

**Scottish Small-bore
Rifle Association**

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This Newsletter goes out with the 1992 AGM mailshot. This includes the Notice of the AGM and entry forms for all the 1992-93 Winter competitions. These combined provide reading matter to last some time.

The Newsletter's function is to keep you up to date with Scottish small-bore rifle shooting and it provides an opportunity for review. What a year 1992 has been!

The Denwood Shooting Centre re-opened at Easter after a complete re-development. Adam Gordon deserves fulsome praise for the project he has brought from a glint in his eye to completion. Denwood Mark II (BSA users please pardon the pun) will stand as an inspiration, and object of envy, to many other regions who wish for a decent shooting facility.

It has been a good year in International Matches, too. The results in the International Matches this year demonstrate the strength of the Scotland teams. Scotland won the main Home Countries events at both Lauder and Bisley and the Scotland 3-P team have set a high standard in this match, winning 3 times in its first four years.

While this Newsletter, as ever, is later than the editor would wish, it does give us a chance to report on the team performances at the Mini-Games where a medal was won in every small-bore rifle event and two in air rifle.

What is the price of all these successes? Nothing is free and the Association, and the Denwood Range Association too, are having trouble making ends meet. The recession is not helping but target shooting as a sport can no longer subsist on subscriptions and fees which invest nothing for the future. All Associations and clubs have to face up to the real cost of shooting. It seems expensive compared to 10 years ago but, compared to other sports such as golf or squash, it's very good value.

Late Extra : John Oliphant's achievements this summer defy description. The latest news from the NSRA is that he has been selected directly into the GB Prone 'A' Squad after coming second in the Selection Trials at Bisley last month.

With this issue :

- Notice of Annual General Meeting - 2 p.m., Sun 25th October, 1992, Perth C & C.
- Don't miss this one - there's some very important business to discuss.
- Forms for Club/Match Secretaries - Are you interested in the Matchplay League? - Ask your club colleagues NOW!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP AND COMPETITIONS : WHY £10 SUB?
Subscription forms - RENEW NOW! Winter Competition Entry Forms, too.

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A View from the Chair

I'll open with a quote from Hazlitt :

"Happy are they who live in the dream of their own existence, and see all things in the light of their own minds; who walk by faith and hope, to whom the guiding star of their youth still shines from afar and into whom the spirit of the world has not entered."

As I get older I'm still amazed by my faith and hope, especially in Scottish shooting. I still enjoy it and my enthusiasm for our singular sport is undiminished. After one excellent and one remarkable victory over the Auld Enemy, we have much to celebrate. However, I feel this pales in comparison with the performances of a modest young man at the Scottish and Bisley. Well done, John!

I would also like to congratulate the 'guiding star' of the North-East and his marvellous band of helpers for producing such magnificent facilities in Aberdeen. I look forward to the day when there are several such facilities for all to enjoy.

Finally, an appeal - try to attend the AGM in vast numbers please, so we can canvass your ideas and attain as much support from you as possible.

Cyril De Jonckheere,
Chairman.

John D A Oliphant

1992 has been a year John Oliphant will not forget in a hurry. Any one watching John's career over the last few years will have realised that something was about to come good, but how good would they have dared to guess?

Things started well for John at Lauder, attended by the Oliphant clan en masse, when he picked up the first comp in 'X' class in the Agg. on the Tuesday. On Tuesday afternoon, he made his only real slip for the week in letting comp. 3 get away from him. By Thursday, he was on winning form again with comps 4 and 5 under his belt and paused briefly to pick up the Freuchie Wilkinson Sword while waiting for the Agg. results - a 9 point win over Gordon Winch. On Friday he made top equal score in the Scotland team before the Haig Final in which he took a single point win from fellow-Anglo Bill Brown.

At Bisley, John settled to a more deceptive pace, but nonetheless telling for that. By Thursday evening, he had won the Championship Aggregate. He then cruised through Friday, helping Scotland to a most memorable victory in the Home Countries International. Celebrating Scotland's "Away" win on Friday evening left John's shooting faculties unimpaired as he took the Roberts, the British Long Range Championship, to clinch the "Quad!" Somewhere along the way among lesser trophies, he also picked up another Wilkinson Sword, the NSRA's one awarded for the best combined score in the Agg. and Roberts.

Unfortunately, work and family circumstances have not allowed John to take up other team places this year but he did take part in the National Squad Selection Trials in which he was second with a 594 and 591, both Commonwealth Games qualifying scores, and so can expect a place in the GB squad next year.

During the summer, John became engaged to his girlfriend, Louise. Louise has visited Lauder and Bisley with John this year and so must have a good idea of what she's letting herself in for.

Congratulations to John on a most remarkable season and very best wishes to him and Louise for a very happy and prosperous future together.

The Cost of Amateur Sport

Over the past few years attendance at the Association AGM has been very poor. In several cases the meeting has barely had a quorum of 25. Council appreciates that, for many, the distance to Perth is too great to travel for the AGM and, for this reason, wishes to communicate some of the business of the forthcoming AGM to you for your consideration.

For many years now the Association has been under pressure to increase membership fees by the Scottish Sports Council (SSC) and, to some extent, by the Scottish Target Shooting Federation (STSF) because our membership fee was ridiculously low. On your behalf, we have argued that the membership should stay reasonably low because of our position in relation to the NSRA, i.e. while membership of the NSRA is compulsory, membership of the SSRA is not. To some degree, this has been accepted by the SSC although they still believe that a realistic membership fee for a governing body such as ours is in the region of £15 - £20. For comparison, the other governing bodies for shooting in Scotland charge the following membership fees:-

SARPA (air rifle)	£5
SCTA (clay target)	£15
SPA (pistol)	£12
SRA (full-bore)	£15

As you can see, other than SARPA, we have by far the lowest membership fee. Three years ago, the AGM of this Association voted to introduce a bloc membership scheme so that, where all the members of a club were required to be members of the Association, half price membership would be given. The intention was to increase the number of members by making the membership fee more attractive. While the intention was laudable and in line with Council's desire to increase the number of members, we have not seen any increase in membership. In fact all that seems to have happened is that clubs where the Association was already well represented have converted to bloc membership with a resultant loss of membership income.

Understandably the current economic climate has affected the Association both in its effect on the members willingness to rejoin and on the Association's activities. Price rises have hit the Association for items such as postage, photocopying and stationery and these have been absorbed by the Association itself. Obviously if the membership fee does not increase and the number of members does not increase then we have a problem in meeting these increased costs.

As you will probably be aware the Association also receives funds from the SSC in grant aid as a governing body. Historically the SSC have funded bodies such as ours by meeting any deficit in their incomes by grant aid. Grant aid has always been given according to a submitted budget and plan, with the level of aid given being restricted to a maximum matching the body's income. While this Association has enjoyed low subscriptions, it has also endured a relatively low level of grant aid compared to the other shooting bodies. In this respect, we have shot ourselves in the foot.

The SSC has changed its grant aid structure over the years and deficit funding is no longer used. Over the last three years, the Association's grant has been pegged at £1950 per annum. The SSC's emphasis on funding moved to encouraging sport for all and has now progressed beyond this to promoting performance and excellence. This has resulted in the special grant which the STSF now receives for training for the next Commonwealth Games.

All of this means that our income has remained fairly static and the expenditure has increased which in turn means that membership must regrettably be increased.

In the last two years certain of the Association activities have had to be restricted due to lack of funds. Rather than show you a breakdown of what has been spent recently, (which you may find in the accounts of the Association), I thought it might be helpful to show you how the Association budget is allocated :-

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME

Membership	?
Sales of emblematic items	£250
Interest on bank account	£250
	<u>£500+</u>

EXPENDITURE

Secretarial expenses	£60
Newsletter (200 copies, 4 issues)	£670
Committee meetings (SSRA, STSF, AGM)	£1375
Insurance & Affiliation (NSRA, STSF, SSA)	£200
Contribution to SDO	£600
Taxation on interest	£50
Stationery	£80
Tent hire (Scottish & Bisley)	£360
	<u>£3395</u>

Deficit to be made up from membership	£2895
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COMPETITIONS

INCOME

Winter competition programme	£946
Freuchie	£162
50m Championship Grand Prix	£1250
3-P GP series	£370
	<u>£2728</u>

EXPENDITURE

Winter competition programme	£840
Freuchie	£110
50m Championship Grand Prix	£780
3-P GP series	£300
	<u>£2030</u>

Surplus	£698
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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

INCOME

Team members contributions	£1470
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EXPENDITURE

Travel accomodation range hire targets entertaining medals	<u>£2595</u>
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Deficit to be funded	£1125
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TRAINING

INTERMEDIATE SQUAD

Squad of people meeting times in the winter costs of range hire targets and travel	£930
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ADVANCED SQUAD

Squad of people meeting times in Spring costs of range hire targets and travel and a coach travelling from England	<u>£1100</u>
Deficit	£2030

TRIALS

Total cost of range hire and targets	£350
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As you can see, the only activity which generates income is the competition programme. All fundraising which is undertaken, apart from the 100 Club, is committed to the Games training fund to help meet our £ for £ commitment to the Special Project grant from the SSC. If we allocate the SSC grant of £1950 to the training programme, we still have to find the cost of the trials and the cost of the international programme.

In previous years, we have relied on the generosity of council members and training squad members in donating back their travelling expenses for attending council meetings and squad sessions respectively and this has amounted to a substantial sum. However, in the current economic climate we cannot expect this to continue and indeed the donations for the current year have fallen. Any donations which we do receive release money towards the international programme. Any shortfall must either be made up from Association reserves, increased fundraising or from the shooters themselves. Those who read "Money Matters" in the last newsletter will know how Council views the last of these options.

Bearing all of the above in mind, Council has been forced to recommend that the membership fee be increased substantially. However we have also considered what the members get from the Association and would like to propose the following membership package to be phased in over the next two years :

- 1 Individual membership fee of £10.
- 2 Bloc membership fee of £7.50 for 1992/93. Bloc membership to be abolished from 1993/94.
- 3 Membership of Scottish Teams and training squads will be restricted to individual members only.
- 4 Individual members will receive a personal copy of the newsletter sent to their home address.
- 5 All winter competitions will carry a £1 discount for individual members. Summer competitions will carry a £1.50 discount for individual members.
- 6 For 1993/94/ onwards, entry to the Association Medal competition will be restricted to individual members and will be free.

This may seem drastic and expensive but I would like to draw your attention to one or two other factors which you should consider.

- 1 An individual member entering all prone competitions will make a saving of £5 on winter competition entries and £7.50 on Grand Prix entries with a further saving of £7 on 3P competition entries. This more than covers the increased membership fee.
- 2 Federation at British level will mean that all participators in the sport will be required to affiliate to their national governing body to participate. As the NSRA will cease to exist in its present form, membership of SSRA will be compulsory. The STSF and SSRA preferred funding structure of GBTSF is that membership is collected at national level and a proportion of this passed up to the GB body for the funding of international teams and other general activities. This will undoubtedly mean increased fees and the abolition of club membership. It will also mean increased work for this Association through its volunteer council.
- 3 Scottish Shooting has enjoyed a number of successes in recent years at the national meetings. As you will see from the results elsewhere in this newsletter, national teams have won Home Countries internationals 9 times in the last 4 years. The 3-P team has won the 3-P international in 3 of the 4 years which the match has been run.

Lauder	1989	Main team
Strathpeffer	1990	Main team
Bisley	1990	Main team
		3-Positions team
Bisley	1991	Women's team
		3-Positions team
Lauder	1992	Main team
Bisley	1992	Main team
		3-Positions team

This proves that the training programme which the Association has run over the past few years has been effective and that the international match programme has given shooters more appropriate experience for competing at a higher level. This combined with the excellent performances of small bore shooters at Commonwealth Games level has raised the profile of the sport and as a result has helped the shooting sports as a whole obtain a large grant towards training for the next Commonwealth Games.

- 4 The Association cannot continue to fulfil its role as governing body for small bore shooting in Scotland with the present level of membership fee.

I hope that the above has gone some way to explaining the present financial circumstances of the Association as well as some idea of the problems we face. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the AGM to answer any further queries personally but there will be other Council members present who can. Please give careful consideration to what has been suggested and I hope that this will allow you to give it your full support. Even if you cannot attend the AGM, Council would like to hear your views on these proposals.

S J Smith,
Treasurer.

Ulster Games Northern Ireland, 5th - 7th June, 1992.

The Association made the decision to send a strong team to continue to support this marvellous event. The hospitality, weather and reception were all superb and I'm sure we hope the Northern Ireland Association can get renewed sponsorship to continue these games next year.

The opening event of 3-Position rifle started what was to be a very successful week-end for Robin Law. He was a comfortable winner, although I'm sure he would wish to have shot better in the standing final. Ronnie Sellar showed his patience and concentration to overtake Shirley Smith to take third. The team were comfortable winners here. However, Northern Ireland took the honours in the prone team event with Scotland finishing second and third. Bill Hamilton took the honours in the Double Dewar match, taking good advantage of the weather before conditions deteriorated slightly. Robin, David Rattray and Cyril squeezed home in the team Air Rifle event with Robin taking the individual honours.

Tricky conditions on Sunday for the individual prone event resulted in what I felt was a disappointing finale for the team. However, everyone's appetites were enormous and the buffet quite excellent. We were honoured at the prize giving with the presence of Mary Peters, who has done so much in Northern Ireland to get the Ulster Games up and going. I enjoyed the week-end and I enjoyed the team's company : even the 'Bungee jumping' was a good night out!

Cyril G DeJonckheere.

Squads for 1992-93

This is one of the key functions of the Association and the mark of its success is coming home from Mini-Games with a medal in every event and the flush of wins at Home Countries International in the last few years. It does, however, take a lot of hard work, particularly on the part of the coaches.

What do they cost the Association? The training and coaching programmes are grant-aided and so we are able to offer travel assistance but we also have to cover the cost of hiring ranges and providing targets and any other equipment used at the sessions.

What do they cost the shooter? Approximately half your travel costs, your ammo and meals.

For the coming year, the Association will be organising three training squads.

The Intermediate Squad

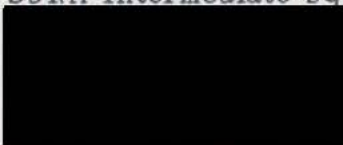
Formerly the Training Squad, this has been running for many years now with three or four sessions every winter at approximately monthly intervals and it's most satisfactory to think back to some of the earlier days when John Oliphant and Gordon Winch to name but two were in this group. However, in the last year or two, the squad coaches and Council have become very concerned that members seem to be regarding this as a group which can be attended on a one-off "come as you please" series of separate events. It has always been the coaches intention that the four sessions form a progressive programme and, while they recognise that family circumstances and other contingencies will mean that not all the members can attend all the sessions, the attendance patterns of the last two years has completely disrupted their planned programme.

This squad is intended to help shooters to realise ambitions beyond a recreational interest and to make a commitment to a shooting career. A particular aim is to help shooters new to outdoor shooting to get to grips with conditions and to get started with outdoor meetings.

For 1992-93, John Simpson, who is qualified as Coach Educator under the new GBTSF Coaching Scheme, will be organising the Intermediate Squad, with the assistance of other coaches. Dates are planned for the 6th December, 18th January, 15th February and another in March, still to be finalised. Sessions will be run at Linwood near Glasgow and Denwood in Aberdeen.

If you are interested in joining the Intermediate Squad and are prepared to make that commitment, then get in touch with John, SOON. Send him an outline of your shooting to date, to give him an idea of what stage you have reached, what aspects you enjoy most and what your goals are. Write to :

John Simpson,
SSRA Intermediate Squad Co-ordinator,



The Advanced Squad

Formerly known as the Team Squad, the Advanced Squad is directed towards shooters who have set their goals as reaching national teams and GB Squads in a two or three year timescale. The objects of this squad is to improve our national teams by focusing on the members of those teams, or shooters showing the potential to earn a place in those teams.

The Association seemed to focus more in the Training Squad in past years and only one or two sessions were run for the Team Squad, concentrating on dealing with wind and weather conditions at National Meetings and also inviting Ian Shirra-Gibb to work with 3-P shooters. Many of our best shooters do not train and rely on continuous competition, postal or otherwise, to maintain their performance standards. For the coming years, the Association

plans to broaden the interest of this squad for advanced shooters to help them train to improve beyond these levels.

Cyril De Jonckheere, also a Coach Educator, is taking over this squad and hopes very much for a positive response from suitable candidates with ambitions for an International shooting career who are prepared to commit themselves to a train. The Squad will focus on helping shooters in constructing their own development programme and working through them.

Cyril will be inviting shooters into this squad during the winter but if you particularly wish to be included or want to ensure you won't be overlooked, write to him, including your experience to date, with your personal bests, current goals and shooting plans up to the end of the next outdoor season.

Cyril G DeJonckheere,
SSRA Advanced Squad Co-ordinator,
[REDACTED]

The Games Squad

Commonwealth Games is the highest standard of competition available to shooters representing Scotland and this squad was formed in 1992 with the express purpose of preparing the shooters who will go to the next Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada in 1994. Already, they are less than two years away and final selection trials are less than one year away (Aug. 93). This squad is supported by Special Project funding from the Scottish Sports Council which has to be matched £-for-£.

Harry Milne has been appointed as Rifle Discipline Coach for the next Games and his plans for the squad are to provide training and match opportunities not otherwise available. Sessions will focus on the shooters own training programmes, including technical training, mental training, physiology, bio-mechanics, training and competition plans, etc.

The Association paper "Commonwealth Games, Information for Members" which was included in the June Newsletter set out the procedures for selecting the Games Squad and the Games team.

These squads are an important part of the Association work. Everyone can help support them by continuing to support the Association by subscribing and with your generosity when a fund-raiser comes your way.

A M Hamilton

Indoor meetings

Balerno & Currie, Sat - Sun, 31st Oct. and 1st Nov. Info & form on page 26!
Bruce McLean, [REDACTED]

Clachnacuddin, Fri - Sun, 13th - 15th Nov.
North of Scotland Indoor CHampionship (Open)
Mrs G Smith, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Watsonians, Sat - Sun, 29th -30th Nov. and 5th - 6th Dec.
David Nicoll, [REDACTED]

Bon Accord, Denwood, Mon - Sun, 1st - 7th Mar.
I E Baird, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Perth C & C, 1st weed-end of March (provisional)
I G Gray, [REDACTED]

Dumfries, Sat - Sun, 20th -21st Mar. (provisional)
C G DeJonckheere, [REDACTED]

**Denwood Shooting Centre
Update September, 1992**

The Centre is up and running. There are problems; some of the aspects of the building have still to be put right, the costs are higher than our estimates and there are difficulties in getting committed help for the regular running of the centre and maintenance. However, there is nothing we can see that cannot be overcome with a little effort. At the moment, an incredibly active but tiny team (Adam Gordon, Ian Baird and Bill Jaffray) do the bulk of the work with support from a dedicated few who help greatly as and when they can.

So what do we have and what's in it for you?

We have three ranges; Two outdoor ranges with 20 firing points and enormous all-weather canopies and individual spacing of 1.2 metres allowing us to mix LH and RH shooters and an indoor range designed to the highest specification.

The Number 1 range is on the old site and is certified for prone rifle only. The Target supports are designed to allow direct forward access and mixed 100 yards and 50 metres shooting simultaneously. Sockets are fixed for wind flags which can be either UIT 'strips' or NSRA 'wind-socks'.

The Number 2 range is of similar construction but it is certified for all .22" disciplines (PSK rifle and pistol) shooting at up to 50 metres.

The Number 3 range is an 8 point indoor range with individual booths for each shooter and variable intensity lighting at 25 yards. Again, the range is certified for all .22" disciplines. The pistol target holders are roof mounted and pull down for use and the air rifle and air pistol catchers swing down on beams.

All of these facilities are available to SSRA/NSRA affiliated shooters by arrangement. The Centre is administered by the Denwood Range Association although the resident club, Bon Accord, has control during the Winter season. The Association actively seeks other users and would welcome other Clubs or Associations who would like to use the facility on a one-off or regular basis.

The SSRA holds two of its Grand Prix meetings plus and two of its 3-P Grand Prix Meetings plus some of its training and coaching sessions at the Centre. The Aberdeen DSRA holds its own meetings and is changing the formats this year to appeal to a wider range of shooters. The Bon Accord club hold a week long Open Meetings during the Winter.

Sadly, we lack the money to complete the outdoor pistol facilities hence if you have ideas, please get in touch.

So if you fancy shooting here, keep an eye on the SSRA Calendar and Newsletters for the Meetings or telephone me to arrange a visit.

A warm welcome awaits you.

Jack Lavety,
Chairman, Denwood Range Association

Denwood Target Shooting Centre Foundation Club

Unfortunately, there has been virtually no activity in the Foundation Club since the Centre opened. It seems that we've all run out of steam. One suggestion has been that a winter competition is developed. Social events have also been aired as possibilities. We need a volunteer to organise the Club and competitions or whatever - is there anyone out there?

Please contact Jack or Adam on [REDACTED], evenings and week-ends.

**Scotland v Police Athletic Association
Lauder, Friday, 26th June, 1992**

This match was suggested during May and was quickly arranged for the Friday between the Police Championships, normally held on the Thursday preceeding the Scottish Meeting, and the start of the Championship Meeting. The NSRA very kindly gave us their permission to use the range, providing we did not get in the way of their final preparations. The suggested format was an English Match and a Scottish Match (60shots at 100yards) for teams of 6.

Team selection for the match was governed by those who were able to travel to Lauder for the day and who were also able to take a day off work at rather short notice.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, a team was formed and the match was scheduled for 10 o'clock. The P.A.A. team had all assembled early, as they were lodged locally for their meeting. By 10.00am, only five of the Scots team had arrived and were champing at the bit. It was beginning to look as though Anne, who had come to help with scoring and range duties, would have to get out her rifle. As she was on her way back from her car with her kit, the sixth man arrived, Alasdair Horne from Edinburgh. His target was already on the frames and the match got under way. Alasdair proceeded to get the team off to a flying start with a 198! The others took a little time to settle down but easily overcame the opposition's advantage of having shot on the range the day before to establish a comfortable lead after 50 metres.

After a short break for lunch and to review the scores, the match resumed at the 100 yards. The wind condition became markedly stiffer and scores progressed to double figures for each card and, while the Police recovered some form, the Scots won the 100 yards by 11 points.

Both teams expressed considerable satisfaction in the event and a wish that it be repeated annually.

English Match (50 metres)

Scotland

Alasdair Horne	2	7	2	11
Tom Hodgson	5	4	3	12
Alister Mackenzie	5	4	4	13
Bill Hamilton	9	5	2	16
Bill Vaughan	8	4	8	20
Gavin Lemon	13	5	9	27
	<u>42</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>99</u>

P.A.A.

P A Hatton	4	3	5	12
J Armstrong	8	3	5	16
R S West	10	4	3	17
W Long	11	7	4	22
A Germain	8	7	9	24
D Hudson	14	9	14	37
	<u>55</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>128</u>

Scottish Match (100 yards)

Scotland

Bill Hamilton	7	12	8	27
Tom Hodgson	11	9	13	33
Alasdair Horne	8	6	19	33
Alister Mackenzie	13	12	10	35
Gavin Lemon	15	11	12	38
Bill Vaughan	13	6	20	39
	<u>67</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>205</u>

P.A.A.

R S West	7	12	10	29
W Long	14	6	10	30
P A Hatton	11	8	11	30
J Armstrong	10	9	13	32
D Hudson	12	17	16	45
A Germain	20	12	18	50
	<u>74</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>216</u>

Match Total

304

Match Total

344

A M Hamilton

Lauder, 1992 Home-Countries International Matches

The Main Event

A Scotland team assembled in the SSRA tent which clearly had few doubts as to the outcome of the match. That was left to the spectators. Both England and Scotland fielded teams combining the old hands' experience in these matches with the awesome talent of the younger shooters. Scotland's scores at 50 metres established a 20 point lead, from which only 4 points were clawed back at the 100's. Celebrations after the presentation of prizes were led by Team Captain Stuart Guild who provided a bottle of the best to fill the cup.

<u>Scotland</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>		<u>England</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>	
T S Hastings	3	4	7	T A Lincoln	3	5	8
C G DeJonckheere	3	4	7	M Babb	1	8	9
J D A Oliphant	1	6	7	W G Doe	8	2	10
A F Mackenzie	2	6	8	T M Felce	5	5	10
H Milne	5	8	13	S K Aldhouse	5	6	11
G J B Winch	4	9	13	T Norman	7	9	16
T F Hodgson	6	8	14	G J Webb	10	7	17
W H J Mitchell	3	11	14	I J Smithurst	9	10	19
A A Reid	9	7	16	L J C Garnham	9	10	19
A S Bruce	9	14	23	B Rendle	8	11	19
	45	77	122		65	73	138

Women's Match

The Women's match brought a disappointment all too familiar, boats burned at the 50's making the edge gained on the 100's a shallow comfort. Undoubtedly this team was trying its best to win but the ladies have much to learn from the main team's successes. The ability is clearly there. The team just don't quite seem comfortable with the idea of committing themselves to win. As Yodda said, "Do or do not. There is no try." [from The Empire Strikes Back!]

<u>Scotland</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>		
Mrs S J Noble	13	9	22	Mrs I V Andrews	7	11	18
Miss L Buchanan	7	9	16	Mrs V R Measures	9	9	18
Mrs L D Marton	18p	6	24	Miss R E Ambrose	2	7	9
Dr P Littlechild	12	11	23	Mrs V Blow	5	7	12
Ms C M Palmer	15	4	19	Ms J P Baker	6	8	14
	65	39	104		29	42	71

Junior Match

A new event this year, only announced in the programme in May, was the Under-21 Home Countries International match. This left little time for planning any preparation or training and the match still came as a surprise to at least one team member, despite the note in the June Newsletter. Where are all the Under-21 male juniors? Not at Lauder this year!

For a team full of new caps there were no serious disasters but with Rachael Ambrose, a GB International, in their team, England had a bit of a head start. Just wait 'til next year.

<u>Scotland</u>	<u>50m100yd</u>			<u>England</u>	<u>50m100yd</u>		
Ms C M Palmer	15	4	19	Miss R E Ambrose	2	7	9
Miss S A Cust	8	14	22	Miss S E Norman	6	12	18
Miss P S Curtis	9	17	26	S J Clark	13	9	22
	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>67</u>		<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>49</u>

Freuchie '92

Once again, the Freuchie was run at the Scottish, taking up Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes with qualifying stages and the Thursday 4.30pm detail for the finals.

This year, places not taken up by members on the form in the Newsletter were made available to all competitors at Lauder, although the trophies, i.e. the Wilkinson Sword and the Sgian Dhu, would be confined to members. Take up of places prior to the Scottish was disappointing and eight of the 81 places were taken by "visitors". In the event, this considerably enriched the competition with some highly competitive ties. However, none of the "visitors" reached either final and this was completed at 4.30 on Thursday afternoon with a substantial gathering of spectators training scopes on the finalists' targets.

The semi-'s and finals went as follows :

<u>Semi-finals</u>		<u>Final</u>		<u>Winner</u>
John Buchanan	)			
John Oliphant	)	John Oliphant	)	
Tony Lincoln	)		)	
			)	
Trevor Hastings	)		)	
Ian Shanks	)	Ian Shanks	)	John Oliphant
Gordon Winch	)		)	The Wilkinson Sword
			)	
Bill Hamilton	)		)	
Cliff Ogle	)	Cliff Ogle	)	
Jim Cole-Hamilton	)		)	
		<u>C & D Final</u>		<u>C & D Winner</u>
		Carolyn Palmer	)	
		Ken Noble	)	Carolyn Palmer
		Andy Coates	)	The Sgian Dubh

Just beginning to show his form, John saw off the other finalists with minimum difficulty. Life member Adam Gordon was on hand to help adjudicate the finals targets and to present all finalists with their winnings, the Wilkinson Sword for John and the Sgian Dubh for Carolyn, with whisky prizes besides - half bottles of whisky for losing C & D finalists, whole bottles for the C & D winner and for the losing finalists and a bottle of malt for the winner. Losing semi-finalists had received consolation miniatures earlier in the day.

Some members at Lauder had raised with me the question of whether the competition should be open to a) non-members, and to b) non-Scots. This popular and testing competition is not subsidised in any form and the entry fees must cover its costs. Without a full entry list, the future of this competition is not secure. As organiser of this competition, I have taken steps which I consider necessary to keep it healthy in the face of falling interest from members. If you believe entry to the Freuchie should be confined or restricted, then I would ask you to give us your suggestions for encouraging more entries from members and to consider entering yourself. All members are given the opportunity to enter prior to the Scottish in the preceeding Newsletter. How about it?

Anne M Hamilton.

Drugs Correction - BRUFEN

In the June issue of this Newsletter, I listed drugs which should not be taken. I compiled my list from one issued to me from the Scottish Sports Council. Since then, I spotted an anomaly in the Sports Council list - Brufen was on TWO lists, one of banned substances and one which sportspersons may take. I raised this with the Scottish Sports Council Drugs Liaison Officer and found I was the first to report the problem. It seems that the banned list was older and referred to other forms of Brufen and had since been updated. Brufen is allowed so Nurofen and other Brufen products may be used, but watch for those combination remedies. My apologies for any confusion.

A M Hamilton.

Scotland v Army
Denwood, 25th and 26th July, 1992.

This year's annual match versus the Army took place at Denwood. The match date was fixed well in advance but late confirmation meant we had to select mainly people from the Aberdeen area. The Army arrived with a small team and so the Saturday match was agreed to be pairs events in 3P and in a double English Match.

3-P

<u>Scotland</u>		<u>Army</u>	
Trish Littlechild	1074	Cameron Ferguson	1069
Andy Coates	1069	Ally Aitken	1017
	<u>2,143</u>		<u>2,086</u>

Double English Match

<u>Scotland</u>				<u>Army</u>			
Trevor Hastings	590	582	1,172	Jack Lavety	589	574	1,163
Malcolm Catto	581	578	1,159	Jack's twin	589	574	1,163
			<u>2,331</u>				<u>2,326</u>
Colin Bruce	582	583	1,165	Tony Cheese	590	582	1,172
Sandy Reid	579	583	1,162	Sally McNeil	569	572	1,141
			<u>2,327</u>				<u>2,313</u>

So the honours went Scotlands way.

The lunchtime catering from Adam and Alison was superb. The barbecue and games night was also very successful and appetites were well satisfied.

Sunday dawned a much better day and, to make it a five-a-side match, Corporal DeJonckheere received the Queen's shilling! The Army had a slight lead after the 50's but Scotland came away strongly at 100 yards to take the honours again.

Double Dewar

<u>Scotland</u>				<u>Army</u>			
	<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>			<u>50m</u>	<u>100yd</u>	
Colin Bruce	387	390	777	Ally Aitken	386	373	759
Malcolm Catto	382	384	766	Cameron Ferguson	388	383	771
Jack Lavety	388	385	773	Corporal CGDeJ	387	394	781
Sandy Reid	382	384	766	Tony Cheese	391	383	774
Trevor Hastings	391	389	780	Sally McNeil	380	375	755
	<u>1,980</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>3,862</u>		<u>1,982</u>	<u>2,008</u>	<u>3,840</u>

After another spread of sandwiches and fruit from the Ace caterers, the various awards and speeches were made. Scotland retained both Quaichs, which will be held by top scores Trevor Hastings and Trish Littlechild.

I would like to thank the Denwood Range Association for all their assistance, including Harry for arranging last minute University accommodation. Their response to our request for aid at the last moment turned around a match facing cancellation and made it a most worthwhile and enjoyable event.

Cyril G DeJonckheere

McIntosh - Smith

"Mac" and the Treasurer are getting married on Friday, 9th October at Erskine Parish Church, Falkirk at 2.30 pm. Both have served on Council for several years and, as Treasurer, Shirley has done the Association sterling service. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Donald and Shirley every happiness and good fortune for their future together.

Mini-Games Trials
Linwood, 1st-2nd August, 1992.

Team Selection trials were held at Linwood. These trials were primarily to select the team for the Mini-Games but also provided an opportunity for trialists to record Commonwealth Games qualifying scores. The Mini-Games this year included women's events for the first time so the trials also featured these events. This made for a very full programme for the week-end, with an 8am start and 7pm finish for the officials on both days. As in previous years, the trials were held using automatic target changers, with all trialists firing a match each day. In variable conditions, only Alasdair Horne and Gordon Winch broke the 590 Q.S. in prone and Bill Murray was 8 points adrift of the 1143 Q.S. in the 3-P.

Men's Prone, Double English Match

1	G J B Winch	96	96	99	99	96	99	585	
		99	98	100	100	99	98	594QS	1179
2	W A Murray	98	98	98	98	96	98	586	
		99	98	97	98	98	99	589	1175
3	A F Mackenzie	98	97	98	99	98	97	587	
		97	97	97	100	97	95	583	1170
4	T F Hodgson	96	97	99	97	99	97	585	
		96	97	96	98	98	99	584	1169
5	W F Hamilton	99	98	94	98	97	98	584	
		96	98	97	96	98	97	582	1166
6	R Law	97	98	97	98	96	98	584	
		95	100	98	96	97	96	582	1166
7	D A M McIntosh	96	99	98	97	97	96	583	
		98	97	96	96	98	97	582	1165
8	J Cole-Hamilton	97	97	97	99	100	97	587	
		97	96	97	95	97	96	578	1165
9	W F Brown	96	95	97	97	95	98	578	
		98	99	95	98	100	94	584	1162
10	I Shanks	95	95	97	98	96	94	575	
		95	98	98	99	100	96	586	1161
11	A J Horne	88	94	95	96	97	99	569	
		97	100	98	100	96	100	591QS	1160
12	H Simpson, Jnr	96	95	97	95	98	98	579	
		95	96	96	98	96	96	577	1156

Men's 3-Positions, Double 3x40

1	R Law	97	97	99	97	390	94	97	96	99	386
		94	92	94	90	370	93	90	92	90	365
		94	90	95	95	374	90	96	93	96	375
						1,134					1,126
											2,260
2	WA Murray	98	97	97	97	389	99	97	97	98	391
		91	82	84	92	349	93	90	92	85	360
		97	96	97	95	385	95	96	95	98	384
						1,123					1,135
											2,258

3	DAM McIntosh	98	96	98	100	392	99	97	95	97	388	
		89	86	89	87	351	90	92	82	85	349	
		92	92	93	88	365	90	94	93	87	364	
						1,108					1,101	2,209
4	AM Coates	94	98	94	94	380	95	99	96	91	381	
		83	78	87	76	324	88	82	80	81	331	
		90	92	93	82	357	93	96	83	95	367	
						1,061					1,079	2,140
5	JR Silcox	95	98	96	97	386	97	95	97	97	386	
		80	89	86	82	337	84	82	79	71	316	
		85	86	80	88	339	91	95	92	89	367	
						1,062					1,069	2,131
6	NB Baker	94	96	96	94	380	94	96	98	97	385	
		72	71	80	75	298	72	62	68	67	269	
		87	91	87	90	355	84	83	89	83	339	
						1,033					993	2,026
7	D Kennedy-Moffat	100	97	96	95	388	94	98	96	97	385	
		71	76	71	62	280	49	64	76	72	261	
		80	76	75	77	308	82	75	69	79	305	
						976					951	1,927

Women's Prone, Double English Match

1	SJ Smith	95	98	99	97	95	96	580	
		99	97	98	96	94	96	580	1,160
2	SJ Noble	97	93	97	94	95	96	572	
		99	96	97	96	98	95	581	1,153
3	P Littlechild	96	98	99	97	92	94	576	
		97	96	97	95	97	94	576	1,152
4	LD Martin	97	93	96	96	97	92	571	
		95	98	97	94	94	96	574	1,145
5	J Thomson	96	94	96	94	97	94	571	
		95	94	96	98	95	97	575	1,146
6	LJ Marlow	96	98	94	94	95	93	570	
		94	97	97	86	93	95	562	1,132

Women's 3-Positions, Double 3x20

1	SJ Smith	96	94	190	85	86	171	95	93	188	549	
		96	96	192	88	86	174	93	97	190	556	1105
2	P Littlechild	93	98	191	84	93	177	92	95	187	555	
		98	94	192	87	85	172	87	89	176	540	1095
3	LJ Marlow	96	92	188	78	72	150	90	93	183	521	
		95	98	193	82	77	159	85	90	175	527	1048
4	J Thomson	95	96	191	76	67	143	87	85	172	506	
		95	99	194	74	62	136	87	88	175	505	1011

Eley Inter-Regional Match Bisley, 7th August, 1992.

The annual match among the NSRA's regional training squads is now supported by Eley, who issue ammunition to all team members for the match.

Over the years, the NSRA has come to recognise the SSRA as the administrators of their squads in Scotland and the Association were invited to nominate teams for this event. The major difficulty in recruiting teams, for which National Squad members are not eligible, in tagging the extra day onto travel and accommodation plans for the Bisley week and team places were offered to those who had an interest in National Squad Selection Trials later in the year.

The Scotland representatives performed well to win both the Men's and Women's 3-P. While the ladies achieved second place in the Women's prone, the "Men's" prone team, which included S J Smith [a concession from Eley to allow us to complete a team], were 2nd= with South-East and only 4 points out of 1800 behind Northern Ireland, who fielded a particularly strong threesome for this event.

The results give an interesting picture of the relative strengths of the various regional squads.

3-Position Rifle, Women (3x20), Pairs

1 Scotland												
P Littlechild	98	99	197	79	83	162	84	93	177	536		
S J Smith	100	98	198	85	90	175	97	98	195	568	1104	
2 South-East												
S Hartop	99	99	198	77	83	160	91	87	178	536		
J Nicholl	96	97	193	71	77	148	82	91	173	514	1050	
3 Yorkshire												
L Hughes	96	96	192	75	86	161	84	80	164	517		
J Hay	97	97	194	75	75	150	89	82	171	515	1032	
4 North-West												
A Roberts	95	98	193	52	43	95	89	78	167	455		
K Collins	99	99	198	79	85	164	82	90	172	534	989	

3-Position Rifle, Men (3x40), Pairs

1 Scotland												
D A M McIntosh	96	97	99	98	390	S J Smith	100	98	98	98	394	
	88	88	85	86	347		85	90	90	85	350	
	90	93	93	92	368		97	98	94	93	382	
					1,105						1,126	
											2,231	
2 Northern Ireland												
D Baker	96	98	99	99	392	A Lewis	98	100	100	95	393	
	86	85	83	88	342		82	89	89	87	347	
	90	92	95	95	372		92	92	92	90	366	
					1,106						1,106	
											2,212	
3 South-East												
R Wilson	95	97	98	100	390	A Cornish	98	99	96	97	390	
	84	76	81	78	319		92	84	90	91	357	
	90	93	95	88	366		94	97	95	94	380	
					1,075						1,127	
											2,202	

4 Yorkshire											
D Ball	99	100	95	97	391	A Stewart	99	97	97	97	390
	78	86	88	80	332		84	82	81	89	336
	89	94	96	93	372		91	95	91	90	367
					1,095						1,093
											2,188
5 North-West											
R Torkington	96	97	99	97	389	G McHugh	96	94	97	92	379
	87	76	83	79	325		90	89	90	88	357
	89	90	88	93	360		92	90	92	92	366
					1,074						1,102
											2,176
6 South-West											
T Higgs	95	96	97	98	386	D Minshall	97	100	97	100	394
	79	69	74	67	289		92	88	82	87	349
	86	83	80	83	332		76	93	92	92	353
					1,007						1,096
											2,103
7 Wales											
M Hopkins	97	97	97	97	388	A Evans	97	97	96	98	388
	85	87	86	86	344		85	49	75	83	292
	83	74	82	83	322		86	91	90	94	361
					1,054						1,041
											2,095
8 East Midlands											
M Rewston	91	93	94	94	372	S Maris	98	99	96	95	388
	65	81	85	85	316		76	83	79	84	322
	76	83	86	88	333		92	84	93	88	357
					1,021						1,067
											2,088

Prone Rifle, Women, Teams of 3

the 1990s, women, teams of 3							
1	North-West						
	H Doyle	98	96	99	98	99	588
	A Roberts	97	97	98	97	96	583
	K Collins	97	95	98	97	94	581
						100	1,752
2	Scotland						
	L Marlow	95	96	98	94	93	574
	S J Smith	100	98	98	98	99	587
	P Littlechild	96	97	95	97	95	577
						97	1,738
3	South-East						
	S Hartop	97	97	98	96	95	580
	J Nicholl	98	95	93	99	93	573
	J Burrows	96	99	94	95	97	579
						98	1,732
4	Yorkshire						
	L Hughes	98	96	98	94	91	569
	J Hay	96	98	98	97	98	583
	L Ball	96	97	93	92	97	570
						95	1,722

Prone Rifle, Men, Teams of 3

1	Northern Ireland						
	D Baker	96	98	99	99	99	590
	A Lewis	98	100	100	95	97	585
	G Duff	98	100	97	99	98	591
							1,766
2	South-East						
	G Hawarth	96	100	98	100	99	591
	R Wilson	95	97	98	100	100	587
	A Cornish	98	99	96	97	98	584
							1,762
	Scotland						
	W F Hamilton	99	99	98	97	98	590
	S J Smith	100	98	98	98	94	587
	D A M McIntosh	96	97	99	98	100	585
							1,762
4	Wales						
	A Germain	100	97	98	100	98	588
	M Fox	97	96	96	94	98	580
	N Peters	100	99	99	95	100	591
							1,759
5	East Midlands						
	C Blow	97	97	99	97	99	589
	P Kellam	99	97	99	100	100	591
	P Crowther	96	93	96	98	97	578
							1,758
6	Extreme South-West						
	L Devine	100	99	96	96	99	588
	A Daniels	95	100	98	97	98	586
	G Taylor	97	96	95	96	97	578
							1,752
7	South-West						
	F Hagan	98	96	96	92	98	579
	J Mills	98	97	97	98	93	578
	A Bally	98	99	99	98	98	592
							1,749
8	West Midlands						
	P Faulkner	92	97	97	96	97	572
	P Faulkner, Jnr	98	100	99	97	98	587
	M Clewer	98	94	98	94	95	572
							1,731

Important Qualifying Score Erratum

Bill Murray has pointed out that three different scores have been published as 3-P qualifying scores for 1994 Commonwealth Games in various papers and notes.

The correct qualifying score for
3-Positions (3x40) is 1143 x 1200.

We apologise for any confusion and inconvenience. The prone qualifying score is 590x600. We hope to set Women's qualifying scores soon.

AMH

Bisley '92

Home Countries 3-Position International Match

The 3-P International match is fired concurrently with the 3-P 3x40 Championship competition on Saturday. The 3-P at Bisley is shot on Century where the conditions, in terms of 3-P shooting, are downright intimidating. Well done, Robin. 1140 won the British 3-P Championship.

<u>Scotland</u>	<u>Prone</u>			<u>Standing</u>			<u>Kneeling</u>			
R Law	198	199	397	184	179	363	188	192	380	1,140
R A Sellar	194	195	389	182	183	365	182	183	365	1,119
W A Murray	194	193	387	177	173	350	190	191	381	1,118
<u>Team Total</u>										<u>3,377</u>

<u>Northern Ireland</u>		<u>England</u>		<u>Wales</u>	
C W C Ogle	1127	M Bagot	1111	Ms J Malcolm	1110
A Lewis	1113	S Ross	1111	Ms S Hartop	1090
D Baker	1100	T Langridge	1112	M D Hopkins	1077
	<u>3,340</u>		<u>3,334</u>		<u>3,277</u>

Home Countries International Match

<u>Scotland</u>			
J D A Oliphant	6	7	13
G J B Winch	4	4	8
I A Kerr	6	11	17
R Law	6	10	16
W F Brown	7	12	19
W A Murray	9	11	20
A F Mackenzie	7	10	17
C G DeJonckheere	9	9	18
W F Hamilton	7	12	19
Mrs G Adams	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>
	75	98	173

<u>Northern Ireland</u>			
C W C Ogle	4	12	16
D Baker	1	9	10
R Conway	7	15p	22
C P Cobb	11	8	19
D Lattimore	10	12	22
M Stevenson	7	12	19
E Charlton	7	13	20
G Duff	3	11	14
F Gardiner	7	11	18
B Davis	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
	70	118	188

<u>Wales</u>			
W J Dallimore	5	10	15
C Harris	5	10	15
T H Wakefield	6	5	11
P N Peters	6	11	17
N Cox	14	9	23
W H Watkins	12	18	30
P A Donovan	10	14	24
H C Taylor	4	8	12
D Thomas	13	13	26
R Hughes	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>24</u>
	89	108	197

<u>England</u>			
M J N Bagot	5	14	19
S Ross	4	12	16
J A Cornish	5	10	15
F T Renaj	12	13	25
A K Pearse	6	13	19
J Stern	10	11	21
A J Perry	9	13	22
B A Woodall	11	11	22
A T Campbell	9	14	23
T A Lincoln	<u>12p</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>
	83	120	203

<u>Jersey</u>			
S LeCouillard	12	16	28
P Ryan	5	9	14
R Mallet	14	14	28
B DeGruchy	9	12	21
G Proctor	10	13	23
Miss M Clayden	11	10	21
M LeMotte	21	36	57
J Renouf	17	21	38
P Quimby	13	11	24
T LeCornu	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>
	130	153	283

Theories for the dramatic collapse of the England team are rife but none detract from the superb performance of the Scotland team which was based on the fact that all the team were there to win.

Conditions were difficult, but moreso for some than others. The Scotland team shot without wind coaches in conditions which changed faster than they could be called.

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OBITUARY

England Smallbore Rifle Team

After a long illness and declining health, the England shooting team finally expired today. The achievements of its long and vigorous life are too many and boring to mention, but include coming second in the Home Countries International at the Scottish Meeting on a number of occasions.

Its passing was being mourned outwardly this evening, particularly by its Celtic adversaries who interrupted their festivities to point out that the trouble with an opponent dying is that you can only celebrate it once.

The end came peacefully, on the firing point at Bisley at about 3.30 pm on Friday the 14th of August 1992. The best efforts of some of the finest wind-surgeons in the country proved unequal to the task of reviving the patient and at 4.30 the scorers switched off the life-support machine and the death certificate was signed.

The team's last words: "Wait - go - wait" will be remembered in the history books as the despairing gasps of one who sees the end in all its bleak suffering, a just retribution for a lifetime of cruelty and oppression.

Already rumours are circulating in some circles that, in spite of the clinical pronouncement of death, a certain Dr. Frankenstein, Jr., has been called in to deep freeze the team in an attempt to find a cure for its chronically bad shooting some time in the distant future.

And the story gets even more bizarre: reports from undisclosed sources state that the team's stainless steel barrels have been bugged with a mysterious metallic virus, nicknamed McMichaelangelo, which is timed to strike during the Home Countries International every year until the end of the Millennium.

As Shakespeare said: We came to bury them, not to praise them.

Home Countries Women's International Match

Scotland			
Dr P Littlechild	15	8	23
Mrs G Adam	4	12	26
Miss L Buchanan	13	14	27
Mrs S J Noble	15	13	28
Mrs L D Martin	20	19	39
	77	66	143

England			
Miss D L Holland	7	10	17
Mrs E M Johnson	7	11	18
Miss J P Baker	10	16	26
Mrs S J Postlethwaite	10	16	26
Mrs K L Morton	15	21	36
	49	74	123

Wales			
Mrs M E Harris	9	23	32
Miss S C Hartop	10	23	33
Miss C Dallimore	24	19	43
Miss J A Malcolm	21	25	46
Mrs K Phelps	26	32	58
	90	122	212

It was a pleasure to see a third team in this match again. It has been a two horse race too long. Scotland stumbled badly at 50 metres and gave England a lead impossible to catch at 100 yards.

Home Countries Under-21 International Match

England			
R E Ambrose	5	10	15
C M Graham	9	9	18
K N Gibbons	7	13	20
	21	32	53

Wales			
D Phelps	12	18	30
J Brekke	13	21	34
S Fulgoni	17	32	49
	42	71	113

Scotland			
R A Ronnie	16	18	34
I Mackenzie	53	34	87
(did not shoot)	200	200	400
	521		

Foiled at the last moment by problems with telephone messages, Scotland failed to raise a full team for this match. Only Ruth Ronnie and Ian Mackenzie stayed on at Bisley for the week, all other U-21's having fled after the week-end.

Postal English Match

Medals for this competition will be distributed at the AGM.

A Class

J J Thompson	Bury	99	99	99	99	99	100	595
Mrs G R Henderson	Bury	100	98	99	99	100	97	593
Ian Shanks	Bon Accord	98	98	99	96	98	99	588
Alister Mackenzie	Stirling R I	95	97	100	99	96	99	586
Bill Hamilton	Watsonians	98	97	99	98	97	97	586
Jim Hind	Balerno & Currie	98	92	99	97	99	98	583
Lucy Martin	Marlow	98	98	99	98	93	97	583
A Beck	Bury	98	98	98	98	97	94	583
Bruce McLean	Balerno & Currie	96	98	94	95	95	95	573
Peter May	Balerno & Currie	95	94	97	95	91	95	567

B Class

Janis Thomson	Appleton	99	91	97	97	94	95	573
S M Henderson	Bury	92	96	98	92	96	92	566

C Class

Linda Steele	Balerno & Currie	92	93	94	96	92	90	557
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COMMONWEALTH SHOOTING FEDERATION
(European Division) Championships
(a.k.a. Mini-Games)
25th - 28th September, 1992

Small-bore & Air Rifle Discipline Manager Bill Hamilton writes :

Trials were held earlier this year and the following teams travelled to Northern Ireland for the 'Mini-Games' :

Men's Prone
Gordon Winch
Bill Murray
Alister Mackenzie
Tom Hodgson

Men's 3-P
Robin Law
Bill Murray
Donald McIntosh
Andrew Coates

Air Rifle
David Rattray
Robin Law
Bill Murray
Gordon Winch

Women's Prone
Shirley Smith
Tricia Littlechild

Women's 3-P
Shirley Smith
Tricia Littlechild

Coach : Harry Milne
Manager/gofer :
Bill Hamilton

I'll skip the travelogue, suffice to say that we all arrived at the small-bore range at Comber, a little south-east of Belfast, on the Friday afternoon, where practice facilities were available. The small-bore team trained for an hour or so on the outdoor range, and Robin Law and David Rattray practised air rifle indoors, after which we went to deposit our weapons with the local constabulary in a police station not far from the hotel. We had to do this each evening for overnight storage and collect them again in the morning.

After checking-in at the Stormont Hotel, where the entire 35-strong Scottish team was staying, we attended a reception hosted by the Northern Ireland Sports Council in Belfast for the competitors of all the participating countries. After this, I attended the managers' meeting where the firing-point draws for all the squadded competitions were made. It was announced then that equipment control for the 3-Positions competition next morning would not be a formal affair, but spot-checks would be made. This was because the storage and collection arrangements with the RUC had only just been completed, and it was judged that there would be insufficient time for all the participants to collect their weapons and still allow time for the pre-competition weapons control session.

The 3-P got under way at 0930 on a cool and overcast Saturday morning, with a light wind from the front right. It was to get cooler throughout the day. After the prone, Murray and Law led with 395 and 393 with NI's Ogle lurking on 393 as well. However, the standing, as is usually the case, produced a completely different leader-board, and it was Robin Law who came through to lead by 19 with a 370. Murray slipped back to 4th with a 343 and three Englishmen (Potts, Langridge and Parr), came through to take 2nd, 3rd and 5th spots. Donald McIntosh had a 344 to take 6th, and positions 2 - 6 were only separated by 9 points. Ogle appeared to be out of it with a 333. The best kneeling went to England's Ian Potts with 380, but Robin Law's 377 was quite sufficient to give him the Gold on 1140. Potts maintained his second place with 1124, and Langridge his third place with 1120. After the standing, Bill Murray was hopeful that his kneeling would boost his position into the medals, but it was not to be as the cold got to him and he lost several shots due to involuntary let-offs just because of shivering. He estimated that cost him at least 10 points, and his eventual score of 1115 and 4th place was very disappointing both to himself and to the team, who had been counting on Bill for a medal! Donald McIntosh finished with 379 kneeling for 1114, one point behind Murray, and 5th place. Three in the top five isn't bad though. Our fourth competitor in this event, Andy Coates, is a relative newcomer, and, apart from shooting in the much more informal match against the Army earlier in the season, this was his first big representative match. He shot a little below his average,

but achieved his stated aim of 'not coming last' by a considerable margin. One to watch for the future, and this was an extremely useful experience for him.

The Women's 3-P match, which consists of 20 shots in each position, was shot concurrently with the two standing and the first kneeling details of the Men's 3-P competition. Both our competitors started off neck-and-neck, with 195's prone and 166 for Trish and 167 for Shirley in the standing. However this put then only 4th and 5th at this point and really good kneeling would be required to lift them into the medals. Shirley, who had been very disappointed with her standing, proceeded to do exactly that and shot a super 190 for a total of 552. This tied for 2nd place with England's Lindsay Volpin but Shirley's last kneeling string of 94 was good enough to give her the silver medal, with Julie Malcolm of Wales out in front with 560 to take Gold. Trish came in a creditable 5th with 547. Two medals in the bag after two comps.

The Air Rifle was being shot at the Downshire Club in Hillsborough as an unsquadded competition due to the large numbers of 3-P-ers doubling up. We had two such and they shot AR on Sunday. Our other two, David Rattray and Gordon Winch, shot on Saturday morning. David is a specialist in this discipline and had won this event at each of the two previous games, so we were expecting big things from him. He came back with a 576, well below his best, and he was not happy about it. Gordon shot a 553 which he was personally quite satisfied with, but would get nowhere near the medals. David was resigned to seeing his crown disappearing England's way as they had a pretty strong team. Our hope was that Robin Law would keep it in Scotland. However, the English stars one by one dropped below David's score, and even Robin failed to make the top three. The last detail came with Bill Murray to shoot. He started off steadily with 96, 95, 96 but would have to improve on that slightly to get a medal. He was shooting slowly, and realised he would have to speed up. The next string was 91 - disaster. The next was a 94, and the manager was resigning himself to an also-ran placing. However, Bill had other ideas, and shot a superb 98 for his last string to count-out England's Eric Lively for a third place. Gold and Bronze - over-the-moon time!

That all took place on Sunday afternoon, after the Prone events in the morning. We had high hopes of medals here too, with all our team in good form. The start was delayed by about an hour due to misty conditions, but the delay was not announced until the preparation period had commenced and the shooters had had a chance to look through their sights. A delay of one hour was unilaterally decided by the range officials, but after 45 minutes, as some shooters wanted to commence and some did not, a meeting of all the team managers decided that shooting would commence immediately. Conditions had improved marginally but some competitors were still not happy. All the Scots shooters had wanted to start though (previous experience at Wick, Perhaps?).

In the Men's event, all our team members were struggling to keep up with the pace except Gordon Winch, who finished second on 592, one point behind Jersey's Steve Le Couillard and counting-out John Dallimore of Wales with a 99 on his last string. Alistair Mackenzie was 7th on 588, Bill Murray 9th on 587, and Tom Hodgson 10th also on 587. Getting all our men in the top ten was an improvement over the English, who were 6th, 8th, 16th and 17th! ANOTHER medal.

The Women were shooting concurrently, and our team of two were keen to get in the medals. Previous form had put Shirley Smith slightly ahead of Trish Littlechild, but in the end it was Trish who came good, finishing second with 586 behind Wales' Sarah Hartop on 590. Trish's second card of 182 let her down. Shirley started off below expectations and, although she picked up in the middle card, she could not maintain the momentum and finished 5th on 583. Trish was overjoyed, as we all were at her success. If she ever manages not to get too nervous when she starts scoring well, then she'll be a force to be reckoned with.

The Scottish Small-bore and Air Rifle teams won six medals : two Golds, three Silvers and one Bronze, and ended up the most successful section of the Scotland party. The others were a Silver in the rapid-fire pistol and a Bronze in the centre-fire pistol competitions. Scotland were second in the medal table, with 8 to England's fifteen.

The only sour note came at the presentation of the medals at the banquet on Sunday evening. As the presentation wore on, it became obvious that no medals were going to be presented for the Women's prone event, and, right at the end, almost as an afterthought, engraved glass tankards were presented to the top three. This came as a bitter disappointment to Trish Littlechild, as no warning of this had been given to us, and she was, naturally enough, expecting the same award as all the other successful shooters. The story given was that, as Women's Prone is a new event in the NEXT Commonwealth Games, it had no CURRENT status, and was being run as an 'unofficial' event. This was news to us. Representations are being made to the NI organisers to produce a medal for Trish.

Apart from that, the whole trip was a most enjoyable and successful experience, and I congratulate the winners. Next year's event will be held at Bisley.

W F Hamilton

3 Positions Rifle, Men (19 competitors)

1 R Law	Scotland	393	370	377	1,140
2 I J Potts	England	392	352	380	1,124
3 T Langridge	England	391	348	381	1,120
4 W Murray	Scotland	395	343	377	1,115
5 D McIntosh	Scotland	391	344	379	1,114
14 A M Coates	Scotland	381	306	361	1,048

Prone Rifle, Men (24 competitors)

1 S LeCouillard	Jersey	100	99	96	100	100	98	593
2 G Winch	Scotland	99	98	100	98	98	99	592
3 J Dallimore	Wales	99	100	99	98	98	98	592
7 A Mackenzie	Scotland	98	99	97	99	98	97	588
9 W A Murray	Scotland	96	98	99	98	97	99	587
10 T F Hodgson	Scotland	97	97	98	100	97	98	587

3 Positions Rifle, Women (8 competitors)

1 J Malcolm	Wales	191	178	191	560
2 S J Smith	Scotland	195	167	190	552
3 L Volpin	England	195	178	179	552
5 P Littlechild	Scotland	195	166	186	547

Prone Rifle, Women (12 competitors)

1 S Hartop	Wales	98	98	97	98	100	99	590
2 P Littlechild	Scotland	100	98	95	97	99	97	586
3 M Heaney	N Ireland	97	97	97	97	97	99	584
5 S Smith	Scotland	97	96	97	100	97	96	583

Air Rifle, Men (19 competitors)

1 D Rattray	Scotland	95	95	96	97	94	99	576
2 D C Froggett	England	96	96	93	97	93	97	572
3 W A Murray	Scotland	96	94	96	91	94	98	569
5 R Law	Scotland	92	96	96	94	94	96	568
10 G Winch	Scotland	90	91	96	93	95	88	553

Air Rifle, Women (7 competitors)

1 H Jones	England	93	96	94	97	380
2 F Theofanous	Cyprus	91	97	97	95	380
3 L Bryce	England	93	94	96	94	377

[No Scots entry.]

The SSRA 100 Club

The 100 Club is still producing pleasant surprises for members. The last winners update was in the January Newsletter which reported a December win by Tom Hodgson of Dumfries. The two preceeding months had drawn unsold numbers and these prizes were carried forward into Tom's prize of £75!

The winners since then are :

January	G A Lawson	Berwick	£27.60
February	P A Oatley	St Andrews	£33.60
March	no winner	prize carried forward	
April	no winner	prize carried forward	
May	no winner	prize carried forward	
June	R Brian	K & M	<u>£129.60</u>
July	no winner	prize carried forward	
August	D Warren	K & M	<u>£61.80</u>
September	W F Brown	Cuckfield	£30.00

The October draw will be made at the AGM. Members are invited to take part in the monthly draw by staking £1 per number per month. 60% of each month's income is returned as the prize. You may join in at any time for up to one year ahead and it's not too late to buy one of the available tickets to be included in the AGM draw.

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association Application to SSRA 100 Club Membership

Name _____ How many numbers? _____

Address _____ How many months? _____
(3, 6, 9 or 12)

_____ Start on month _____

Fee £# _____
(payable to S.S.R.A.)

Postcode _____

SSRA Membership No. _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Send application and remittance to :

D Sheridan, [REDACTED]

Scotland v North Island, NZ

Scores arrived promptly from New Zealand as soon as they had completed their leg of the match. Scotland has now clinched 4 wins in a row and lead the series by 11 wins to 8.

Both teams improved considerably on last year's scores but are still behind the higher scores of 1990 [Scotland 5944, North Island 5924] when the 1989 series targets were first used. Grant Taylor of North Island has the distinction of making the only 400 in this match on the new targets.

This year's scores follow, with the rightmost column showing the score difference between corresponding team members.

<u>Scotland</u>		<u>North Island</u>						dif.
H Simpson, Jnr	397	S Aspden	98	100	99	100	397	0
J Lavety	397	R McNair	99	98	100	99	396	1
T Kidner	396	R Mason	98	99	97	100	394	2
A J Horne	396	G Taylor	97	99	99	99	394	2
W F Brown	395	G Casey	99	100	98	97	394	1
A Gordon	395	K Summerhays	98	97	99	99	393	2
A F Mackenzie	395	L Arthur	99	97	98	98	392	3
W F Hamilton	394	K Burt	97	96	100	98	391	3
D Garrow	394	K Clifton	97	97	99	98	391	3
H Milne	394	J Brinkworth	99	98	96	98	391	3
R Law	394	R Caie	97	100	99	95	391	3
N G Lemon	392	A Dixon	100	98	96	96	390	2
W Moonie	390	J Cockerill	97	99	95	98	389	1
C G DeJonckheere	389	G Brinkworth	98	97	97	96	388	1
I Shanks	387	D Gibbs	95	93	96	95	379	8
<u>Team Total</u>	<u>5,905</u>	<u>Team Total</u>					<u>5,870</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Reserves</u>		<u>Reserves</u>						
C I H Thomson	387	G Lister	96	95	96	97	384	
T F Hodgson	391	M Haycock	97	96	99	99	391	

J P (Phil) Liddell. 1906-1992

With great sadness, we record the death of Phil Liddell in early July. Phil died at home in Hexham, where he lived as a bachelor, soon after returning home from hospital where he was treated for the poor health which caused him to miss his first "Scottish" for a very long time.

Phil lived in Central Scotland for many years and was a member of Falkirk Lord Roberts. Although not a native Scot, Phil adopted Scotland and was one of our oldest and longest members. While he was not active in this Association, he was very prominent in the committees of Hexham R.B.L. Rifle Club, of the Northumberland County Association and of the British Left-Handed Shooters' Association and maintained his participation in shooting until his final illness, making annual visits to both the Scottish and Bisley.

Once met, Phil was an unforgettable character, kind, witty and clever, with wide interests ranging from shooting to astronomy and economics. He is already sadly missed.

AMH

Association Clothing Order Form

All the items listed below are in stock, apart from the bargain lambswool sweater which is the last one. Unfortunately, due to the sizes of order we have to place for specially embroidered items such as this, and pay for, further stocks will not be ordered until other items are sold in such quantities as to allow us to afford it and also to make space in my spare room! We are a sports association, not a department store. Apart from that we try to meet members' needs. Let us know what you would be interested in.

Have you checked out the elbows on your sweatshirt recently? Are there gravy stains on your tie? Do you need a new one?

		Price	Qty	Amount
Sweatshirts (Blue with white logo)	S	£10.00		
	M	£10.00		
	L	£12.00		
	XL	£12.00		
T-shirts (White with blue logo)	S	£6.00		
	M	£6.00		
	L	£6.00		
	XL	£6.00		
Coat badges	wire-embroidery	£7.50		
	thread-embroidery	£4.00		
Tie with woven-in design		£6.00		
Decals		0.50p		
Embroidered Lambswool Sweater, Navy 1 ONLY Small £10.00				
Post & Packing (£1 per sweatshirt, 75p per T-shirt or tie)				
Total remittance				

Please send me the above items.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £_____

Please send goods to _____

3-P Grand Prix Series Results and Points Tables

* : Expert class, all others Inexpert class

SSRA 3-P GP I, Denwood, 24th May, 1992.

		Prone	Standing	Kneeling	AggPts
R Law	SRI *	99 98 98 97 392	91 95 93 94 373	94 95 95 98 382	1147 9
C W C Ogle	EUA *	97 98 99 99 393	89 83 87 85 344	95 94 94 92 375	1112 6
R A Sellar	Wats*	96 97 99 97 389	84 83 88 84 339	96 95 95 96 382	1110 4
D A M McIntosh	EUA *	100 96 98 98 392	90 83 86 81 340	93 95 89 93 370	1102 3
S J Smith	EUA *	97 97 94 96 384	88 90 84 82 344	85 90 91 90 356	1084 2
J R Silcox	QVS	95 94 98 97 384	79 83 81 88 331	84 90 86 91 351	1066 1
P Littlechild	EUA	92 96 93 94 375	83 81 82 74 320	92 88 89 92 361	1056
N B Baker	Wats	97 97 96 96 386	70 75 76 79 300	93 88 89 85 355	1041
LJ Marlow	EUA	94 99 92 95 380	75 81 70 79 305	86 83 89 85 343	1028
J Thomson	Appl	95 95 96 93 379	81 75 76 72 304	81 85 84 85 335	1018
S MacDonald	AUSA	93 90 93 94 370	77 75 63 73 288	81 91 83 85 340	998
D Kennedy-Moffat	Dumf	97 95 94 94 380	74 56 65 78 273	81 67 82 79 309	962

Winners :

Expert/Open

3x40, Standing and Kneeling

R Law, SRI

2nd 3x40 C W C Ogle, EUA

3rd 3x40 R A Sellar, Watsonians

Inexpert

3x40 J R Silcox, QVS

2nd 3x40 P Littlechild, EUA

3rd 3x40 N B Baker, Watsonians

SSRA 3-P GP II, Linwood, 20th June, 1992.

		Prone	Standing	Kneeling	AggPts
S J Smith	EUA *	96 98 96 99 389	88 87 86 81 342	95 97 96 97 385	1116 9
R A Sellar	Wats*	97 98 99 97 391	89 93 89 88 359	89 90 92 93 364	1114 6
J Thomson	Appl	93 96 95 95 379	81 87 89 82 339	94 87 90 88 359	1077 4
AM Coates	Wats	93 92 97 98 380	74 84 79 81 318	87 95 94 92 368	1066 3
J R Silcox	QVS	93 92 96 97 378	76 82 70 83 311	92 92 91 97 372	1061 2
P Littlechild	EUA	95 96 96 96 383	76 81 74 83 314	89 85 90 91 355	1052 1
LJ Marlow	EUA	96 95 98 98 387	67 65 79 76 287	88 91 89 89 357	1031
S MacDonald	AUSA	95 97 96 95 383	68 78 70 68 284	84 88 94 87 353	1020
N B Baker	Wats	96 95 95 96 382	64 69 74 72 279	89 90 88 90 357	1018
WF Hamilton	Wats	96 98 99 98 391	76 63 70 84 293	80 83 80 83 326	1010
D Kennedy-Moffat	Dumf	93 96 97 96 382	69 62 64 61 256	79 80 83 87 329	967

Winners :

Expert/Open

3x40 and Kneeling SJ Smith, EUA

2nd 3x40 and Standing

RA Sellar, Watsonians

3rd 3x40 J Thomson, Appleton

Inexpert

3x40 J Thomson, Appleton

2nd 3x40 AM Coates, Watsonians

3rd 3x40 JR Silcox, QVS

SSRA 3-P GP III, Linwood, 12th July, 1992.

		Prone	Standing	Kneeling	AggPts
R Law	SRI *	91 96 97 97 381	86 89 96 89 360	94 94 96 93 377	1118 9
R A Sellar	Wats*	97 95 95 99 386	87 84 86 90 347	87 94 95 92 368	1101 6
CWC Ogle	EUA *	96 97 98 93 384	89 81 83 90 343	91 94 97 89 371	1098 4
DAM McIntosh	EUA *	96 96 98 96 386	84 88 86 82 340	95 93 92 89 369	1095 3
S J Smith	EUA *	97 96 96 91 380	87 84 80 85 336	94 93 90 94 371	1087 2
AM Coates	Wats	96 94 90 95 375	76 78 78 86 318	91 88 89 91 359	1052 1
LJ Marlow	EUA	96 95 89 91 371	77 79 83 71 310	91 90 96 90 367	1048
EJ Jones	R-R(	94 98 96 91 379	69 84 73 76 302	78 90 88 92 348	1029
J Thomson	Appl	93 98 97 93 381	76 76 66 75 293	90 85 89 88 352	1026
J R Silcox	QVS	95 94 96 90 375	70 78 75 84 307	78 87 87 87 339	1021
D Kennedy-Moffat	Dumf	90 92 93 94 369	79 62 70 67 278	78 76 83 73 310	957

SSRA 3-P GP III, Linwood, 12th July, 1992. cont'd/

Winners :

Expert/Open	Inexpert
3x40, Standing and Kneeling	3x40 AM Coates, Watsonians
R Law, SRI	2nd 3x40 LJ Marlow, EUA
2nd 3x40 RA Sellar, Watsonians	3rd 3x40 EJ Jones, Rolls-Royce(EK)
3rd 3x40 CWC Ogle, EUA	

SSRA 3-P GP VI, Denwood, 22nd Aug., 1992.

		Prone	Standing	Kneeling	AggPts
R Law	SRI *	98 98 98 99 393	86 86 89 91 352	95 95 89 84 363	1108 9
CWC Ogle	EUA *	98 99 99 98 394	87 90 84 88 349	90 92 94 86 362	1105 6
DAM McIntosh	EUA *	97 95 95 96 383	81 88 89 86 344	90 86 91 90 357	1084 4
R A Sellar	Wat *	96 98 97 95 386	84 85 83 84 336	90 93 87 88 358	1080 3
S J Smith	EUA *	95 97 95 96 383	78 84 82 85 329	90 91 87 96 364	1076 2
LJ Marlow	EUA	97 96 96 96 385	82 81 81 84 328	88 88 93 93 362	1075 1
AM Coates	Wat	91 93 99 99 382	73 75 82 85 315	88 89 84 89 350	1047
NB Baker	Wat	94 97 96 91 378	78 73 83 79 313	89 84 93 87 353	1044
P Littlechild	EUA	93 96 96 91 376	77 84 80 84 325	85 82 83 83 333	1034
J Thomson	App	90 98 97 96 381	72 71 82 80 305	81 85 86 83 335	1021
EJ Jones	R-R	95 95 95 93 378	72 71 68 71 282	90 69 77 73 309	969
S MacDonald	Wat	96 91 95 88 370	68 65 61 73 267	80 81 77 82 320	957
D Kennedy-Moffat	Dum	93 94 92 94 373	70 71 69 63 273	74 63 82 75 294	940

Winners :

Expert/Open	Inexpert
3x40 and Standing R Law, SRI	3x40 LJ Marlow, EUA
2nd 3x40 CWC Ogle, EUA	2nd 3x40 AM Coates, Watsonians
3rd 3x40 DAM McIntosh, EUA	3rd 3x40 NB Baker, Watsonians
Kneeling SJ Smith, EUA	

1992 3P GP Order of Merit

		Denwood 3pGP1	Linwood 3pGP2	Linwood 3pGP3	Denwood 3pGP4	Total
R Law	* SRI	1147SK 9		1118SK 9	1108S 9	27
R A Sellar	* Watsonians	1110 4	1114S 6	1101 6	1080 3	19
C W C Ogle	* EUA	1112 6		1098 4	1105 6	16
S J Smith	* EUA	1084 2	1116K 9	1087 2	1076K 2	15
D A M McIntosh	* EUA	1102 3		1095 3	1084 4	10
J Thomson	Appleton	1018	1077I 4	1026	1021	4
AM Coates	Watsonians		1066 3	1052I 1	1047	4
J R Silcox	QVS	1066I 1	1061 2	1021		3
P Littlechild	EUA	1056	1052 1		1034	1
LJ Marlow	EUA	1028	1031	1048	1075I 1	1
NB Baker	Watsonians	1041	1018		1044	
S MacDonald	Watsonians	998	1020		957	
D Kennedy-Moffat	Dumfries	962	967	957	940	
WF Hamilton	Watsonians		1010			
EJ Jones	R_Royce(EK)			1029	969	

* : Expert class, all others are inexpert class.

S, K and I denote winners in Standing, Kneeling and Inexpert

The introduction of an expert classification this season has effectively created two classes for this competition. "Experts" are not eligible for the concurrent inexpert competition. This has generated a great deal of interest and motivation among the inexpert shooters. Why not come and try?

Final Grand Prix Points Tables

Grand Prix Finals x600

Denwood Linwood CaithnesNorthernGagie Tot.
Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco PtsPts

Winch, GJB	Bon Accord	<u>593</u> 15		<u>592</u> 15	588 12		42
Ogle, CWC	E U A		588 8	591 12	588 8	591 12	40
Knowles, JN	Ardeer	<u>590</u> 8	<u>592</u> 15		586 4	586 3	30
Simpson, Jnr, H	Wick O S			586 2	588 10	<u>592</u> 15	27
DeJonckheere, CG	Dumfries		589 10	589 10	584 2	581 2	24
Hamilton, WF	Watsonians	<u>591</u> 10		587 4	587 6		20
Mackenzie, AF	S R I	586 2		588 8	587 5	587 5	20
Shanks, I	Bon Accord	587 4		586 3		589 10	17
Lavety, J	Bon Accord				588 15		15
Cole-Hamilton, J	Bon Accord	<u>592</u> 12					12
Law, R	S R I	589 6		587 6			12
Oliphant, JDA	Basildon		<u>590</u> 12				12
Horne, AJ	Bal & Cur		585 4			587 6	10
Bruce, AS	S R I		582 1			588 8	9
McIntosh, DAM	E U A				585 3	586 4	7
Smith, SJ, Miss	E U A		587 6				6
Buchanan, L	S R I			587 5			5
Hodgson, TF	Dumfries	585 1	583 3			581 1	5
Low, W	E U A		586 5				5
Sellar, RA	Watsonians	588 5					5
Noble, SJ	Westfield	586 3					3
Long, W	Park Wynd		583 2				2
Copland, W				585 1			1
Moonie, W	S R I				584 1		1

C & D Grand Prix Points

C & D Finals x400

Denwood Linwood CaithnesNorthernGagie Tot.
Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco Pts Sco PtsPts

Ward, JR	Bon Accord		383 9	382 9	387 9		27
Tracey, S	A U S A C		381 6		386 6		12
Noble, K	Westfield		379 4	376 2	380 3	370 2	11
Walker, WG	Glasgow Rail	384 1				388 9	10
Bruce, AS	SRI	388 9					9
Traynor, E	Park Wynd	384 2				384 6	8
Palmer, CM	EURC	384 3			383 4		7
Manson, WD	Westfield			380 6			6
Warren, D	K & M	385 6					6
Ross, WJ	Arbroath			377 3	380 2		5
Cran, J	Clach	384 4					4
McCrindle, KB	Thurso			378 4			4
Sheridan, DP	K & M					384 4	4
Howson, T	Park Wynd					382 3	3
MacDonald, S, Miss	A U S A C		376 3				3
Jones, EJ	R's-Royce(EK)		375 2				2
Main, ME, Mrs	Clach		374 1	375 1			2
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Individual Leagues, 1992-93

The Association offers members two individual leagues this year, one prone and one 3-P. Both share the structure set out below, different only in course of fire, number of shooters per division and number of rounds.

This is not the usual league format and everyone shoots against everyone else in every round. No one gains free points against no-returns.

Individual Prone League

- 1 In each round, all competitors will fire two cards. Rounds will be fired fortnightly with an extra round thrown in around Christmas.
 - 2 Entries to be ranked according to declared averages and will be split equably into at least two divisions of about 8 depending on numbers entering.
 - 3 In each division, the highest score (x200) for the round gets $\frac{n}{2}$ points, second gets $\frac{n-2}{2}$ points, third gets $\frac{n-3}{2}$ points, etc, down to the last who will get no points where n is the number of returns in the division that round.
 - 4 The entry fee is £3.00.
 - 5 Stickers will be provided. Send a stamped addressed envelope for results.
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Individual 3-Positions League

As above except :

- 1 An indoor (15/20/25 yds) half-course (i.e. 20 shots in each position) each month from November to March (more or less) (i.e. 5 rounds).
 - 2 Entries to be divided according to declared averages and will be split as equally as practicable in to at least two divisions of about 6 depending on numbers entering.
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Entries close on 31st October, 1992. Please get in touch (031-453-4083) and let us know the entry is on the way if you have any difficulty compiling averages, etc.

As the entry will be split into divisions, there is no reason why inexperienced shooters should not enter. You don't have to shoot all your cards at the same time or range but normal NSRA conduct and witnessing rules apply.

Use the entry form inside the back page of this Newsletter.

The Matchplay League

The Matchplay League is being run as usual this winter, with the addition of awards for leading averages in each division. Entry forms are out now. Your club/match secretary should have one.

Are you interested in taking part? Find four club mates who are also Individual Members of the Association and you've got a team. Give me a ring (Anne on 031-453-4083) asap if you need a form or other assistance. Please do not delay.

Entries close 31st October, 1992.

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association
1992-93 Winter Competitions

Association Silver Medal and Engraved Salvers with Junior and Veterans Classes. A two-stage postal competition in four classes, with the best ten qualifiers (and equal) in each class contest the Final for the Association Silver Medal. Each class winner receives an Engraved Salver. Each stage is a three-card set (one-hour).

Speedway Competitions for the Bill Dick Memorial Trophy and the Boston Bowl. A two-stage, two-class competition with a postal qualifying stage of 5 cards (not a set). The two classes are Open and C & D competitors only. The open final consists of the best 16 qualifiers regardless of class, and the best remaining 16 from C & D contest the C & D final. Ties for final places will be settled by countback (Numbered stickers).

The Finals will be shot on a central range and will be a round-robin competition of 20-shot shoulder-to-shoulder matches in groups of four different shooters each time so that all shoot against all. The Open winner takes the Bill Dick Trophy, the C & D winner takes the Boston Bowl and there are cash prizes for the first four places in both finals.

The top eight in the Open competition eligible for team selection go automatically into the Scotland team for the Annual Indoor Postal match with North Island, New Zealand. Selection for the remaining seven places is based on current season's performance in the Medal, Speedway, Individual and Matchplay leagues, Daily Record, News of the World and Vandeleur. Scores at indoor meetings and previous NZ Matches will also be considered.

CanDicap for the CanDicap Quaich. A two-stage, CYOH postal competition for C & D class shooters only, a set of three cards (one hour). Handicap must be not less than 5 per card and the same throughout. The best 20 and equal twentieth qualify for the postal final of a further set of three cards.

Three-Positions Competition for the Watsonian Trophy and 3-P Championship. A three-stage, unclassified competition. The first two stages are each a half course (20 shots per position, not a set) and are aggregated to select the 12 qualifiers for the final, a FULL course, shoulder-to-shoulder at 50 metres in April, under UIT regulations.

Individual Leagues for Prone and for 3-Positions. Where scores from last year are not available, entrants are required to submit averages for these competitions. The 3-P league takes the form of a half-course per month between November and March inclusive.

Classification for prone competitions.

Classification is based on the average of the best 10 of the last 12 indoor competition cards (1989 series targets). A Club Official must verify the average on the Entry Form.

Class A : 98.0 & above

Class C : 93.0 to 95.9

Class B : 96.0 to 97.9

Class D : below 93.0

Junior : under 18 on 1.Jan.93

Veteran : over 60 on 1.Jan.93

Eligibility.

These competitions are open to all. Those eligible may choose to become Individual Members of the Association for the annual subscription of £10.00 or by Bloc membership (25% reduction when all eligible members of a club join) and pay lower competition fees, receive personal copies of Newsletters and vote at General Meetings. Only Individual members may claim discounts of £1.00 on all winter competitions and £1.50 on Grand Prix during the summer season. All others may enter as Club members but may not claim any discounts.

Stickers will be issued for qualifying rounds and cards for finals. Return the forms to : Mrs A M Hamilton, [REDACTED] Telephone [REDACTED]

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association
Individual Winter Entry Form
1992-93

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel.1 _____

Tel.2 _____

Club _____

Average _____

PLEASE quote your 1992-93
 Membership No. here to
 claim the member's discount
 OR attach this form to a
 membership application.

SSRA Mem No. _____

Cert. _____
 (Club Official)

Competition Entry

Late fee	Medal	£3.00	£ _____
applies after	Date of birth _____ (Jun/Vet)		
1st Jan. 93	Speedway	£3.00	£ _____

Entries close	CanDicap	£2.00	£ _____
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15th Jan. 93.	Ind. League	£3.00	£ _____
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Last date for	Ind. 3-P League	£3.00	£ _____
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shooting	3-P Ave(3x20) _____		
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25th Jan. 93.	3-P Championship	£5.00	£ _____
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I agree to abide	Late Fee	£1.00	£ _____
by the rules of	(after 1.1.93)		
the competition			

Sig. _____

Total £ _____

Discount £ _____

(£1 per comp)

Remittance £ _____

Return to Mrs A M Hamilton, _____

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association
Individual Subscription Form
1992-93

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel.1 _____

Tel.2 _____

Club _____

Tick this box if you object
to having your membership
recorded on our
private computer
files. ☐

Representative

Eligibility : Birth / Parent's birth / 5 years residence
[Please circle one]

I wish to join the SSRA and
enclose the subscription of
£10.00

Sig. _____

Return to Mrs A W Hamilton, _____

