Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association Newsletter October, 1988.

A parting shot

Dear Member.

The last year has been eventful in many aspects that I find it difficult to place the events in any order. Perhaps I shall deal with our own achievements first.

The prize winners are all listed later in this newsletter and in the March issue. I would like to congratulate them all on their achievements, I also thank all those who participated in our events and did not win. Participation for most of you is your enjoyment and being ever hopeful of achieving greater heights.

The Mini-games this year were held in Guernsey. My wife and I joined the Scottish team as supporters. I congratulate Simon Riley on gaining a bronze medal in the Free Rifle event, taking on the Great Britain shooters fielded by England and Wales. Gordon Winch and Bill Hamilton finished each with 1 point off a bronze medal in the double English Match. No Scottish Team member was lower than eleventh place in any small-bore or Air Rifle event which is very creditable.

The Scottish Shooting Council of which we are a member changed its name to the Scottish Target Shooting Council to emphasise shooting at inanimate targets. It is working hard reaching a form of federation.

Last year I spoke at length on Federation and since then the STSC and its working party have met on at least 7 occasions. It has been spelled out by the Scottish Sports Council that the shooting bodies must Federate or they will lose their GRANT AID in 1989/90. Already some progress has been made by a joint grant aid submission. (The Treasurers of each governing body meeting jointly.) Here I would comment the sterling work our Treasurer, Lynda Marlow, has put in in connection with our finances. As you will know at our Special General Meeting at Wick our financial year has been changed to the year ending 30th September which brings it into line with the other bodies in the Scottish Target Shooting Council.

However the structure of Federation is causing much frustration particularly because of the SPA's intractability. There is much further work to be done before a formula is agreed.

The SSRA is still hamstrung by the NSRA declining any National recognition other than for selecting teams for the Home Countries International Matches. In other words, you have to affiliate to the NSRA but need only elect to join the SSRA. An informal meeting at Wick between your Office Bearers and Group Captain Dennis King failed to show any positive progress by NSRA to any form of Scottish devolution. Further attempts I hope will be made by your new Council. The Scottish Target Shooting Council is also taking up this matter. Despite the foregoing our membership increased during the year from 337 to 411.

Last year I referred to the possible constitutional alterations. The Council discussed proxy voting and postal ballots and decided that such were too cumbersome and expensive to operate with the present

administration. Likewise a zone structure of regional committees and the addition of 2 more Zone members in the Council was rejected. However we have come to the conclusion that any person resident on Scotland should be entitled to be a member of the Association. This falls in line with the STSC proposed constitution and is similar to the Scottish Rifle Association membership. I hope you will support the proposal. You will observe that representation in matches where eligibility is not stipulated is restricted.

I repeat my strongly held view that clubs must attract and hold youngsters. In particular see that they are welcomed, given instruction, time on the range and generally allowed to develop. I would stress particularly that the senior members talk to them. You may ask what the SSRA policy towards juniors is. We do not have a junior membership. However our subscription is minimal.

Last year's AGM held the annual subscription at £2.00, the lowest in all the Scottish Shooting bodies. As I have already stated this body must be self supporting and not aided by generous donation. You will see the proposed subscription for 1988/89 is £3.50.

The Firearms Act has now been passed. Although some of the objections put forward by the Scottish Target Shooting Council have found favour much of the original proposals have been enacted. While some sections of the Shooting disciplines have been affected small-bore shooters have been left relatively alone.

Honorary Life Member Willie Beattie retired as the Scottish member of the Administrative Committee of the NSRA after many years of valuable service for which we thank him.

Honorary Life Member Adam Gordon withdrew from our Council last year only to channel his energy into a project to expand the Denwood range into a Sub-National facility. This has been approved by the Scottish Sports Council who have agreed to fund part of the expansion.

A second motion proposed by Council is that Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Alister Allan, in recognition if his "exceptional service to Scottish Shooting". Throughout his career as an International Marksman, Alister has been an excellent ambassador for Scottish Shooting. We congratulate him on winning the Silver Medal in the Free-rifle 3-P event at the Seoul Olympics.

I would like to commend to all members certain persons whose efforts would only be known to those attending the AGM.

Firstly, our Secretary, Anne Hamilton. Anne puts in a power of work producing minutes, newsletters and results, administering the membership register and mailshots, dealing with correspondence, representing the Association at many Shooting Council meetings, and sub-committee thereof, and has an extensive knowledge of shooting which is evident at SSRA competitions and was more so as she was Team Manager for small-bore and air rifle at the Mini-Games where her knowledge was constantly drawn upon by the local organisers even to the extent of her being elected to one of the juries.

Secondly, our Treasurer, Lynda Marlow, to whom I have already referred and who in addition to her accounting abilities has spoken eloquently on shooting matters at Council Meetings.

Thirdly, Council Member, Bob Normand, who is one of our delegates on the Scottish Target Shooting Council, Chairman of the Facilities Sub-committee thereof and Treasurer of the Scottish Sports Association, in which capacities he is consulted by the Scottish Sports Council on the planning and provision of sports facilities in Scotland. Bob is the one man who is dedicated to putting shooting on the map. He has made, and continues to make, a considerable contribution to Scottish Target Shooting and, in particular, to the promotion of Manor Powis as a National Target Shooting Facility.

Lastly, to all the Council members who gave their time and effort to the Association's business, I tender thanks on behalf of you all.

As I am stepping down from the Chairmanship at the AGM I would like to thank all members for their support of the SSRA. Particularly the increase in membership this year is very gratifying. I hope you will continue to encourage more to join as, in the eyes of Fund providers, politicians, police, etc, I am afraid numbers count if we are to wield any influence. You may be interested to know that in terms of individual members we are the second largest Shooting body in Scotland after the SCPA, who are not encumbered by the presence of any equivalent to the NSRA. If every shooter joined, we would be the largest by far.

Grand Prix Order of Merit, 1988.

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SC Riley	8	8		15			1	31
CG DeJonckheer	0	10			6	10	1	26
RR Simpson		15		10			1	25
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Oh! what a lovely year!

Once more I was wishing I could do enough shooting to keep my eye in. It's definitely not what it should be and getting the old act together is hard work. This led me to look in my diary — I almost wish I hadn't bothered —

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W/E 15-16 Oct " Army Match

Tue 18 " " Scottish Target Shooting Council

Sun 30 " " a.m. SSRA Council Meeting

Sun 30 " p.m. SSRA AGM

7 SSRA Council meetings + 4 SSRA committee meetings + an SGM + an AGM + not a few Shooting Council meetings. Bob Normand and Stuart Guild were at many of those too.

Quite a few competitions and some matches, a bit of coaching.

This probably isn't a complete list either.

Why am I doing this? I cringe when I remember the last AGM, and the one before, when I dried up. I'm trying to write my report for the last year so that I don't have to dry up again and thought I'd copy the style of the SDO reports and there you have it. His report for two months is longer that this, but then it's his job. Besides that lot, I fit in the "paperwork", minutes, notices, newsletters, membership cards, stuff like that

Why do I do so much? You've got to be kidding — I'm selective. This could be at least a part time job for someone. It's certainly more than a spare time job. We need a Council that will work together as a team. It's the only way that much work can be done by spare time administrators.

Why do I do it at all? I try not to think about that too much. All the target shooting disciplines depend on volunteers who care about their sport to manage them and that's what I am. And I am not alone. A lot of the work is extremely rewarding because it involves working with other people with a similar fundamental objective — the good health of target shooting.

You learn a lot, too. The insights into the other target shooting disciplines and occasionally into other sports is always interesting, if not a little shattering, because you look again at your own sport with a new perspective.

Why do I compile newsletters the size of a small magazine? To try to keep members abreast of events in our sport, to update them on current affairs (Please don't pretend that politic-ing does not happen in our sport) and to pass on to our members some of these insights and the experience I've gained during my Secretaryship. Ours is a sport tailor-made for introspection but we must resist and look outward and forward.

I sincerely hope that, having taken the trouble to put the newsletters together, members then take the trouble to read them. I, for one, welcome constructive suggestions and criticism — such feedback from the readership is a most valuable measure of the grass roots feelings. Without it, how much more difficult it becomes for Council and the Office Bearers to serve the membership. A rub here is that, having elected a Council and Office Bearers and sent them into the world, the membership should at least listen to their advice and weigh their views and recommendations.

"Going out into the world" during the last 3 years has led me to alter some of my views since I first took office and I genuinely believe these changes are for the good of small-bore rifle but at times seeing

the way forward is very difficult.

Membership

The SSRA membership has showed a healthy increase this year. However, we still need LOTS more members. We will continue to do so until we have recruited every small-bore target rifle shooter in Scotland. This is quite apart from any incentive to bring new participants in to the sport itself. The tragedy of our present situation is that the majority of Scottish small-bore target rifle shooters deny the need for a Scottish Governing Body. I know I am preaching to the converted but have to stress to you yet again the desperate need to enrol ALL SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE TARGET RIFLE SHOOTERS. We have comfortably passed the 400 mark but there are at least a couple of thousand more out there.

Council's motion for the AGM to broaden the membership base to all residents in Scotland leaves no excuse for anything less than 100% participant membership. Go for it!

Subscription

Council proposes that the subscription be set at £3.50. This is a 75% increase but compared with other sports bodies is still very modest fee. If this motion is successful at the AGM, we will still be seriously out of step with the other shooting bodies with which we are persuaded to federate and even now, when the shooting bodies Treasurers meet to prepare the budget for the joint grant aid application, it puts us at a disadvantage because of the difficulties that arise simply in covering our routine overheads without undertaking any development work.

In addition, shooters must ask themselves what representation they need, with the Police, the Army, the SHHD, the Home Office, the Scottish Office, Local Authorities, Shooting Councils, Sports Councils, Commonwealth Games Councils and so on. They must also ask how well these needs are being filled by the Scottish bodies and perhaps also by the British ones. They must also realise that representation at both levels is needed and that they should not turn their back on either one or the other. They will only get the representation they want by putting forward their views, opinions and wishes to their Office Bearers and Council Members. Finally, they must place a cash value on it and be prepared to stump up.

This Association must look ahead to the future, with or without federation, and look at the real costs of running and developing the sport.

Read "Secretary's Troubles" in the March Newsletter again - it still applies.

The costs to the Association of postage for notices and newsletters consumes a considerable portion of our subscription income. Posting on a club basis to correspondents reduces these costs but this may not be an acceptable measure for some members. Will members please note the item on the membership renewal and application form inviting those members who prefer individual posting of their mailshots to pay an individual postage supplement? Whether a member opts to pay the supplement or not, no member will be omitted from the mailing list.

Federation

The prospect of and planning for Federation is having a major impact

on target shooting, both at Scottish and British levels. Shooters in all disciplines must look beyond "their own backyard". A natural reaction is to resist invasion but this must be controlled, balanced between the needs of the discipline per se, which must not be ignored, and the demands of the world outside, which can not be ignored and will not go away. With a little imagination, distinct advantages can be identifed.

Federation will affect every target shooter in Scotland. It is vital that all shooters, not just SSRA members, take notice of the debate and give their reasoned views.

It is very sad to have to report that the Federation Working Party is making heavy weather of the various debates placed before it. This is due largely to what the Scottish Sports Council have labelled "organisational protectionism", or, according to Bob Normand, "intractable territorial difficulties". I do not believe that the SSRA has been a perpetrator of this practice. However, I believe the time is approaching fast when we must state our case clearly and categorically. We are at the point where our fairmindedness is leaving us subject to the impositions of others.

We look forward to welcoming Bob Aitken to the AGM not only as an individual member of this Association but also as Chairman of the Scottish Target Shooting Council and Chairman of the Federation Working Party.

Facilities

I won't say much here - Bob Normand, Chairman of the Shooting Council Facilities Subcommittee will address this subject. Very briefly, Manor Powis is looking brighter that at any other time and the Denwood improvement to Sub-national should be started soon.

Shooting Development Officer

Come to the AGM. I hope very much that Jonathan Nason will be present so that as many of you as possible may meet him. Jonathan is charged with development of target shooting. In particular he is looking at the pressure on our facilities and its impact on the sport.

In the absence of an appointed Team Manager this year, I've been performing the mechanics of organising most teams and reports on each match is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Caithness gift of Veteran's trophy

Finally Caithness Small-bore Rifle Association have returned their share of the proceeds of the Wick Meeting Racenight to the SSRA to provide a Veteran's Trophy for the Medal Competition. This will be presented for the first time for this winter's Competition.

I'd like to say how much I appreciate the help and support of all the Council and Members I've worked with this year. They are the backbone of this Association. There are too many to name individually and this report is quite long enough. Thank you and I hope you all come back next year.

Report ends,

Anne.

Mini-Games 1989 Commonwealth Games 1990 Trials and Selection

This was a subject of much debate at the last Council Meeting which followed soon after the success of Alister Allan at the Olympic Games, taking 5th place in the English Match and the Silver Medal in the 3-P.

The 1989 Mini-Games will be held in Wales in September with the Commonwealth Games in January 1990.

Council agreed that the selection procedure for the Mini-Games shall be as follows:

5th and 6th August, 1989 (proposed), Linwood, an English Match and 3-P Match each day, with 15 trialists in the English Match comprising the leading 10 in the Grand Prix order of merit after 3 events (Denwood, Linwood and Caithness) plus 5 others invited by the Selection Committee and with 12 trialists in the 3-P match comprising the leading 8 in the 3-P Grand Prix order of merit after 3 events plus 4 others invited by the Selection Committee.

The team to represent Scotland in the Mini-Games English Match will be the leading 4 aggregate scores in the trial.

The team to represent Scotland in the Mini-Games 3-P Match will be the leading 2 aggregate scores in the trial. Two further team places may be filled from the trial subject to the shooters meeting a standard of 1120 in the trial. The Selection Committee will inspect the range conditions at the start of each trial and may announce a lower standard. In the event of the 3rd and 4th team places not being filled from the trial, shooters achieving scores above the standard at other open competitions of a suitable standing may be considered.

Council agreed that the selection procedure for the Commonwealth Games shall be as follows:

The Selection Committee will consider performances recorded at the Mini-Games Championships and other individuals exceptional past and present performances for the Commonwealth Games team.

The Selection Committee will meet as soon as possible after the Mini-Games championships.

Club Instructors Course

Lothian Small-bore Shooting Association plans to run a Club Instructors course this winter, to be run by Lothian coaches Ian Thomson, Anne Hamilton and John Buchanan. Places not taken up by Lothian applicants may be made available to others.

Any one interested, from Lothian or not, is invited to write to CIH Thomson,

3-P Championship Final Linwood, 10th April, 1988.

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S.C. Riley 94 93 92 94 373 88 79 89 80 336 85 92 92 91 360 1069 Bronze(type) Medal

Disappointing scores this year were entirly attributed to the ambient temperature at Linwood. It was extremely cold, attacking the extremities and particularly the trigger finger. Opinions were given on the kneeling position that a combination of pins and needles and imminent frostbite was a most peculiar sensation. We sincerely hope spring will arrive somewhat earlier next year.

The 1988-89 SSRA Training Squad

The SSRA training squad will meet at least 4 times this winter at Meadowbank Stadium on 4th December, 22nd January, 12th February and 5th March for training in the indoor 50 metre range hall in three-positional and prone shooting, backed up with "class" work on specific aspects of technique, mental training and match preparation. Additional sessions may be held at other training venues.

Nominations and applications to join the training squad should be made to the Secretary, Anne Hamilton, or to the Squad Coordinator, Cyril DeJonckheere.

As in previous years, the emphasis remains on developing shooters who show commitment and potential.

Anne Hamilton,

Cyril DeJonckheere,

1988 MINI-GAMES TRIALS

23-24th April, 1988 at Linwood.

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GJB Winch	98	100	98	99	99	98	592	97	100	99	99	99	100	594
WF Hamilton	99	97	99	100	100	97	592	97	99	100	99	99	98	592
SC Riley	100	99	97	100	99	97	592	97	99	98	99	98	100	591
AJ Horne	96	100	99	97	97	98	587	98	99	98	99	100	100	594
C DeJonckheere	100	98	96	97	99	98	588	99	98	100	98	100	97	592
G Mortimer	99	98	95	99	99	100	590	98	100	100	95	97	99	589
I Shanks	99	99	100	98	97	99	592	97	99	99	97	99	96	587
W Moonie	98	99	98	96	97	100	588	99	97	99	97	95	99	584
WG Marr	98	99	98	96	94	99	584	98	95	96	100	99	100	588
R Law	96	98	98	98	98	97	585	97	99	95	96	99	99	585
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JP Millar	97	98	98	97	390	85	87	85	87	344	88	92	94	97	371	1105
RA Sellar	91	97	98	99	385	80	83	77	85	325	98	93	93	83	367	1077
RM Brown	98	97	98	100	393	74	85	70	69	298	80	80	80	81	321	1012
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RA Sellar	94	95	98	95	382	74	68	81	78	301	88	90	93	92	363	1046
RM Brown	96	100	98	98	392	81	71	62	66	280	81	86	84	86	337	1009
SJ Dunlop	96	93	96	97	382	86	88	88	84	346	95	94	93	95	377	1105
W Low	92	96	95	99	382	83	83	82	75	323	94	91	87	90	362	1067
DAM McIntosh	96	97	95	95	383	81	80	76	73	310	87	88	90	94	359	1052
T Wortley	97	95	94	94	380	85	71	69	71	296	84	86	82	83	335	1011
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Final order of trialists

ENGLISH MATCH TRIALS

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English Match				Free-Rifle Match			
GJB Winch	592	594	1186	SC Riley	1122	1121	2243
WF Hamilton	592	592	1184	JP Millar	1105	1113	2218
SC Riley	592	591	1183	RA Sellar	1077	1046	2123
AJ Horne	587	594	1181	R Brown	1012	1009	2021

A fortnight after the 3-P championship and it was still darned cold.

As set out in the invitations to 3-P trialists, a required standard score of 1120 was set by the Selection Committee for 3rd and 4th team places which, due to adverse conditions on the Saturday, was lowered to 1100 but was retained on the Sunday. Therefore Simon Riley and John Millar gained places in the team.

Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Mini-Games Championships 13-15th May, 1988. Guernsey.

Small-bore and Air Rifle Team Report.

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English Match	Free-Rifle Match	Air Rifle
Bill Hamilton	John Miller	Peter Gray
Alasdair Horne	Bill Murray	Robin Law
Simon Riley	Simon Riley	Bill Murray
Gordon Winch		Simon Riley

Gaffer :

Anne Hamilton

<u>Travelling Supporters:</u>
Stuart and Fiona Guild

Due to unforeseen business, Bob Normand was unable to take his place in the party as section leader i/c small-bore and air rifle. Anne Hamilton stepped in but, as she was already allocated a place in the party as travelling supporter and as it was too late to cancel Bob's travel and accommodation arrangements without penalty, it was decided at the last minute to invite Bill Murray into the Free-Rifle Match team. Fortunately, he was able to join the party at short notice.

The team travelled by air to Guernsey on Thursday, 12th, from Edinburgh and Glasgow via Heathrow with John Miller and Bill Murray joining the party at Heathrow. Both flights were rather full but, apart from an over-zealous Customs Officer at Heathrow who decided to check all the rifles for export to Guernsey, all went smoothly. The Customs Officer gave up after the second rifle case.

The party arrived in Guernsey in the late afternoon to be allocated cars after a few minor hiccoughs. With Stuart and Fiona Guild, offering space in their own rented car, all the people and baggage made it to La Hougue Fougue Hotel in good time to get ready for the 'Vin D'Honneur' reception for the teams at the Beau Sejour Leisure Centre in St Peter Fort.

After the reception, team members headed for a meal while team managers and section leaders headed for the technical meetings held at the Guernsey Rifle Club clubrooms in St Peter Port.

Friday, Fort Le Marchant.

The range for the small-bore rifle and free pistol events was a temporary one built on the full-bore range. This introduced one or two complications into the match schedule. The firing point was constructed of scaffolding with a platform of planks covered by large sheets of chipboard and was enclosed with various forms of sheeting on top, at the rear and at the ends. Considering the construction, this was found to be AMAZINGly stable. It was agreed that no one, including the range officers, would go onto the platform while the match was in progress. The spacing on the firing point and at the targets was adequate but not over-generous.

The match commenced in good time and in conditions of good light and gentle breezes, the sort of conditions for which trials and training at Linwood in April leave one completely unprepared. As the match

progressed, the temperature gradually dropped and the wind gradually turned and picked up but remained within the bounds of what should be readable from the non-U.I.T. but adequate wind flags. By the end of the match it was getting positively cool.

All team members seemed to be missing a spring in their step, possibly a result of the previous day's journey. Nonetheless, the team all performed creditably in the top half of the competition, all breaking the 1100 barrier and Simon Riley taking the bronze and breaking up the dominating pack of GB shooters representing England and Wales.

A factor which had a major influence on these championships in all rifle events proved to be the lack of World Cup events, leaving GB team members at liberty to come to these Championships and thus considerably raising the standard.

A two-hour break between the Free Rifle Match and the first English Match which was appreciated by the Jury, which included Anne, as well as by those competitors shooting in both competitions.

By the start of the first of English Match, the wind had stiffened to come off the sea bringing with it some fog which reduced visibility to approximately 200 yds. The targets at 50 metres appeared to be shades of grey rather than black and white, with patchy fog banks passing across the range periodically. This was more like home.

At the end of the first match, which was relatively low scoring due to the conditions, again the effect of travel and a long wait for the start of the match late in the afternoon, all four Scots were well placed from 3rd on 589 to 7th place on 587, and any one of them capable of bridging the gap to the leader on 592.

To round off the day, most team members made to trip to Cobo to inspect the Air Weapons range and for the air rifle team to put in some practice. The range was found to be a good club facility but with two unfortunate features. First the lighting was very bright on the target but very dim at the firing point and down the range, which created more severe difficulties for the Air Pistol match to follow. Second the bench was the highest yet seen by any team members and positioned some 6cms forward of the firing line and required some competitors to modify their loading technique.

Saturday, at Cobo, saw the first two members of the air rifle team in action, Bill Murray first on the 9 a.m. squad and Simon on the 11.30 a.m., both firing 563 with a most noticeable dip in the fifth string when the incoming squad arrived and the noise and activity level in the hall, open to the firing line area, increased substantially.

Saturday afternoon gave everyone a chance to see the sights, shop and catch up with the full-bore at Fort Le Marchant. Some team members tested the pool at the hotel, which was found to be warm enough for Scots to swim. Alasdair Horne also gave a diving display.

Sunday morning was the only morning when the small-bore team lay abed thinking of the full-bore shooters out at Fort Le Marchant at 8 a.m. After breakfast, the team members made their way at a leisurely pace to the range for the second English Match at 2.30 p.m. while Robin and Peter headed for Cobo for the 2 p.m. and 4.30 squads.

The full-bore final had been extended to accommodate a tie shoot and

the free pistol event had also over run so the second English Match started considerably later than advertised. However, everyone was present when required and the match got under way at approx 3.30.

This time the light was excellent, the day was warm (sunburn registered on Bill Murray's anatomy while spectating) with the wind gusting off the sea towards the firing point. This second match produced higher scores and all the Scotland team members again shot very well, with Gordon Winch and Bill Hamilton both finishing one point off the bronze medal and with 4th man still in the top ten.

Meanwhile, back at Cobo, Robin had suffered the same disturbances towards the end of his match to finish on 569 and Peter Gray, in the last squad, fired an excellent 572. These scores put Peter and Robin in 5th and 6th place behind the GB men while Simon and Bill were 10th and 11th maintaming the standard that no one in the small-bore or rifle events had finished out of the top half of the entry.

A weekend of excellent shooting from the whole team of a standard which must form a solid base for the 1990 Commonwealth Games.

	e Rifle Ma																	
1	Langridge	ENG	98	99	98	99	394	87	92	94	96	369	97	96	98	94	385	1148
2	Smith	ENG	94	97	98	98	387	90	97	91	94	372	96	97	96	95	384	1143
3	Riley	SCO	98	97	98	100	393	88	91	89	89	357	94	93	95	94	376	1126
7	Ogle	NIR	78	99	100	99	396	84	83	84	93	344	95	96	92	94	377	1117
8	Murray	SCO	99	98	99	99	395	86	88	82	92	348	91	96	92	94	373	1116
9	Millar	SCO	96	98	99	98	391	82	87	87	84	340	93	94	94	91	372	1103

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1	Stern	ENG	98	99	97	99	98	97	588	99	99	98	98	100	100	594	1182
2	Sims	ENG	100	99	99	97	97	100	592	100	96	98	100	97	99	590	1182
35	Trotter	GUE	97	98	98	96	97	99	585	100	97	99	100	100	99	595	1180
4	Winch	SCO	98	98	97	99	98	99	589	98	99	98	99	97	99	590	1179
5	Hamilton	SCO	98	99	96	99	97	99	588	98	97	100	100	98	98	591	1179
8	Riley	SCO	96	100	98	99	96	98	587	99	96	96	99	99	100	589	1176
10	Horne	SCO	99	98	99	97.	97	98	588	99	98	99	96	98	97	587	1175
12	Ogle	NIR	98	99	99	98	95	98	587	97	99	97	98	99	96	586	1173

AIR RIFLE

1	Ian Potts	ENG	100	97	94	99	98	97	585
22	Rob Smith	ENG	97	95	98	97	98	96	581
3	Mark Mellor	ENG	96	95	96	99	94	95	575
5	Peter Gray	SCO	94	96	96	96	94	96	572
6	Robin Law	SCO	94	95	97	96	93	94	569
10	Simon Riley	SCO	95	92	94	94	90	98	563
11	Bill Murray	SCO	91	94	97	94	91	96	563

Well done, Simon, adding a bronze to his collection and better luck next time, Gordon and Bill.

Thanks indeed must go to everyone in the team. This was a very happy team which worked well and got on well together. This must have been a factor in the solid performances all round.

The next Mini-Games will be centred on Swansea in Wales between the 8th and 10th September, 1989.

Dale Farm Ulster Games, Stanhill Park, Comber, 10th - 12th June, 1988.

Cyril De Jonckheere travelled as Team Manager to the Ulster Games, sponsored by Dale Farm Dairies. Having come close to qualifying for the team. Cyril was also to shoot as an individual.

After a UIT style final in the English Match, the leading scores were as follows:

End	lish Match		I	II	Final	Total
1	WA Murray	(Ind)	589	589	98	1276
2	GJB Winch	SCO	593	587	94	1274
3	CWC Ogle	NIR	589	587	96	1272
4	CG DeĴonckheere	(Ind)	591	590	91	1272
5	SC Riley	SCO	587	588	96	1271
Scc	tland team					
	Gordon Winch		593	587	1180	
	Bill Hamilton		584	582	1.166	
	Alasdair Horne		580	577	1157	
	Simon Riley		587	588	1175 4678	

Scotland took second place in the English Match team comptition.

After a UIT style final in the Free-rifle Match, the leading scores were as follows :

Fre	e Rifle Match		P	S	K	Agg	Final	Total
	Simon Riley	SCO	388	343	383	1114	86	1200
	Bill Murray	500	394	346	372	1112	80	1192
	CWC Ogle	NIR	391	338	374	1103	80	1183
	Stephen Dunlop	500	378	326	343	1067		

Scotland won the Free-rifle 3-P team comptition with a team total of 3293.

THE WICK REPORT

The 1988 Scottish Meeting was held in Caithness after a number of setbacks, all of which were gradually overcome largely due to the determination of the members of the Caithness Small Bore Rifle Association and their dedication to the sport. The last time any similar meeting was held in Caithness was sixty years ago.

It was a very great sadness for everyone who worked with the Caithness organising team to learn of the sudden death of Sandy MacDonald. As he would have wished, the team, including his wife Jean, worked on to produce an excellent Scottish Championships.

For the International Match, Jean was selected as Scotland Team Captain, both in recognition of her own considerable contribution to shooting and to honour Sandy. Having brought the meeting to the point

of 'take-off', Jean assumed sentry duty at the secure store provided for competitions' equipment. This highly successful Caithness innovation was repeated at the National Meeting at Bisley. Jean was supported by Jim Manson as Secretary. Jim, a 'well-kent' face to all who have visited the Caithness Open meetings, worked on the site preparation team before the start of the meeting and continued to work during the meeting on the range staff.

Scotland Ladies Team Captain was Cathie Simpson, alias Hugh's wife and t'other Hugh's Mum, who headed up the team in perhaps the most vital component of any Scottish Meeting, the tea tent. Joan Bruce, another worker behind the scenes, emerged only once during the meeting from behind the score sheets in Stats to serve as Ladies Team Secretary.

Jean, Jim, Cathie and Joan would all demur at being singled out for their part in the undoubted success of the Meeting. Such is the spirit which is the strength of our sport in Caithness.

For the International matches, the best that could be said of the conditions was that the fog stayed out at sea. The benefits of a tarmac firing point as opposed to the more usual grass at Scottish Meetings was evident. WHJ Mitchell, in the team for the first time at the Scottish Meeting produce the top score in the winning team.

The	Home Coun	tries	International	Match Results
Scotland				
GJB Winch	2	5	7	
WA Murray	5	3	8	
J Lavety	5	4	9	Captain :
I Shanks		5	10	Mrs J MacDonald
CG DeJonckheere	3	4	7	Secretary :
AJ Horne	10	3	13	J. Manson
WF Hamilton	6	2	8	
WG Marr	8	5	13	
H Simpson, Snr	7	3	10	
WHJ Mitchell	2	4	<u>6</u>	
			91	England 100
Scotland Ladies				
Miss L Buchanan	Zļ.	9	13	Captain :
Mrs AM Hamilton	4	4	8	Mrs C Simpson
Miss SJ Smith	6	4	10	Secretary :
Miss J Hunter	8	12	20	Mrs J Bruce
Miss KB McCrindl		8	18	
			69	England 56

The 1988 Freuchie Knock-out Championship

This competition was shot on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime, with the finals on the Thursday at 5 p.m. The Thursday lunchtime semi-final was a casualty of the haar but was completed in plenty of time for the afternoon squadding.

WF Hamilton received the Wilkinson Sword and a bottle of malt whisky and finalists JR Buchanan and CWC Ogle received a bottle of whisky. AJ Sinclair received the Sgian Dubh and a bottle of whisky and J Eccles and W Gray received half bottles of whisky.

The last nine fought it out as follows :

CIH Thomson J Swanson JR Buchanan)	JR Buchanan)	
CWC Ogle J Eccles D Ross)	CWC Ogle)	<u>Winner</u> WF Hamilton
J McCarthy WF Hamilton R Law)	WF Hamilton	5	

The C & D Freuchie finished as follows :

J Eccles)	Winner
AJ Sinclair)	AJ Sinclair
W Gray)	

The 1988 Sponsored Shoot

was fired on the Tuesday afternoom with 32 shooters taking part. All participants had been very successful in finding sponsors which made this year's event a promising fundraiser. As in previous years, this unusual form of shooting, where X, A & B shooters are awarded 2 points for a 10 and 1 point for a 9 and C & D shooters are awarded 2 points for a 10 or 9 and 1 point for an B or B, with 10 minutes allowed for a maximum of 50 shots, produced some excellent results.

The best shooter prize, 500 Tenex most generously donated by Eley, went to K Carman of Dollar (15 bulls, 26 9's, 6 8's and 3 7's), scoring 91 points in the C & D category. Best X, A & B scores on 85 points came from CG DeJonckheere (Dumfries) (37 bulls and 11 9's) and J Lavety (Portlethen) (35 bulls and 15 9's). J Lavety enjoyed the distinction of being the only shooter in the X, A & B category to score points with every shot. P Oatley from St Andrews also scored 85 in the C & D category. All three runners-up received a bottle of whisky.

Presentation of the prizes from the Freuchie and Sponsored Shoot were made at the highly successful Racenight, which was arranged on the Thursday in close cooperation with the Caithness Association.

A share of the proceeds from the Racenight, presented to the Caithness Association will be used to provide a trophy for a veteran's class in the SSRA Medal competition.

WILL ANY MEMBERS STILL TO MAKE THEIR RETURNS FOR THE SPONSORED SHOOT TO JACK LAVETY PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

EMBLEMATIC ITEMS

The Treasurer, Lynda Marlow, and Tom McGregor have stocks of Association sweatshirts, ties, coat badges, lapel badges, spoons, badges centres and decals. All enquiries will be welcomed.



Fiocchi Inter Region Match

The Fiocchi Inter Region match was held on the Saturday at the start of the National Meeting. The match was instigated to promote the Regional Squads and to encourage team shooting. At rather short notice, Scotland fielded two prone teams and one 3-P team.

First prize was a supply of ammuntion provided by the match sponsors, Fiocchi. Scotland 'A' took second place in the prone competition by one point!

The SSRA Secretary who assisted with the match organisation was presented with some Fiocchi ammunition which she was delighted to pass on to some junior shooters from Edinburgh who were attending their first National Meeting.

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1314	BANNER		97 98		97 96	580	
	DAVIS		99 91	TAN STAN	98 99	591	1765
SCO 'A'	WINCH	98	98 98	3 98	97 98	587	
THAT I'M	MITCHELL		96 9		79 79	589	
	HAMILTON		97 9	7 78	79 78	588	1764
SCO *B*	PAUL	98	97 9	8 96	95 96	580	

Linwood Rifle Club

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Polar Bear 50m (Outdoor!) Winter League, 1988-89

Outdoor enthusiasts and other gluttons for punishment are cordially invited to participate in this league for Individuals/Pairs (to be decided). Linwood Rifle Club are laying insulating material on the firing point and building partitions at the front of the firing point for added comfort. The facilities at Linwood may be made available for a modest sum to clubs who do not have their own range.

Contact Bob Normand for more info, Tel

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Bisley Report

Special Correspondent : A Duffer

The Bisley small-bore rifle meeting was just short of a record entry but this was in no way attributable to an upsurge of attendance from Scotland. Only around thirty Scots travelled south for the week, but this disappointment was in some way offset by the good performances of so many of our number. For almost a whole week a strong, gusty wind and bright sunlight conspired to thwart the ambitions of our stalwart band and full credit must go to those who kept their heads when all around were firing 8's, 7's or worse.

Lord Roberts British Championship

Gordon Winch, George Mortimer, Robin Law and Bill Hamilton successfully reached the final stage in this, the blue riband event of the meeting. They finished in the above order and all performed admirably. The championship was won by N Braisher of Havant with a score of 191 ex 200 in a tie shoot in the most atrocious conditions.

The Grand Aggregate

The struggle between Cliff Ogle and Gordon Winch was well reported by the National Press, so suffice to say that Gordon's "wheels came of" in the last 100 yard shoot in appalling conditions. Cliff's didn't and so he won his first Grand Aggregate. Gordon had to be content with 3rd, but in consolation won the Wilkinson Sword for the best combined score in the Roberts and Aggregate.

Other individual successes during the week came to the S.S.R.A. Secretary, Anne Hamilton, who won the squadded Comp 4 in 'A' Class, Hugh Simpson Jnr who won the Life and Annual trophy and Bill Murray who won the Daily Telegraph trophy.

3-Positional Shooting

Bill Murray and Simon Riley were placed in the top 10 in the 3×40 competition. Peter Gray won 'C' class in both 3-P competitons, i.e. the 3×20 and the 3×40 , and D class 3×40 was won by Mike Carson.

Team Competitions

E.U. Alumni again more than held their own with the top teams in the country. Their best performance was in the Spooner cup when they shot a new British Record for a team of 4. The Bank Centenary Plate and the Guissepi trophy also came their way.

Dewar Match

Robin Law, Simon Riley and Bill Hamilton all represented Great Britain in the match v. U.S.A. The team all shot steadily to produce a score of 107 off ex 8000, just seven points adrift of the U.S.A.'s 100 off.

Home Countries Internationals

To look on the bright side, the Scotland team beat N. Ireland, Wales and Jersey. On the other hand we were soundly thrashed by a very strong England team.

The Scotland ladies also put up a good show in the face of an X & A class England ladies team. For full reports and pictures, the 'Rifleman' will no doubt produce the goods.

In spite of the wind, a strong esprit de corps was apparent and it was because of this that those who blew out will be back for more next year, hopefully as part of a larger contingent. It is perhaps in order to urge club secretaries and officials to promote all open rifle meetings, especially to their younger and more inexperienced members, with special reference to the fact that there are almost always 4 or 5 classes. Without a healthy feed from the lower classes the standard of shooting in Scotland will surely suffer. It's up to you to fill the ranges.

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Home Countries Internationals, Bisley, 1988,

Scotland				Scotland Capt	ain				
GJ Winch	7	13P	20	IA Kerr					
WA Murray	8	10	18	Scotland Secretary					
GR Mortimer	9	9	18	HA Ross					
WF Hamilton	8	9	17						
H Simpson, Jnr	11	13	24						
AM Hamilton	12	16	28	England	135				
AS Bruce	13	22	35	Wales	229				
R Law	5	7	12	N. Ireland	231				
SC Riley	6	15	21	Jersey	238				
JDB Kennedy	14	18	<u>32</u> 225						
Scotland Ladies				Scotland ladi	es Captain				
Mrs AM Hamilton	12	16	28	Mrs C Ti	ghe-Ford				
Miss ME Haughey	10	11	21	Scotland Ladi	es Secretary				
Mrs L Martin		25	42	Mrs P Gr	ay				
Miss J Hunter	10	14	24						
Miss F Rankin	15	13	<u>28</u> 143	England ladie	s 106				

Winter Competitions 1988-89

Entry forms for the coming indoor seasons competitions accompany this newsletter and include all our usual competitions, with the addition of a veteran secion in the Medal/Salvers competition.

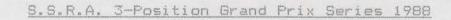
Last years C & D Speedway final was highly successful and will be repeated this year.

The Indoor Match-play League will also be run again and we look forward to your support in this competition.

Scotland v North Island, New Zealand.

Bob Normand scored the Scotland team targets this year and gave us a team total of 115 off 6000, picking up a five points on the estimates made at the time of shooting.

North Island have shot their leg of the New Zealand match but the result has not arrived at this end yet. When it does arrive, the result will be published at the first oppotunity.



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FP		1	2	3	4	Tot	1	2	3		Tot	1	2	3	4	Tot	Total	
14	SC Riley	96	99	99	97	391	96	81	91	97	365	95	92	94	95	376	1132	
15	R Law	99	97	96	97	389	90	90	88	89	357	88	89	91	95	363	1109	6
21	M Low	94	98	96	94	382	83	80	78	82	323	88	93	95	96	372	1077	4
12	SJ Dunlop	94	94	96	93	377	75	83	85	80	323	95	85	96	96	372	1072	
20	P Gray	95	95	97	94	381	87	84	81	79	331	89	85	75	89	358	1070	
17	RA Sellar	94	98	94	98	384	90	80	69	76	315	95	93	92	89	369	1068	1
11	AJ Horne	96	98	98	97	389	80	75	81	77	313	86	82	92	93	353	1055	
9	DAM McIntosh	98	94	94	98	384	79	71	90	7.3	313	88	87	87	92	354	1051	
23	W Long	98	99	99	99	395	74	70	62	82	288		95	93	85	363	1046	
8	WF Hamilton	98	97	98	95	388	84	78	75	60	297	85	83	82	91	341	1026	
18	SJ Smith	99	99	97	98	393	69	71	65	80	285	83	85	82	89	339	1017	
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14	SC Riley	97	100	97	98	392	91	88	85	89	353		94	94	97	383	1128	9
20	WA Murray	95	97	99	98	389	86	87	86	87	346	93	98	94	98	383	1118	6
9	CWC Ogle	98	99	98	97	392	85	85	88	88	346	97	90	95	96	378	1116	4
15	R Law	97	97	97	98	389	88	92	90	91	361	85	88	91	93	357	1107	3
10	M Carson	93	97	97	98	385	86	85	93	85	349	87	89	88	90	354	1088	
24	RA Sellar	96	96	94	95	381	84	80	84	86	334	95	92	86	93	366	1081	1
17	P Gray	95	97	97	86	375	86	79	87	91	343	93	94	84	85	356	1074	
11	W Low	98	97	97	94	386	83	81	78	85	327	85	88	95	90	358	1071	
12	AJ Horne	98	99	99	100	396	79	70	83	76	308	86	89	90	95	360	1064	
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7	WHJ Mitchell	100	97	95	99	391	78	75	71	76	300	89	91	83	88	351	1042	
18	W Long	97	98	95	97	387	76	77	76	73	302	84	90	85	90	349	1038	
23	WF Hamilton	96	98	98	98	390	66	65	82	77	290	89	87	90	81	347	1027	
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24	RA Sellar	98	98	97	99	392	74	82	85	84	325	92	95	93	95	375	1092	6
14	SJ Dunlop	92	97	96	95	380	78	90	80	89	337	93	96	92	92	373	1090	4
16	P Gray	97	95	97	95	384	85	84	86	81	336	91	89	91	93	364	1084	3
18	T Wortley	99	97	98	97	391	80	89	83	83	335	82	85	88	88	343	1069	
9	AJ Horne	98	97	99	97	391	79	82	80	79	320	91	91	84	90	356	1067	
8	WF Hamilton	100	99	100	100	399	68	85		75	312	87	89	87	92	355	1066	
11	WHJ Mitchell	99	98	100	TO STATE OF	395					292						1043	

1988	3-Position	Grand Prix	Order of	Merit
	May	June	July	Total
SC Riley	9	9		18
CWC Ogle		4	9	13
R Law	6	3		9
RA Sellar	1	1	6	8
SJ Dunlop	3		4	*7
WA Murray		6		6
P Gray	2		3	5
W Low	4			4
M Carson		2		2 2
T Wortley			2	2
AJ Horne			1	1

This series will be run again in 1989.