest of the weekend. For the 3-P shoot on Saturday the conditions were almost impossible with a gale force wind and, on the North Range, the sun shining directly into the firing point for the early stages of the match. Under the conditions, the Scottish shooters performed extremely well and this was reflected in their clutch of medals and the winning of the team competition.

The weather deteriorated even further on Sunday with heavy rain accompanying the strong winds and making shooting conditions extremely difficult. Nevertheless the shooters battled very well against the conditions and finished with, in general, very commendable scores.

For the team Prone Match on Monday, the conditions improved somewhat, although the wind was still tricky. Nevertheless the top four shooters in the team had very commendable performances, and of particular note was that of George Mortimer who finished his 1st series with a 199, dropping his last shot. George's shooting throughout the weekend was highly commendable. Stephen Dunlop clearly lacks experience and John Simpson's performance was disappointing.

All in all, I would consider the trip an excellent opportunity for the team members to gain further experience and I was particularly impressed by the high team spirit shown by all members. It was a pleasure to work with such a well motivated team and I believe that if the momentum is maintained

we shall have a very forceful squad of 3-P shooters in the not too distant future. I would like to thank the S.S.R.A. for providing me with the opportunity to manage the team on this occasion and I would hope that I shall be given the pleasureable task at some future date."

A win on our first official 3-P match is very heartening, bearing in mind that our top 3-P shooters were not available for that date.

<u>3-Positional Competition</u>										
Class	Name	Prone			Standing			Kneeling		
A/B	I.S. Gibb	7	7	14	39	32	71	19	30	49
A/B	D. Robertson	12	11	23	52	33	85	16	15	31
A/B	S. Dunlop	19	10	29	58	58	116	27	14	41
A/B	N. Gerrard	6	12	18	44	62	106	42	31	73
C	G. Mortimer	7	3	10	64	52	116	30	20	50
C	A. Horne	7	9	16	61	60	121	30	21	51
C	J. Simpson	15	17	32	59	60	119	38	44	82
										Total
										(2nd)
										(3rd)

Match Result	Scotland	4144
	Devon	4068

(Winning score in A/B was 123 off.)

<u>Double English Match (Sunday)</u>										
N. Gerrard	9	4	7	20	4	4	6	14	34	(4th)
G. Mortimer	6	7	9	22	7	5	3	15	37	(7th)
D. Robertson	7	10	8	25	7	7	16*	30	55	
A. Horne	10	14	8	32	9	10	6	25	57	
J. Simpson	13	13	9pp	35	14	12	5	31	66	
S. Dunlop	9	10	12	32	13	12	12	37	69	

(*Rifle failure discovered after match)

<u>Double English Match (Monday)</u>										
G. Mortimer	5	2	1	8	4	4	4	12	20	
A. Horne	6	3	3	12	3	5	7	15	27	
D. Robertson	5	4	8	17	3	3	7	13	20	
N. Gerrard	6	4	5	15	9	5	2	16	31	
S. Dunlop	7	9	11	27	11	9	12	32	59	
J. Simpson	7	10	12	29	12	13	9pp	36	65	

Invitation Team Match - teams of 6 x 7200

1.	Devon	189
2.	N. Ireland	208
3.	Jersey	210
4=.	Wales	232
	Scotland	232
6.	Territorial Army	248

1986 Scottish Meeting

At Lauder we fielded a strong team, selected from the aggregate of X and A classes. Certainly the team looked stronger than that of the English on paper. However, as it turned out, the English Team shot exceptionally well and especially at 100 yards. Both Bill Murray and Simon Riley shot in their first full International, and appeared to enjoy the experience thoroughly. Bill was top scorer with 3 points off.

The ladies too fielded a good blend of experience and youth in their team and looked confident of a victory. Unfortunately, it was not to be Scotland's day and the English Ladies pulled off a fine win to complete the double.

Scotland

Captain: I. Stevenson

Secretary: W. Bateman

Team:

W. Murray	1	2	3
G. Winch	4	4	8
J. Lavety	3	6	9
S. Riley	4	6	10
W. Moonie	5	7	12
H. Milne	9	4	13
R. Simpson	2	11	13
T. Hodgson	6	8	14
I. Shanks	9	7	16
D. Westwater	13	9	<u>22</u>
			120

England

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Scotland Ladies

Captain: Mrs E. Stevenson

Secretary: Mrs M.J. Brown

Team:

Mrs A.M. Hamilton	7	6	13
Miss L. Buchanan	9	6	15
Miss M.E. Haughey	8	8	16
Mrs M.J. Brown	8	10	18
Miss J.C. Dick	11	13	<u>24</u>
			86

England Ladies

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1986 National Meeting, Bisley

As is usual at Bisley, our teams looked fairly fragile when compared to the English squads. However, on the day there was a stiff breeze blowing, and occasionally changing strength and direction. Such conditions tend to make matches more even affairs, and this year was no exception.

In the Full International, we were in the lead after the 50m shoot, although the margin was small.

The English Ladies were once again too strong for our team and in the blustery wind, our smaller team members had difficulty remaining on the firing point.

Scotland

Captain: A. Gordon

Secretary: R.S. Brown

Team:

I.A. Kerr	4	7	11
W.H.J. Mitchell	7	5	12
C.M.Y. Trotter	6	7	13
T.F. Hodgson	8	6	14
R. Law	13	3	16
S.C. Riley	7	9	16
G.R. Mortimer	10	8	18
A.A. Reid	10	8	18
G.J.B. Winch	10	11	21
W.F. Hamilton	9	15	<u>24</u>
			163

England

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Scotland Ladies

Captain: Mrs A. Dick

Secretary: Miss J. Hunter

Team:

Miss S. Smith	11	7	18
Miss M.E. Haughey	7	14	21
Miss L. Buchanan	17	9	26
Miss J.C. Dick	12	21	33
Mrs L. Martin	17	17	<u>34</u>
			132

England Ladies

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1986 Army v Scotland v Wales

This annual match with the Army became a three-cornered event with Wales coming in to shoot the Prone match. Scotland and the Army both fielded prone and 3-P teams.

In the prone match the Scottish team was magnificent, finishing 21 points ahead of Wales and 92 points ahead of the Army. The outstanding performance came from Billy Mitchell who dropped only 12 points ex 1200.

In the 3-P match we had a personal best performance from Simon Riley who scored 1126. Although we came second to the Army, we comfortably won the overall aggregate of the two shoots.

The match was scored by Sgt Boxall, who will be familiar to

participants in previous matches. Sgt Boxall left the Army shortly after the match with plans to take up Crown Green Bowling.

As usual, an excellent picnic lunch of salads and cold-cuts was provided by our hosts on completion of the match to sustain us on our way home.

Prone	Scotland	<	50	>	<	100	>	
	Billy Mitchell	1	2	2	3	1	3	12
	Gordon Winch	4	4	3	1	3	1	16
	Bill Hamilton	4	1	1	5	5	4	20
	Irvin Kerr	5	5	3	4	2	3	22
	Robin Law	2	4	9	7	1	3	26
	Ian Robertson	7	5	4	6	6	7	<u>35</u>
								131
	<u>Wales</u>							152
	<u>Army</u>							223

P.S.K.	Scotland				
	Simon Riley	393	361	372	1126
	Bill Murray	392	331	361	1084
	George Mortimer	394	320	362	1076
	Neil Gerrard	392	319	364	1075
	Willie Low	385	312	349	<u>1046</u>
					5307
	<u>Army</u>				5432

New Fixture - Scotland v Oxfordshire

This 3-P challenge match was sponsored by MACALLANS whisky, who provided medals for both teams, a bottle of malt whisky for each shooter, and some cash to cover costs of travel for a few team members and food for after the shoot.

Teams of six shot a full 3x40 course on the Free Weapons Range at Bisley. Conditions were wet early in the day, but there was little wind and we witnessed another personal best performance from Simon Riley (1128), and from Bill Murray (1118). Bill Macneil shot below his best but had just come off overnight guard duty.

The Oxfordshire team contained 4 National Squad members, and they shot above average to win by 82 points.

Scotland	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Total
W. Macneil	388	358	386	1132
S. Riley	393	360	375	1128
D. Robertson	394	355	376	1125
W. Murray	391	347	380	1118
C. Ferguson	390	332	359	1081
N. Gerrard	392	326	348	<u>1066</u>
				6650

<u>Oxfordshire</u>	6732
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I beleive that we can improve our scores considerably by another year, and perhaps with a slightly modified team. There was plenty of enthusiasm for the event from the shooters, especially after receiveing their prizes. I hope that we get the opportunity to participate next year when we may turn the tables on our opponents.

I am grateful to Oxfordshire for their hospitality, to Neil Gerrard for setting up the match and to Macallans for their sponsorship.

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The 1986 Freuchie

Held at the N.S.R.A. Scottish Meeting, in which it has now become a regular feature, the Freuchie entry again exceeded the range space available. The S.S.R.A. appreciates very much the cooperation of the N.S.R.A. in allowing us to use the range during lunch breaks and in the late details to run this exciting competition whose final stages always attract a healthy throng of spectators.

The Wilkinson Sword	W.A. Murray (5)
	D. Garrow
	J. Lavety
The C & D Freuchie	A. Sinclair (3)
	J.G. Sinclair (4)
	J.P. Liddell

In recognition of excellent performances in the C & D Final in which A. Sinclair and J. Sinclair both beat W. Murray's score, a new Trophy will be presented at the A.G.M. for the C & D Freuchie. The trophy is a silver-mounted sgian dhu which Richard Simpson has kindly mounted on a mahogany plinth for us. It doesn't have a name yet. If you have any good ideas, please send them to the Secretary.

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The 1986 Sponsored Shoot

This fundraiser proved to be so popular at St Andrews that we decided to repeat it at Lauder this year. In case you don't know the format, shooters register with the organiser and receive a form on which they invite friends to sponsor them. They then take part in a single detail shoot in which a maximum of 50 rounds may be fired at a 3-diagram 100-yards target, using the aiming marks at will, with a 10 minute time limit. The targets are then scored, awarding 2 points for bulls and 1 point for nines, thus the maximum score possible is 100. These points are then totalled onto the shooter's form who returns to his sponsors to review how well he did! Awards are also made for best shooter, and so on.

Last year over £1000 was finally raised and the organiser Jack Lavety reports that, while we may not reach that figure this year, it was very well supported again and we can look forward to some income for the Match and Training Account. We received several enquiries at Lauder from non-members and even from non-Scots who were intrigued by the format of the shoot and wanted to sponsor themselves just to take part for the fun and challenge of finding out what they could do with 50 rounds in 10 minutes, so next year we will be trying to distribute the registration material as widely as possible.

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The Grand Prix Series.

The winners of the six Grand Prix competitions this year were :

Denwood	Cliff Ogle	Bill Murray	John Knowles
Perth	John Knowles	Bill Vaughan	Irvin Kerr
Linwood	John Knowles	Sandy Reid	Bill Moonie
Lothian	John Knowles	Cliff Ogle	Hugh Simpson Jnr
Northern	John Knowles	Bill Moonie	Cliff Ogle
Gagie	Cliff Ogle	Irvin Kerr	John Knowles

John Knowles was on excellent form throughout the 6 meetings and wins the 50-metre Championship for another year.

Six meetings were held this year instead of the usual five, the extra one this year being held in Lothian immediately after the Commonwealth Games on the Commonwealth Games Range at Ash Lagoons and, particularly, using this U.I.T. target changing system.

The planning of this meeting was fraught with difficulties arising from conflicting information from the Commonwealth Games Organisation as to whether or not we actually had permission to use the facility and equipment.

Strong support from the Director of Shooting Colin McEachran and from the Assistant Director of Shooting Bob Aitken eventually won the day and we were able to proceed on the strength of written consent from Bryan Cowgill, the C.G. Chief Executive.

This was the first full U.I.T Grand Prix held in Scotland and the results show the benefit to the shooter of some experience of shooting an English Match straight through without breaks for target changing.

This meeting was well supported and it was most satisfying to see many shooters from all classes entering particularly for the experience of shooting a full U.I.T. course.

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FINAL GRAND PRIX TABLE

JOHN KNOWLES	80
CLIFF OGLE	66
IRVIN KERR	29
BILL MOONIE	23
JACK LAVETY	21
CYRIL DEJONCKHEERE	18
BILL MURRAY	18
IAN ROBERTSON	17
BILLY MITHCELL	16
HUGH SIMPSON JNR	16
SANDY REID	15
GORDON WINCH	14
BILL MARR	13
BILL VAUGHAN	12
TOM HODGSON	10
BILL HAMILTON	9
I. SMITH	5
ADAM GORDON	3
ROBIN LAW	2
BILL LONG	2
MAX MILLER	2
HARRY MILNE	2
JIM GORDON	1
ALASDAIR HORNE	1
DONALD WESTWATER	1

Scottish and National Regional Squads

At present, there are two squad systems in operation in Scotland. They have different aims and are complementary. Thought is being given to achieving better integration of these squads.

S.S.R.A. Training Squad

Harry Milne, the Chief S.S.R.A. Coach, is now getting things under way for the next series of winter training sessions to be held at Meadowbank Stadium ranges in Edinburgh. The main aim of this squad is to catch shooters of potential and commitment early in their career and to help them develop into proficient prone and 3-P shooters. They need not necessarily have produced the scores yet. If you know a young shooter you think should be considered, get in touch with Harry Milne. Better still come to the A.G.M. and have a chat.

The dates for this winter's sessions are Sundays 9th Nov., 7th Dec., 11th Jan., 8th Feb., and 8th Mar.

N.S.R.A. Regional Squad (Scotland)

Names are under consideration by the N.S.R.A. for selection to this squad which is exclusively 3-P and is the foot in the door to National, i.e. Great Britain, Squad. If you think you should be considered or know someone who should, Geoff Webb, the N.S.R.A. Regional Coach for Scotland, will be interested to hear from you. Geoff will also be at the A.G.M.