

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association

Newsletter, September, 1991

Welcome to my second Newsletter.

Firstly, let me apologise because it should have been at least my third. Regretfully a combined change of address and change of employment took precedence.

Secondly, may I say that I have enjoyed my time as Secretary and would like to continue. However, I do not have the time the position deserves at present. I am therefore offering up this position and that of Newsletter Editor at the AGM. Also on offer will be Mr AS Bruce's position on Council and possibly one or two other places. These must be filled at the AGM on 27th October at 2 pm in the Perth C & C clubrooms. Your official notification is enclosed and additional items for the agenda should reach me before the end of September please. You are reminded that your membership ceases as of the AGM until you pay your subscription again.

Thirdly, may I congratulate our Treasurer for producing a future member. I didn't know our membership situation required such drastic action. Anyway, our sincerest congratulations to Shirley and our warmest welcome to Jennifer, her daughter.

Fourthly, then on to the rest of this Newsletter, deepest thanks to Anne Hamilton for typing, printing and all her assistance. It was most welcome and probably essential to you receiving your Newsletter. Thank you, Anne.

NB Baker

Some new addresses :

N.B. Baker

Secretary

N.G. Lemon

Enclosed with the Newsletter :

- Notice and Agenda of the A.G.M., 2pm, 27th Oct, Perth.
- Subscription and Winter Competition entry forms. All subs expire at the AGM. Don't forget to renew so we can keep you informed.
- The definitive list of SSRA records categories, to be ratified at the A.G.M.
- SSRA 200 club membership application form - fancy a flutter?
- Travel expense claim form for NSRA authorised meeting outside Scotland - don't lose it.
- A letter to all shooters from the Shooting Development Officer.
- Club reps will also receive a Winter Matchplay entry form.
- Phone Anne [redacted] if you need any extra forms.

Chairman's Report

In compiling this report, I have to think of the significant events of the year. Has Scottish Shooting progressed as a result of our long deliberations at our Council Meetings? No cynical remarks, please! Well, our membership remains fairly static despite the new scheme: the competition programme is well supported with a slight increase in the 3P events (an encouraging sign) and we continue to see the emergence of well motivated youngsters, which augurs well for the future. All in all, I am reasonably satisfied but not complacent.

We had our first European sortie for many a year and I would like to thank Angus Dick for the marvellous management skills he brought to bear. I am disappointed we did not maintain our success in the full Home Countries Internationals but was greatly heartened by the success of the Women's team at Bisley. Well done! Does this mean the full internationalists were not working hard enough?

On a personal level, I had a marvellous week-end in Inverness, sharing my thoughts with Clachnacuddin club. I only hope they got as much out of it as I did. I also attended the new NSRA Coach Educators Course. Hopefully through it the level of club and regional coaching will improve dramatically. The coaches need to help shooters on a more individual basis to motivate them, monitor their progress towards their goals and raise shooting standards in general.

Finally I would like to thank all Council Members for their work during the year and also their numerous assistants.

CG DeJonckheere
Chairman

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STOP PRESS

Our Treasurer still has lots of money to give away to the right candidates. Funds are available for people travelling outside Scotland to shoot at NSRA authorised shoots. Claims should be submitted to our Treasurer on the enclosed form before going. Each claim will be judged on its merits.

ADVERTISING SPACE FOR SALE

Do you know anyone who would like to advertise in our Newsletter? Accountants, Architects, Builders, Printers, anyone. No connection with shooting required. Fees very modest. Let me know.

SUPPLIERS

Where do you go for your supplies now Tom's cabin is closed? If you have a good supplier, or a bad one, let me know and I'll spread the word.

NB Baker

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Council 1990/91

Well what have we been up to? Quite a lot really. The difficult bit is explaining it without you falling asleep.

At our meetings, we've discussed an awful lot and decided on a little or so it seems. In actual fact some rather serious decisions have been made and quite a few too. Some of the subjects included in our discussions were :-

- Coaching/Training
- 5-year plan
- Grant application - next year's budget
- Drugs/Doping Control
- Fundraising/Sponsorship
- Competitions
- Special Projects, e.g. Dortmund
- Organisational matters
- Facilities

The list is not endless but it is substantial. We have also been representing the small-bore shooter's viewpoint at various other meetings, e.g. on the STSF and all its sub-committees. Speaking as just one of your Council Members, I have been "corresponding" a lot and I know others have been too. We answer a lot of queries from various sources ranging from the press, to interested public, to local government sports bodies.

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Council cont'd /

So I hope you will appreciate we do a lot that you may not necessarily find out about until we stop doing it.

I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have. Congratulations to all the winners and keep trying those who weren't so lucky.

Now go and spread the gospel so that there are more of us next year.

NB Baker

FACILITIES

Denwood :

The Pavilion and indoor range are ready for the final finishing touches and decoration. The walls have been plastered, the internal partitions and kitchen area have been finished and firing booths and tables have been painted. The steel bullet catcher, which is a one-piece construction to cover standing, kneeling and prone as well as all the indoor pistol shooting disciplines has been assembled and concreted into position. The size and weight? About 26 x 8 x 8 feet and one and a half tons of iron!!

The main outdoor range of 20 positions (with 1.5m spacing) shooting through both 50 metres and 100 yards is complete and awaits certification. The 20 huge target supports with about a half ton of concrete in the base of each are in place and both the enormous covered firing points and the assembly areas have been finished with a tarmac surface. This will be a real ALL-WEATHER range.

Money is still a big problem although the financial support has been superb with a rush of new Foundation Club membership applications now that the dream is becoming a reality. MORE are still needed!! Although the Aberdeen & District Association has been a constant source of support and funds, they are starting to feel the effect. If there is ANY way you can help, then please get in touch. We still need funds to complete the 50m pistol and rifle range and to try and afford a metalled surface for the roadways.

Overall, the appearance of the Centre is staggering - it beats anything I've ever seen, even on the Continent. Those of you who came to the Scottish Meeting in Aberdeen will not be too surprised as they will have seen just how well our Development Officer (Bon Accord's Adam Gordon - didn't you know?), can design, organise and complete a project!

I ask two things of you; firstly, we do need financial help and, secondly, please make an effort to visit or attend a shoot and see this splendid set of ranges for yourself. I guarantee a welcome.

Jack Lavety.

Tel. [REDACTED]

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Facilities cont'd/
Manor Powis :

Manor Powis is dead, Long live the concept of a National Facility. We need some prospective locations, shooters. They should be reasonably accessible and about 25 acres. Central Region is not too receptive so is best avoided, although a central site would be appreciated. All types of shooting will take place including 300m full-bore, so proximity to urbanised areas might open us to criticism of noise again. Send your ideas to Jonathan Nason, the Shooting Development Officer.

NB Baker

Lothian :

Hawthornden is under threat of closure. It would have been closed by now but seems to have had a temporary stay of execution in that the ranges are available for hire, but the Club has ceased to exist as from the end of August pending the sale of the premises.

Lothian's development of an outdoor range complex at Cousland near Dalkeith is progressing. There have been a number of objections to the planning application, mainly from the residents of the village of Cousland which is a quarter of a mile away, on the grounds of noise. The organisers' committee is confident that these objections can be overcome, as can be the other objections on potential traffic problems, and that the project will proceed to a successful conclusion. Funds are still urgently required, however, and the Lothian Committee is actively pursuing fund-raising possibilities.

WF Hamilton

Drugs Information

A question was raised at the AGM as regards individuals' eligibility for international selection whilst taking banned substances which had been prescribed for maintenance of life. After some discussion with Doping Control and amongst ourselves we have come to the following decision.

At NSRA competitions shot under NSRA rules:-

If a person declares the partaking of banned substances to the NSRA before the meeting and is accepted for the meeting and that person also declares, before the meeting, to the SSRA that they are routinely taking banned substances, they may be considered for National Team selection. The reasons for taking the substance would normally be supported by that person's doctor.

At competitions shot under UIT rules:-

A person taking a banned substance under any circumstances is not eligible to shoot or be selected for the National team.

Your Secretary has a list of banned substances and small credit card size summaries. He is also the drug control liaison officer for the SSRA. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me and I'll see what I can do.

As an example of how easy it is to be caught out:-

Flu and cold remedies

Medecines that would result in a positive dope test include Contact 400, Day Nurse, Benylin (check ingredients), Mucron, Bronchipax, Sudafed, Simutab, Vicks Cold Care, Actifed and Procol.

Major ingredients to avoid, and this is not all of them, when purchasing over-the-counter remedies are ephedrine, pseudo-ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine and codeine. Check the packaging and you'll be surprised how your favourite cold cure can make you a cheat in the eyes of doping control.

The rule is : if you are in doubt, tell me before you shoot and not after the test results. They do not miss much.

NB Baker

SUGAR

Did you graduate from a Scottish University? Are you interested in maintaining ties with other graduates and with the university rifle clubs throughout Scotland who have produced many of our current international shooters and are a major source of young talent into our sport? Then join the Scottish Universities Graduates Association of Rifle Shooters (SUGAR). SUGAR holds an annual indoor shoot in December and an outdoor one in July.

Contact Allan Stapleton, [REDACTED]

Attention All Women Shooters!!

Did you know that, at the 1994 Commonwealth Games to be held in Vancouver, the Canadian hosts are to offer separate events for women. For the first time ever, subject to demand, women will have their own prone, 3-positional and air weapons matches rather than be competing for places in mixed teams. The Scottish Commonwealth Games Council have agreed to expand the shooting team by a maximum of two places if women of a suitable calibre are available either in the rifle events or in the shotgun or pistol events offered.

Although many women shoot well prone, some are not aware that, in international events shot under UIT rules, women may only use a standard rifle. This basically means a weight limit of 5.5kg for the rifle (including sights), no butt-hook and a limit to the additions which may be made to the foresight tunnel. In addition a bipod may not be used while shooting and no adjustment may be made to sight-raising blocks or the cheek-piece between the various 3-P disciplines.

At present there are very few women shooting 3-P or air rifle seriously (remarkably few shoot prone standard rifle seriously too), so the opportunities are there for anyone wishing to take up these events. And if Vancouver in 1994 seems a bit soon to reach that standard then think of Adelaide in 1998.

3-positional standing is very demanding both physically and mentally but is an event where women can and do take on the men and win. The 3x20 at Bisley this year was won by Karen Morton with a score of 565.

If you are interested at all in taking up 3-P or air rifle or are interested in training for the 1994 Games, we'd like to hear from you. It's only if we know who you are that the training programme and finances can be properly targeted. Any queries or requests for information should be directed to :-

Shirley Smith, [REDACTED]

Tel. [REDACTED]

UIT Equipment

A favourite topic of conversation amongst shooters is equipment. For most shooters, the main source of equipment is the NSRA - despite the demise of the Scottish Depot at Milnathort. However, many people have been asking - at Grand Prix meetings and at training sessions - about alternative manufacturers and sources of shooting jackets.

The jackets generally available through the NSRA and assorted British manufacturers range from the old "Tenex" style jacket which provides very little help to the shooter, through the double canvas and leather jackets made by the likes of Tucker, Michael Clothing and Possibles.

The NSRA also imports an Australian made jacket. Prices for these vary between approx. £100 and £200. These jackets represent reasonable value
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UIT Equipment cont'd/

for money, and are used successfully by many shooters - including a few regular faces in the Scottish Team.

What the NSRA doesn't provide is any of the really top class jackets - mainly European - which are used by most of our current Internationalists, and all the top class shooters on the European/World stage. There are numerous makes including Sauer, Gehmann, Anschütz, Kusterman, Mouche (all German), Truttman (Swiss), Stenvaag (Norwegian), Marksman House (Korean) and Thune (Finnish). Currently the Mouche and Thune kit is most in vogue, with a move from leather to double canvas having taken place in the last few years. These jackets all come in at around £250 - £350. They have the advantage of being UIT legal and provide the maximum support allowed under the rules.

There is no "best" in this game. What matters most is that the jacket fits properly. There is no point in having an expensive jacket that doesn't fit.

If anybody wants advice on jackets, trousers or other equipment, contact your local Council Member.

Donald McIntosh

Keeping Scottish Records

With the introduction of the 1989 targets, an opportunity has arisen to start from scratch in keeping up to date with Scottish Record performances.

The onus rests upon the individual or team captain/secretary setting a new record to inform the SSRA of their performance and to provide verification. All claims for records should be submitted to:-

WHJ Mitchell, [REDACTED]

When the first list has been compiled, it will be issued in an SSRA Newsletter. From 1992 onwards, the records will be published once a year - probably with the pre-A.G.M. Newsletter.

The draft document setting out the Association's records categories is included in this mailshot and will be ratified at the AGM.

BLOC MEMBERSHIP AND HOW IT WORKS.

Bloc membership was introduced two years ago with the object of making it easier for more people to join the SSRA while also making it easier for the Membership Officer to administer. Bloc membership extends Individual Membership to all members of a participating club at 50% the standard Individual Membership fee. This includes voting rights at general meetings and lower entry fees for competitions. However it is a condition that ALL members of said club become members. If your club wishes to join on this basis, get in touch with the Secretary to confirm the arrangement. Bloc Membership forms have been circulated to club reps but if you need one, phone the Membership Officer (Anne).

Forthcoming Events

Balerno & Currie Rifle Club Open Meeting 1st, 2nd & 3rd November

25 yards Open Meeting in 4 Classes (A-D) plus Junior plus unlimiteds, 80 shots in A & B, 60 in C & D, plus teams of 3.
Main prize in each class is £20. Sighting diagrams provided for all details. Catering and refreshments available in spacious clubroom.
Club and Match on sale. Interested?

Contact : Linda Steele. Tel. [REDACTED] (til 9 p.m.)
[REDACTED]

Watsonian Rifle Club Open Meeting 23rd - 24th Nov. & 30th Nov - 1st Dec

60 shot 25 yards Open Meeting in 5 Classes (A, B, C, D and E) + Ladies, Veterans and Juniors (under 21, under 18 and under 15) + Club teams of 3 + Junior teams of 3 + Pairs + C,D & E Pairs + Sweepstakes - Annual Trophies and Cash Prizes - Excellent Refreshments.

Interested in the largest indoor small-bore rifle meeting in Scotland with the best prizes?

Then contact Stephen Dunlop. Tel. [REDACTED] (a.m.)
[REDACTED] (til 9 p.m.)

Matchplay League Summer 1991 - Final League Tables

Division 1

		Sh	Pts	Agg.
1	E U Alumni A	8	44	365
2	Glasgow Rail A	8	42	392
3	Watten	8	34	330
4	Clachnacuddin	8	25	869
5	Selkirk	7	15	2384

Division 2

		Sh	Pts	Agg.
1	Glasgow Rail B	8	41	660
2	Kinross & Milnathort	8	37	701
3	Berwick RBL	7	29	1641
4	Tain7	26	1579	
5	E U Alumni B	8	25	779

Please note that Agg. is total points dropped and not gunscore.

AJ Oliphant

SSRA Winter Competitions, 1990/91

Medal 'A' Class Final

- 0 H Simpson, Jnr, WOS
- 2 R Law, SRI
- A Mackenzie, SRI
- NG Lemon, Glasgow Rail
- 3 T Kidner, SPPM
- 4 AJ Dick, Clachnacuddin
- 5 CIH Thomson, Watsonians
- 6 J Swanson, Watten
- 7 AD Finlay, SRI
- WF Hamilton, Watsonians
- 9 WH MacDonald, Clachnacuddin

Medal 'C' Class Final

- 7 P Duncan,)
- Kinlochlaggan)tie
- G Sutherland, WOS)
- 10 D Lumsden, EU Alumni
- 12 MD Brand, Durris
- 13 S MacDonald, GWC
- A Dick, Ardeer
- 14 W Fraser, SPPM
- 15 J Taylor, Durris
- 18 G Harding, Arbroath
- 20 D MacLeod, GWC

Medal 'B' Class Final

- 3 N Baker, K&M
- 8 W Liddell, BofA
- M Shearer, Westfield
- 9 G Archibald, BofA
- 11 MG Rennie, Beaconsfield
- 14 W MacDonald, Dallas
- 17 EJ Jones, Rolls-Royce (EK)
- 18 RGM Martin, Wellcombe

Medal 'D' Class Final

- 15 DR Nicholl, GWC
- 17 AFE Benson, Royal Bank
- 19 I Campbell, SPPM
- 24 M Winton, Ardeer
- 27 N Wallace, Royal Bank
- 29 D Gruar, Alloa
- 31 R Winton, Ardeer
- P Armstrong, Ardeer

G Sutherland of Wick Old Stagers won the tie shoot for 'C' Class in the Medal Competition.

Veterans

- 7 CMY Trotter, Chobham
- 8 W MacDonald, Dallas
- 13 T Finlay, Selkirk

Juniors

- 10 S MacDonald, GWC
- 12 R Myddleton, GWC
- 18 D MacLeod, GWC
- 20 B Skinner, GWC
- 21 J Bryce-Stafford, GWC

Candicap

- 1 W Halliday, Arbroath
- 2 G Travers, Dunfermline Rly
- I Campbell, SPPM
- G Sutherland, WOS
- DR Nichol, GWC
- 3 MD Brand, Durris
- W Rae, Durris
- J Taylor, Durris
- WJ Ross, Arbroath
- W Fraser, SPPM
- C Waddell, SRI
- JA Manson, Westfield

Candicap cont'd

- 4 P McIntosh,
- Clachnacuddin
- RB Fraser, Alloa
- B Smith, St Andrews
- 5 RA Budding, WOS
- W Kane, SPPM
- 7 JP Liddell, Hexham
- 11 R Murray, NCE

Club Abbreviations:

BofA Bridge of Allan
GWC George Watson's College
K&M Kinross & Milnathort
NCE Northern Co-op Employees

SPPM Scottish Pulp & Paper Mills
SRI Stirling Royal Infirmary
WOS Wick Old Stagers

Speedway Final, 1991

	Point	Tot	Gunscores	Agg
WHJ Mitchell	6 6 4 6 6 28	100	100 99 99 99 98 99 99 99 99 99	991
CWC Dgle	4 6 4 6 4 24	99	99 99 99 99 98 99 99 100 98 100	990
CG DeJonckheere	4 6 2 4 6 22	99	99 99 98 99 96 99 99 99 100 100	988
T Kidner	6 2 5 3 4 20	99	100 97 99 99 100 98 99 100 97 988	
WT Vaughan	6 4 4 2 2 18	98	99 97 99 97 99 99 99 99 95 981	
W Moonie	0 6 0 6 6 18	96	94 98 100 96 98 100 99 98 99 978	
NG Lemon	0 1 4 6 6 17	97	98 96 99 99 98 100 100 100 98 985	
IA Kerr	4 3 4 3 1 15	98	97 98 99 98 99 99 98 99 96 981	
AA Reid	2 4 0 4 4 14	97	95 97 95 95 98 98 98 98 97 968	
TF Hodgson	4 0 5 2 2 13	99	98 96 99 100 99 99 95 100 983	
I Shanks	1 3 6 2 1 13	97	97 98 99 99 98 98 99 99 95 979	
H Simpson, Jnr	4 2 6 0 0 12	100	97 93 98 100 99 96 100 96 97 976	
C Ronaldson	2 2 2 2 1 9	99	97 98 98 95 97 99 99 97 97 976	
CIH Thomson	4 2 1 0 1 8	99	98 99 97 99 96 95 99 97 98 977	
J Milne	0 0 1 0 4 5	93	96 93 95 96 99 96 93 98 98 957	
AD Findlay	1 1 0 2 0 4	98	96 97 98 97 94 97 98 97 95 967	

Speedway C & D Final, 1991

	Points	Tot	Gunscores	Agg
A Nicholson	6 6 6 6 4 28	97	99 94 97 96 98 96 99 96 96 968	
N Steele	2 6 6 2 6 22	94	95 98 98 99 92 95 96 94 97 958	
G Sutherland	6 6 4 0 6 22	97	97 97 96 93 93 93 94 95 98 953	
S MacDonald	1 5 4 5 6 21	89	97 92 96 94 96 97 98 97 98 954	
W Kane	6 2 6 4 0 18	97	93 91 96 96 95 97 96 91 98 950	
W Halliday	3 2 4 5 3 17	95	92 96 95 96 93 98 97 92 97 951	
MD Brand	4 4 0 6 3 17	96	94 91 96 91 96 94 98 96 93 945	
R Wood	1 3 0 6 6 16	96	90 93 95 93 93 94 97 96 97 944	
WJ Rae	6 1 0 2 4 13	93	98 90 93 92 92 93 96 98 94 939	
R Brian	0 5 2 2 4 13	90	96 95 93 91 96 94 93 96 94 938	
D Nichol	4 4 2 0 2 12	96	96 98 94 91 96 90 94 96 95 946	
WJ Ross	0 0 6 4 2 12	83	94 91 93 94 97 95 96 96 95 934	
B Skinner	2 3 4 0 0 9	93	94 92 96 94 96 92 95 88 93 933	
J Bryce-Stafford	3 1 0 3 2 9	93	94 93 90 94 86 95 93 95 91 924	
J Taylor	4 0 2 0 0 6	98	92 80 97 96 92 93 89 96 92 925	
RA Budding	0 0 2 3 0 5	93	90 93 91 96 89 93 95 88 95 923	

Presentation to the Colvins:

There seemed to be a mix up over the collection for Tom and Gladys Colvin. We are looking into this and we hope to be able to make a presentation at the AGM. If you still wish to make a donation please forward it to

Bob Aitken, Chairman, STSF,

(Tel. [REDACTED])

NB Baker

Matchplay League Winter 1990-91

Final League Tables

Division 1

		Sh	W	L	D	Pts
1	Fortlethen A	50	27	19	4	58
2	Watsonians	50	22	16	12	56
3	Glasgow Rail A	50	23	19	8	54
4	Bon Accord A	50	22	19	9	53
5	Stirling Royal Infirmary	50	16	21	13	45
6	Selkirk	50	11	31	8	30

Division 2

		Sh	W	L	D	Pts
1	Dumfries	50	28	13	9	65
2	Westfield A	50	28	17	5	61
3	Methlick	50	25	20	5	55
4	Kinross & Milnathort A	50	19	21	10	48
5	Callander A	50	16	25	9	41
6	George Heriot's FP	50	12	32	6	30

Division 3

		Sh	W	L	D	Pts
1	Clachnacuddin	50	35	11	4	74
2	Leven & District	50	26	18	6	58
3	Fortlethen B	50	21	26	3	45
4	Bon Accord B	50	20	25	5	45
5	Durris A	50	17	27	6	40
6	Lerwick	50	15	29	6	36

Division 4

		Sh	W	L	D	Pts
1	SPPM	50	27	18	5	59
2	Greenock	50	26	20	4	56
3	Glasgow Rail B	50	23	21	6	52
4	Westfield B	50	24	23	3	51
5	Berwick RBL	50	20	28	2	42
6	Blairgowrie A	50	16	28	6	38

Division 5

		Sh	W	L	D	Pts
1	Durris B	50	32	17	1	65
2	Kinross & Milnathort B	50	29	17	4	62
3	Callander B	50	29	18	3	61
4	Tain	50	28	19	3	59
5	Callander C	50	22	27	1	45
6	Blairgowrie B	50	4	46	0	8

WF Hamilton

SSRA 3-Positions Championship Final, 1991

	Prone					Standing					Kneeling					Agg.
R Law	99	100	98	99	396	90	92	95	92	369	90	96	95	93	374	1139
The Watsonian Trophy and Gold-type Medal, Standing Medal																
WA Murray	96	99	98	99	392	94	94	91	86	365	94	94	94	96	378	1135
Silver-type Medal and Kneeling Medal																
CWC Ogle	97	98	97	98	390	91	87	88	85	351	92	96	94	91	373	1114
Bronze Medal																
SJ Dunlop	96	98	96	96	386	87	87	87	86	347	92	96	92	95	375	1108
RA Sellar	96	99	98	99	392	92	86	86	83	347	90	94	88	93	365	1104
W Low	94	98	99	96	387	80	90	87	83	340	93	95	90	94	372	1099
DAM McIntosh	97	93	98	99	387	87	83	84	86	340	88	93	96	90	367	1094
L Marlow	97	96	96	97	386	78	80	76	85	319	96	95	92	91	374	1079
JR Silcox	98	99	94	97	388	82	75	70	83	310	88	85	85	89	347	1045
EJ Jones	93	98	97	98	386	78	68	76	66	288	83	94	88	90	355	1029
S Quintela	94	93	91	93	371	71	79	76	72	298	86	86	83	91	346	1015

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SSRA 3-Position Grand Prix Series
May, June and July, 1991
Linwood

3-P GP I	Prone					Standing					Kneeling					Agg. Pt
RA Sellar	100	99	97	96	392	87	90	88	90	355	93	93	94	88	368	1115 9
DAM McIntosh	96	97	98	98	389	87	84	86	86	343	95	90	95	95	375	1107 6
SJ Dunlop	91	95	98	95	379	83	76	81	89	329	91	93	97	93	374	1082 4
L Marlow	98	95	93	97	383	77	77	78	80	312	88	88	87	91	354	1049 3
P Littlechild	97	94	97	98	386	73	71	75	70	289	94	89	87	85	355	1030 2
EJ Jones	96	97	98	96	387	84	79	74	77	314	85	82	85	76	328	1029 1
S MacDonald	92	91	95	95	373	77	74	72	66	289	84	86	92	85	347	1009
A Coates	95	90	94	93	372	66	74	72	72	284	86	76	80	84	326	982
R Myddleton	90	91	89	91	361	53	53	59	54	219	70	68	74	85	297	877

3-P GP II	Prone					Standing					Kneeling					Agg. Pt
DAM McIntosh	96	99	99	98	392	91	89	92	91	363	92	95	94	96	377	1132 9
CWC Ogle	99	100	96	98	393	86	90	88	90	354	96	94	96	92	378	1125 6
LR Graham	98	98	93	95	384	87	83	79	78	327	95	92	92	90	369	1080 4
EJ Jones	99	94	98	96	387	81	78	75	72	306	89	87	90	90	356	1049 3
P Littlechild	99	93	97	97	386	64	66	65	64	259	93	91	91	87	362	1007 2
NB MacDonald	96	95	98	95	384	57	63	35	54	209	59	68	81	77	285	878 1

3-P GP III	Prone					Standing					Kneeling					Agg. Pt
CWC Ogle	96	96	97	100	389	89	92	91	87	359	91	94	96	97	378	1126 9
DAM McIntosh	96	96	99	100	391	88	82	87	85	342	95	95	91	86	367	1100 6
RA Sellar	97	98	95	96	386	82	85	92	85	344	93	94	90	91	368	1098 4
LR Graham	97	96	94	92	379	84	84	80	79	327	92	88	85	93	358	1064 3
WF Hamilton	98	97	98	99	392	65	71	70	77	283	87	88	87	80	342	1017 2
NB MacDonald	94	92	92	94	372	61	57	62	46	226	74	80	76	73	303	901 1
J Simpson	78	94	96	95	363						81	86	83	89	339	

3-Position Grand Prix Series
Final Order of Merit

	GP I	GP II	GP III	Total
DAM McIntosh	6	9	6	21
CWC Ogle		6	9	15
RA Sellar	9		4	13
LR Graham		4	3	7
SJ Dunlop	4			4
P Littlechild	2	2		4
EJ Jones	1	3		4
L Marlow	3			3
NB MacDonald		1	1	2
WF Hamilton			2	2

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Start of Season English Match 1991
Winners and leading scores

Class 'A'		Points off	Tot
1 I Shanks	Bon Accord	2 0 4 2 1 0	9
	Embroidered Association Badge		
2 CWC Ogle	E U Alumni	3 5 0 1 0 2	11
3 WH MacDonald	Clachnacuddin	4 2 0 3 2 1	12
Class 'B'		Points off	Tot
1 Mrs LD Martin	Marlow R & P	2 1 3 2 0 2	10
	Embroidered Association Badge		
2 Robert Thomson	Crewe R & P	3 1 1 4 5 4	18
3 MG Rennie	Beaconsfield	1 2 4 4 3 5	19
Class 'C'		Points off	Tot
1 AJ Oliphant	Westfield	5 4 3 0 3 3	18
	Embroidered Association Badge		
2 T Finlay	Selkirk	5 4 6 4 2 4	25
3 R Brian	Kinross & Milnathort	8 8 2 4 4 6	32
Class 'D'		Points off	Tot
1 Mrs G Smith	Clachnacuddin	11 9 9 6 9 6	50
	Embroidered Association Badge		
2 JP Liddell	Hexham	8 8 7 12 8 8	51
3 D MacGregor	Alloa & Dist	13 12 9 9 11 9	63

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NW Region Match

This match with the NW Region (England) training squad was to include a Junior match. Unfortunately, despite admirable organisation by Angus Dick, NWR thought they might shoot one week later than the rest of us. Needless to say, after our teams all turned out, Angus asked them to think again. I am sure he was just as polite although I may be wrong. Better luck next time, Angus.

NB Baker

SSRA Grand Prix Series 1991

Final Points Table

	<u>Gagie</u>	<u>Linwood</u>	<u>Caithn's</u>	<u>Western</u>	<u>Eastern</u>	<u>Total</u>
CWC Ogle	6	--	15	6	15	42
WF Hamilton	10	4	12	--	8	34
JN Knowles	--	15	--	3	12	30
GJB Winch	4	--	10	4	10	28
I Shanks	15	--	3	5	--	23
H Simpson, Jnr	8	6	4	--	--	18
RA Sellar	--	10	--	8	--	18
S Anderson	--	12	--	--	4	16
Miss SJ Smith	--	--	--	15	--	15
E Lovie	--	3	--	12	--	15
DAM McIntosh	--	--	--	10	5	15
WHJ Mitchell	12	--	--	--	--	12
CG DeJonckheere	3	--	5	--	2	10
NG Lemon	1	8	--	--	--	9
D Lumsden	--	--	8	--	--	8
Mrs S Noble	--	2	6	--	--	8
WT Vaughan	--	--	2	--	6	8
R Law	2	5	--	--	--	7
Miss LJ Marlow	5	--	--	--	--	5
CIH Thomson	--	--	--	--	3	3
NB Baker	--	--	--	2	--	2
AJ Horne	--	1	--	1	--	2
J Sinclair	--	--	1	--	--	1
W Long	--	--	--	--	1	1

NG Lemon

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Freuchie, 1991

at
"The Scottish", Dumfries

The 1991 Freuchie for the Wilkinson Sword and for the Sgian Dhu was drawn and shot on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Due to slow take-up of places by members, several competitors from outside Scotland enjoyed taking part.

Ties at each stage were settled by a) gunscore, b) X's and c) graduated gauges. Very competitive shooting at all stages made for some hard work on the part of the organiser.

The Semi-finalists shot it out on Thursday with the semi's at lunchtime and the final on the 4.30pm detail. Losing semi-finalists each received a miniature of malt whisky while the finalists received a bottle of Chivas Regal. In the final, brave hearts were required to cope with difficult conditions. J Lavety produced the goods and took home the Wilkinson Sword.

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Freuchie cont'd/

Semi-Final	Final	Winner
Mrs S Noble	)	)
K MacDonald	J Lavety	)
J Lavety	)	)
TF Hodgson	)	*****
H Simpson, Jnr	TF Hodgson	* J Lavety *
A Klosser	)	*****
WF Hamilton	)	) The Wilkinson Sword
JDA Oliphant	JDA Oliphant	)
N Alexander	)	)

The Freuchie C & D Final

No C or D class shooters survived to the second stage and the leaders produced scores of 13 off from R Budding and K Noble and 14 off from I Bear and B Skinner, who agreed to shoot a head-to-head with the second stage.

Eliminator	Final	Winner
	R Budding)	*****
	)	* K Noble *
I Bear	)	*****
B Skinner	====B Skinner)	The Sgian Dhu

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Scotland v North Island NZ, 24th March, 1991, Perth C & C

Scotland's team scores follow. No news from NZ yet, but due soon.

WHJ Mitchell	Bon Accord	100	100	99	99	398
H Simpson, Jnr	Wick Old Stagers	100	99	99	99	397
AF Mackenzie	Stirling RI	100	99	99	98	396
R Law	Stirling RI	100	99	100	97	396
J Lavety	Bon Accord	99	99	98	99	395
W Moonie	Stirling RI	99	99	98	99	395
CG DeJonckheere	Dumfries	98	98	98	100	394
NG Lemon	Glasgow Rail	100	96	99	99	394
CWC Ogle	EU Alumni	97	98	98	99	392
AJ Dick	Clachnacuddin	98	100	99	95	392
TS Hastings	Bon Accord	99	97	98	97	391
DAM McIntosh	EU Alumni	97	99	96	98	390
IA Kerr	Stirling RI	100	97	98	92p	387
WT Vaughan	Selkirk	97	97	94	98	386
C Ronaldson	Wick Old Stagers	95	97	96	96	384
	Team Total					5887
Shooting Reserve						
CIH Thomson	Watsonians	100	100	98	94	392

I.S.A.S. Indoor Meeting Dortmund

This was the SSRA's first trip to this International Meeting in Germany. Scotland was one of ten nations from Europe taking part.

The team was made up of 7 shooters, 1 junior, 2 for 3-P, 4 for prone with 2 shooters doubling up for Air Rifle. The 2 3-P shooters entered for the prone shoot after we arrived in Dortmund when I found there was range space available. I decided that they should have the opportunity now they were in Dortmund.

The journey to Dortmund turned out to be a marathon due to fog at Edinburgh Airport on the Monday morning. We were due to take off at 0840 but were about three hours late in getting away and had to travel via Heathrow instead of Birmingham not arriving at our hotel in Dortmund until about 2100 hrs.

The team were able to practise on Tuesday and with the range not being very busy they made good use of the time. The lighting was the aspect of the range that took some time for the shooters to come to grips with. By the end of the session all the shooters seemed satisfied with their day's work.

Wednesday, none of the Scotland team were shooting and full advantage was taken for a good look round Dortmund.

Thursday, the first day for any of our team to shoot in competition. Our junior, Lance Graham, was the shooter to have the honour in the Junior 3-P shoot. Lance took a little time to settle into the prone section of this competition but finished better scoring 381. The standing part of this match was the most difficult for Lance but considering this was his first taste of International competition he performed quite well. His kneeling section was not up to his best, he knew himself that this had not been the best that he was capable of. Even so I think the experience will have been very useful to Lance.

There were two other British Juniors there and their results were about the same.

Friday was the day for our 3-P shooters to start their competition. The two shooters, D McIntosh and R Sellar, had an 0800 hrs start time which meant an early start from the hotel. Both these shooters had prepared well for this shoot. In the prone section of this shoot both the shooters performed well finishing with 388 which had them well placed in the competition. In the standing section they again returned the same score 354 - this was again a reasonable result. In the kneeling section of the match, Donald scored 380 to give him an excellent total of 1122. Ronnie finished with 374 for a total of 1116. This represents a very good performance from both shooters in such a high quality competition.

Saturday, English Match today with all team members shooting the first detail at 1400 hrs and the last one at 1800 hrs. It had been three days since the prone shooters had had any practice, but they were all in good spirits and confident of giving a good performance. Lance the junior shooter again was not happy with his result but maybe he had set his aims just too high. /cont'd

ISAS Dortmund cont'd /

The other six members of the team settled down to a steady set of good shooting - it was unfortunate that one team member did not shoot up to his normal standard. Donald McIntosh did well after a poor first string of 10 shots to finish with 590. Gordon Winch shot steadily to a good 588. Bill Hamilton and Ronnie Sellar also did fairly well to finish with 587 and 586 respectively. Bill Mitchell finished with 584 not his best score ever but under the conditions not a score to be ashamed of. Overall the day came to an end with our shooters putting up a good performance.

Sunday, Air Rifle competition this morning, today's shoot, had the largest entry of the week. Gordon Winch started off with a first string of 90 and improved as time went by and finished with 553. Bill Mitchell finished the air rifle competition with a 599 only one point short of his personal best score, this was quite an achievement in this standard of opposition.

This standard of competition is what is required to help our shooters attain a higher standard.

The excellent facilities are an obvious assistance to our European competitors.

My thanks to the team who performed well and behaved in an excellent manner.

A.J. Dick

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Northern Ireland International

A small group travelled to Northern Ireland for the invitational matches under the 'guidance' of Cyril. Three cars assembled at Stranraer on Thursday morning for the crossing. No problems! Well, minor ones. The buffet that evening saw a group of well-dressed Highlanders converge like gannets on the food. Friday am was 3P time and the team (Donald McIntosh, Willie Low and Lynda Marlow) shot steadily. Lynda shot well prone and kneeling, and once her standing is up to scratch, she should do well. A disappointing kneeling shoot from Donald and Willie saw the team relegated to the silver medals.

Friday pm and Saturday involved everyone prone-wise with mixed results in very good conditions. The ravenous vultures were again on the loose both evenings.

The 'easy' conditions were replaced on Sunday by a stiff wind blowing across the range and firing point draw was going to play a large part in determining who qualified for the main prone final. Unfortunately most of the Scots were unlucky and only Lynda and Cyril made the final eight. The young gentleman on firing point 1 led the competition throughout and emerged as the victor. We surmised what might have been had fortune been kinder to us!

The post-final buffet was no sooner finished than 3 cars converged on Larne to find the 5 o'clock ferry waiting. Lo and behold there were 3 places left. We were last on so did not have to wait for our booking at 8!

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N.I. Invitation Match cont'd /

I enjoyed the visit, the company and whole atmosphere. Scores follow :-

3-positions match

	P	S	K	Total	Teams
W Low	394	346	360	1100	Northern Ireland A 3237 Gold
DAM McIntosh	390	331	366	1087	Scotland 3235 Silver
L Marlow	391	294	363	1048	Wales 3215 Bronze
Team Total				3235	Ireland 3185
					Northern Ireland B 3070
					Northern Ireland C 3055

Prone match

		Teams
Scotland A		Northern Ireland A 2338 Gold
W Low	590	Scotland A 2334 Silver
DAM McIntosh	586	Scotland B 2319 Bronze
WF Hamilton	584	Wales 2304
L Marlow	574	N.I. Reg. Squ 2302
	2334	Northern Ireland B 2294
Scotland B		Ireland 2270
CG DeJonckheere	592	Garda 2270
TF Hodgson	580	RUC 2252
NG Lemon	577	
NB MacDonald	570	
	2319	

Individual Competition (Sunday)

L Marlow	578
CG DeJonckheere	577
NG Lemon	575
TF Hodgson	573
W Low	573
DAM McIntosh	570
WF Hamilton	566
NB MacDonald	566

The qualifying score for the final was 577. Six of the eight finalists qualified from firing points 1-10. Most of the Scots were on FP 15 upwards. The moral is - you need to work harder in impossible conditions to overcome insurmountable problems and then you might make it.

Individual winners after the final were :-

CP Cobb (NI)	Gold	from FP 1,
D Thomas (Wal)	Silver	from FP 7,
N Peters (Wal)	Bronze	from FP 8.

CG DeJonckheere

Army Match, 1991

The Army staged this year's match at Bassingbourne Barracks, near Cambridge, on the 27th-28th July and again proved to be excellent hosts.

The Scottish team, as has become customary, was a mixture of experienced shots and promising newcomers. From our arrival at Bassingbourne on Friday night, the morale was excellent although the single sex dormitory provided came as quite a surprise for Sandra Noble, our only female shooter.

Saturday started with an English Match at the on-site range with bright sunshine and changeable winds testing all the competitors. It also became clear that everyone was going to have another uncomfortable problem - the whole area was infested with 'Thunder Flies', or Proturans. It was only possible to fire a few shots without scratching so shooting was very difficult. Even so, the Scots took the lead. This was followed by the 3-P first stage which the Scots also dominated.

After much more scratching and washing, everyone retired for refreshments before attending the buffet laid on by the Army, which proved a great success. Seldom has there been a better team spirit at an away match.

Sunday was again sunny but the winds were higher, slightly reducing the 'beastie' problem (and the scores). The Scots won both the English Match and 3-P competitions once more, thus securing the aggregate trophies which the host team captain, Major Peter Underhill, presented to the leading individual members in the winning team.

Congratulations to the newcomers on selection and for performing well in the new and testing environment of 'Big Away Match' shooting. Well done, too, 'Man of the Match' Ronnie Sellar for providing excellent 3x40 performances under arduous conditions. Full results follow.

WHJ Mitchell

Scotland v Army, Bassingbourne, 27-28 July, 1991

Army	Prone I							Prone II							Prone Agg.	
Bagot	99	98	99	100	98	98	592	94	99	98	97	97	98	583	1175	
Cheese	97	97	99	98	94	97	582	96	96	95	95	98	99	579	1161	
Underhill	95	98	98	98	97	97	583	97	99	96	96	93	97	578	1161	
Ferguson	88	98	96	96	97	97	572	99	96	94	98	95	95	577	1149	
Thornton	95	99	93	98	97	95	577	97	98	93	96	95	93	572	1149	
Kirkaldie	94	97	94	97	96	96	574	95	91	95	92	98	92	563	1137	
Montgomery	94	94	91	96	92	96	563	94	98	96	94	95	94	571	1134	
Johnson	95	98	95	97	98	93	576	94	93	92	92	91	93	555	1131	

Team Total							4619								4578	
	lowest 2 scores						1135	lowest 2 scores							1118	

Team Total less low scores							3484								3460	
Team Match Total (Prone)															6944	

Scotland	Prone I	Prone II	Prone	Agg.
Hamilton	99 99 97 98 98 98 589	99 99 97 96 98 98 587	1176	
McIntosh	97 98 98 100 99 98 590	97 98 99 97 96 98 585	1175	
Sellar	96 99 97 96 98 98 584	97 100 96 100 92 99 584	1168	
Brown	99 98 98 96 95 98 584	97 98 97 97 92 97 578	1162	
Mitchell	99 97 95 97 98 95 581	96 98 92 98 98 98 580	1161	
Graham	97 93 96 99 93 96 574	96 97 91 98 93 95 570	1144	
Anderson	95 96 96 97 97 95 576	95 95 94 96 93 94 567	1143	
Noble	96 99 95 95 96 96 577	96 95 92 92 92 86 553	1130	
Team Total	4655	4604		
lowest 2 scores	1150	1120		
Team Total - low scores	3505	3484		
Team Match Total (Prone)		6989		

Army	3-P I	3-P II	Agg
Bagot	390 346 371 1106	388 349 361 1098	2204
Underhill	385 334 377 1096	388 334 363 1085	2181
Ferguson	386 318 348 1052	387 305 348 1040	2092
Kirkaldie	383 308 329 1020	373 305 332 1010	2030
Team Total	4274	4233	
lowest score	1020	1010	
Team Total less low score	3254	3223	
Team Match Total (3-P)		6477	

Scotland	3-P I	3-P II	Agg
Sellar	394 361 370 1125	393 344 368 1105	2230
McIntosh	380 338 385 1103	391 340 373 1104	2207
Graham	384 338 365 1087	382 345 365 1092	2179
Anderson	388 261 331 980	380 285 328 993	1973
Brown	394 303 356 1053		
Team Total	5348	4294	
low. 2 scores	2033	993	
Team Total less lowest score	3315	3301	
Team Match Total (3-P)		6616	

The Scottish '91.

Wearing my organiser's hat - it seems like a distant blur - the pre-meeting work, finding a suitable site, arranging portaloos, scaffolding, fencing, water, power, etc. Construction commenced on Friday 22nd June midday and, much to our surprise, the firing point and butts were completed by lunchtime Sunday. Thanks to local and non-local (Thanks again) assistance. The following week saw the range taking final shape and by the commencement of the meeting all was in order and my nerves were on edge. In the event we had lots of praise and no real complaints.

Shooting was a test but in general a fair one and increasing in difficulty towards the Friday. Scots were well to the fore in most

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Scottish '91 cont'd/

aggregates. (Hugh Simpson, Jnr, Gordon Winch and John Oliphant in X and Dave Kennedy-Moffat in D); Aberdeenshire for the Sextette and Scots were well to the fore in the Haig - surprise, surprise. Well done Billy Mitchell - hard luck in the tie-shoot to Bill Moonie.

Finally - it became apparent that the recent losses for the English had begun to hurt and they were taking the International very seriously. A very tricky wind varying greatly in strength and direction (9 - 12 o'clock) was proving difficult for the wind callers. Various shooters react differently to being coached in the matches. Since it is not easy to give individual coaching (unless you can provide your own), shooters need to learn to use their discretion allied to the call and fire on their aim. Not everyone can do this but it should form part of their training programme.

I was glad when it was over and deemed a successful meeting. Thanks again for all the complimentary remarks. One last request - let's see a big increase in the number of Scots attending in future what is after all their Scottish National Championship Meeting.

CG DeJonckheere

Home Countries International
Scottish Meeting, Dumfries, 1991.

England	Scotland	Ireland
Capt : B Tye	Capt : DW Watson	Capt : GM Mace
Secy : EW Kendall	Secy : CG DeJonckheere	Secy : F Gardiner
A Campbell 3 7 10	JDA Oliphant 3 5 8	G Duff 1 5 6
M Babb 2 8 10	H Milne 3 9 12	D Boardman 2 9 11
C Garnham 5 6 11	GJB Winch 6 7 13	AT Frew 8 7 15
M Phelps 3 9 12	AS Bruce 6 11 17	CWC Ogle 5 11 16
J Pearman 7 8 15	WHJ Mitchell 5 13 18	A Lewis 6 12 18
A Newman 3 12 15	H Simpson, Jnr 8 11 19	D Baker 6 12 18
F Lummus 2 14 16	TF Hodgson 8 12 20	J McCarthy 5 14 19
R West 10 7 17	AJ Horne 7 14 21	F Gardiner 4 16 20
R Carter 5 12 17	TS Hastings 7 15 22	GM Mace 10 11 21
G McHugh 8 17 25	W Moonie 6 16 22	B Davis 20 17 37
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148	172	181

Home Countries Women's International
Scottish Meeting, Dumfries, 1991.

England Ladies	Scotland Ladies
Capt : Mrs G Henderson	Capt : Miss S Grahamslaw
Secy : Mrs D Bannister	Secy : Mrs J Foster
Miss DL Holland 2 9 11	Miss L Buchanan 6 9 15
Mrs I Andrew 7 7 14	Mrs C Tighe-Ford 6 12 18
Mrs EM Johnson 7 9 16	Mrs G Adams 4 15 19
Miss LA Smallbone 12 10 22	Miss LJ Marlow 9 12 21
Miss AE Longbottom 9 15 24	Mrs KB McCrindle 11 14 25
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87	98

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FOR A COMPLETE RANGE OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

BISLEY, 1991

The Main Event :

The meeting this year was characterised by predominantly good weather with very difficult wind conditions until the end of the week when a torrential but very short-lived downpour cleared the range. The next day, the showers kept clear until lunchtime when the wind got up again with a vengeance and the NSRA Secretary convened a meeting of the Captains and suggested waiting. This was rejected by the Scottish Team but all the rest, including the Scottish Ladies, agreed to hold off. The Scottish Team captain naturally agreed to go with the majority although some of the better known Scots said he had no backbone. After half an hour delay, conditions had abated some and the match got started with the 50 metres detail.

Scotland had a good team and, by the end of the 50 metres, all were keeping within their expected score. We had appointed a 'mole' to suss out the shooting progress of the opposition and he reported back to say that we were a good bit ahead of the Auld Enemy - England.

As we started the 100 yards, the rain started to come down again. Again, the shooting was generally good but not brilliant and some were finding the changed conditions very hard to cope with. The results tell it all. However, when we finished, the mole reported that the oppo's weren't doing too well either and there was only about 1 point difference overall. Despondency changed to elation - we're in with a chance we thought! After a long wait, the results were announced - we'd lost by a heap! What had happened? Our mole had been spotting on the cards of the Jersey team - they had red jackets just like the English!

Just wait till next year!

Jack Lavety, Captain.

P.S.

It is interesting to note that, this year, the ESSU has changed their selection procedure and allow selectors some discretion in evaluating prospective scores from different classes and respective squads and do not restrict them to aggregate order.

AMH

Home Countries International, Bisley 1991

Scotland				England	210
Capt J Lavety				Scotland	249
Secy WT Vaughan				Jersey	269
Team WA Murray	6	10	16	Wales	279
JDA Oliphant	6	13	19	Northern Ireland	289
W Moonie	8	12	20		
GJB Winch	4	16	20		
WF Brown	8	13	21		
R Law	9	15	24		
NB MacDonald	10	16	26		
DAM McIntosh	7	24	31		
IA Kerr	14	21	35		
WH MacDonald	6	31	37		
			249		

The 3-P Match :

This year's Bisley programme included an official 3-P International for the first time, with team medals and bars being awarded. This match is shot concurrently with the 3 x 40 British Championship on the opening Saturday of the meeting. Shooting 3-positions on Century range, even with tarpaulin sheeting enclosing the back of the firing point, is a stiff test of shooting position and technique and the phrase 'standing one's ground' has special meaning. Keeping a steady position and aim when buffeted by wind has become a regular aspect of 3-positions at the National Meeting.

Scotland's selection this year were Ian Shirra- Gibb as Captain with team members Bill Murray, Robin Law and Donald McIntosh. All three shot well to produce a winning team score.

The absence of an England team nomination lowered euphoria only momentarily when close examination of the result sheet showed that, even if England had nominated their leading scores, Scotland would still have won!

Ronnie Sellar, though not in the team, deserves special mention for taking 4th place.

Home Countries 3-Position International, Bisley 1991

Scotland		Northern Ireland		Wales	
R Law	1119	D Baker	1075	C Taylor	1072
WA Murray	1109	CWC Ogle	1067	M Hopkins	1045
DAM McIntosh	1079	A Lewis	1059	Miss S Hartop	1037
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Team Total	3307	Team Total	3201	Team Total	3154

AM Hamilton

The Women's Match :

After a week of typical tricky Bisley conditions, the wind got up for Friday afternoon and the Internationals. Conditions were so stormy that the normal 2 o'clock start was delayed for half an hour when the match got under way in probably the most difficult conditions of the week. Conditions for the 50 metres were merely strong and very variable while the wind resumed its earlier tempestuous nature for the 100 yards.

The Women's match turned the tables. The women's teams were allocated firing points upwind of the main teams and took the full force of the conditions straight off Surrey Heath. This year, Scotland fielded a women's team of fully seasoned officials and shooters and, after level scores at 50 metres, the Scots staying power proved too much for the opposition at 100 yards where a substantial margin was opened for a convincing win. Full marks to top score Lorna for an excellent shoot and to the team for the first win at Bisley since 1963! Let's not wait so long for the next one.

Home Countries Womens' International Bisley 1991

Scotland				England			
Capt Chris Tighe-Ford				Capt Mrs M Thomson			
Secy Janis Thomson				Secy Mrs I Andrews			
Team	Lorna Buchanan	5	13	18	Team	K Morton	6 20 26
	Trish Littlechild	12	14	26		I Andrews	10 19 29
	Lucy Martin	9	19	28		V Blow	7 23 30
	Gay Adams	11	22	33		J Betteridge	14 20 34
	Anne Hamilton	8	25	33		L Smallbone	8 26 34
				138			153

AM Hamilton

National County Competitions at Bisley

This year Lothian carried the Scotland flag honourably in the County competitions as the only Scottish County to raise a team at the National Meeting. They were placed 4th in the County 50 metres, 2nd in the County Women's 50 metres (losing on regauge) and 2nd in the County Sextette.

How about some more Scottish Counties doing the same? The county competitions are not an expensive addition to the entry fees and the competitions, which are squadded, are challenging and closely fought. Please give it some thought and talk to your fellow county shooters about it.

County 50 Metres

Lothian					Cheshire	105
DAM McIntosh	4	4	3	11	Berkshire	108
CWC Ogle	7	4	2	13	Jersey	109
WF Hamilton	6	4	7	17	Lothian	111
S Anderson	8	5	7	20	Surrey	113
NB MacDonald	7	9	6	22	Hampshire	113
P Littlechild	11	8	9	28		
Team Total				111		

County Womens' 50 Metres

Lothian					Bucks	79
L Marlow	7	8	10	25	(0.25 gauge, 73)	
A Hamilton	7	9	10	26	Lothian	79
P Littlechild	11	8	9	28	(0.25 gauge, 75)	
Team Total				79	Yorkshire	80

County Sextette

Lothian				Berkshire	93
CWC Ogle	6	7	13	Lothian	95
P Littlechild	6	7	13	Cheshire	98
WF Hamilton	8	8	16		
S Anderson	7	9	16		
NB MacDonald	7	9	16		
DAM McIntosh	6	15	21		
Team Total			95		

AM Hamilton

Training and Coaching

Training this year had its ups and downs. The ups included the prone and 3-P squad training. These, despite getting off to a late start, were well organised, well attended and well worth it. Another up was a weekend lecture by Mr Cox about which Donald McIntosh has a few words to say.

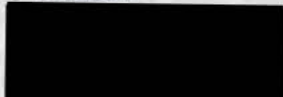
The downs include a well organised and well worth it day at Linwood for all the shooters who had shot for Scotland before. Mr Gibb was flown in especially to help the senior shooters out. Your attendance, or lack of it, was little short of abysmal. We do try, and we do arrange these things for you. They are sufficiently important to warrant a separate mention on the agenda. So what we need to know is why you did not attend; what did you expect if you did attend - did you get it; was it worth your while to attend; what do you require in the future? Let us know at the AGM.

If you wish to be on the other end of the "rod" primary coaching courses are available and you are encouraged to attend them. Although they are not designed to make you a better coach in shooting, specifically, they do make you a better coach. Contacts in your area are :

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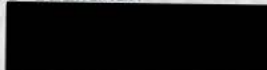
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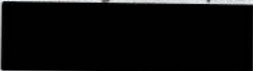
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Scotland v Oxfordshire

Regrettably, Oxford lacked the where-with-all to come North of the border for this prone and 3-P fixture. We hope to invite them again next year.

Training Squad Reports

The SSRA Training Squad met three times this year, twice at Meadowbank and once at Linwood. A Combined squad of male and female/junior (youngest aged 13!) and session shooters proved to be a reasonable mix.

The first two sessions included sessions on equipment, physical technique, mental preparation and training programmes. At Linwood, this was expanded to include aspects of outdoor shooting including wind! Coaching was provided primarily by Anne Hamilton backed up by assorted combinations of Donald McIntosh, Shirley Smith, Ronnie Sellar and Cliff Ogle. Anne's handouts were quite excellent and there is many an internationalist who might benefit from applying the techniques described.

Angus Dick is co-ordinating the training squad for 1991/92 and we are looking for people who wish to get involved. If you are keen to improve your shooting with an aim to reach Scottish International standard, are ready to listen, to think for yourself and are prepared to learn from others then perhaps this is the place for you. All nominations, whether male/female/prone/3-P/senior/junior, should be made to Angus please, by mid-October. The training squad aims to cater for intermediate shooters in all these categories and, unfortunately, places are not unlimited. Nonetheless, please do not be discouraged from applying, sending Angus a resume of your shooting career. There is a scheme for re-imbursing travel costs.

AJ Dick, [REDACTED]

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Senior Squads Report

After the success of our Senior Prone Squad session in Aberdeen last year, this year a two-day session at Linwood was scheduled. Although the date and selection criteria were published well in advance, the actual invitation went out very late and was probably responsible for the poor turnout (apologies - DAMM). GB National Squad coach and well-known Scot Ian Shirra-Gibb was brought up for the week-end. Thanks to Ian giving up his week-end for this. It was a pity that many of the invitees could not bring themselves to do the same but this benefitted those who did take the trouble as their sessions were consequently more intensive and productive.

The Senior 3-P squad never really met this year. An informal get-together of Donald McIntosh, Will Low, Ronnie Sellar, Shirley Smith, Anne Hamilton with GB and Northern Ireland coach Martin Mace one evening proved quite useful, but other than that very little interest was expressed by those remaining 3-P shooters. Scottish 3-P shooting is suffering from a lack of bodies and we must strive to bring more people into it. The top few are getting significantly better, with a widening gap between them and the rest. Hopefully, this squad will run again next year and will gain greater support.

DAM McIntosh

STSF Training Programme

In the aftermath of the 1990 Commonwealth Games, the Scottish Target Shooting Federation (STSF) decided to look into all aspects of coaching and training that could improve the performance of Scottish shooters at events of this calibre.

The Scottish Sports Council this year made money available for "Special Projects" by generating bodies which were specifically targetted at improving the performance of the top level shooters on the International scene. The STSF took the largest slice of this cake, and some of the money went towards the SSRA/SARPA/SPA team which competed at the ISAS Open Meeting in Dortmund.

The STSF reserved some of the Special Project money for use on psychological training. One of the first problems with getting involved with this field is finding a "friendly" expert - such as Paul Amison who is used by the NSRA. As part of a two-day coaching session organised by the Scottish Rifle Association, Dr Richard Cox, a sports psychologist based at Moray House in Edinburgh, ran a session explaining what he felt he could bring into a sport like target shooting and giving an introduction to some of the techniques he has at his disposal. In order to get a feel for what Dr Cox has to offer, Vice-Chairman Cliff Ogle, along with Scottish Internationalists Gordon Winch, Donald McIntosh, Robin Law, Shirley Smith and Billy Mitchell, attended the session at Redford Barracks in Edinburgh.

Dr Cox presented himself very well and impressed the SSRA representatives with how quickly he had picked up the basic problems inherent in shooting sports. What was said appeared to go down well with the other association reps too although some seemed a trifle bemused by how much attention was already being paid to mental preparation by our top shooters. Everyone was very positive about how the session went and the general impression was that Dr Cox or one of his colleagues could help bridge the gap between being in the top team at the next games and winning a medal.

The SSRA will support any further STSF moves to take this form of coaching further.

DAM McIntosh

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The Scottish 1992.....

The NSRA have just sent out the results of the Scottish 1991 in which they announce that the 1992 Scottish will be at Middleton in Midlothian. This has been published without the confirmation of the Lothian Small-bore Shooting Association and, while the Meeting will be held in Lothian and probably south of Edinburgh, it is not yet confirmed that it will be at Middleton.

While the LSSA understands the NSRA's anxiety to announce the location for next year, the LSSA is more concerned with finding the best possible site.