

COTTISH SMALLBORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION. NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER, 1987.

From the Hot Seat

Chairman's Appeal

Those of you who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting may have heard that our Annual Subscription remains unchanged at £2.00 per annum. Quite frankly, that figure is ridiculous. It is the lowest figure for any of the Shooting Governing Bodies. It puts considerable strain on your Council. Much effort is used in fundraising which could be channelled otherwise into shooting. It puts the Association status with regard to grants from the Scottish Sports Council in a perilous position. Governing Bodies are expected to help themselves and not be given "hand-outs". The grant covers mainly assistance to the funding of our National Team and a contribution towards our administration. We ought to be self-supporting and if we were we would be more respected.

Your Council met last year 8 times, many Council Members travelling quite long distances, and, through their generosity and dedication to the Sport, refunded travelling expenses to the extent of £570, slightly less than the total subscription income of £646. The Association is committed to supporting the Shooting Development Officer and to make a contribution of £600 as its share of his salary to the Scottish Shooting Council.

As a governing body we are responsible for selecting and managing teams to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games (once every 4 years), the Mini-Games (Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships, every year) and at the Home Countries Internationals. All these facts are well known. I hope therefore that when your new Council turns to fund-raising that you will fully support it and contribute. I appeal to you to support the S.S.R.A.

Your new Council will look at the structure of our organisation, possibilities being a revised club affiliation fee or a levy on every club member.

Firearm Legislation

The following is an abstract of parts of the Home Secretary's Press Release on 22 October.

1. "...no justification for high-powered self-loading rifles of the type used by Michael Ryan to be held by private individuals... I intend therefore to bring forward legislation to make them prohibited, as is already the position with fully automatic weapons."
2. "...all burst fire weapons and short barreled smooth bore guns to be within the prohibited category..."
3. "Other pump action and self-loading shotguns which have a greater fire capability than traditional single and double barreled shotguns will also be brought under the same control as now exists for rifles and pistols."
4. "In referring to military and other weapons which can be converted from one classification to another....where a firearm is converted from a higher classification into a lower one, it will retain its original, higher classification."
5. "...introduce a statutory safe-keeping condition on all shotgun certificates."

As you will see, none of these affect us as small-bore target

shooters. However the Sunday Press recently reported that the Home Secretary had received some 3000 or so letters against his proposals and some 1800 only in favour. I suggest therefore that anyone so inclined should write to his M.P. endorsing the proposals and to emphasize that our Sport is TARGET Shooting with single shot weapons of .22 calibre.

The Chairman of the Scottish Shooting Council recently met the Home Secretary with a deputation from Scotland and received a good hearing. (to be continued).

Old Council

Thanks go to retiring Council Members Bill Hamilton, Geoff Webb, John Simpson, Bill Long and Simon Riley for all their efforts over the years. Thanks also go to Adam Gordon and Harry Milne, who retired in mid-session, for their considerable contribution to the Association, particularly in the Training Squad.

New Council

New members Lynda Marlow, Shirley Smith, Keith Anderson, Brian Duncan, Sandy Reid are welcomed into the Council and Jack Lavety and John McCutcheon are welcomed back after a year's sabbatical. I hope they will enjoy their time serving the membership and gain considerable satisfaction from their work for Scottish Target Small-bore Rifle Shooting. The new Council is listed in the A.G.M. Minutes which are included in this mailshot.

Expertise

If you have any shooting expertise in any aspect, organising events, scoring, public relations and liaison, dope control, constitutional and administrative, etc, etc, we would like to know so that all the talent hidden away is brought to the surface and used to benefit Scottish Shooters and Shooting. Contact me (Stuart Guild, Chairman), Anne Hamilton (the Secretary) or any Council member

Stuart Guild, Chairman.

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S.D.O. News

Since the last newsletter, Bill Murray has resigned as the Scottish Shooting Council Development Officer to take up his appointment as the N.S.R.A. Director of Coaching. Bill has achieved a great deal for Scottish Shooting during his appointment, not just for small-bore but for all the disciplines represented within the Scottish Shooting Council. The post is now vacant but another appointment will be funded by the Scottish Shooting Council and the National Small-bore Rifle Association in conjunction with the Scottish Sports Council.

Anyone who is interested in this job should watch the Sits.Vac. in the National press or contact the Secretary of the Scottish Shooting Council : G. Webb, [REDACTED]

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Reminders

1987 Sponsored Shoot at Irvine :

If you haven't done so already, PLEASE return your form and remittance to Jack Lavety, [REDACTED]

1987/88 membership and winter competition entry forms accompany this mailshot and should be returned to the Secretary as soon as possible please.

GRAND PRIX SERIES 1987

The medal and individual tables at the end of the summer looked like this.

Venue	<u>Grand Prix Winners</u>		
	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Denwood	GJB Winch	SC Riley	W Low
Perth	JN Knowles	GJB Winch	AS Bruce
Linwood	W Moonie	SC Riley	CWC Ogle
Caithness	JDA Oliphant	W Moonie	Miss SJ Smith
Northern	CWC Ogle	JN Knowles	E Lovie
Gagie	GJB Winch	WG Marr	I Shanks

	<u>Points table</u>							
	Denwood	Perth	Linwood	Caith's	North'n	Gagie	Total	
	Sco. Pt	Sco. Pt	Sco. Pt	Sco. Pt	Sco. Pt	Sco. Pt	Pts	
GJB Winch	598 15	591 12			589 3	597 15	45	
JN Knowles	594 8	597 15	586 5		591 12		40	
W Moonie	592 5		591 15	591 12		591 8	40	
CWC Ogle		587 2	588 10		597 15		27	
SC Riley	595 12		588 12				24	
CG DeJonckheere	592 4	589 6		589 8		588 5	23	
W Low	594 10			588 6	589 4	587 3	23	
AS Bruce		589 10	586 4			591 6	20	
WG Marr					590 8	592 12	20	
JDA Oliphant				591 15			15	
IA Kerr		589 8	587 6				14	
SJ Smith			585 3	590 10	587 1		14	
AJ Horne			588 8		589 5		13	
I Shanks				584 1		591 10	11	
E Lovie					591 10		10	
R Law	592 2	589 5	584 1				8	
H Simpson, Jnr					590 6	584 1	7	
A Gordon	593 6						6	
WA Murray				588 5			5	
WF Hamilton		586 1	585 2		587 2		5	
TF Hodgson		588 4					4	
DAM McIntosh				587 4			4	
WT Vaughan				585 2		586 2	4	
D Lumsden						588 4	4	
D Westwater	592 3						3	
JG Shedden		587 3					3	
C Ronaldson				586 3			3	
BA Duncan	591 1						1	

The Council particularly wish to thank everyone who helped run the Grand Prix Series of meetings. The Series could not be run without considerable support from the Clubs and Associations around Scotland on whose ranges these meetings are run and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you have any views on the Grand Prix and C & D Mini-Prix competitions, pass them on to your local Council member or to the Secretary for inclusion in the coming Council Meetings.

Council members will be listed on membership cards as usual and the Secretary's and other addresses are given at the end of this Newsletter.

Drug testing, 1987.

Drug testing was carried out at the 3-P championship final and at the Linwood and Caithness Grand Prix meetings. All samples submitted from this Association in 1987 were clear. Since the introduction of drug control to our Sport, Small-bore Target Rifle Shooting in Scotland still has a clean sheet.

The Association is obliged to all who were asked to comply with drug control for their co-operation and good humour throughout their "ordeal". While this may seem to be a lot of fuss about nothing, this Sport's compliance with the recommended Sports Council policy plus our 100% record assures the Sports Council and other similar bodies which recognise us as a Governing Body of the standards which we set for our sport and for its administration.

For those who have not yet been asked to participate but may be curious, or even anxious, a drug test is simply a matter of providing a sample of urine. The sample is divided into two numbered and security sealed containers both of which are sent to the testing centre at Kings College, London, accompanied by a form which the drug control officer and competitor complete. The competitor is asked to provide information about any substances he may have taken within the last 48 hours, including alcohol, tea and coffee. At the testing centre one of the samples is analysed while the second is held in storage, should a second analysis be required. Any second analysis is carried out in the presence of a representative of the Sports Federation or Association if necessary.

The SSRA will continue with its policy of unannounced routine testing at competitions. At Council's request, King's College, where testing is carried out, was asked about the nature of the testing on samples submitted by this Association. Their reply was that a full analysis was carried out on each sample, including a specific test for beta-blockers.

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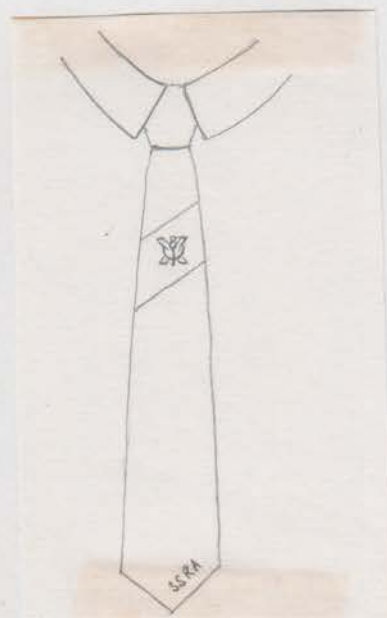
Association Clothing and Memorabilia

ASSOCIATION TIES have now been obtained. These are top quality polyester with woven-in design of the thistle and St Andrews cross from our badge on a navy background with light blue diagonal stripe above and below and the Association initials at the hem. The price is £6.00 plus 40p post and packing.

There are also stocks of sweaters, sweatshirts, silk and wire embroidered coat badges, lapel badges, spoons, keyrings, etc.

The wire-embroidered badges are well finished and, along with the tie, are most suitable for wearing on a blazer on dress occasions.

All stock available will be displayed at the Grand Prix Meetings and most items can be ordered from Tom McGregor, Lynda Marlow, the new Treasurer, or from Anne Hamilton. Addresses may be found at the end of this Newsletter.



3-Positional Championship, 1986/87

On a cool, blustery Sunday, 29th March, the 3-Positional Championship got under way at Linwood. Good scores were hard to come by in the notoriously swirling Linwood wind, and the early lead was taken in the prone position by Simon Riley with 391, closely followed by Cliff Ogle on 390 and previous winner anglo Ian Gibb on 388. The only 10-shot series of 100 was scored by Alastair Horne, next on 387.

Standing usually sorts out the serious 3-P shooters from the recreational ones and this shoot certainly did that, with 53 points between the best to worst. Simon Riley was top with 347, stretching his lead this time over Ian Gibb (337) as Cliff fell away with 328. Robin Law pulled himself up with the second best standing score of 341. Willie Low did well with 337 but his poor prone kept him in the pack. Simon had the only 10-shot series of over 90, and went into a 13-point lead over both Ian Gibb and Robin, with Cliff a further 7 points adrift.

Kneeling finishes off this gruelling 5-hour shoot as well as some of the competitors, but Simon again shot the best score of 381 for a total of 1119 to retain the title. Ian Gibb and Robin Law both finished the Kneeling with 368, and totals of 1093. Ian won the silver on countback. Kneeling specialist Stephen Dunlop had a disastrous first string - a 79 with a cross shot, which counts as a miss under UIT Regulations, but carried on with 93,97,97 and could well have taken the Kneeling medal but for that lapse in concentration.

In the end it was a convincing win for Simon who is undoubtedly the best home-based 3-positional shooter in Scotland. He is actively working at it: how many of the others are? The majority of scores at this shoot were not even good English County standard, and yet, by 1990, Scotland will need to find and develop shooters capable of participating in the Commonwealth Games. We need the new, young, enthusiastic and above all dedicated shooters to take Scottish 3-P into the 1990's, and we need to see them soon. Go to it!

		Prone				Standing				Kneeling				Total
SC Riley	: 99 98	98 96	391:	81 87	92 87	347:	93 96	95 97	381:	1173				
I S-Gibb	: 98 97	96 97	388:	85 85	79 88	337:	91 88	93 96	368:	1093				
R Law	: 95 95	97 97	384:	85 85	86 85	341:	93 90	91 94	368:	1093				
C Ogle	: 98 97	96 99	390:	81 77	84 86	328:	92 95	95 92	374:	1092				
WA Murray	: 97 96	95 98	386:	84 83	83 80	330:	90 91	94 93	368:	1084				
SJ Dunlop	: 94 95	92 93	374:	89 88	82 80	339:	79 93	97 97	366:	1079				
DAM McIntosh	: 95 97	98 96	386:	81 76	80 77	314:	93 91	89 90	363:	1063				
W Low	: 95 98	87 98	378:	84 84	90 79	337:	90 88	81 89	348:	1063				
AJ Horne	: 97 96	100 94	387:	76 76	83 80	315:	95 87	89 87	358:	1060				
R Brown	: 96 97	95 96	384:	68 75	85 84	312:	93 74	90 89	346:	1042				
J Simpson	: 98 91	96 95	380:	73 83	70 68	294:	86 84	85 75	330:	1004				
WF Hamilton	: 96 98	95 95	384:	73 78	70 73	294:	74 83	80 82	319:	997				

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Course for Coaches

A county coaches 3-P Refresher Course has been provisionally arranged for 23rd January, 1987. This date has been set only is the last day or so and no other details have been fixed yet. National Coaches Derek Robinson and Ian Shirra-Gibb will come to Scotland to give a one-day refresher session. We plan to hold this in the Stirling or Edinburgh area. If you hold a county 3-P coaches badge and are interested, please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

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Spring and Summer 3-P Competitions

Earlier this year, two 3-P competitions were organised at Linwood, with the following results. These were low budget competitions with attractive medal prizes and produced a number of personal bests from aspiring 3-P shooters.

These shoots particularly showed a growing interest in 3-P, with some shooters travelling considerable distances for these open competitions. With a few more entries, it would be worth considering the introduction of a classification system, so more entries from 3-P shooters of all abilities are invited.

We hope to be able to run these again in 1988, possibly even as a 3-P-GP but to form a competition series, we need more outdoor ranges passed for 3-P shooting. We know about Tain which can accommodate 8 shooters. Do you know of any others? Please let us know.

Spring	Prone				Standing				Kneeling				Total			
WA Murray	: 97	95	97	97	386	86	90	82	86	344	95	95	92	97	379	1109
C Ogle	: 99	99	100	96	394	87	78	88	89	342	92	93	96	92	373	1109
SC Riley	: 96	98	99	96	389	86	86	85	88	345	95	95	95	90	375	1109
AJ Horne	: 94	94	96	96	380	80	77	87	84	328	92	85	90	94	361	1069
SJ Dunlop	: 98	95	97	96	386	78	79	69	73	299	95	94	94	95	378	1063
P Gray	: 96	94	97	98	385	79	78	80	76	313	88	88	88	88	352	1050
WF Hamilton	: 97	96	97	97	387	78	72	59	69	278	80	71	92	89	332	997

Summer	Prone				Standing				Kneeling				Total			
SJ Dunlop	: 95	93	97	94	379	88	80	75	82	325	96	93	90	96	375	1079
DAM McIntosh	: 95	96	97	98	386	84	76	79	82	321	93	92	91	91	367	1074
P Gray	: 92	97	95	95	379	83	82	83	89	337	88	91	92	87	358	1074
W Low	: 98	97	95	95	385	83	75	81	87	326	87	94	90	91	362	1073
AJ Horne	: 96	99	98	96	389	72	82	82	84	320	94	91	82	86	353	1062
W Long	: 94	96	96	94	380	76	82	84	76	318	96	87	88	85	356	1054
WF Hamilton	: 100	97	93	98	388	75	80	76	83	314	84	83	82	86	335	1037
S Quintela	: 91	92	92	91	366	64	66	79	79	288	77	88	82	82	329	983

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1986/87 Winter Competitions Results Summary

For those of you who missed it or want a reminder, here are the winners and runners-up in all the SSRA Winter competitions for 1986-87.

Class A		Speedway	
0	H Simpson	W T Vaughan	Selkirk
1	I A Kerr	D W Garrow	Dallas
	A I Mackenzie	A F Mackenzie	Stirling R.I.
	W Moonie	I A Kerr	Stirling R.I.
	G R Mortimer		
	C M Y Trotter		
		Junior	
		7	P Tippetts-Aylmer Leven & Dist
		9	C Freeman Watsonians
	Class B		
3	C I H Thomson		
4	P Tippetts-Aylmer	CanDicap	
		0	P H Patterson Selkirk
		1	A Arneil Sands
	Class C		
5	T Macleod	D J Basford	Bon-Accord
6	G A Henderson	J Orr	Larbert
	Class D		
6	A Paul		
9	C Freeman		

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Irvine 1987 - The Double

Solid shooting from both teams produced the result we'd like to see at every Scottish Meeting, a double win. In particular, new caps in both teams took the event in their stride and shot with confidence.

As happens so often, the wind found something different for the last day of the meeting, running off the sea and over the railway with a greater strength than had been evident for much of the week.

In recent years it has become very characteristic for the team to be seen working as a team rather than a collection of individuals and this was more evident than ever as other shooters who missed the teams produced well coordinated wind coaching, manifesting a strong team spirit that extends well beyond the firing point.

Scotland

Capt : R. Ramsay
Secy : T. Lawless

G Winch	2	2	4
H Simpson, Jnr	4	3	7
I A Kerr	6	2	8
W A Murray	5	3	8
A J Horne	6	3	9
W G Marr	5	4	9
R R Simpson	3	6	9
W F Hamilton	4	6	10
T F Hodgson	8	5	13
H Milne	3	10	<u>13</u>
Team total			90

England 106
Northern Ireland 165

Scotland Ladies

Capt : Mrs A Flynn
Secy : Mrs A. Dick

Miss S Smith	3	3	6
Mrs A M Hamilton	3	6	9
Miss L Buchanan	7	4	11
Mrs J Thomson	6	5	11
Mrs M Bissett	8	4	<u>12</u>
Team total			49

England 54

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Bisley 1987

The story behind these scores is not as obvious as it might seem from the figures. The facts are that conditions were extremely difficult and that the England team, selected from the leading 10 competitors in the Aggregate in a meeting with over 1000 entries, shot extremely well! As can be seen from the scores of the other countries, Scotland has now clearly made a recovery from the slump of the last few years when placed further down the order. However, there's still more work to be done. As has been proved before, England can be beaten at the National meeting and this must remain the team's goal for 1988.

The writer begs your indulgence to make a most worthy mention of the Ladies team performance. Unless one has been involved in this Bisley match, one is generally unaware of the daunting prospect this team faces at Bisley every year, an England team often comprising entirely current or former Great Britain Internationals. We wish very much that Wales and Northern Ireland could muster Ladies teams too.

After unremarkable 50 metres scores, it is highly creditable that the team recovered to better the England ladies' team score at 100 yards. A departure from the tradition of individual wind coaching to individual interpretation of Alasdair Horne's most accurate wind commentary showed a new confidence and emerging strength in this group of shooters.

Scotland

Capt: C.M.Y. Trotter

Secy: A. Buchan

S.C. Riley	8	7	15
H Simpson, Jnr	5	7	12
W.F. Hamilton	7	5	12
G.R. Mortimer	4	8	12
R. Law	7	8	15
I.A. Kerr	4	5	9
W.T. Vaughan	4	7	11
C.M.Y. Trotter	3	9	12
W.A. Murray	8	4	12
W. Moonie	7	8	15
Team total			125

England	81
Jersey	145
Wales	162
Northern Ireland	167

Scotland Ladies

Capt: Mrs A. Dick

Secy: Dr J.M. Bailey

Mrs A.M. Hamilton	7	9	16
Miss J. Hunter	10	7	17
Miss F.E. Thomson	14	7	21
Miss M.E. Haughey	13	9	22
Miss F.M. Rankin	15	9	24
Team total			100

England 63

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Scotland v North Island, New Zealand

Perth City and County Range

Sunday 29th March, 1987.

Team	: 1st	: 2nd	: 3rd	: 4th	: Total	:
W.F. Hamilton	: 100	: 97	: 99	: 98	: 394	:
A. Horne	: 99	: 98	: 97	: 98	: 392	:
I.A. Kerr	: 99	: 97	: 99	: 100	: 395	:
T. Kidner	: 100	: 99	: 99	: 98	: 396	:
A.F. Mackenzie	: 100	: 98	: 100	: 99	: 397	:
W.G. Marr	: 98	: 96	: 96	: 97	: 387	:
W. Moonie	: 99	: 100	: 99	: 100	: 398	:
S.D. Nicoll	: 95	: 100	: 97	: 98	: 390	:
A.A. Reid	: 99	: 99	: 100	: 98	: 396	:
I. Shanks	: 98	: 97	: 98	: 100	: 393	:
H. Simpson	: 99	: 96	: 97	: 95	: 387	:
H. Simpson, Jnr	: 98	: 99	: 98	: 97	: 392	:
C.I.H. Thomson	: 96	: 97	: 99	: 98	: 390	:
W.T. Vaughan	: 99	: 99	: 100	: 99	: 397	:
G.J.B. Winch	: 99	: 99	: 100	: 98	: 396	:
Team Total					: 5900	:
Shooting Reserves :						
C.G. DeJonckheere	: 100	: 99	: 99	: 100	: 398	:
J.R. Buchanan	: 98	: 98	: 99	: 98	: 393	:

No 400's this year but well done Bill Moonie and Cyril DeJonckheere on 398. The team were offered a choice of new or old series targets with by far the majority choosing new targets.

Many thanks go to Adam Gordon for scoring the targets for us. His skill as a scorer is well-known and appreciated not just here but also in New Zealand.

No result has been received from New Zealand yet but we should have the result soon and will publish it along with forthcoming competition results and also in the next Newsletter.

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Mini-Games Trials Scores

The Mini-Games trials were shot at Linwood over two days on the 1st-2nd August, with an English Match and a Free Rifle Match on each day. For the prone trial, the leading 10 in the Grand Prix Series after 3 events were invited to shoot the trial along with 5 others invited by the Selection Committee after consideration of other major outdoor shoots this season. For the 3-P trial, 8 shooters were invited after consideration of scores recorded in the 3-P championship and in the Spring and Summer 3-P competitions.

ENGLISH MATCH I

JN Knowles	98	98	96	98	98	99	587
AJ Horne	97	97	95	100	100	98	587
SC Riley	96	95	98	98	98	98	583
Miss SJ Smith	95	98	96	96	97	99	581
R Law	97	98	97	94	96	99	581
CG DeJonckheere	93	96	96	98	99	98	580
H Simpson, Jnr	97	97	97	96	99	94	580
WF Hamilton	98	98	93	95	97	98	579
JDA Oliphant	96	97	97	98	96	95	579
W Moonie	97	95	97	96	95	96	576
L Buchanan	96	96	97	97	95	95	576
WA Murray	95	96	93	95	98	97	574
W Low	93	92	98	98	97	94	572
AS Bruce	91	97	98	96	95	92	569

ENGLISH MATCH II

I + II

JN Knowles	98	99	99	99	96	99	590	1177
Miss SJ Smith	99	99	100	98	99	100	595	1176
AJ Horne	98	97	99	97	98	98	587	1174
SC Riley	99	99	98	98	98	96	588	1171
R Law	98	98	97	98	99	98	588	1169
H Simpson, Jnr	100	99	96	99	97	98	589	1169
CG DeJonckheere	99	96	100	99	97	97	588	1168
WF Hamilton	98	96	98	99	98	96	585	1164
L Buchanan	96	97	100	99	97	97	586	1162
W Moonie	100	95	100	100	92	97	584	1160
JDA Oliphant	96	97	99	96	95	97	580	1159
WA Murray	95	95	96	97	98	99	580	1154
AS Bruce	95	99	98	96	96	100	584	1153
W Low	did not shoot							

FREE RIFLE MATCHES

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II

I + II

SC Riley	380	365	377	1122	392	372	379	1143	2265
WA Murray	385	337	368	1090	387	350	364	1101	2191
SJ Dunlop	378	321	355	1054	384	349	368	1101	2155
W Low	383	316	356	1055	386	346	356	1088	2143
DAM McIntosh	392	312	350	1054	389	333	360	1082	2136
P Gray	375	331	360	1066	384	327	340	1051	2117
J Simpson	381	309	332	1022	376	319	311	1006	2028
W Long	386	295	343	1024	383	267	336	986	2010

The trials and the warm-up session held the week-end before the Mini-Games could not have been run without the greatly appreciated assistance of those who gave up their weekends to run equipment control, set up ranges, be range officer (a cold miserable job at Linwood at the best of times), score and file targets and make tea. Thank you very much indeed to those who gave their time.

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Mini-Games 1987

This annual event was organised by the English Shooting Council at Bisley on 12th and 13th September. Along with the Home Countries matches, it is the major international event Scotland participates in and is an ideal introduction to international shooting.

All the combined small-bore and air rifle party eventually arrived by early Friday evening at the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel in Bracknell, only fifteen minutes drive from Bisley camp, and then set off to a reception at the London and Middlesex Clubhouse. Bill and Anne Hamilton, i/c small-bore and air rifle shooters, missed supper to attend the technical meeting with Bob Aitken, the team manager. At a quick bedtime team meeting, Bill and Anne gave everyone their shooting times and firing points for the week-end's competitions. The team also learned that the .22 matches were to be fired on changers but not with full sets of targets as had been used for the warm-up shoot at Linwood the previous week-end. Standing and kneeling was to be shot 5 shots per diagram and prone 2 shots per diagram. Air rifle was also to be shot on 5-diagram cards.

After a short practise session and weapons control, Saturday morning saw the 3-P shooters set for their match on the free weapons range. Conditions were quite good with a little wind and reasonable light. Simon Riley had a fine start of 397, Bill Murray on 394, Doug Robertson 390 and Stephen Dunlop 387. In the standing, after sighting in well, Simon had a nervous start following a 10 with an uncharacteristic 6, much to the horror of Anne, marking his shots, who had to duck the flying glove. However he recovered quickly with a 9 and six 10's for a 93 on his first string, eventually finishing with 367. Bill shot 355, which he was pleased with, Stephen had 345 and Doug had a disappointing 337. The wind picked up a little for the kneeling. Simon again shot quite well for 385, with Bill shooting 379, Doug 377 and Stephen, losing his touch in this position, 366.

Meanwhile, Robin Law shot in the first relay of air rifle which was organised on a squadded basis over both Saturday and Sunday on a range with 8 points in the Sergeants Dining Hall, a cold, draughty, noisy shell of an outsize Nissen hut with difficult sunbeams striking the targets and the least noise causing a twenty-second echo. After some Heath Robinson design work by Anne and the Welsh Air Rifle coach on window shades involving ammo. packing cases scrounged from Lord Roberts House, a swiss army knife and a pocket stapler, the competition got under way and Robin's score was returned as 565.

There was an interminable wait for the 3-P scores. This delay might have been even worse if Bill Hamilton, with his experience of stats from the Commonwealth Games, had not been roped into the Rifle Jury. The final results gave Simon 1149, the gold, a new championship record and a personal best. He was also 15 points ahead of the silver medal score and Bill M. finished just out of the medals in fourth with a personal best of 1128. Doug had a disappointing 1104 and Stephen missed 1100 by one point and his personal best by 2. Disappointment for Robin - his score had been corrected downward to 562.

After these excesses, the team retired to the hotel sauna and jacuzzi and pool room, severally and in no particular order, to prepare for the next day.

Sunday morning, while Doug shot his air rifle match on the 9.30 relay, conditions on the free weapons range were ideal for shooting good prone scores with no wind, although the light was a little dull. The prone team possibly found this intimidating not being used to these conditions at home! John Knowles sighted in very well, then his target changer stopped working and he never got settled again to finish with a 592 in 8th place. Simon started well with a 99 and 100

but then dropped four on the next string which put him out of contention. He finished with 591 and 9th place. Shirley shot at her usual rhythmic pace to finish on 590 in 12th place while Alasdair overcooked for 582 in 19th place out of 25 entries. The winning score of 598 was from J. Hamilton from Jersey with Cliff Ogle representing Northern Ireland taking the bronze medal on 596.

No rest for the wicked they say - Simon then had little over an hour to get himself together again for the Air Rifle match after which he disappeared to be found later back in the jacuzzi when he was informed that his score of 567 had taken the silver medal. Again scores were slow to appear and there was further disappointment for Robin when his score was amended a second time to 560 for 7th place. Although other air rifle scores were also dropping, this was too much for Anne and a challenge was lodged but unfortunately to no effect. Doug Robertson recovered his form somewhat to score 558 for 8th place and Bill 552 for 10th out of 16 entries.

Simon felt that attempting 3 events in two days was possibly too much for one to maintain concentration and sound technique in 3 different disciplines though he was in no doubt as to the benefit of travelling down a day early for acclimatization on the Chobham range.

The weekend wound up with the Medal Presentation and "Banquet" in the N.R.A. Pavilion where Simon collected his medals. Scotland also won the silver in rapid-fire pistol (H.Hunter), the silver in 300m rifle (A.E.Clarke) and the bronze in air pistol (D. McIntosh).

	Free Rifle		Pr.	St.	Kn.	Total
1st	Simon Riley	Sco.	397	367	385	1149
2nd	G. Hawarth	Eng.	396	355	383	1134
3rd	J.M. Mellor	Eng.	394	362	375	1131
4th	Bill Murray	Sco.	394	355	379	1128
9th	Doug Robertson	Sco.	390	337	377	1104
11th	Stephen Dunlop	Sco.	387	346	366	1099

	English Match		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1st	J. Hamilton	Jer.	99	100	100	100	100	99	598
2nd	C.E. Cain	Eng.	100	98	100	100	99	100	597
3rd	C.W.C. Ogle	N.I.	99	100	98	100	100	99	596
8th	John Knowles	Sco.	97	98	100	98	100	99	592
9th	Simon Riley	Sco.	99	100	96	99	98	99	591
12th	Shirley Smith	Sco.	98	99	98	99	97	99	590
19th	Alasdair Horne	Sco.	99	95	97	98	97	96	582

	Air Rifle		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1st	G. McHugh	Eng.	92	93	99	97	98	93	572
2nd	Simon Riley	Sco.	96	90	96	95	96	94	567
3rd	A. Morris	Wal.	96	92	96	94	92	96	566
7th	Robin Law	Sco.	88	93	97	94	91	97	560
8th	Doug Robertson	Sco.	93	95	93	90	96	91	558
10th	Bill Murray	Sco.	91	90	93	91	95	92	552

Congratulations to Simon on winning his two medals which now join his bronze from 1985 to make a set and also to Cliff Ogle, resident of Edinburgh and S.S.R.A. member, on his bronze medal performance in the English Match.

Next year, the Mini-Games will be in Guernsey in May. This means that serious training should already be under way for those with intentions/aspirations/plans/aims/whatever of taking part.

An early meeting of the Selection Committee will set the trial programme and dates which will be published with competition results and in the next Newsletter.

Scottish '88

After one or two false starts, Caithness is the confirmed venue for the 1988 Scottish Meeting. Those who attended the Caithness Grand Prix this year will readily recommend this area for its hospitality. Caithness is flow country but not without attractions, points of interest, fair weather and very long summer evenings.

The meeting is also being well supported by Caithness District Council and by the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

Queries for accommodation and information on the area should be addressed to Ian Sargent, Area Tourist Officer, Caithness Tourist Board, Whitechapel Road, WICK KW1 4EA. (tel. 0955-2596)

The meeting is hosted by the Caithness Small Bore Rifle Association, a well coordinated and highly motivated organisation which consists of 16 clubs averaging 20 shooters in each. Most clubs use local halls or community centres one night a week and still manage to not only shoot well but also attract growing numbers of juniors. A very full programme of competitions is run over the winter months as well as leagues and most clubs participate in "south" competitions as well while the Annual Open County Meeting, now on the Grand Prix circuit, is an important event on the shooting calendar. Along with clubs in Shetland and Orkney, Caithness also participates in the Viking League.

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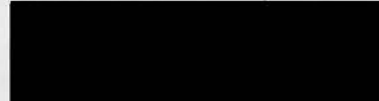
Things are still happening to the Association Newsletter. The Council are still very conscious that this is the members' newsletter rather than just a voice for the Council. Members are still warmly invited to send items for inclusion, forthcoming events, results, news, views, opinions, objections, reservations, reactions, coaching queries, coaching answers, sit.s vac., want ad.s, jokes(clean), etc, to the Secretary. We'll do our best to include your contribution. IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE ACTUALLY READING THIS NEWSLETTER? Let's have some readership participation. Drop us a line. The next newsletter is scheduled for February. Get those pens busy!.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive the S.S.R.A. Newsletter but is not eligible to become an individual member, the Secretary will be happy to send them a copy on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope marked "Newsletter", plus a small donation to cover copying costs.

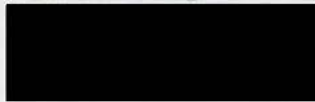
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