

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association

Newsletter, January, 1992.

Dear Shooter,

This newsletter is accompanied by the Minutes of the AGM, held on the 27th October at Perth and also the Minutes of the previous AGM which had not been circulated.

Election of Council

You will see from the minutes that the meeting was poorly attended this year and the meeting was unable to appoint a full Council. Two consequences followed :

First, the General Purpose sub-committee in particular and Council in general has agreed to examine the present structure of Council and how it is elected and to bring recommendations to a Spring meeting of the Council. IF YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THIS ASPECT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONSTITUTION, PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE SECRETARY SO THAT THEY MAY BE INCLUDED IN COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS.

Second, Council is to co-opt two further Council members, one of whom is required from the North zone and one further from North, Central or South-West.

At the AGM, Nick Baker stood down as Secretary and Anne Hamilton took up the post again after a two-year break. Many thanks go to Nick for his endeavours on behalf of the Association. WOULD ALL MEMBERS AND CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE AND ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO :

Anne Hamilton

Tel. [REDACTED]

Ratification of the Definitive Records Categories Document

The AGM also ratified the Records Categories document circulated with the previous newsletter. Two minor changes were noted. The team size for 3-positions [section 4.b.3] was teams of 3, not teams of 4, and all references to 50yds or 50m were to be explicitly "50yds or 50m", i.e. the two distances being considered the same for category purposes. This document will not be re-circulated and members are asked to note the above amendments on their copies.

Winter Competition Entries

The take-up in the winter competitions is sluggish. The subscription and entry forms which went out with the AGM Notice and September Newsletter published a last date for entries as 17th January, 1992 with a late entry fee applying after 1st January, 1992. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DATE FOR SHOOTING IS MONDAY 27th JANUARY, 1992. We have been as generous as possible in the time allowed to get your entries in but please, SEND YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS and ENTRIES in NOW.

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Subscriptions

The September Newsletter drew Members' attention to the close of the membership year. Many members, 230 to date, have renewed their subscriptions (still only £5.00!). However, many more have not. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY. We cannot over-state the importance of a healthy membership register in endorsing our authority to act on your behalf with the Scottish Target Shooting Federation, the Scottish Sports Council, the Scottish Sports Association, the N.S.R.A. and all the other bodies with which we meet.

Anne.

P.S. A spare subscription and entry form is included in this Newsletter. If you have already renewed your subscription, please pass it to a friend who has not.

SSRA Council, 1991-92

Cyril G DeJonckheere
Chairman



John Simpson
Laigh Broadstone,



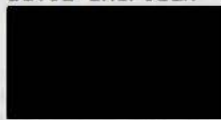
Jonathan Nason
Shooting Development
Officer



Cliff W C Ogle
Vice-Chairman



David Sheridan



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At the first Council Meeting on 24th November, the workload was distributed across the subcommittees and individuals as shown below.

Anne M Hamilton
Secretary



Angus J Dick



Subcommittees & Appointments:
General Purpose :
Chairman,
Vice-Chairman,
Secretary,
Treasurer.

Shirley J Smith
Treasurer

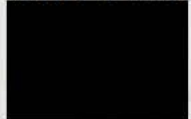


N Gavin Lemon



Selection :
Chairman,
Vice-Chairman,
Secretary,
A J Dick,
D Sheridan.

Donald A M McIntosh



Nicolas B Baker



Fundraising :
Treasurer,
D Sheridan.

Coaching :
A M Hamilton,
C G DeJonckheere,
J Simpson.

Council appointments :
 Team/Match Co-ordinator : A J Dick
 Facilities Co-ordinator : N G Lemon
 Grand Prix Series Co-ordinator : N G Lemon
 Medal/Trophies Co-ordinator : D A M McIntosh
 Doping Control Co-ordinator : N B Baker
 Press/Publicity Co-ordinator : D A M McIntosh

Fund-raising for 1992

Our Treasurer, Shirley Smith, heads the fund-raising front for 1992, ably supported by David Sheridan. This does not mean that everyone else is off the hook but, rather, the opposite applies. Fund-raising concerns every shooter in Scotland who supports our teams or takes part in our matches.

Why fund-raise? The Association's running costs are mainly met from subscriptions and the 100-club income. The training and match programme, including 1994 Commonwealth Games training, is supported by grants from the Scottish Sports Council but the grants have to be matched by the Association on a £-for-£ basis. While the Association maintains its current levels of subscription, the grants for matches and training, which include the Special Project funding for 1994 Commonwealth Games training, cannot be matched other than by a fund-raising programme.

If you have any ideas for improving our programme next year or would like to help Shirley and Dave, please get in touch with Shirley. You don't have to be a Council Member to help.

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Presentation to The Colvins

At the Annual General Meeting in Perth on Sunday 27th October, Chairman Cyril DeJonckheere presented Tom Colvin with Caithness Glass Paperweights, one for himself and one for Gladys, who was missed very much as she was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies.

One of the paperweights was the design "Royal Thistle" and features a most delicately formed thistle on a royal blue background, very much in the style of the Association logo.

Tom expressed his and Gladys's appreciation and asked that their thanks be passed on to all who contributed to their gifts.

Everyone wished Tom and Gladys much happiness in their retirement.

Cyril then invited Tom to present the Association trophies, which he did most graciously.

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**Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association
Calendar of Events, 1992**

February			
23 and 29-1 Mar	Perth C & C Indoor Meeting	27-3 Jul	NSRA Scottish Championship Meeting, Lauder
26-1 Mar	European 10m Champ., Budapest	July	
March		12	3P Grand Prix III, Linwood
8	Speedway Final, Perth	18-19	Caithness Open County Meeting including Grand Prix III.
13-15	British Air Weapons Champ., Aldersley	25-26	Scotland v Army, Denwood (prov.)
15	C & D Speedway Final, Perth	26-2 Aug	Olympic Games, Barcelona, Shooting Events
22	Scotland v North Island, NZ Postal Match, Perth	August	
24-29	I.S.A.S. Meeting, Dortmund	1-2	Mini-Games Trials, Linwood
April		8-15	NSRA British Championship Meeting, Bisley
19	EASTER	16-22	Nordic Union Champ.s, Bisley
26	3-P Championship, Linwood	22	3-P Grand Prix IV, Denwood
May		23	Grand Prix IV, Denwood
3	Grand Prix I, Denwood	30	Scotland v Oxfordshire, Denwood (prov.)
9-10	Lanarkshire Open, Linwood	September	
16-17	Scotland v NW Region, Linwood (prov.)	1-7	European Junior Champ.s, Sofia
24	3-P Grand Prix I Denwood	6	Grand Prix V, Gage
31	ADSRA Open, Denwood	12-13	NSRA National Squad Selection Trials
June		20	Linwood Champ. Meeting, inc. UIT Final
5-7	Ulster Invitation International Match	26-28	CSF(ED) Champ.s, Northern Ireland (MINI_GAMES)
7	West of Scotland Meeting, Linwood	October	
13-14	NSRA National Squad Assessment Trials	25	SSRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Perth
20-21	NSRA Dewar Trials		
20	3-P Grand Prix II, Linwood		
21	Grand Prix II, Linwood		

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Senior Coaches Course

With apologies for the short notice, a Senior Coaches Course will be run in Edinburgh on two week-ends, the 1st and 2nd of February and the 22nd and 23rd. The course will be run by Paul Amison.

The course is intended to upgrade existing Primary Coaches and to serve as a replacement for Coach Educators who missed the Coaches Workshop at Bisham Abbey in November.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR EXISTING, PRACTISING COACHES WHO QUALIFY BY EXPERIENCE. Applications for places should be sent or phoned, **a.s.a.p. please**, to Anne Hamilton, [REDACTED]

Commonwealth Games 1994.

As you will have read in some of the articles in the last newsletter, the 1994 Games, to be held in Victoria, British Columbia, Western Canada, are fast approaching and some substantial changes have been made by the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland to their preparations for team selection and training as a consequence of the criticisms suffered by the management in Auckland in 1990. The Games Council have decided to select the management teams for all sports early and so that they will be as effective as possible in team development between now and 1994. As far as shooting goes, there will be a shooting team manager plus three discipline coaches, for rifle, pistol and shotgun.

In addition, the Scottish Sports Council has altered its funding structure so that more emphasis is placed on performance and excellence rather than the traditional deficit funding. Because shooting has produced the goods (i.e. medals) in recent Commonwealth Games, substantial sums of money have been made available for training for Victoria.

To obtain maximum benefit from this early start and to ensure that none of this money is wasted, the SSRA is now inviting shooters who wish to be considered for Victoria to declare themselves. This will involve making a commitment to follow a training plan targeted on the Games in 1994. The SSRA, in conjunction with the Scottish Target Shooting Federation, has set in motion the training and selection programme with the nomination of Harry Milne as the Rifle Discipline Coach. As well as small-bore, Harry's responsibilities will include full-bore and air rifle and the women's rifle events.

In order to be considered for the Games Training Programme and Selection, shooters must undertake to follow a training plan, either the one conducted in the Games Training Squad or the shooter's own, providing it has been submitted and approved as properly targeted at the 1994 Games.

Only those people who are prepared to make this commitment will be included in the Games Training Squad. If all the above sounds rather "heavy", it's because we mean business and we sincerely hope there are shooters out who do, too. If you wish to be considered, please forward the following information to the Secretary :-

- A. Name, address and telephone number.
- B. Disciplines in which you wish to be considered.
- C. Personal best in each discipline for which you wish to be considered.
- D. Previous international experience with scores and places achieved.
- E. An outline description of your training schedule, if any.

The SSRA Council will meet in January to discuss the process by which this Association will arrive at its nominations for the Commonwealth Games team which will be submitted to the STSF and to the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland. The outcome of the meeting will be published in the next newsletter in Spring.

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Scotland v. North Island, New Zealand

The scores from New Zealand arrived in good time to announce the match result at the AGM. Scotland won by 32 points. Both teams were disappointed in their scores although this was the first time the match was shot on the new 1989 series targets.

Scores were as follows :

Scotland		North Island		dif	
WHJ Mitchell	398	L Arthur	Upper Hutt	396	2
H Simpson, Jnr	397	G Taylor	Levin	396	1
AF Mackenzie	396	K Burt	Palmerston, Nth	394	2
R Law	396	S Aspden	Putaruru	393	3
J Lavety	395	R McNair	Dannevirke	393	2
W Moonie	395	I Stuart	Palmerston, Nth	392	3
CG DeJonckheere	394	J Cockerill	Wellington	391	3
NG Lemon	394	D Gibb	Auckland	391	3
CWC Ogle	392	D Blake	Waitekerei, Auck.	388	4
AJ Dick	392	A Brinkworth	Hamilton	388	4
TS Hastings	391	G Brinkworth	Hamilton	388	3
DAM McIntosh	390	R Dixon	Auckland	388	2
IA Kerr	387	S Petterson	Auckland	388	-1
WT Vaughan	386	J Brinkworth	Auckland	385	1
C Ronaldson	384	R Caie	Auckland	384	0
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Team Totals	5,887			5,855	32
Reserves					
CIH Thomson	392	A Dixon	Auckland	392	
		JG Williams	Pukekohe	388	

There were no outstanding scores in either team and the difference column on the right above shows that the relative strength of the middle order of the team (6th to 11th scores in order) carried the match for Scotland.

Well done, one and all.

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..... That long awaited consignment of large and extra large sweatshirts has now arrived. Anyone who is desperate for a sweatshirt can order one, or more, from the Treasurer at a cost of £12.00 for L and XL and £10.00 for S and M plus 70p for postage and packing.

If you're looking for something a bit smarter, I still have a few V-neck lambswool sweaters for £10.00. Or what about an Association tie for £6.00?

Shirley J Smith, Treasurer,

British Squads

While the SSRA constitution declares that the Association has responsibility for coaching and training Scottish representative teams, we are ever-mindful that shooters' ambitions are incomplete if they stop there. Every shooter should be encouraged to fulfil the maximum his potential can achieve. The ultimate goals are World Championship and Olympic medals, gold of course.

The SSRA training programmes are geared as much to individual's needs as possible. To encourage shooters beyond Scottish domestic competition, the SSRA is expanding the match programme with the ISAS Meeting in Dortmund to broaden our shooters experience of the standard UIT format of competition.

Shooters with ambitions in UIT International competition are required to do so in British teams and the way to places in them is through the British National Squads run by the NSRA.

If this is where your ambitions lie, then you must put yourself forward for places in the National squads. There are two routes. One is to enter as many NSRA Authorised Meetings as possible and to declare your interest that the scores you record are put forward for consideration when the NSRA select the squads. Another is to gain a place in trials via the Regional squads. The NSRA in Scotland does not have a formal regional squad and in recent years, the SSRA have been asked to nominate shooters to take part in National Squad Selection Trials held in September at Bisley. Such nominations have been offered on merit according to performances in major competitions and matches.

The onus is on you, the shooter, to put yourself forward, either through Authorised Meetings, which include the SSRA Grand Prix series. Declaring your interest in being considered for a nomination for National Squad trials will not guarantee you a place but if we do not know that you are interested in the first place you may not get very far.

If you are interested in progressing to National Squads, please write to the Secretary declaring your interest. Do try to enter as many Authorised Meetings as possible, and don't restrict yourself to the ones in Scotland.

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Scottish Records

The Association's Definitive List of Records Categories was adopted at the AGM with 2 minor changes as noted in the AGM minutes and on page 1 of this newsletter. As announced in the September Newsletter, Bill Mitchell is looking after the Register of Records.

If you wish to submit a score for inclusion in the Register, please send a ratified record of the score, including the event, the organising body, the venue, the date, the time and the score SIGNED BY THE CHIEF STATS OFFICER FOR THE EVENT and indicating the record category in which the score is to be registered. Bill Mitchell is moving to Edinburgh so in the meantime please send record claims to the Secretary who will pass them on.

Additions to the Register will be published in Newsletters.

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The 100 Club.

The 200-Club that was..... The 200-Club has been retitled the 100-club. This is related to the change in format made last year in that the monthly draw is always made from 100 numbers, whether all 100 have been sold or not. If the number drawn has not been purchased, the prize for that month is carried forward and added to the prize for the next month's draw.

At the November Council Meeting, Dave Sheridan agreed to take over running the 100-Club from Sinclair Bruce.

All correspondence concerning the 100-Club and applications to buy numbers should be addressed to Dave.

A form with Dave's address is included in this newsletter if you wish to join the 100-Club, still only £1.00 per number per month. Please note that membership is restricted to Individual (and Bloc) members of the SSRA.

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Application to SSRA 100 Club Membership

Name _____ How many numbers? _____
Address _____ How many months? _____
_____ (3, 6, 9 or 12)
_____ Start on month _____
_____ Fee ££ _____
_____ (£1.00 per number per month)
_____ (payable to S.S.R.A.)
Postcode _____
SSRA Membership No. _____ Signature _____
Date _____

Send application and remittance to :

D Sheridan, [REDACTED]

Mini-Games 1992.

As you will see in the Calendar, the 1992 Mini-Games will be held in Northern Ireland in September.

In 1991 when the games were held in Jersey, the SSRA Council decided not to send a small-bore contingent with the Scotland team because it considered that, for similar expense, far more pertinent and valuable match experience was to be gained by attending the I.S.A.S. Match in Dortmund.

For 1992, the Scottish Sports Council agrees that the Mini-Games is a suitable training event for the Commonwealth Games in 1994 and will provide Special Project funding to support team costs.

The team for the Mini-Games will be selected as in previous years from trials, held on automatic target changers, from 15 final trialists for prone and 12 for three-positions. The 15 prone trialists will be the leading 10 eligible competitors in the Grand Prix Series Order of Merit plus 5 others by invitation of the Selection Committee. The 12 three-position trialists will be the leading 8 eligible competitors from the 3-P Grand Prix Order of Merit plus 4 others by invitation of the Selection Committee.

Because the Mini-Games are being supported by Commonwealth Games Special Project funding, team members must make a commitment to the CG Training Programme, i.e. all Mini-Games team members must have the Commonwealth Games in 1994 as the longer term goal.

As in previous years, all Grand Prix events, prone and 3-P, and the trials will be subject to doping control.

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Lothian Small-bore Rifle Association Annual Open Meeting

The Lothian Small-bore Shooting Association is running its Annual Open Meeting, raising funds for the Cousland Shooting Centre Project, on the week end of 25th and 26th January.

The venue this year is the Balerno and Currie Rifle club, which lies on the south west edge of Edinburgh near Heriot-Watt campus and easily reached from the City Bypass. Disciplines this year include small-bore rifle (60 shots), air rifle and air pistol (40 shots) with a combined aggregate. For more details, contact :

Cliff Ogle,


SSRA Training Squad, 1991-92

There has already been a meeting of the Training Squad.

This was held on 1st December when the newly operational facilities of the Denwood Shooting Centre were enjoyed by everyone. The Bon Accord club, who run the indoor facilities at the centre, made the squad most welcome and provided all the facilities and catering required.

The squad of 12 shooters worked in two groups, one enjoying the excellent indoor range which has 8 firing points all of which are suitable for standing and kneeling as well as prone which the other worked in the comfortable club room.

Cyril DeJonckheere led the discussion groups on the importance and practicalities of Goal-Setting while Adam Gordon, Harry Milne, Ian Shanks and Anne Hamilton, complete with video camera, worked on the range checking out squad members positions and techniques, some members of the squad concentrating on prone while others worked at standing and kneeling.

Some squad members did not seem to want to go home, surely a good sign. Many thanks to Bon Accord for their generous hospitality. The next squad session will be during January at Linwood and is being co-ordinated by Angus Dick.

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Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association Matchplay League, 1991-92 League Table after Round 3.

Division 1	Sh	W	D	L	Pts	Division 3	Sh	W	D	L	Pts
Watsonian 'A'	3	10	2	3	22	Methlick	3	13	1	1	27
Bon Accord 'A'	3	9	2	4	20	Watsonian 'B'	3	9	2	4	20
Glasgow Rail 'A'						Bon Accord 'C'	3	6	2	7	14
	3	7	1	7	15	SPPM 'A'	3	5	3	7	13
Westfield 'A'	3	7	1	7	15	Glasgow Rail 'B'					
Stirling R I	3	6	0	9	12		3	4	2	9	10
Dumfries	3	1	4	10	6	Tain	3	2	2	11	6
Division 2	Sh	W	D	L	Pts	Division 4	Sh	W	D	L	Pts
Durris 'A'	3	11	3	1	25	Callander	3	10	1	4	21
Bon Accord 'B'	3	7	3	5	17	Kinross & Milnathort					
Arbroath	3	5	4	6	14		3	7	0	8	14
Clachnacuddin	3	5	3	7	13	Westfield 'B'	2	7	0	3	14
Selkirk	3	3	5	7	11	Durris 'B'	2	3	0	7	6
Greenock & Dist						SPPM 'B'	2	2	1	7	5
	3	4	2	9	10						

100 Club Update

The results of recent draws are as follows :

September John Buchan, Northern Co-op Employees, Aberdeen

October unallocated number drawn, prize carried forward

November unallocated number drawn, prize carried forward

December Tom Hodgson, Dumfries

Prize cheques are on their way to the winners.

See elsewhere in this newsletter if you want to join!

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association 1991-92 Winter Competitions Subscription and Individual Entry Form 1991-92

(Entries taken to 17.1.92, late entry fee from 1.1.92, LDFS 27.1.92)

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____
(Jun. & Vet.)

Tel. _____ Postcode _____ Signature _____

Classification : A B C D Please tick here if ☐ you object to the recording of the data on this form on the SSRA's private computer.

Verified : _____
(Club Official)

Length of range : _____ yds	Tick	Ind.	Club
1. Individual Membership	_____	£5.00	Choose (xxxxx)
2. Individual Postage Supplement	_____	£1.00	<-- individual (xxxxx)
3. Medal & Salver	_____	£1.50	or club --> (xxxxx)
4. Speedway	_____	£1.50	membership on (xxxxx)
5. CanDicap (C & D only)	_____	£1.00	entry. More (xxxxx)
Handicap (min. 5) _____	_____	£1.00	discounts are (xxxxx)
6. 3-Positions Championship	_____	£3.00	given on (xxxxx)
7. Late entry fee (from 1.1.92)	_____	0.30	summer comps. (xxxxx)
			Please use (xxxxx)
			the separate (xxxxx)
			form for (xxxxx)
			BLQC sub.s (xxxxx)
			and entries. (xxxxx)
Total	_____		0.30