

Scottish Small-bore Rifle Association Newsletter, October, 1995

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This newsletter, along with the enclosed documents, should bring you up to date with the activities of the Association over the last few months. The one major outstanding item is, of course, the 1993/4 accounts. John Silcox is working away on these, along with the current year, with assistance from Shirley McIntosh and these will be presented to the membership at the AGM, probably in an un-audited state, but hopefully ready to be handed over to the auditors on that day.

At the AGM a number of changes will take place within the Association. Anne Hamilton resigned as Secretary at the end of September for personal reasons, although she has continued to do a lot of work in getting the winter competitions set up. Chairman Alistair Mackenzie and Vice-Chairman Donald McIntosh are not standing for re-election either. With an under-strength council this year, the future of our Association looks a little bleak, especially when the demands on the time of the council members grow year by year.

Despite that, a topic for the incoming council members to address is that of the structure of Scottish shooting. Currently the SSRA, through the STSF, represents the view of Scottish shooters in discussions with the Scottish Sports Council, the Scottish Office, Police, Army and various other agencies. With the exception of a hardcore of individual members however, most shooters in Scotland are not affiliated to the SSRA in any sense, and therefore have no say in what directly affects them. Indeed some regard the SSRA as little more than a club for (aspiring or current) international shooters.

The ramifications of this may be huge, for example, at one stage we were being told that at Scottish clubs and associations would not be eligible for National Lottery grants if they are not affiliated to an STSF member body. Meanwhile the NSRA, to whom most Scottish clubs and counties are affiliated, represents our interests at GB level, but often with agencies who have no role in Scottish affairs (eg the Home Office who only cover England & Wales). The attached diagram, produced by Bill & Anne Hamilton to illustrate this problem to the Lothian county exec, shows the problem - clubs and counties cannot affiliate to SSRA and have no formal say in what it does. Is the answer to change this?

Part of the four year plan submitted to the Sports Council in 1994 identifies a process of consultation with Scottish clubs and counties, potentially followed by constitutional re-structuring of the SSRA, as an important aim. If you, your club or your county / league have an opinion on this then now is the time to start thinking about it. The prospect of having a conference towards the end of next spring to discuss these issues has been raised within the SSRA council already, and hopefully this can be achieved in the forthcoming year.

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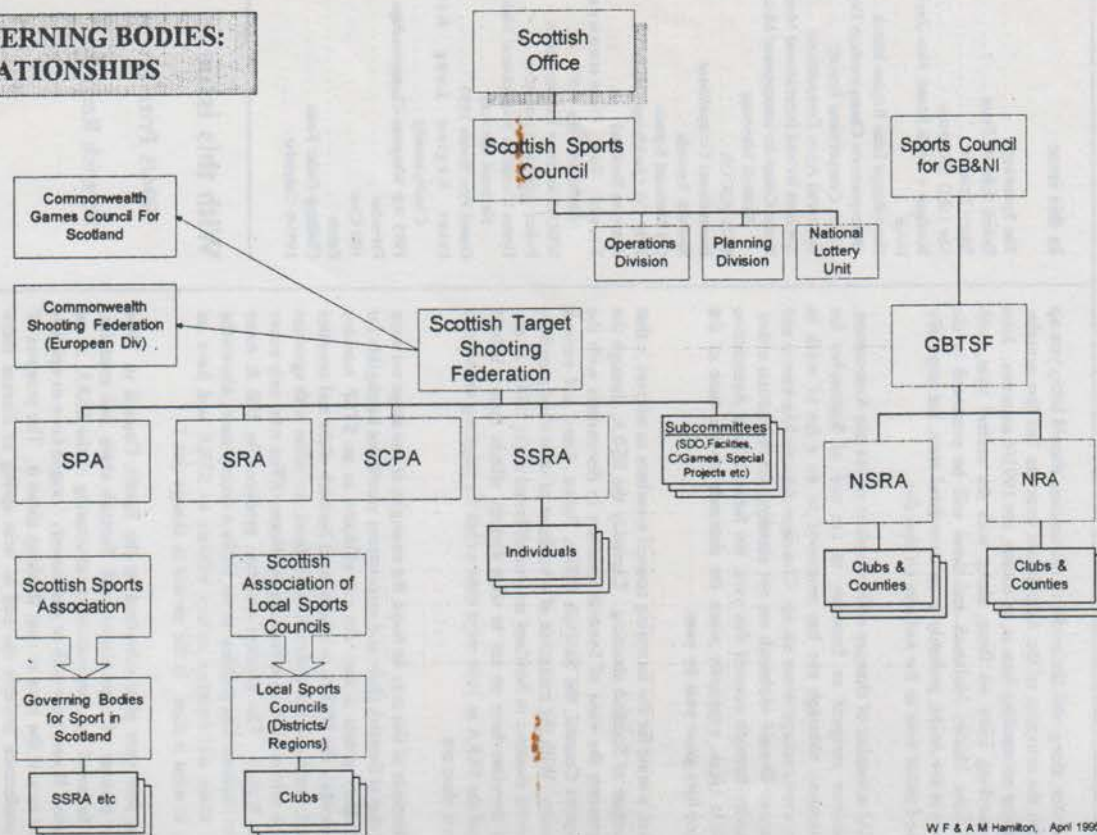
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The Speedway Sunday 12th March 1995 Perth C&C

So for the third consecutive year Tim Kidner lifted the Bill Dick Memorial Trophy, and no he doesn't get to keep it - although with gun scores of 991, 994 & 992 over those three years he might just do that whatever I say. Also interesting to note was the performances of two others over the last four years - Hugh Simpson jnr with 4th, 4th, 3rd & 4th and Alastair Horne with 2nd, 3rd, 2nd & 3rd.

Name	Match 1	Pts	Match 2	Pts	Match 3	Pts	Match 4	Pts	Match 5	Pts	Gunscore	Total Points
T L W Kidner	198	6	195	2	200	6	199	6	200	6	992	26
D A Duncan	200	6	199	6	197	2	198	6	195	4	989	24
A J Horne	200	6	198	5	198	5	196	0	199	6	991	22
H Simpson	195	2	194	2	200	6	198	4	200	6	987	20
T F Hodgson	197	3	197	5	198	5	196	4	197	3	985	20
R E Moffat	197	4	198	5	199	4	194	2	193	2	981	17
M Sinclair	197	3	196	6	196	0	197	3	197	4	983	16
D H Bremner	197	4	197	5	198	4	197	3	191	0	980	16
G J B Winch	196	2	192	0	197	6	198	6	194	2	977	16
D G Morrison	195	3	195	4	192	0	195	3	196	6	923	16
G Sutherland	197	3	192	1	196	4	197	2	194	4	976	14
Ms L Buchanan	197	3	196	2	197	2	196	6	192	0	978	13
W J Kane	195	3	197	4	191	0	193	0	192	0	968	7
A F J Smith	190	0	192	1	198	2	192	0	197	3	969	6
R Law	194	0	194	0	194	0	195	3	196	2	973	5
H Milne	193	0	191	0	195	2	194	0	195	0	968	2

British Schools Team

At the National Meeting, Natasha Davis, Justin Boyes and Evonne Sutherland (all George Watson's College) along with Jonathan Hammond (Glenalmond) all shot for British Schools teams against the South African and Danish junior teams. Following on from that Natasha and Jonathan were selected to go to South Africa next Easter with the GB schools team, although it is understood that Jonathan has withdrawn for personal reasons.

Sports Science

In the last newsletter, Shirley McIntosh introduced some of the Sports Science & Sports Medicine topics that were encountered in the training for the 1994 Commonwealth Games. She promised a follow-up article, but it has been deferred one issue due to her being seconded to help John Silcox produce the 1993/4 and 1994/5 accounts.

**The C&D Speedway
Sunday 19th March 1995
Perth C&C**

Name	Match 1	Pts	Match 2	Pts	Match 3	Pts	Match 4	Pts	Gunscore	Total Points
Mrs M Melvin	190	4	194	4	194	4	189	2	767	14
C Urquhart	191	4	189	4	187	0	191	4	758	12
Ms M Duncan	192	2	193	2	193	4	190	2	768	10
Miss K L Nilsen	196	4	193	4	184	2	188	0	761	10
I Galloway	189	2	189	0	191	2	186	4	755	8
T McGregor	186	0	191	2	185	0	191	4	753	6
B Mackie	193	2	187	0	186	4	183	0	749	6
N McMillan	191	0	185	0	186	2	185	2	747	4
A Richardson	184	0	187	2	183	0	185	0	739	2

**Scotland v North Island, New Zealand
on Sunday, 25th March, 1995
at Perth City & County**

That's the thirteenth win for Scotland this year, with a score down 9 on last year's record. And all this with Messrs Sellar, Hamilton, Hodgson & McIntosh in Germany. Well done to David Duncan & Shirley McIntosh for equal top scores in their first match. David receives the Waka Huia, with the tie split on countback.

Scotland		Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Card 4	Total	North Island		Total
D A Duncan	Keith	100	98	100	100	398	R Small		396
H Simpson, Jr	Wick O S	100	100	99	99	398	G Taylor		396
Mrs S J McIntosh	E U Alumni	100	100	100	98	398	D Gibbs		395
R E Moffat	Balemo & Currie	99	98	100	100	397	R McNair		395
G J B Winch	Stirling R I	100	99	98	99	396	L Arthur		395
A Gordon	Bon Accord	99	100	99	98	396	B Cameron		395
M Sinclair	E U Alumni	99	98	98	100	395	J Stuart		394
T L W Kidner	Bon Accord	100	100	97	98	395	K Small		393
W H J Mitchell	Hawick	95	99	100	98	392	J Hughes		393
W J Copland	Cullen	99	99	97	96	391	G Brinkworth		393
W M J Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord	98	96	99	97	390	S Petterson		392
A J Horne	Balemo & Currie	97	98	98	97	390	D Green		390
G Sutherland	Wick O S	98	98	95	98	389	R Gross		390
I Shanks	Bon Accord	98	98	97	96	389	G White		388
Mrs L Buchanan	Stirling R I	95	97	97	94	383	S Gibson		384
Team Total						5,897	Team Total		5,889
Reserves							Emergencies		
R Law	Stirling R I	99	98	99	100	396	R Caie		393
W Crawford	Callander R & P	99	98	97	99	393	J Crompton		389

On a sadder note, Ewan Moffat who produced a fine performance in this, his first Scottish representative match, was killed in an accident while riding his motorbike near his West Lothian home in June. He will be sorely missed by his clubmates at Balerno & Currie and by the Lothian county teams of which he had become a stalwart member.

ISAS Dortmund, 21st to 26th March 1995

A small team of six shooters and a manager attended the ISAS competition this year. This is a short report on the highlights and 'moments' of the trip. The team was, as usual, well managed by Angus Dick, and on behalf of the shooters I would like to thank him for his efforts in organising the trip. The team consisted of prone shooters Bill Hamilton and Tom Hodgson, Donald McIntosh and Ronnie Sellar did the senior prone, 3P and Air Rifle, Tricia Littlechild did the women's prone, 3P and Air Rifle and Andrew Rycraft shot the junior AND senior Air Rifle.

Monday, 20/3/95

The team assembled at Edinburgh Airport for the 11:30 flight to Dusseldorf via Birmingham. The team was due to meet at 10:00 to check in early for the flight but on arrival we were told that there was a problem with this flight and we would be re routed through Heathrow. This meant catching the 11:00 shuttle. This produced various moans and groans as people predicted doom and gloom in the area of lost luggage.

The clock reached 10.45 and worry was now showing on the face of the Team Manager as one of his team (Tricia) and Cliff Ogle (representing Northern Ireland) had not yet appeared. They just made it in time as we checked in our luggage and some jokingly said fond farewells to their rifles and kit. Tricia was not looking well and was apparently suffering from a dose of 'Ghandi's Revenge' after a dodgy curry on Sunday night. Due to the rather late check in we were going to be last on the plane so we proceeded with all speed to the gate. Donald and Ronnie got through first and decided to wait on the others in the upstairs lounge.

No one appeared !

What's happened ?

Tom appears and announces that Bill, who was right behind Ronnie and Donald has been stopped due to the fact he has his bolt in his hand luggage and they won't allow this in the plane. Much hilarity ensues and a good slagging for Bill as he should have known better since Gordon Winch was caught the same way on a previous trip. Bill's hand luggage was duly loaded into the hold (by a man who had to run across the tarmac to catch the plane before it left) and we set off. On arrival at Heathrow Bill had to go and reclaim his hand luggage as it had not been checked through to Dusseldorf like the rest of the luggage and we didn't meet him again until the departure lounge for the Dusseldorf Flight. This time WITH his hand luggage as Heathrow security had let his bolt through !

We arrived in Dusseldorf late afternoon and duly went to collect our luggage. We waited..... and waited Eventually a BA employee appeared and asked who had travelled from Edinburgh. Several people gathered round (there were more than just our party) and heard that true to form, Heathrow baggage handlers had failed to put a single piece of luggage from the Edinburgh flight on to the Dusseldorf flight. This feat is even more staggering since some people have claimed it was the same actual plane that did both trips.

And so we were promised that our luggage would be delivered to our Hotel later that night as it was coming on the next plane. There was nothing for but to travel on luggageless to Dortmund. This happened to be a blessing in disguise as usually the worst part of the whole week is man-handling all the luggage on to and

off of the S-Bahn train to Dortmund. In fact the outcome was so favourable we asked Angus if he could arrange for all future luggage to be lost in a similar manner.

The trip was completed by S-bahn to Dortmund then instead of the usual fleet of taxis to the Hotel, a leisurely stroll (bumping into Brian Woodall and Liz Cowell of the GB team on the way) and a tram ride took us to the Hotel Prodomo. As promised our luggage was delivered later that night with Lufthansa tags on it.

Tuesday, 21/3/95

Tuesday saw the first visit to the range since the new Sius Ascor targets had been installed in the 30 firing point 50 metre range. These targets at a cost of about \$6000 per lane had been paid for by the Town Council ! This day was open for training for all disciplines and all the team took the opportunity to get used to the new target system.

Tuesday evening was spent in the Dortmund Pizza Hut on an 'Essen Ohne Grenzen' offer. That means eating without borders or limits and was basically eat as much as you like for 9.90 DM. All went for this deal except for Bill who stuck to a tagliatelle. Most people managed to get through a fair amount of pizza but not as much as a guy at the next table. He was HUGE !! A real couch potato who was well ensconced when we arrived and ate at least two pizzas worth while we were in the restaurant. Quote of the night came from Tricia who said that she didn't think it would be wise to offer him 'A wafer thin mint' (vis Mr Creosote from Monty Python's 'The Meaning Of Life').

Angus attended the technical meeting and was duly elected onto the Jury. This meant he had to wear a badge all week saying 'Dick Angus, Kampfrichter'.

Wednesday, 22/3/95

Wednesday is a pistol competition day and as a result usually free for all the rifle shooters but this year Angus had managed to arrange for us to train on another range in Dortmund. This range turned out to be just round the corner from the ISAS range ! It is owned and run by the Nordlicher Dortmunder Schutzenbund (Northern Dortmund Shooting Club). It had eight 50 metre firing points all with Gehmann boxes and in a baffled very sheltered range. There was also a twelve firing point Air Weapons range which could be opened out into the main club hall to form a large function room. In addition a 100 metre archery range was 'out the back'.

During a break in training I got talking to some of the club members who had turned up to let us in and shoot. This club has 600 members (yes you read that correctly 600 !!!!) of which about 150 are active shooters (that includes archers). That leaves about 450 social members who don't shoot. I suspect this club has more members than the SSRA !! I then asked how many clubs there were in Dortmund.

Go on, have a guess !

There are thirty five clubs in Dortmund. Did you get close ? Yes 35 clubs in a town that's about the size (population wise) of Edinburgh. We did find out that not all the clubs are this size (in fact it is the biggest) and that some of them are as small as 25 members (funny I thought that was a BIG club !).

One thing that we said that amazed the Germans was that we tended to have separate rifle and pistol clubs. In Germany all shooting is governed by the one national body (that includes archery). This gets rid of all the petty inter discipline squabbles that occur on such a regular basis in Scottish and indeed British shooting.

Men's Prone (110 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total	Final	Grand Total
1	Frank Dobler	Ger	597	102.3	699.3
2	Dominique Maquin	Fra	593	104.2	697.2
3	Christian Klees	Ger	595	102.2	697.2
4	John Oliphant	GB	593	103.0	696.0
5	Bill Brown	GB	593	102.6	695.6
11	Donald McIntosh	Sco	593		
52	Ronnie Sellar	Sco	588		
76	Tom Hodgson	Sco	585		
107	Bill Hamilton	Sco	570		

Getting back to the Air Weapons range. This was separated from the large club room by a partition wall which could be removed to make a large function room. This was necessary because the club regularly held social functions attended by up to 1000 people.

YIKES !!

This just goes to show how differently shooting is viewed as a sport in Germany. There's none of the bad image that the sport tends to have in this country mainly due to the likes of Hungerford. Shooters are seen as real sportsmen and not as potential maniacs and nuisances out to fire anything that makes as loud a bang as possible. It seems to me that shooting clubs in Germany are more like the bowling clubs in this country or the golf clubs. People who don't really play bowls or golf join for the social aspects. As a result facilities are in a different class ('streets ahead' would be an insult to the Germans) and as a result of that so are their shooters (more on that later).

Men's 3x40 (80 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total	Final	Grand Total
1	N. Haakedal	Nor	1169	98.2	1267.2
2	Christian Klees	Ger	1169	95.5	1264.5
3	Boris Polak	Isr	1168	95.9	1263.9
64	Ronnie Sellar	Sco	1112		
71	Donald McIntosh	Sco	1097		
77	John Oliphant	GB	1077		

Thursday, 23/3/95

Women's 3x20 (44 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total	Final	Grand Total
1	Anni Bisso	Den	581	96.9	677.9
2	Anna Maloukhina	Rus	581	96.7	677.7
3	Gabi Seifert	Ger	574	97.3	671.3
41	Tricia Littlechild	Sco	539		

Thursday saw the first shots in anger from the team as Tricia shot the Standard Rifle 3x20 competition. This did not turn out to be one of Tricia's better shoots. The rest of the team returned to the other range for practice.

Junior Men's Air Rifle (37 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total
1	Andreas Abzieher	Baden	588
2	Christian Planer	Tyrol	587
3	Dae Hyun Shim	Kor	587
35	Andrew Rycraft	Sco	550

Training over for the day, Donald and Ronnie headed for Dusseldorf Airport to meet up with Andrew Rycraft who was flying over on his own. Some time was spent, while waiting on Andrew's plane, conversing with our driver who spoke only scant English. Neither Donald nor I are very good at German either but we managed. He was very surprised to learn that clubs in Britain tended to be either rifle or pistol clubs but not

both. We tried to explain that there were a few exceptions (e.g. Dumfries) but we're not sure if the message got across. Most of the time was spent discussing holidays in the Rockies and then Andrew appeared. He had managed to get all his luggage over with him and so we set off back to Dortmund and the range.

Back in Dortmund Andrew caused some confusion in weapons control by having two air rifle start cards. One for the senior and one for the junior event. At one point the weapons control officer was about to tear up the senior one until Angus pointed out that the cards were for separate competitions. This seemed to satisfy them and both cards were duly stamped. The confusion is that normally you are allowed to shoot either the junior or the senior events but not both. Strictly speaking the rules were being bent but no-one seemed to mind in the end.

With a match the next day in mind both Donald and Ronnie decided that pasta was the order of the day and ordered the Tortellini in the range restaurant. Huge plates soon came forth and having devoured them the lads retired early.

Friday, 24/3/95

"What time is it ?" "Are you sure we have to get up now ?" "That can't be the time already !"

Yes its now 05.00 hours and Donald and Ronnie have just been wakened by the trusty alarm clock. Guess who's got a seven o'clock start! Remember that Germany is an hour ahead of us so this is really 0400 UK time!

"Are you sure the clock's right ?"

The early start didn't really do either of them much good. Both would say they could have and probably should have shot better.

Meanwhile at the top end of the competition things were hotting up. 1169 lead the field and 1159 was required for the final. We have a very long way to go !!!

Meanwhile in the small air weapons range Andrew is shooting junior air rifle. He also doesn't do that well.

Juniors here would give our seniors a real problem !

Senior Men's Air Rifle (88 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total	Final	Grand Total
1	Matthias Stich	Ger	597		
2			597		
3					
69	Ronnie Sellar	Sco	570		
72	Andrew Rycraft	Sco	567		
87	Donald McIntosh	Sco	550		

Women's Prone (51 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total
1	Berit Olsson	Swe	593
2	Kirsten Obel	Baden	591
3	Ana Nazor	Cro	591
46	Tricia Littlechild	Sco	571

Saturday, 25/3/95

Saturday morning and Bill and Tom are in action at last. Neither were happy with their shoot. Bill especially as he managed to cross shoot on his last string which of course under UIT rules is ten points off.

Donald and Ronnie were next and things looked promising after 20 shots (quote from Janet Howden "Who's this Sellar guy on top of the leader board ?"). Both Donald and Ronnie had managed a 199 start. Donald kept this going for another 20 shots before

falling away to finish on 593 and a creditable 3rd equal (unfortunately counted out to 11th). Ronnie however crumbled and fell away to 588. Two other Scots, Bill Brown and John Oliphant, who were part of the British team also had 593 and managed to squeeze into the Final. They went into the final fifth and eighth respectively and ended up fifth and fourth.

The womens prone was also shot later in the afternoon. Tricia did not look at all happy with her scores.

Sunday, 26/3/95

Another early start today as Andrew, Donald and Ronnie are all on the 8.30 detail. German clocks also went forward this morning so it was really 7.30 UK time (6.30 GMT !!). Donald did not have a happy time only managing 550. Ronnie fared better with a 570. A 90 for his second string spoiling a series of good strings.

The performance of the day was by Andrew who set a new Scottish Junior record with 567. Not a bad effort for your first visit abroad.

The gulf between UK air rifle shooting and the continental standard was shown by the scores achieved today. The best UK shoot was by Ian Potts with 572 followed by Ronnie on 570. The highest score shot in the 60 shots was 597 !! This was achieved by **TWO** people. Unfortunately we all seem to be missing the same page of the results, thus the half blank table. A score of 592 did **NOT** make the final !!

Tricia shot the womens air rifle at 10.30 and suffered from being stuck in the smaller back range where the atmosphere of a big shoot was not quite there. She also had the unusual experience of the girl next to her having her pet dog curled up in her kit bag for most of the shoot.

These shoots showed how seriously this sport is taken in Europe. The crowds watching the Air finals were large. There were lots of youngsters running around collecting autographs and the atmosphere was electric.

With the shooting finished it was time to head for home. Angus had managed to arrange a minibus to take us to the airport. On arrival we were all relieved to find that we were not to be re-routed through Heathrow.

Our luggage was checked in and as we waited on the last of the guns being taken away we were approached by an Airport security official. He took Angus away to look at a bag which had aroused suspicion. Angus returned to announce that it was one of Bill's bags and could he go and explain what it was. It turned out to be his scope.

And so we came home without much further ado.

Women's Air Rifle (72 entries)

Pos	Name	Nat	Total	Final	Grand Total
1	Sabine Gehrke	Ger	396	101.4	497.4
2	Liane Remwoldt	Ger	395	100.7	495.7
3	Gaby Buhlmann	Swi	393	101.7	494.7
67	Tricia Littlechild	Sco	370		

Conclusions

The SSRA have been sending a team to ISAS now for 5 years. With a few exceptions, performances in those 5 years have not improved as much as we could have expected. In fact with the exception of the three 593 scores in the prone this year (two from Scots in the GB squad) and Andrew's 567 performances could be said to be poor. Why is this ?

If I knew the answer then perhaps my performances might have been up to scratch but they have not. I suspect its something to do with the amount of exposure we get to this level of competition. An event this large is very rare in Britain never mind Scotland. Like any other competition it takes time to get used to it. Perhaps once a year is just not often enough.

Another problem I suspect we have is in putting in high scores. Due to the weather conditions we have in Scotland we are not used to scoring much over 590. As a result when we are in a position to shoot 595 plus then the tension sets in and we lose the place. This is something we have to get over quickly as 595 really won't get you very far in the top competitions.

R A Sellar

Short Range Inter Region Match Perth C&C Easter Sunday

A mix up between John Silcox and myself combined with the timing of the ISAS match in Dortmund left this match to be cobbled together within a couple of weeks and as a result we only had four teams entered. The match didn't take very long, but those that did attend seemed to enjoy it. Lothian cleaned up on the day with the unusual sight of Alastair Home bringing up the rear!

The match will certainly be run again in 1996, with the date better publicised and probably not at Easter. I hope that as well as attracting Bill Moonie's Central "All-Stars" next year some of the other regions will attend what may indeed be a more competitive match all round than the outdoor version. With the smaller Perth clubroom it should certainly be cozy.

My thanks to John Silcox who turned up on the day to score, and apologies to Duncan Garrow, Bill Copland and David Duncan who were briefly part of an "Aberdeenshire" team.

Donald McIntosh

Lothian

Mrs S J McIntosh	100	99	199
D A M McIntosh	100	98	198
W F Hamilton	98	99	197
R E Moffat	98	99	197
R A Sellar	99	98	197
A J Home	97	98	195
Total (best 5)			988

Grampian

D W Garrow	100	97	197
D A Duncan	96	100	196
I Shanks	97	99	196
A Gordon	97	98	195
J Lavety	97	98	195
W Copland	96	95	193
Total (best 5)			979

Fife

N McNaughton	98	99	197
R Nilsen	100	95	195
R Baldie	94	99	193
B Crookson	95	97	192
J Godsell	97	94	191
D Turnbull	97	94	191
Total (best 5)			968

Tayside

P Gray	95	99	194
S D Nicoll	98	96	194
W J Long	93	99	192
D Ross	94	96	190
I Gray	93	96	189
Total (best 5)			959

Three-positions Championships Finals Linwood, Sat. 29th April, 1995.

This appears to have been the last ever match held on the outdoor range at Linwood, with nothing surprising to report other than the number of qualifiers who called off. With Cliff Ogle and Tricia Littlechild failing to arrive by the check in time, the closest thing to a competition was to be between Donald McIntosh and Ronnie Sellar and this time it was the former's kneeling who held together. Ronnie wasn't to leave empty handed however, his UIT final score being a new Scottish record.

Free Rifle	Prone					Standing					Kneeling					x1200
R Law	94	100	95	97	386	90	95	92	92	369	96	100	95	94	385	1140
D A M McIntosh	97	96	98	94	385	88	84	92	88	352	95	93	93	97	378	1115
R A Sellar	96	96	96	97	385	86	88	89	89	352	93	90	89	96	368	1105
J R Silcox	95	95	95	95	380	80	88	84	82	334	88	84	86	85	343	1057
D P Sheridan	93	97	98	97	385	77	78	82	76	313	83	84	84	79	330	1028

Standard Rifle	Prone		Standing		Kneeling		x600
S J McIntosh	97	96	92	87	89	92	553
L J Marlow	94	92	86	83	91	93	539

UIT Finals

Name	x1200	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	x109	x1309
R Law	1140	10.5	7.8	7.8	9.7	10.5	9.2	8.8	10.8	9.6	10.3	95.0	1,235.0
D A M McIntosh	1115	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.7	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.7	9.3	7.6	89.3	1,204.3
R A Sellar	1105	9.9	10.3	9.7	9.4	9.6	8.9	10.7	9.8	9.8	9.5	97.6	1,202.6
Name	x600	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	x109	x709
Mrs S J McIntosh	553	8.5	9.6	9.2	8.6	10.3	10.5	8.7	9.2	9.6	8.5	92.7	645.7
Miss L J Marlow	539	8.4	10.2	8.6	5.3	9.3	8.1	8.5	10.4	10.8	9.5	89.1	628.1

NSRA Competitions Report

One of the SSRA's Life Members, Adam Gordon, won the "Daily Record" short range Scottish Championship this year. While perusing old copies of The Rifleman at Denwood one wet Sunday afternoon I noticed that Adam had won the same competition exactly 30 years ago, having to complete two tie-shoot sets in addition to the normal three stages - and all without dropping a shot. His 1500 ex 1500 beat Jim Manson - then with Cawdor but still shooting with Elgin - by one point. While the targets have changed twice since then, that was quite some achievement. I don't know how many other times Adam has won the Dragon Bowl, but that result really stuck in my mind, and was in the middle of the period when he shot for Great Britain in the Pershing Match in the USA (1963 ?), won the Earl Haig (1964 ?) and was took part in the first ever shooting events in the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica (1966). We had better watch out for him next year...

Shirley McIntosh won the Individual Short Range 3P Championship, helped by the fact that defending champion Robin Law didn't enter.

Robin Law & David Rattray took 2nd & 3rd in the British Men's Air Rifle Championship, with Shirley McIntosh & Lynda Marlow 5th & 8th in the Women's respectively.

Despite having a dreadful aggregate in Lauder, Hugh Simpson jnr was a very popular winner of the Earl Haig Scottish Long Range Championship, beating three times winner Gordon Winch and Sinclair Bruce in a tie-shoot. Another former Haig winner, Will Low came out of retirement and promptly won the Daily Telegraph. 1994 Sgian Dhu winner Jenny Littleford of Strathallan School won the junior title, with the junior team going to George Watson's College. Bill Brown won the Class X agg, James Brown and Vidar Nilsen doing the same in classes B and D respectively.

Most of the Scottish club competitions have gone the way of Bon Accord, with them winning the Scottish Cup over the 1994/5 winter season, the Scottish 100yds club team championship (the ICI Challenge Trophy) at the Scottish Meeting and Division 1 of the Scottish League over this summer - the latter for the 20th consecutive year. Dumfries spoiled the full set by taking the Scottish 50m club team championship (the Pullar Targe), also at the Scottish Meeting.

Stirling Royal Infirmary flew the flag in the British short range championships, winning the "News of the World" short range team of six in a shoulder to shoulder final in Bedford, as you have probably seen on the cover of the latest Rifleman. I understand that Bon Accord and SRI were also at least semi-finalists in either (or both) the team of four and team of eight, but I don't know how much further they got. One of that winning Stirling RI team - Robin Law - also helped another club, Glasgow Rail, to win Division 1 of the Winter Air Rifle league - believed to be the first Scottish club ever to have done so. E U Alumni have held on tightly to the trophy for the highest placed Scottish team in the Women's league although they didn't manage to defend the Division 1 title this year.

So far the honours in the NSRA Scottish County trophies have been split between Lothian & Aberdeenshire with the former winning the trophy for the top Scottish team in the Inter-County short range league, and the latter the trophy for progressing the furthest in the Inter-County KO. The results for the remainder of the 1995 Inter-County competitions (such as the BSA Cup, County Cup and the women's equivalents) are still to be announced.

Lothian also won a few of the British competitions - Division 1 of the Inter-County 3P league for the third consecutive year and the Inter-County Air Rifle competition at the first attempt being the most significant.

The Provincial Cities title has spent the last ten to twelve years bouncing in between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, but this year both got it wrong and it has escaped to Torfaen in Wales, with Aberdeen reclaiming the trophy for the highest placed Scottish entry. Edinburgh shot in the Commonwealth Cities match - open to capital cities of the Home Countries and provincial capitals in Canada, New Zealand and Australia - for the first time in many a year, although the result is still to be received.

E U Alumni won the British Club 3P Championship at the Bisley meeting - and have won it every year they have entered. Concurrent with that Lothian won the corresponding County Championship with Robin Law and Ronnie Sellar taking 1st and 2nd places respectively in the Individual Championship.

Also at Bisley, Cliff Ogle won his third Prone Aggregate and his fourth combined 3P & Prone Aggregate. Cameron Ferguson won the A class aggregate. Tricia Littlechild was 3rd in the Women's 3P Championship, with Shirley McIntosh 2nd in the "Flowers" Women's Prone Championship (although she shot it at Lauder). Bill Brown, Robin Law and Barbara Mackay made the final of the Roberts, coming 8th, 9th & 11th respectively. Robin never stood a chance, having won the second stage.

Also in the Bisley results was a mention for a Scottish Olympic medallist. No, not Alister Allan but John Kynoch who took a running target medal in 1972 and was placed third in the British 50m running boar championship this year.

Territorial Army Competitions

Martin Sinclair, who will win his first Scottish "cap" at the Commonwealth Championships in India next month, is also a Captain in the TA. In a very successful year he has won their Short Range and Long Range Prone Championships, along with their 50m 3x40 Championship. He was also placed 2nd at the Inter-Services Prone Championship in September, behind Sharon McGregor of the RAF who has just been selected for the GB squad.

Interestingly enough, Martin's prone partner in India is Gordon Winch, a former TA member who has also won at least some of the same events.

Northern Ireland International Match Comber, 2nd - 4th June 1995

The sensible 3-P shooters (is there such a thing ?) travelled by SeaCat to Northern Ireland the day before the first match, and were joined early on the Friday morning by Lynda Marlow who had made it as far as Stranraer the previous night (well she did start the journey in Holland) and to be honest we shouldn't have bothered. Poor performances all round meant that only two of us made the final, and the team

Air Rifle Team Event

Place	Team	Members	Score
1	Scotland	Rattray/Rycraft/McIntosh	1695
2	Ni 'A'	Clarke/Baker/Lewis	1683
3	Ni 'B'	Campbell/Ogle/Duff	1650
4	Ireland	O'Mahoney/Murphy/Cooney	1576

Prone Pairs Event

1	Ni	A Lewis	590	D Baker	585	1175
2	Ni	R Conway	585	G Duff	581	1166
3	Sco	D Duncan	588	D McIntosh	577	1165
	Sco	J Cole-Hamilton	586	B Mackay	577	1163
	Sco	G Walker	575	L Marlow	576	1151
	Sco	J Silcox	576	P Littlechild	573	1149

trailed in third behind Northern Ireland's A and B squads.

Bolstered by the arrival of the prone specialists - Jim Cole-Hamilton, David Duncan and Barbara Mackay - a large quantity of pizza soon raised spirits, and we returned to our rooms to find the two young guns - David Rattray & Andrew Rycraft - had just arrived and were heading out

to get some food (or so they said).

Saturday morning and the mugs doing all three events hit the air weapons range - standing on a thick carpet and worrying about when the glitter ball above the dance floor was about to start spinning. With little to mention from the first squad, the Glasgow Rail boys took over and soon wished they had never come too, with David not even having the grace to win us a gold medal.

Meanwhile back at the outdoor range David Duncan had coped well with his first away match, and that on a range that can make the late, lamented, Linwood look tame. The others fared not so well and it was only on the third card that Donald McIntosh remembered what to do (well, for the first 18 shots at least) and

Prone Team Event

Place	Team	Members	Score
1	NI 'A'	Baker/Ogle/Duff	1762
2	Scotland Men	McIntosh/Duncan/Cole-Hamilton	1752
3	NI 'C'	Cobb/Conway/Rodgers	1752
4	NI 'B'	Lewis/Stevenson/Clarke	1749
5	Ireland 'A'	Wilson/Cogan/Haskins	1746
6	Scotland Women	Marlow/Littlechild/Mackay	1739
7	Ireland 'B'	Cooney/Kennedy/Walsh	1718
8	RUC	Rodgers/Gardiner/Jack	1704
9	Garda	Harding/Reilly/Nolan	1686

Air Rifle Individual (23 entries)

Place	Name	Nat	Score
1	G Haskins	I	573
2	D Rattray	S	572
3	R Clarke	NI	567
4	A Rycraft	S	564
5	P Littlechild	S	562
7	D McIntosh	S	559
13	L Marlow	S	540

3-Positions Individual Match (16 entries)

Place	Name	Nat	Prone	Stand	Kneel	Agg	Final	Total
1	D Baker	NI	398	353	382	1133	93.2	1226.2
2	A Lewis	NI	395	354	379	1128	92.1	1220.1
3	R Clarke	NI	392	339	374	1105	95.8	1200.8
7	D McIntosh	S	388	340	368	1096	87.1	1183.1
8	P Littlechild	S	390	345	350	1085	89.7	1174.7
9	G Walker	S	377	338	358	1073		
10	J Silcox	S	380	330	361	1071		
11	L Marlow	S	384	323	362	1069		

scraped into the final as well. David couldn't quite find the form that served him so well in the finals at home, and although he moved up one place to 5th it was to be Donald's ten dodgy tens that pulled him up two places into third. Don Baker's second victory was a pointer of things to come - he was selected by the NSRA for the European Championships later on.

Squad celebrations at a second medal didn't last however as we rushed upstairs to watch the last half of the Scotland vs France game in the Rugby

Union World Cup... Joined by former Edinburgh Univ. Captain Mike Carson we decanted to Bungees in search of food and beer, and beer, and beer.

The Sunday saw a change to the usual programme, with a open prone pairs event being run. Selecting the teams from Saturday's performances didn't work of course as Donald couldn't quite wake up (it wasn't the beer he says) and of course Jim remembered what to do. However, bronze for our Morayshire loons David & Donald was better than nowt.

Seriously speaking, although the medal haul wasn't as good as it has been this match still provides a valuable opportunity for less experienced shooters to learn about handling away matches and although the English and Welsh seem to have given up coming, it can provide a useful training match even for our best.

Individual Prone Match (56 entries)

Place	Name	Nat	Score	Final	Total
1	D Baker	NI	588	104.7	692.7
2	M Stevenson	NI	587	102.1	689.1
3	D McIntosh	S	596	102.8	688.8
5	D Duncan	S	586	102.1	688.1
10	L Marlow	S	583		
11	G Walker	S	583		
12	B Mackay	S	582		
15	J Cole-Hamilton	S	580		
24	P Littlechild	S	574		
26	J Silcox	S	566		

Thanks are due to Jim Cole-Hamilton's employers, B J Services Co. (UK) Ltd, who supported this the Scottish team attending this match.

3-Positions Team Event

Place	Team	Members	Score
1	NI 'A'	Baker/Lewis/Ogle	3370
2	NI 'B'	R Clarke/Duff/D Clarke	3255
3	Scotland	McIntosh/Walker/Littlechild	3254
4	Ireland	Wilson/Reilly/Tubridy	3179

Home Countries International Matches Scottish Meeting, Lauder '95

Thursday afternoon, and on paper things looked good, a strong main team with one new addition in the form of James Brown, erstwhile Glasgow Univ & E U Alumni, now with Perth C&C, who had just won Class B. Most of the women's team have had a good week and the juniors are shooting well.

Friday morning, 10:30 and things are a little unsettled. James isn't feeling well and has withdrawn so in comes Susan Bell who was already shooting the Women's match. Gordon Winch still hasn't shown up and since he left the range on Thursday before the team was finalised some of the team are a tad jumpy and Captain Ian feels completely lost. 10:45 and the decision has to be taken to drop Gordon so that the reserve - Sinclair Bruce - has time to prepare for the 11:00 start. This is a repeat of Blairgowrie where Tom Hodgson got 15 minutes warning when Robin Thomson missed the match. Ian finally manages to convene a team meeting and launches into a pep talk. It goes down well, when do we sing "Flower of Scotland"? What doesn't go down well is Gordon arriving at 10:50, full of smiles, expecting to shoot. No apologies or explanations are offered and some VERY unhappy team members stalk off to their firing points.

Junior Match

Harry & Cyril soon sort things out - Mac and the Bon Accord boys will listen to Harry, the rest are on their own or with Cyril. Susan expresses female solidarity and stays with the

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot
Miss S Lee	12	15	27	Miss R Ronnie	12	17	29
B O Heath	11	9	20	Miss K Nilsen	7	14	21
M A Jenkins	12	13	25	J Hammond	15	5	20
	35	37	72		34	36	70

rest of the women, listening on to Shirley McIntosh who has just arrived. Steven Dunlop does a fine job looking after the juniors. Over the 50's we do OK - the main team is 8 points up, the women 1 down and the juniors 1 up.

Main Match

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot	Wales	50m	100y	Tot
B Hollingsworth	11	3	14	W F Brown	7	8	15	H C Taylor	8	9	17
S R Bailey	8	12	20	D W Garrow	5	12	17	P N Peters	7	3	10
A J Coulson	5	10	15	W M J Cole-Hamilton	9	6	15	R Roberts	12	14	26
K A Ridgway	3	5	8	Miss S M Bell	10	10	20	A J Germain	10	14	24
M Phelps	6	8	14	A S Bruce	11	8	19	P R Hughes	4	9	13
I J Smithurst	8	13	21	W J Long	5	10	15	D W Phelps	7	16	23
A M Newman	8	9	17	D A M McIntosh	2	9	11	J R Taylor	10	17	27
J A Duguid	7	6	13	T F Hodgson	5	14	19	E W Jones	7	10	17
R S West	9	15	24	I Shanks	7	10	17	G R Thomas	10	19	29
Mrs I Andrew	7	7	14	T S Hastings	3	10	13	W E Phelps	7	15	22
	72	88	160		64	97	161		82	126	208
Capt J Leech				Capt C I H Thomson				Capt K Whitecross			
Secy Dr E J Miller				Secy J D Milne				Secy E L Nicholl			

100yds and the wheels come off. Only Jim Cole-Hamilton and Jonathan Hammond in the junior team can really cope. All the men have at least one eight, Sarah MacDonald winds her sights the wrong way and Gaye Adams finds it just as hard as she has all week. Jonathan's excellent 100yds card makes all the difference and the juniors win by two points. The women are well out of touch, but most sickingly the main team loses by a point. Everyone curses "that eight" at 100yds, although Sinclair claims it's Donald's fault since he owned up in the middle of the card while discussing wind strength with Harry.

Women's Match

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot
Mrs I Andrew	7	7	14	Miss S M Bell	10	10	20
Mrs C M Rees Lay	9	10	19	Miss L J Marlow	5	12	17
Mrs J L Walker	6	9	15	Miss P Littlechild	6	12	18
Miss E M Johnstone	10	13	23	Miss S MacDonald	11	25	36
Mrs S J Postlethwaite	10	9	19	Mrs G Adams	11	28	39
	42	48	90		43	87	130
Capt Mrs J Lawson				Capt Mrs S Milne			
Secy Mrs M Woods				Secy Miss S MacDonald			

In reviewing the match, council have undertaken to provide clearer guidelines on what is required of the Captains and Secretaries along with a clearer statement of the conduct expected of team members. The substitution performed when Gordon arrived late was covered by precedent, but the whole issue of shooters confirming availability and when team members must be on the range will be clarified before next year.

SIUS ASCOR

Over the last couple of years, a number of Scottish shooters have encountered the latest in target technology - the Sius Ascor electronic scoring system. These have been seen recently in Dortmund, at the German Shooting School in Wiesbaden and at various World Cups & European/World Championships. Here Ronnie Sellar describes what it is all about.

The system consists of three major parts and lots of cabling (all neatly stored in conduits). At the target end is a box containing the sensors. This box has interchangeable front panels in a cream colour for both rifle and pistol 50 metre targets. The aiming mark is formed by a hole in this panel which has a rubber sheet behind it. This rubber sheet is used in the case of challenges to see where shots have gone.

The shooter has on the firing point a small monitor (monochrome, green screen) which shows the scoring rings and a list of the last five shots. This monitor also shows whether the system is in 'sighters' or 'match' mode. A button is attached to this VDU which allows the shooter to switch between a view of the whole target and a view of the centre out to the seven ring.

The third and final part of the system is the control panel used by the range staff. This panel has a box for each lane under the control of this panel (each panel ran eight lanes). Above the panel was a display which showed the last shot score on each lane. Each box on the panel allowed the range staff to change modes on each lane (at a signal from the shooter), to monitor each lanes shots (by using the same type of VDU as on the firing points) and to record each lane's shots on a printer for use in classification.

In 'match' mode a total for each string of ten is printed on that lane's printer and on the VDU on the firing point. All shots appear on the VDU as they are fired as a green disc in the place the shot landed. As the next shot is fired this disc is replaced by a cross and the next shot appears as a disc. A group centre marker also appears. This helps in centering sights. The screen can be 'cleared' by changing from the detail seven ring display to the large display and vice versa. When this is done only the last five shots appear on the new display. The group centre marker however still applies to all the sighters or all the match shots. Not clearing the screen means that at the end of a prone match there will be 59 crosses and one disc on the screen.

International Competitions

An exhaustive list of international performance by Scots in GB teams is not possible, as the NSRA have failed to issue any scores for international matches all year. Robin Law was the first away, attending the European Air championships in Finland in February. Shirley McIntosh added Central America to her list of continents, with World Cups in Cuba, Germany and Italy and European .22 Championships in Switzerland. John Oliphant & Bill Brown attended the ISAS match in Dortmund as part of the GB team, and were also at the Hapoel Games in Israel in June. Bill also managed to shoot in a World Cup in Japan, when he happened to be in the neighbourhood and happened to have his rifle with him...

Scottish Records

Enclosed with this newsletter is a complete set of Scottish records as currently recorded by the SSRA. The NSRA have changed the format of a number of their competitions this year. As far as I know, the changes are as follows :-

All club teams at The Scottish and The National Meetings are reduced from four to three members.

The Inter-County 3-Positions League is reduced from 6 to 4 team members.

Division 1 of the club Air Rifle league is reduced from 40 to 20 shots per team member per round.

The Inter-County Air Rifle Championship at Aldersley is increased from 4 to 5 team members.

The Inter-County Air Rifle league is reduced from 40 to 30 shots per team member per round.

The Inter-County Air Rifle competition is changed from 6 shooters/40 shots each to 5 shooters/60 shots each.

This means that a number of record categories become obsolete, and the last record scores in these categories are shown. I gather that there a number of other competitions going the same way, if the NSRA Rifle Committee gets its own way.

If you think there is anything missing, or that you have got better scores in any categories, then please get in touch with Donald McIntosh, 100/10 Easter Warriston, Edinburgh, EH7 4QZ and let him know. Note that evidence may be required !

GB National Squads

Recent National Squad trials at Bisley resulted in some very good performances, or so we thought. It turned out that the marker had used the wrong gauge, and the re-issued scores are somewhat lower. As a result Robin Law returns to the men's .22 squad - where John Oliphant & Bill Brown remain. Shirley McIntosh & Tricia Littlechild also remain in the women's squad. Susan Bell has been omitted despite coming 2nd in the prone trial.

Commonwealth Games Qualifying Scores

The June newsletter contained a table of qualifying scores required for the 1998 Commonwealth Games. There were a number of errors in that table as Anne didn't have a full set of results to work from, but here is the correct version. STSF still have not made a definitive statement on what the qualifying score is (ie before or after final) and there will be some further discussions on that topic over the next few months.

C.G. '98 qualifying scores	Men	Women
Prone	591 x 600	585 x 600
Three Positions	1132 x 1200	570 x 600
Air Rifle	583 x 600	387 x 400

Army vs Scotland 15th & 16th July 1995 Ash Ranges, Aldershot

The annual match against the Army took place on the Ash ranges the week after the Scottish meeting, and a team drawn half from Scotland and half from Anglo's took on and defeated the Army's best (OK, Cameron Ferguson was missing). A match report from Captain Ronnie Sellar was supposed to be here, but at the time of going to press it had not been received. Maybe next time Ronnie.

3 Positions Match

Army	Prone	Stand	Kneel	Total	Scotland	Prone	Stand	Kneel	Total
P Underhill	387	350	376	1113	R A Sellar	384	354	361	1099
A Aitken	380	329	353	1062	W G R Walker	380	344	347	1071
Frankland	377	322	345	1044	A M Coates	379	339	341	1059
Williams	384	308	317	1009	M Sinclair	383	321	352	1056
Blackburn	385	249	334	968	L J Marlow	386	307	354	1047
Frame	374	278	295	947	S M J MacDonald	381	289	354	1024
Fearn	369	214	272	855	D P Sheridan	374	298	336	1008
					D Kennedy-Moffat	368	277	312	957
Team Total (best 4)				4228	Team Total (best 4)				4285

Prone Match

Army	English Match	Double Dearer		Total	Scotland	English Match	Double Dearer		Total
		50m	100y				50m	100y	
Williams	577	389	390	1356	M Sinclair	578	392	387	1357
Underhill	578	390	388	1356	D J Lumsden	583	386	384	1353
Frankland	569	386	393	1348	R A Sellar	577	390	379	1346
Bruce	575	382	382	1339	L J Marlow	577	393	375	1345
Blackburn	565	382	370	1317	J R Ward	578	382	381	1341
Ferguson	572			572	W G R Walker	572	378	386	1336
Roberts	572			572	A M Coates	568	384	383	568
Aitken	571			571	D P Sheridan	570	382	380	570
Frame	566	386	376	762	D Kennedy-Moffat	571	382	382	764
Eifflander	567	388	353	741	S M J MacDonald	560	383	373	756
Fearn	557	365	362	727					
Team Totals	4579	6082		10661	Team Totals	4603	6133		10736

Trials for Commonwealth Championships 1995. Denwood, 29-30th July and 5th-6th August

Men's Prone Elimination Relay 1 Men's Prone Elimination Relay 2

Name	Score
A J Horne	589
W F Brown	585
M Sinclair	582
D A Duncan	580
D A M McIntosh	576
W M J Cole-Hamilton	576

Name	Score
J Lavety	588
G J B Winch	584
R A Sellar	582
H Simpson, jnr	579
W J Long	578
I Shanks	577
J R Ward	562

Men's Prone Final

Name	Score	Final	Total
M Sinclair	589	102.8	691.8
G J B Winch	584	104.5	688.5
R A Sellar	585	102.9	687.9
W F Brown	584	102.2	686.2
A J Horne	575	104.2	679.2
H Simpson, jnr	576	102.6	678.6
J Lavety	581	93.1	674.1

Women's Prone

Name	Score	Final	Total
S J McIntosh	585	102.2	687.2
L J Marlow	579	101.9	680.9
P Littlechild	578	100.1	678.1
S M Bell	576	100.9	676.9
B E Mackay	564	98.9	662.9
L B Buchanan	557	97.9	654.9

Women's 3x20

Name	Prone	Stand	Kneel	Score	Final	Total
S J McIntosh	193	166	175	534	86.1	620.1
P Littlechild	192	170	178	536	78.2	614.2
L J Marlow	194	155	185	534	76.7	610.7

Women's Air Rifle

Name	Score	Final	Total
S J McIntosh	371	98.7	469.7
P Littlechild	363	97.5	460.5
L J Marlow	355	91.8	446.8

the Championships, and all of the men have accepted. 1994 Commonwealth Games Gold medallist Shirley McIntosh has declined for personal reasons, which means that Lynda Marlow and Tricia Littlechild will be shooting all three events, which given that - unlike the Commonwealth Games

The Men's Prone trials consisted of an elimination stage with 50%, rounded up if necessary, from each relay going forward to a final trial.

The top two in each discipline were duly selected for

Men's Air Rifle

Name	Score	Final	Total
R Law	580	100.8	680.8
D W Rattray	579	100.5	679.5
D A M McIntosh	575	97.7	672.7
A Rycraft	565	97.4	662.4
R A Sellar	567	93.6	660.6

Men's 3x40

Name	Prone	Stand	Kneel	Score	Final	Total
R Law	387	367	375	1129	93.7	1,222.7
R A Sellar	389	354	374	1117	90.8	1,207.8
D A M McIntosh	391	352	373	1116	88.6	1,204.6
J R Silcox	387	326	358	1071	82.1	1,153.1

- the pairs events are concurrent isn't as bad as it sounds. The team leaves Scotland on the 17th of November, with Angus Dick as small-bore rifle discipline manager. Tony Lithgow of the Scottish Clay Target Association is in overall charge, with SCTA and SPA also sending

representatives. There are no NRA style full-bore rifle events in these championships, but instead there are UIT 300m events - Free Rifle Prone and 3x40 as well as Standard Rifle 3x20. The Scottish Rifle Association, who are the governing body for these events, have declined to take part, as none of their shooters appear to have UIT legal equipment, never mind the ability to shoot competitive standing. Donald McIntosh - non travelling reserve for the Air and small-bore 3x40 was given the chance to take part in these events but without financial support has been forced to turn down the opportunity. It is still possible that these 300m events may be included in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in favour of the NRA target rifle event, in which case we may see some of our UIT shooters moving up in calibre. We will keep you informed as and when this situation is clarified.

NSRA/Eley Inter Region Match Bisley, 11th September 1995

One of the tasks the SSRA is asked to perform by the NSRA is that of Regional Squad coordinator for Scotland. This is quite separate from Scotland Team Squads, and applies to residents of Scotland who have GB National Squad aspirations. This activity involves selecting a team to compete in the annual NSRA Inter-Region match, which is sponsored by Eley, at Bisley on the day before the National Meeting starts.

The event consists of Women's & Men's Prone & 3-P, team & individual events - all shot on Gehmann boxes on Rimfire range. With current National Squad members barred from competing, we could not field a Women's team but had a Prone team of Donald McIntosh, Martin Sinclair & Cliff Ogle, with Cliff & Donald also shooting in the 3-P match.

The results that were produced seemed a little generous at the time and given the farce of the GB squad trials a month later, are very suspect. However, what they did produce was 1st place for both our teams, 1st place for Cliff in both events and 2nd place for Donald in the Prone. Eley provided prizes, including a full box of 5000 Match Extra (Eley obviously reckon Regional Squad people aren't good enough to need Tenex), half of which went to the Scottish squad members. The results have still not been formally published, but here are our scores.

Prone

C W C Ogle	595
D A M McIntosh	594
M Sinclair	585
Total	1774

3 Positions

C W C Ogle	1127
D A M McIntosh	1122
Total	2249

Police Athletic Association vs Scotland

This match took place once more on the Friday before the start of the Scottish Meeting, and it proved difficult to find a team capable of competing with the Police. As a result Scotland were well and truly stuffed - not helped by Bill Long shooting for the wrong side !

We don't seem to have a copy of the results anywhere, so if anyone has them please pass them onto John Silcox so that they can be included in the next newsletter.

Home Countries International Matches National Meeting, Bisley '95

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot	Wales	50m	100y	Tot
M T White	5	11	16	W F Brown	5	12	17	D Thomas	3	6	9
M L Babb	7	7	14	C R Ferguson	4	9	13	P N Peters	4	13	17
T P Elson	10	9	19	R Law	7	8	15	T Wakefield	2	16	18
M Phelps	5	9	14	C G De Jonckheere	8	9	17	H C Taylor	13	11	24
M J N Bagot	6	8	14	E Bottomley	9	11	20	D Phelps	3	13	16
S R Bailey	8	9	17	Mrs L D Martin	9	15	24	J Dallimore	2	7	9
T Norman	10	7	17	N T J Calder	9	18	27	J Taylor	8	12	20
J A Cornish	3	14	17	A A Reid	4	10	14	P Hughes	14	11	25
J A Duguid	10	11	21	J R Ward	9	16	25	A German	12	12	24
E J Robinson	3	7	10	A R Campbell	9	10	19	G Thomas	10	13	23
	67	92	159		73	118	191		71	114	185
Capt S D Stock				Capt W F Hamilton				Capt E W Jones			
Secy A J Everson				Secy W T Vaughan				Secy D Alsop			
Northern Ireland	50m	100y	Tot	Jersey	50m	100y	Tot	South Africa	50m	100y	Tot
C W C Ogle	3	6	9	S LeCouillard	8	14	22	C Smith	12	9	21
D Baker	6	10	16	P Ryan	13	12	25	J Kotze	12	12	24
R Conway	6	8	14	K De Gruchy	4	14	18	D Engelbrecht	13	12	25
E Charleton	9	9	18	G Proctor	14	13	27	S Smith	12	14	26
C P Cobb	8	6	14	T Le Cornu	11	10	21	R Boonzaaie	14	12	26
M Stevenson	12	9	21	B Mallet	9	10	19	I Roux	12	9	21
M Heaney	18	13	31	B De Gruchy	13	8	21	M Maloth	11	18	29
P A Cobb	20	11	31	M Le Mottee	13	13	26	A Greyling	10	12	22
D T O'Brien	5	14	19	I Smith	9	16	25	T Roets	8	10	18
R Heaney	14	10	24	R Nott	18	15	33	T Badenhurst	8	11	19
	101	96	197		112	125	237		112	119	231
Capt D Baker				Capt T Le Cornu							
Secy A Graham				Secy R Mallet							

The week began well for Scotland, with the 3P team returning to its winning ways. The breakdown of scores hasn't been made available unfortunately but what that showed was that after the prone & standing sections our boys were lying 1st, 2nd & 5th in the concurrent individual championship - in fact we had three of the best four standing scores on the range - but Donald's kneeling went to lunch long before the end of the match and he dropped to 11th overall. Robin & Ronnie stayed 1st & 2nd though and with that the match was really secure. E U Alumni & Lothian won the Club and County team championships in yet more concurrent competitions so for Ronnie it was individual second and three team firsts. Not bad for 4 hours work, eh. DAMM, Team Captain

The pool gets smaller. For whatever reasons, Bisley no longer seems to attract our top shooters for the week, and so the available talent from which the team is chosen becomes less. Last year there were three or four new caps, this year there were three plus one of last year's debutantes so the

experience level of our teams is becoming dangerously low. Apart from old war-horses like Cyril De Jonckheere, who must have well over 40 'caps', Sandy Reid and Robin Law who have both shot in these matches many times before, the other seven members of this year's team could probably only count about 15 Home Countries matches among them.

Don't get the wrong message here, though. I am absolutely certain that those who do represent their country in these matches perform to the very best of their abilities. This is exemplified by the fact that one of this year's new 'caps', Cameron Ferguson, was the team's top-scorer and I congratulate him on that achievement. The point I am making is that Scotland does leave a lot of its best shooters north of the border. Compare this team with recent teams from the 'Scottish': only two from the Blairgowrie team of 1993 and only one from this year's Lauder team were members of the Bisley team this year.

However, the NSRA has relaxed their rules on eligibility for the HC matches so that a team member does not have to have entered the meeting to be able to shoot. This means that on payment of the registration fee only a shooter could shoot in the match without having done the Aggregate. The SSRA's current rule for selecting the team is to take it directly from the Aggregate with little room for manoeuvre. Perhaps the Council might like to reconsider its policy here to be a little more flexible. There was a case in point this year when a shooter in Class X who might reasonably have been expected to shoot well enough to qualify for the team did not make it as he was unable to shoot one of

3 Positions Match

Scotland	Tot	England	Tot	Wales	Tot
R Law	1129	T Langridge	1104	H C Taylor	1085
R A Sellar	1114	S Ross	1104	Miss J A Malcolm	1083
D A M McIntosh	1103	K Parr	1098	R Riddett	1041
	3346		3306		3209

Women's Match

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot
Mrs I Andrew	6	5	11	Mrs L D Martin	9	15	24
Miss J Howden	7	12	19	Mrs B E Mackay	14	7	21
Mrs J Hay	11	6	17	Miss P Littlechild	18	12	30
Miss L Smallbone	13	9	22	Mrs G Adams	10	11	21
Mrs J Nicholl	15	10	25	Mrs M J Melvin	12	21	33
	52	42	94		63	66	129
Capt Mrs E Cowell				Capt Mrs J M Bailey			
Secy Mrs M Roberts				Secy Mrs C Tighe-Ford			
South Africa	50m	100y	Tot	Wales	50m	100y	Tot
I Roux	12	9	21	M Urresti	20	23	43
M Maloth	11	18	29	S hartop	7	12	19
A Greyling	10	12	22	J Hull	19	18	37
T Roets	8	10	18	C Dallimore	8	14	22
T Badenhurst	8	11	19	K Kerry	22	11	33
	49	60	109		76	78	154

the Aggregate Competitions on the Tuesday due to illness. Given an 'average' score for that missing comp, he would have qualified comfortably in the team. In this instance it probably would not have made any difference to the result but we might have come second instead of third behind England and Wales. Northern Ireland were six points behind Scotland - a good shoot for them considering that they did not know it they would have a complete team until the morning of the match.

Junior Match

England	50m	100y	Tot	Scotland	50m	100y	Tot
K W Gibbons	8	14	22	Miss R Ronnie	15	8	23
R B Rundle	11	11	22	Miss K Nilsen	17	17	34
M Szymankiewicz	3	8	11	J Hammond	11	7	18
	22	33	55		43	32	75
South Africa	50m	100y	Tot	Wales	50m	100y	Tot
C Smith	12	9	21	D Phelps	3	13	16
M Maloth	11	18	29	Miss J Brekke	13	8	21
I Roux	12	9	21	Miss M Carew	9	18	27
	35	36	71		25	39	64

The match itself went smoothly and without any major glitches. The only problem was finding a wind-coach. On a visual inspection after 50m, our estimates put us only a couple of points behind England (it stretched to 4 behind on the official results), and we went in to the 100y with some confidence. However, the conditions proved a little too tricky for us and England pulled away strongly to finish 32 points ahead. Even Wales sneaked in ahead of us with steady but unspectacular 100 yard shooting and beat us by 6 points (having been behind us by 4 after the 50's). This has happened before, where we have been up with the pace or even been in the lead at 50m but lost out at the longer distance. We must do better at 100 yards!

It was an honour to have been appointed Captain of the team, and I'd like to thank everybody who took part in the match and for doing their best on the day. Thanks also to Bill Vaughan for doing the Team Secretary's job so efficiently, and to the others who helped change the cards and estimate scores.

Bill Hamilton
Captain

(Note to the SSRA's Archivist/Historian/Statistician - I'm not aware of any record, private or public, on the number of 'caps' individuals have for representing Scotland either in the two yearly Home Countries internationals or in other representative matches - how about setting up some sort of register? I know I have been in 29 Home Countries matches only because I've just gone and counted the date-bars, but I have no idea how many other Scotland/SSRA matches I've shot in. Does anyone have any idea who has represented Scotland the most times? I think we ought to be told!)

Grand Prix Series 1995

This year saw the number of competitors in the Prone series receiving points reduced from the top 10 to the top 6, bringing the points allocated into line with the 3P and Air series and also meaning that qualifying for the UIT final was not a guarantee of points. David Duncan led the way from the beginning, winning his very first Grand Prix and never dropping lower than 5th all year. Cliff Ogle did his best to catch him, but a new jacket has worked wonders for Cyril De Jonckheere who won the final two matches.

There was competition too in the C&D series, with George Philip established as the favourite from an early stage. Vidar Nilsen came close, but no cigar.

Prone Grand Prix Series

Name	Club	Denwood	Angus	Carlisle	Grampian	Gage	Total
D A Duncan	Keith	9	2	9	3	6	29
C W C Ogle	E U Alumni	3	9	6	1	1	20
C G De Jonckheere	Dumfries	1			9	9	19
G J B Winch	Stirling RI	6	6		2	3	17
I Shanks	Bon Accord			1	6		7
W M J Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord	2	4				6
W J Long	Steeple	4					4
H Simpson jnr	Wick Old Stagers			4			4
D A M McIntosh	E U Alumni				4		4
G Motion	Kegworth & Sutton					4	4
M Sinclair	E U Alumni		3				3
R Law	Stirling RI			3			3
W H MacDonald	Clachnacuddin			2			2
W Moonie	Stirling RI					2	2
R A Sellar	Watsonians		1				1

The 3-Positions series, transplanted to Denwood with Linwood's closure, was poorly attended all year, although to be fair there was at least one woman at three of the events shooting a 3x20 which did not count towards the series. There are a good few more 3P shooters out there who simply do not take part, although it must be said that some of these are current internationalists with packed calendars, and the Association must address this before deciding if the 3P events can continue in their current form.

Air Grand Prix Series to date

Name	Club	Air GP 1	Air GP 2	Total
R A Sellar	E U Alumni	4	9	13
A Rycraft	Glasgow Rail	6	6	12
D A M McIntosh	E U Alumni	9		9
E G Watt	Bon Accord		4	4
W F Hamilton	Watsonians	3		3
W M J Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord		3	3
J Gaskell	Bon Accord	2		2

There have been two Air Rifle Grand Prix events over the summer, again again poorly attended, but no series trophy will be awarded for these. Instead, as requested by many

of the shooters, the Air Rifle series will be run over the winter with these two events considered as part of the 1995/6 series. Dates and venues for these events should be available soon.

3 Positions Grand Prix Series

Name	Club	3P GP 1	3P GP 2	3P GP 3	3P GP 4	Total
R A Sellar	E U Alumni	9	9		9	27
D A M McIntosh	E U Alumni	6		9		15
J R Silcox	Queen Victoria School	4		3	6	13
N B Baker	Watsonians		4	4	4	12
P Gray	Steeple	2	6	2	2	12
D P Sheridan	Kinross & Milnathort		3		3	6
C W C Ogle	E U Alumni			6		6
W G R Walker	Fallon	3				3
E G Watt	Bon Accord	1			1	2
A Credland	Kinross & Milnathort		2			2
E Bottomley	Blackpool			1		1

C & D Prone Grand Prix Series

Name	Club	Denwood	Angus	Caithness	Grampian	Gagie	Total
G Philip	Cawdor	6	9	3	6	9	33
V A Nilsen	St Andrews	1	2		9	6	18
M J Rae	Bon Accord	3	6	4	2	3	18
I Halley	Kirkaldy		3	6		4	13
B A Farquhar	Huntly	9			3		12
Miss K L Nilsen	St Andrews	2	4		4	1	11
D Porter	Thurso			9			9
A Climie	Bon Accord	4					4
J Henderson	Caithness			2			2
N Stirton	Bon Accord					2	2
J Boyes	George Watson's College		1				1
J Swanson	Watten			1			1
D Fraser	Cawdor				1		1

Inter Region Long Range Championship Denwood, 10th September 1995

A clash with the NSRA regional squad trials left Central without the services of Robin Law, and Lothian were fairly decimated with six potential team members in Cliff Ogle, both McIntoshs, Tricia Littlechild, Susan Bell and Lynda Marlow unavailable. Despite Gordon Winch showing how it should be done (more of the same in India please Gordon), the Grampian mix of age and beauty triumphed on the day, and the Bob Normand Memorial Trophy will be presented at the AGM.

Grampian	50 metres			100 yards			Agg.
	1.	2.	Tot.	1.	2.	Tot.	
W M J Cole-Hamilton	8	4	12	7	3	10	22
W Copland	9	7	16	5	7	12	28
D A Duncan	5	1	6	6	10	16	22
D W Garrow	6	2	8	4	6	10	18
A Gordon	5	3	8	8	8	16	24
J Lavety	10	6	16	7	4	11	27
Net Team Total less two worst scores *							141
Fife							
J Lowe	12	9	21	14	4	18	39
Miss K Nilsen	10	12	22	7	11	18	40
R Nilsen	8	3	11	10	6	16	27
N McNaughton	4	9	13	16	12	28	41
J Hutchison	8	6	14	7	7	14	28
J Houston	4	9	13	10	13	23	36
Net Team Total less two worst scores *							211
Lothian							
W F Hamilton	8	8	16	3	8	11	27
R A Sellar	8	4	12	10	8	18	30
A J Horne	0	4	4	5	7	12	16
A S Bruce	5	7	12	7	11	18	30
J R Buchanan	8	10	18	7	10	17	35
C I H Thomson	1	8	9	5	7	12	21
Net Team Total less two worst scores *							159
Borders, Dumfries & Galloway							
W T Vaughan	7	4	11	5	10	15	26
J Michael	12	11	23	14	17	31	54
J Milne	5	10	15	19	3	22	37
C G DeJonckheere	6	4	10	4	4	8	18
M Ives	11	15	26	8	10	18	44
D M Kennedy-Moffat	12	10	22	4	8	12	34
less two worst scores *Net Team Total							213
Highland							
G Philip	6	7	13	8	9	17	30
W H MacDonald	6	5	11	5	2	7	18
K M MacDonald	6	4	10	8	4	12	22
Mrs M Main	11	6	17	6	8	14	31
J Swanson	7	9	16	10	14	24	40
Mrs B E Mackay	5	7	12	11	5	16	28
Net Team Total less worst score*							169

Central							
W Crawford	9	9	18	4	5	9	27
D P Sheridan	5	6	11	2	12	14	25
G J B Winch	5	2	7	1	4	5	12
L B Buchanan	10	9	19	13	21	34	53
A Brown	15	17	32	11	11	22	54
W Moonie	6	0	6	6	8	14	20
Team Total							191

Scottish Target Shooting Federation 1995 Air Weapons Championships Inverclyde Sports Centre, 7th - 8th October

The SSRA joined forces with the Scottish Pistol Association once more to run the Air Weapons Championship at the Scottish Sports Council's Inverclyde Sports Centre in Largs. The main results are shown below :-

Class A Aggregate			Class B Aggregate		
D W Rattray	Glasgow Rail	1155	I Spragg	Henley in Arden	1114
H F Jones	Burton on Trent	1154	D Baker	East Antrim	1108
A Morris	Swansea	1150	C W C Ogle	E U Alumni	1101
Class C Aggregate			Class D Aggregate		
J Rodgers	East Antrim	1088	A McCallum	Fetlor	923
P Page	East Antrim	1028	D Jack	East Antrim	915
N Barton	Balerno & Currie	1023	S Rillie	Fetlor	771

Open Championship					Open Women's Championship				
R Law	Stirling RI	576	98.8	674.8	S J McIntosh	E U Alumni	383	96.0	479.0
D W Rattray	Glasgow Rail	578	96.6	674.6	H F Jones	Burton	382	96.2	478.2
H F Jones	Burton	578	96.2	674.2	J A Malcolm	Torfaen	376	94.5	470.5

Open Junior Championship				
A Rycraft	Glasgow Rail	547	94.1	641.1
A McCallum	Fetlor	463	84.7	547.7
A Beynon	Montgomery	491	withdrew	

Scottish Confined Champion	Robin Law Stirling RI
Scottish Confined Women's Champion	Mrs S J McIntosh E U Alumni
Scottish Confined Junior Champion	Andrew Rycraft Glasgow Rail

Home Countries International							
England		Scotland		Northern Ireland		Wales	
I Potts	572	R Law	576	R Clarke	561	J Malcolm	562
H Jones	578	D Rattray	578	A Lewis	540	A Lawrence	570
I Spragg	562	S McIntosh	574	D Baker	553	A Morris	571
	1712		1728		1654		1703

Freuchie 1995

With Anne fully occupied scoring for the NSRA, a new voice in the form of SSRA Treasurer John Silcox took over the Freuchie. A few teething troubles resulted in us being unable to work out who should be in the C&D final, so five people shot that. The main final proved very close, with Donald McIntosh coming out on top following a .25 re-gauge with clubmate Cliff Ogle. Thanks go from him to Billy Mitchell who provided instruction later that week on how the Wilkinson Sword should be treated.

2nd Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner
D Ross	D Ross	M J Rae	D A M McIntosh
D Swain			
W Long			
V Nilsen	S R Bailey		
S R Bailey			
G Lewin			
L J Marlow	M J Rae		
M J Rae			
W Ross			
P Littlechild	D A M McIntosh		
A M Coates			
D A M McIntosh			
R Meadows	D W Garrow		
D W Garrow			
C J Bruce			
H Simpson, Jr	C G De Jonckheere		
N Davis			
C G De Jonckheere			
C W C Ogle	C W C Ogle		
J R Ward			
D P Sheridan			
S M Bell	G A Lawson		
G A Lawson			
N Davies			
D J Lumsden	W T Vaughan		
W F Brown			
W T Vaughan			

C & D Final	Winner
V Nilsen	D P Sheridan
G Lewin	
M J Rae	
D P Sheridan	
N Davies	

100 Club

The SSRA 100 club continues to operate, albeit with limited take up. This results in a lot of "roll-over" months, and big wins at the end. In January Sinclair Bruce won £104 and in July Sandy Reid won £112. As of end of September there is over £30 in the pot, and if you want to be in for November's draw fill in the form on the next page and send it to John Silcox.

Errata

The 1994/5 Prize List shows Sarah MacDonald has having won the first of the 1995 Women's 3P Grand Prix matches. It was in fact won by Shirley McIntosh.



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	How many months? (3, 6, 9, or 12)	
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	Start month	
	SSRA Membership No	
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	Please send to the SSRA Treasurer John Silcox at above address. Thank you.	

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		Price	Quantity	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		
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Enamel Button badge		£1.00		
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Customer Name and Address :	Post & Packing (£1 per sweatshirt 75p per T-shirt or tie maximum £3 per order)			
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Delivery address (if different)	I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ _____			
	Signature _____			
Send with payment to J R Silcox, [REDACTED]				

1995/6 Calendar

November			
4 - 6	Balerno & Currie Open	B&C	JHH
19 - 27	Commonwealth Championships	New Delhi	CSF
25 - 26	Watsonians Open	GWC	CIHT
2 - 3 Dec			
February			
9 - 11	British Air Rifle Championship	Aldersley	NSRA
March			
19 - 24	ISAS	Dortumnd	SSRA
25 - 31	European Air Championships	Budapest	ESC
April			
18 - 30	World Cup	Atlanta	UIT
May			
25 - 31	World Cup	Munich	UIT
June			
1 - 8	World Cup	Milan	UIT
26 - 30	Nordic Championships	Denmark	???
29 - 5 Jul	Scottish Meeting	Forres	NSRA
August			
10 - 17	National Meeting	Bisley	NSRA
September			
20 - 22	CSF (ED) Championships	Denwood	SSRA
October			
27	SSRA Annual General Meeting	Perth	SSRA

None of the SSRA events for the forthcoming year have been scheduled yet, the the above calendar contains all the information I can find.

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Please send entries off in good time.

Please, if you have to phone, not too late!

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