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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2000

View from the Hot Seat

Well here we are again, happy as can be.....and a little later than anticipated. Production of this newsletter has been affected by a variety of factors ranging from power cuts/computer failure and the Minigames to a long overdue holiday on the part of the editor. That said, what I have done is make this issue bigger than planned and the next issue will be a little smaller!

There has been a lot of activity on the match front this summer and this issue has many reports of shooting events from around the country and abroad. My thanks to those who took the time to write the reports and for the photographs donated. Many of the photos in this issue are already posted on the website so if you have access and want to see them in glorious technicolour then look up the picture gallery on www.ssra.co.uk.

There is also a report on the AGM and we welcome three new members to our council.

This winter sees the submission deadline for the development plan of the Scottish Target Shooting Federation. These plans are submitted every four years and outline the intended activities of the member bodies over that period. This Association's part of the submission includes projects to assist with youth development, coach education, training of volunteers, marketing and promotion, regional development and high performance. As with many things in sport these days, the Association's activities are constrained by finance and lack of volunteers. In our submission we have tried not to be too overambitious as that is counterproductive in the end. Anyone who feels they have skills to offer in the various development areas listed would be welcome to assist where they can. Membership of Council is not an essential part of helping with running the sport.

I was reflecting recently that it is nearly two years since I took up the Secretary's post in the Association and I find myself wondering where those two years have gone. In two years time our senior athletes will have completed the next Commonwealth Games on the new ranges at Bisley. Building work has now started and when I was at Bisley last weekend, the foundations were almost complete. Completion is planned for March and our senior athletes are looking forward to taking advantage of an early opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Commonwealth Games range.

Facilities however, continue to be a problem in Scotland. The current funding of Scottish sport is an issue of some concern to those involved in the various governing bodies of all sports and the Scottish Sports Association, of which this Association is a member, is lobbying the Scottish Executive for a fair deal for sport. Let's hope that they are successful.

As always, I welcome any comments on the content of the Newsletter and any contributions for future editions. Suggestions for improvements are also welcomed. One such suggestion was that some of our older members whose eyesight might not be quite so sharp as it once was, are finding the size of print difficult to read in this A5 booklet format. It may be possible to print some copies in A4 format if this would be helpful. Just let me know.

I'll sign off now and let you get on with reading the more important bits.....

Kind regards

Shirley McIntosh
Secretary

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GB Scotland

Following a review of the training of National Squads in Great Britain a new Regional based system of training will be adopted in 2001. Those of you who were around in the mid 1980s will realise that this is not really a new system, but more a return to the system in place then.

Regional squads currently exist around the country on a fairly ad hoc basis. However, new "super regions" are being set up to cater for the training needs both of the GB National Squad and those who are not at that level but wish to become so. Shirley McIntosh has been appointed to run the new GB Scotland "super region" as it will largely operate alongside the current Scotland squad. All of the current GB senior squad members are already part of the Scotland squad so, apart from the addition of juniors, there will be little change at the moment. However, GB Scotland is training shooters for GB level events and so anyone not qualified to represent Scotland may still apply for membership of GB Scotland. GB National squad members from outwith Scotland may also choose to train with GB Scotland if that is more in line with their training plans. Similarly those Scottish squad members living outside Scotland may choose to additionally train with a "super region" closer to home.

Qualifying standards will be set shortly, but these are likely to be lower than the current GB squad qualification scores. Anyone who wishes to be considered for membership of GB Scotland should contact Shirley McIntosh (details on the back page).

AGM 2000

The 2000 Annual General Meeting was held on 25 June at the Scottish Pulp & Paper Mill Social Club in Fort William. The move to having the AGM during the Scottish Meeting was proved to be the right one as 34 people attended, nearly double some of the attendances we have had in recent years.

As well as the usual AGM items, Council presented a revised Constitution to the meeting for approval. This had been circulated to the membership with the notice of meeting. There was a short discussion about the Association's relationship with the NSRA and the Scottish funding bodies but the revised Constitution was passed unanimously with no amendments.

Two nominations for life membership were brought to the meeting. Cyril de Jonckheere has been an active member within the Scottish shooting scene for many years (we'll not embarrass him by saying how many!) and has devoted many hours to the Association as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as well as his involvement with coaching national squads over the years. The meeting unanimously passed the motion that he should be given life membership and we take the opportunity here to congratulate him on the award and to officially thank him for his contribution.

The second nomination was for Harry Milne. Harry has also given many hours to the sport of shooting in Scotland and has been involved with the training of national squads since the early 80s. He was Assistant Team Manager to the Commonwealth Games team in 1986 and was also coach to the highly successful 1994 Commonwealth Games team which saw this Association's members bring home 6 of the 7 shooting medals won. Prior to the meeting, the Secretary had received a letter which questioned Harry's suitability as a candidate for life membership in view of more recent events. The meeting discussed the matters raised and their relevance to the life membership issue and also considered whether a vote should be deferred until next year to allow for further investigation. It was finally decided to have a simple vote on awarding life membership to Harry and this was passed by a majority of those present. We would therefore also like to congratulate Harry on his life membership and for his

contribution to Scottish shooting.

For the first time in a number of years, a full compliment of Council members was elected. John Silcox decided not to stand for re-election as Treasurer due to the pressures of work and additional studies he has to undertake in the next 18 months. Council would like to thank him for all the hard work he has done over the last 5 years and wish him well with his studies.

Council are fortunate to have Willie Allan as John's replacement. As a bank manager Willie will be able to pick up where John left off relatively easily. Willie was local organiser of the Scottish Meeting in Fort William this year and is a member of SPPM Rifle Club. Council also welcomes Alister Allan MBE, who needs no further introduction, and Joe McCarthy who will be well known to shooters in the West of Scotland and Lanarkshire.

The full Council for the coming year and the areas they represent are as follows:

Chairman:	Angus Dick (North)
Vice Chairman	Bill Moonie (Central)
Secretary	Shirley McIntosh (Central)
Treasurer	Willie Allan (North)

Ordinary Members (in alphabetical order)

Alister Allan (Central)
John Buchanan (South East)
Tony Credland (Central)
Cyril de Jonckheere (South West)
Jim Hammond (North)
Joe McCarthy (South West)
Lynda Sinclair (South East)
Bill Vaughan (South East)

Council would like to thank the SPPM Social club for looking after us so well and providing such an extensive buffet.

Next year's Scottish meeting is to be held in Lauder and more details of the venue and any social event will be issued nearer the time. Suggestions for a suitable social event would be welcomed.

The Secretary

Winter Leagues 1999/2000

In the last issue of TENpointNINE we were unfortunately unable to give the full results of last winter's league competitions. The Gremlins have now been removed from Bill Moonie's computer and we are now able to let everyone else know the results.

In some of the divisions several people for whatever reason did not complete their targets (*not for want of trying - Ed!*) which must have

Prone Divisions 1 to 4

Name	Club	Agg	Points
Hugh Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1988	16
Bill Brown	Chobham	1981	16
Gordon Motion	Callander	1967	13
Jack Lavelly	Bon Accord	1965	8
John Campbell	Halkirk	1955	7
Willie Campbell	Halkirk	492	0

James Brown	Perth C&C	1951	19
Robbie Campbell	Halkirk	1945	14
Bill Vaughan	Selkirk	1955	11
Donald Mackay	Dingwall	1913	5
Mike Rodigan	Basingstoke	1162	5
Billy Crawford	Callander	1157	2

Name	Club	Agg	Points
Erling Watt	Bon Accord	1949	19
Sheena Sharp	Huntly	1749	16
Gavin Walker	E U Alumni	1932	11
Jim Hind	Balemo & Currie	1901	6
Jim Hammond	Bon Accord	1146	5
David Henderson	Balemo & Currie	572	2

Name	Club	Agg	Points
David Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1984	20
Hugh A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1943	14
Willie McAulay	Alloa	1892	12
Joe McCarthy	Dumbarton	1539	8
Stuart Mackie	QVS	0	0
Rosie Fraser	Perth C&C	0	0

been disappointing for their competitors. Hopefully this winter will see all range work completed around the country and any other problems overcome so that all who enter get a fair competition.

This would be a good point to thank Bill Moonie (and his Gremlins), John Buchanan, Bill Vaughan, Cyril de Jonckheere and John Silcox for all their hard work in organising and running the leagues during the winter season. If anyone out there has the time to mark a few cards, I'm sure that would be appreciated. If so, please contact the Secretary.

3 Positions Rifle

Name	Club	Agg	Points
Tony Credland	Glenrothes	2252	25
Simon Bailey	Cheshunt	1666	19
Lynda Sinclair	E U Alumni	556	6
Janis Thomson	Crewe	553	5
Gavin Walker	E U Alumni	522	2.5
Mike Rodigan	Basingstoke	522	2.5
Stephen Tierney	QVS	0	0
Stuart Ruthven	QVS	0	0

Air Rifle

Name	Club	Agg	Points
Tony Credland	Glenrothes	2813	10
Janis Thomson	Crewe	2804	8
Bill Brown	Chobham	2699	4
Erling Watt	Bon Accord	1591	2
Shirley McIntosh	E U Alumni	0	0

Name	Club	Agg	Points
Bill Baird	Havant	2681	10
Sev Quintella	Dumfries	2569	8
Cyril de Jonckheere	Dumfries	2509	4
Dick Watson	Forres	2422	2
John Halley	QVS	1505	2
Mark Joyce	Forres	2353	0

GB Representation

In Olympic year, it is often the case that funds are concentrated on providing match practice and assistance for competitors at the Games. This year was no exception, with the number of people attending World Cups sharply down on previous years.

However, Scotland was still represented by members in British teams. Bill Brown attended both the Sydney and Munich World Cups seeking selection as Olympic reserve. David Rattray was selected to attend the Nordic Championships in Kuovola, Finland, where he finished 7th in the Men's air rifle event. He also attended the Munich World Cup.

On the Junior front, Jonathan Hammond and Neil Stirton represented the GB Juniors at the Junior European Championships in Plzen, Czech Republic and the Nordic

Championships. The Nordics were first and Jonathan finished second in the junior men's prone with Neil just behind on 6th. In the concurrent team event the boys were second to Sweden, with Mark Szymankiewicz the third member of the team. At the Europeans Jonathan improved on his previous Europeans performance taking bronze in the prone event. His qualifying score of 590 was only a point ahead of Neil but Neil finished up in 11th place. In the team, Jonathan, Neil and Mark finished 9th.

Jonathan has also taken up 3P and in his first full season shot in the relevant matches at the Europeans and Nordics. However, the scores were some way off the pace but showing promise of better things to come. Jonathan will no longer be a junior under ISSF rules from the start of 2001 although Neil has another year to go.

Minigames 2000

The Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships, commonly known as the Minigames, will be hosted by the Isle of Man from 15 to 17 September 2000. Smallbore, air and clay target events will be held on the island, with fullbore taking place at the Altcar range near Liverpool.

Those selected to represent Scotland in the smallbore and air rifle events are as follows:

Bill Brown (men's prone)
Sinclair Bruce (men's prone & pair)
Simon Clark (men's prone)
Jim Cole-Hamilton (men's prone & pair)
Tony Credland (men's 3P and air rifle)
Jonathan Hammond (men's 3P & pair)
Robin Law (men's air rifle & pair and 3P)
Donald McIntosh (men's 3P/Air rifle & pairs)
Susan Jackson (ladies prone & pair)
Tricia Littlechild (ladies air rifle & pair)
Barbara Mackay (ladies prone & pair)
Janis Thomson (ladies air rifle & pair, 3P, prone)

Robert Nibbs will be travelling with the team as smallbore coach/manager.

Council would like to take this opportunity to wish the team the best of luck at this event. Let's hope they can bring home a pile of medals.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Senior Squad member Susan Bell on her marriage to LSSA Vice Captain Angus Jackson on 27 May 2000. Susan has decided to change her name to Susan Jackson, but you'll have to forgive the editor if it takes a wee while to sink in!!

Olympics

By the time you read this, the GB representatives at the Sydney Olympics will already have taken up residence in the Olympic Village. Several people have asked which Scots are attending in the shooting events and the answer is unfortunately no competitors.

It is not widely known but the shooting events are amongst the hardest of all the sports to be selected for. Unlike most of the high profile sports, it is not just a case of GB sending the top two or three in each discipline to compete. There are only 24 starts in each of the smallbore and air rifle events and these are awarded by a quota place system during the two years prior to the Olympics. Quota places are awarded at World Cups, World and Continental Championships. Quota places are won by the highest placed competitor who has not already won a quota place and whose country does not already have two quota places. The quota places are awarded to the country who can then choose whoever it wishes to take up the place, provided that the competitor has additionally reached the qualifying score. One quota place is awarded in each event at World Cups, four at a World Championships and a varying number at Continental Championships depending on the standard and the number of countries competing. At European Championships it is two or three.

The total number of quota places doesn't add up to the number of starts available and the balance of starting places are awarded by wild cards. These are awarded by the organising body of the Games in conjunction with the ISSF and the IOC. A

Masters of France 24 - 28 May 2000

The French Masters is held annually in May and in the last few years has been held at Bully-les-Mines in the north of France. The event is normally timed to run into the start of the European World Cup events and this ensures a high class field from around the world. This year 13 countries were represented including the USA and several of the former Eastern Bloc countries. Unfortunately, for various reasons Scotland were unable to field a full strength squad.

Travel went without a hitch. All credit due to Shirley, who organised the travel arrangements. We were collected from the train late in the evening by Ste'phane Walkiewicz and taken to the hotel, where we had one small hiccup with our rooms. These had no curtains, so a shower in the dark added a bit of entertainment, but the problem was resolved the next day with a change of rooms.

At breakfast on the first morning, we discovered the Welsh and GBR competitors were staying at the same hotel. We were collected by Ste'phane and taken to the range. The practice session went well. The conditions were windy but readable and it was very chilly. We attended the Technical Meeting where we were given our firing points and numbers for the next day. We were also informed that there would be no equipment control. The meeting was followed by an informal reception after which Ste'phane returned us to the hotel where we had a very good meal.

We were collected by Ste'phane at 6.50am as Jim was competing at 8am. Conditions were fairly good with very little wind. Barbara was changing targets. Jim didn't spend too long on sighters, going quickly into the match set where he got into a good rhythm. As the range uses wire target changers, the normal 1 hour 15 minutes is extended to 1 hour 30 minutes. Jim took 1 hour 18 minutes including 4 breaks. The last string was a disappointing 96 for a 589 total giving 9th place on his squad. Unfortunately only 8 qualified for the second stage.

As the 3 positions event still had the standing and kneeling disciplines to go, there was plenty of time to eat before Barbara's detail started at 1.30. Food at the range was very

good.

For Barbara's detail the wind had risen. All the left handers were put over to the right hand side of the range where the wind coming from the left bounced back off the wall. Jim was changing targets. Again not too much time was spent on sighting and the match went reasonably well except for two spells of about 5 shots where she lost the plot. Barbara was very disappointed with her score of 581 until she saw everyone else's scores and decided it wasn't so bad after all. Her 581 gave Barbara 13th place with the top score on her detail being 589.

The Welsh gave us a lift back to the hotel and we continued to travel with them for the remainder of the trip. The Saturday night banquet was held in the L'enfant de Pays, who had also supplied the excellent catering at the range during the week. Everything went well at both station and airport with our rifles being looked after very well. In conclusion even for France warm clothing was essential and a good rest position during shooting would be advantageous. We were treated with great kindness by Ste'phane and Renaud (the organiser). The auld alliance is still alive and well.

Results may be found at
<http://asso.nordnet.fr/ftabully>

Jim Cole-Hamilton and Barbara Mackay



Martin Sinclair, winner of the Malcolm Cooper Cup at the NSRA ISSF Championships (9-11 June 2000)

NSRA ISSF Championships 2000

The fourth NSRA Championships run under ISSF rules was held over the weekend of the 9th to 11th June 2000.

In previous years the event was held on the Rimfire Range. As part of the development of the Bisley facilities in time for the 2002 Commonwealth Games, Rimfire Range has changed ownership and is now run by the NRA. The Melville Range, formerly used for cartridge pistol events has been extended to provide the facilities previously found on Rimfire. Melville will be used to run the pistol events at the Commonwealth Games, with the exception of Free Pistol which is run on the same range as the rifle events.

There was a fairly good representation of Scots at the event, with some mixed results.

In the Women's prone event, there were high hopes for Barbara Mackay, who last year was unfortunate to have a misfire early in the match. However, the event seems to be jinxed for Barbara as problems with her contact lenses left her disappointed with 581 and 8th place. Helen Vincent won the event convincingly with 593 with the next best score, Johanne Brekke from Wales on 586. Barbara was the best placed Scot, but with two Welsh girls in the top 5, there is certainly a challenge coming at Commonwealth Games level. Other Scots were Lynda Sinclair and Sheena Sharp tied at 10th on 579, Janis Thomson 14th equal on 576 and Mary Melvin 21st on 566.

The Men's 3x40 saw four Scots competing. Last year's winner Ronnie Sellar chose not to defend his title and the battle predicted by most was between Martin Sinclair and Englishman Jason Burrage. In their first meeting of the year in May, Jason had tied with Martin on 1150 with Jason winning on countback. This remains the highest score shot in the UK this season. This time it was Martin's turn for revenge. Jason was unable to live up to expectations and placed 8th with a well below par 1116 while Martin produced a solid 1149 for first place going into the final. With a 14 point lead, it was difficult to see how Martin could be beaten although he tried very hard putting in a 6.9 for his first final shot. England's Ken Parr was unable to capitalise on this and stayed in second place. The final did not in the end alter any of the

placings and Donald McIntosh finished in 5th place. Jonathan Hammond and Tony Credland narrowly missed the final in 10th and 11th places respectively.

Sunday saw the qualification round of the Men's prone in which there had already been four elimination details over Friday and Saturday. In elimination 1, Gordon Motion and Neil Stirton qualified 1st and 2nd with 586 and 585 respectively. In elimination 2, Martin Sinclair's 592 gave him second place while Donald McIntosh scraped into the next round on 587. Jonathan Hammond (585) narrowly missed the cut. In elimination 3, the remaining Scots, Bill Brown and Jim Ward both put in steady 590s finishing 6th and 7th in the highest scoring eliminator.

In the qualification stage, Neil Stirton led the Scots advance with a steady 591 to put him into the final in 4th place and the only Scot to make the final. The others in the second stage were fairly closely grouped with Bill Brown 9th on 586, Jim Ward 11th on 585, Donald McIntosh 12th on 584, Gordon Motion 15th on 582 and Martin Sinclair 17th on 581.

In the final, Neil shot well to finish with 100.1. However, Jason Burrage had a much better final of 102.2 to claw back the 2 point deficit and take 4th place from Neil by 0.1

In the ladies 3x20 only two Scots participated. Lynda Sinclair qualified in 5th place for the final with 549 with Janis Thomson just a point behind in 6th place. Unfortunately Lynda was forced to withdraw through injury and was therefore awarded 8th place. Janis had a disastrous final and dropped back to 7th. Beccy Spicer was the runaway winner with 575 and 97.7 in the final with Julie Malcolm from Wales in second place.

It was good to see so many prone shooters making the effort to travel to Bisley for this standard of competition. Let's hope they were encouraged by their experiences and can persuade more of their club mates to attend next year. Hopefully the new range will be complete in time for the event and entrants can experience shooting on electronic targets!

total of 43 wild cards across the 17 disciplines have been awarded this year. These are normally given out to countries who have little or no representation at the Games at all or in hardship cases, for example if an individual shooter just misses out on a quota place on several occasions.

31 Men (in 3 events) and 14 women (in 2 events - women's prone isn't in the Olympic programme) from GB achieved the qualifying score in the smallbore and air rifle events in the last Olympic cycle. Unfortunately, this gave us only 1 quota place - Mike Babb in the men's prone in finishing second at the European Championships last year. Mike has been shooting well this season, finishing 2nd in the Milan World Cup and winning the Atlanta World Cup just last month. We wish him all the best in Sydney and hope he can bring back a gong with him. He will be accompanied by his coach Alister Allan who will be giving Mike the benefit of his experience of 5 Olympic Games.

In addition to Mike, 5 other Brits will be going, all in the clay target disciplines. They are Peter Boden & Ian Peel (trap), Richard Faulds (double trap) and Drew Harvey & John Davison (skeet). Again we wish them luck. The shooting events are on between 16th and 23rd September although if you want to see TV coverage, I would suggest some very late nights and a satellite dish!



Paralympics

As well as being in the Olympic Games, you may not know that shooting is also a paralympic event and one at which GB has also done very well.

At the Atlanta Paralympics, Di Coates took gold in the air rifle standing and silver in the air rifle 3x20. For those of you who have not seen disabled shooting in action, 3P is still perfectly possible from a wheelchair. The difference is the number of elbows you have supported by the firing point. Two for prone, one for kneeling and none for standing.

Di will be travelling to Sydney to defend her title in October with the rest of the British Paralympic team which also includes Karen Butler and Claire Priest (or Hirst as she was recently known). Those of you who attend the air rifle championships at Inverclyde will have come across all three at that event.

Also attending as part of the Paralympic team is Scottish Pistol shooter Isobel Newstead, also a regular at Inverclyde. I'm sure that you will all want to wish them the best of luck in their events.

Shooting is one of the few sports where able bodied and disabled can compete side by side, certainly at domestic level. It is an area where we could do much more to involve more people in the sport. If your range is accessible to wheelchairs, why not contact your local disabled sports organisation and see what interest there might be. It's not only those in wheelchairs who can compete, there are a number of different categories. If you require further information, please contact the secretary.

NSRA Scottish Meeting

With the dawning of a new millennium the Scottish this year ventured to an area it has never frequented before - Fort William. To those who attended a land of brilliant sunshine, the offer of participation in some off road driving and West Highland hospitality rounded off by a liberal offering of food for the local insect populations. The midges were not that bad really - believe me!

On the week of the shoot the above was most definitely the case, but the weather leading up to the event was far from ideal culminating on the Wednesday prior when the statement from the tent suppliers was that there was no way his equipment was going into that field.

Major rethink required at that stage - can we run the event in view of the inclement conditions, conclusion being that we need the tents, the cars don't appear for another 3 days, and we can worry about where to put them later.

They say that the devil looks after his own, so be it, as from that time onwards, and for another 10 days we had not enough rain to even top up a dram.

So to the shooting, any excuses for bad shooting were dispelled day 1 when during the Scottish Team shoot against the Police, Jim Cole-Hamilton recorded a double possible at 100 yards, so obviously the range was fine. A view supported later on in the week by Jonathan Hammond after his superb shoot in the final of the Haig!

The early days in the week had at times almost perfect conditions with constant light (almost wall to wall sunshine) and a light breeze from the west to keep the midges at bay. By the time internationals and the final

of the Haig had come around there was a stronger gusting west wind apparent, and a south easterly that appeared about Wednesday which played havoc with the wind socks and scoring became more difficult.

We also had an attempt at the Scottish meeting high jump record during the week, but as Bill Long will confirm, the record remains intact, and fences are generally there to prevent access to an area, not for jumping over. Sorry Bill, but I hope that you have recovered from your ordeal, as it certainly did not make your shooting at the end of the week any easier.

While we were some 80 miles from Culloden it was very satisfying to beat the auld enemy in both the senior and junior internationals by a comfortable margin, and despite the result the consensus of opinion appears to be that they will be happy to return to the site in future years.

Overall a successful meeting, and if we are to return in the future, which seems likely, then further work can be done to improve the firing point area for competitors and the general drainage of the field, to assist with movement about the area.

Finally, a personal than you to all who assisted during the week in any way. With a club membership of 10, we knew from the outset that it was going to be no easy task, but at the end of the day we feel that we can look back on the event with a fair degree of satisfaction.

Willie Allan
Local Organiser

Home Countries International Senior Match				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Sinclair Bruce	Ailao	194	194	388
Martin Sinclair	E U Alumni	198	189	387
Trevor Hastings	Bon Accord	190	194	384
Jonathan Hammond	Bon Accord	199	185	384
James Brown	Perth C&C	194	189	383
Cyril de Jonckheere	Dumfries	193	189	382
Gordon Winch	Ailao	192	189	381
Bill Copland	Bariff	189	190	379
Jim Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord	193	184	377
Hugh Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	193	176	369
Total				3814
Captain	Willie Allan			
Secretary	Bill Vaughan			
	England			3783
	Wales			3756

Home Countries Ladies International				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Mary Melvin	Bon Accord	191	184	375
Karen Nilsen	St Andrews	189	180	369
Lynda Sinclair	E U Alumni	186	182	368
Chris Tighe-Ford		187	181	368
Sheena Sharp	Bon Accord	187	181	368
total				1848
Captain	Sheena Sharp			
Secretary	Chris Tighe-Ford			
	England			1861

Home Countries Junior International				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Jonathan Hammond	Bon Accord	199	185	384
Neil Stirton	Aberdeen University	192	188	380
Hugh A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	180	173	353
Total				1117
Captain	N Collier			
	England			1109

The Results

There follows a summary of Scottish and members performances drawn from the meeting results.

The X class aggregate was won by Jonathan Hammond of Bon Accord. He was also prize listed on 4 of the 5 subsidiary competitions in winning the agg, winning comp 2 in the process. Jim Cole-Hamilton finished third with Sinclair Bruce in 5th. Jim Ward won competition 3. Hugh Simpson, Neil Stirton and Bill Copland also were prize listed.

James Brown of Perth won the A class aggregate, winning comps 2 and 3 in the process. Trevor Hastings finished 4th in the agg and Ian Shanks also was mentioned in dispatches.

B Class was won by Tony Credland of Glenrothes who also won comp 5. Eddie Jones and Willie Ross were also prize listed. Tony also had the highest Scottish aggregate of the meeting.

In C class, Mary Melvin of Bon Accord finished in second with young Hugh Simpson and brother David finishing 3rd and 5th respectively. Hugh won comp 3 and Mary won comp 4. Jim Hammond was also prize listed.

The class D agg was won by 14 year old Matthew Thomson of George Watson's College. Matthew won comps 4 and 5 and was placed second in comps 2 and 3. He also got a big surprise when his mum, Kaye, appeared unexpectedly at the prize giving just in time to see him receive his first trophy. David Taylor of Dumfries, Simon Batchelor of Forfar and Emma Cole-Hamilton (*yes, another one! - Ed*) were also mentioned on the prize list.

In other competitions, Jim Cole-Hamilton won the early birds, with Bill Copland second in X, Ian Thomson second in A, Rod Brunton winning C, and Gordon Cox winning D with A Kelly from George Watsons second. Jim Cole-Hamilton also won the squadded non-agg dewar.

In the unsquadded agg, Cyril de Jonckheere won ahead of Jim Cole-Hamilton while Jim Hammond won C class. There were many other prize listings in the other unsquadded competitions but we should perhaps mention Cyril winning the Bell. This is perhaps the

most spectacular and certainly the largest of the trophies awarded at either of the national meetings and it switches between the meetings each year. Let's hope Cyril has a large stock of silver polish!

Sheena Sharp was the highest placed lady in the Scottish section of the Flowers ladies championship and received an Edinburgh Crystal vase. Tom Hunter and Jamie Cole-Hamilton of Bon Accord finished second and third respectively in the junior championship with Tom winning both the Dave Mitchell trophy for the best Scottish Junior and the Tim Verlander cup for the highest scoring under 15 in the competition.

In the open team competitions, Bedford cleaned up with Appleton second in each case. A variety of Bon Accord teams finished third although they did manage to win the sharp shooter. In the Club pairs, the E U Alumni team of Mr and Mrs Sinclair finished second as well as winning the mixed pairs trophy.

Bon Accord fared better in the Scottish confined team comps winning the Pullar Targe and the ICI although it will have been to their embarrassment that it was their D team which won the ICI.

Sheena Sharp and James Brown are also to be congratulated on being the only competitors all week to score 200. Unfortunately for them they didn't have sweepstake stickers on!

The SSRA competition run through the week for the Scottish Matchplay Championship saw the Wilkinson Sword (AKA the Freuchie) awarded to Sinclair Bruce who defeated Bill Copland and Phil Wooldridge in the final. The Sgian Dubh for the C & D Class competition was won by Matthew Thomson although no doubt his dad Ian will be enjoying the whisky on his behalf!

The last match of the week is of course the Haig. This year's event was won in fine style by Jonathan Hammond who also took the Adam Gordon Quaich for the highest scoring under 21. Jim Cole-Hamilton finished second with Gordon Winch in third. Eddie Jones of Larkhall won the B, C and D section trophy.

B Squad

At long last the SSRA B squad is finally under way. It has long been the intention of the Association to put together a squad of keen shooters to train for promotion to A squad and hopefully some day selection for Commonwealth Games. Invitations were issued to a number of shooters on the basis of applications received over the last year, performances achieved in Grand Prix or an interest in taking up or improving in positional and/or air rifle shooting.

The squad is being coached by Cyril de Jonckheere and organised by Donald McIntosh. Three sessions at Aberdeen have taken place so far this summer with further sessions planned for the winter months. The squad is:

James Brown
Neil Calder
John Campbell
Willie Campbell
Pennie Curtis
Rosie Fraser
Susie Mackay
Carol McKenna
Mary Melvin
Gordon Motion
Mel Mutch
Irene Paul
Ruth Ronnie
Andrew Rycraft
Sheena Sharp
Neil Stirton
Jim Ward

Anyone seeking further information on B squad should contact either Cyril on [redacted] or Donald on [redacted] or e-mail donald.a.m.mcintosh@lineone.net



Scotland team which took on the Police Athletic Association L to R: Hugh A Simpson, Jamie Cole-Hamilton, Hugh Simpson, David Simpson, Donald McIntosh, Mel Mutch, Bruce Crookston, Sheena Sharp, Mary Melvin, Jim Cole-Hamilton, Bill Copland.



Jonathan Hammond receives the Earl Haig trophy at Fort William



The Victorious Scotland team from Fort William. Back Row L to R: Martin Sinclair, Sinclair Bruce, Gordon Winch, Jim Cole-Hamilton, Trevor Hastings, Hugh Simpson, Bill Copland. Front Row L to R: Jonathan Hammond, Bill Vaughan (Secretary), Willie Allan (Captain), James Brown, Cyril de Jonckheere



Scotland Ladies team at Fort William. Back row L to R: Mary Melvin, Lynda Sinclair. Seated L to R: Karen Nilsen, Sheena Sharp, Chris Tighe-Ford



Scottish Junior Team at Fort William. Standing N Collier (Captain) Seated L to R: Jonathan Hammond, Neil Stirton, Hugh A Simpson



The range at Fort William and the stunning backdrop



Scottish Ladies Team at Bisley Back Row L to R: Lucy Martin, Carol McKenna. Seated L to R: Ruth Ronnie, Sheena Sharp, Mary Melvin



Scottish Junior Team at Bisley. Standing Jonathan Hammond. Seated L to R: Neil Stirton, Jim Hammond (Capt), Hugh A Simpson.



Scottish Team at Bisley. Back row L to R: David Lumsden, Jim Mudie, Lucy Martin, Jonathan Hammond, Carol McKenna, Graham Love, Bill Vaughan. Seated L to R: Neil Stirton, Jim Ward (Sec), Cyril de Jonckheere (Capt), Hugh Simpson, Robin Law.

WWW.

www.ssra.co.uk was launched in February as noted in the last edition of TENpointNINE. Since then we have had over 3,300 hits and many e-mails of compliments and suggestions. We have also had ex pat Scots looking for information and memorabilia, prospective shooters looking for clubs, returning ex pats looking for clubs, members looking for information on equipment and other shooting organisations wanting to be linked to our site. In just a short period of time, the website has proven it's worth and will continue to do so as more people join the internet age. Much of the information given in this issue will already have been posted on the website, albeit in more abbreviated form.

One major exciting development which arose directly from the launch of the website is the addition to our international programme of a postal match against Australia. A full report and results appear on page 19. Hopefully we will be able to continue to develop opportunities like these to the benefit of all Scottish shooters.

Once again, Council would like to thank Donald McIntosh for all the hard work he has put in over the last few months in developing and maintaining the website. (*The secretary's house is currently investigating a second PC!!!!*)

If you haven't already visited the site and have access to the internet, why not give it a go. Comments and suggestions welcome.

Scotland v PAA

As has become traditional, the annual match against the Police Athletic Association took place on the Friday before the start of the Scottish. The Scottish team of 11 was selected to bring in less experienced athletes as well as trying to field a team to win. This year's team was a good mix with the best 10 scores at each of the distances counting towards the overall team total.

Scotland		
Name	50m	100yds
Hugh A Simpson	559	561
Bill Copland	586	577
Hugh Simpson	590	579
Donald McIntosh	578	587
Sheena Sharp	587	583
Mary Melvin	(544)	558
Mel Mutch	579	577
Bruce Crookston	575	572
David Simpson	583	578
Jamie Cole-Hamilton	568	(549)
Jim Cole-Hamilton	585	589
	5790	5761

After last year's narrow defeat on yards scores, the Scottish team were comfortable winners at each distance. Jim Cole-Hamilton and Ann Roberts as top scorers in each team received a small memento of the occasion.

Next year's match will be held in Lauder on 29 June 2001 (provisional).

PAA		
Name	50m	100yds
D Hodgson	585	566
T Kavanagh	567	570
A Germain	579	(560)
D Jack	576	570
A Roberts	582	582
L Hughs	(560)	572
R West	573	572
S Edmondson	570	575
B Long	582	576
D Glover	568	571
G Thomson	579	581
	5791	5735

Bisley 2000

This year's Bisley was not very well attended by Scots with only 36 shooting the aggregate competitions over the week.

Unfortunately at the time of going to press, the full Bisley results were not available and this report is therefore based on results passed to the Secretary by particular individuals.

The first weekend was a little better attended with a number of competitors heading south to

take part in the 3P events. These were held on Melville range for what is hoped to be the last time (*Yippee - ed!*). In the 3x40 match Martin Sinclair continued to shoot to his form of the season and came out winner with a score of 1150.

Jonathan Hammond had a personal best of 1140 and together with Donald McIntosh, also in the top 10, the Scottish International team recorded what was to be the only international victory of the meeting. The score was a resounding Scottish record and a convincing victory over the English.

In the club team competition, also held concurrently with the 3x40 match, the E U Alumni team of Martin, Donald and Cliff Ogle won with a new British record score.

Janis Thomson won B class in the 3P for the third year in a row although we hear that there may be moves afoot to introduce promotions and demotions as for the prone events. Those left in B class will no doubt be delighted!

The 3x20 match is shot on Sunday and has a concurrent ladies sport rifle championship with it. Janis was the only Scot taking part in that section. In the open section Donald McIntosh finished 4th with 565.



Martin Sinclair with the British 3x40 championship trophy

It has been suggested that there should be a ladies international match concurrent with the sport rifle championship and this is now being discussed by the NSRA. This would provide many more opportunities for ladies to participate in 3P at international level.

In the weekend aggregate competitions Class D was won by Gordon Cox from George Watson's College

In the aggregate, Sinclair Bruce was well up the order going into the last day's shooting. However, the strong winds helped him to a below par score in the final event leaving him in fourth position in the agg. The X class agg was won by John Pugsley. A couple of the Scots were unable to complete their aggregate competitions having caught some lurgy which kept them very close to the little boys room for a couple of days.

14 year old Matthew Thomson won the junior Under 16 title and his team from George Watson's College won the junior team title. The school kids also did well in the sharpshooter. The team of 3 D class shooters won in the final against a team of 3 X class



The E U Alumni team of L to R Martin Sinclair, Donald McIntosh and Cliff Ogle with the Stockholm Shield

shooters from Llantrisant.

None of the Scots made the final of the Roberts although Bill Hamilton came close being counted out at 100 yards on the second stage. The young Welshman David Phelps eventually came out winner.

The international match results were fairly dire with Scotland losing all three internationals and additionally being beaten into third place by Wales in two of them. The Welsh squad are starting to look very useful and could be a threat when Commonwealth Games comes around.

Next year is the centenary of the NSRA and the Bisley meeting will be a little bit special as a result. Let's hope that we are in a position to field full strength international teams, so we can really show what we are capable of. The meeting is scheduled to be held from 11 to 18 August 2001 - put it in your diaries now!



The victorious Scotland 3P International team complete with trophy. Back row L to R: Jonathan Hammond, Donald McIntosh, Martin Sinclair. Front row L to R: Tony Credland (reserve) Lynda Sinclair (captain)

Home Countries International Senior Match				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Neil Storton	Aberdeen University	197	195	392
Hugh Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	194	195	389
David Lumsden	Andover	194	193	387
Robin Law	Alicia	194	191	385
Jonathan Hammond	Bon Accord	197	188	385
Jim Mudie	Andover	191	193	384
Lucy Martin	Marlow	193	191	384
Bill Vaughan	Selkirk	192	191	383
Graham Love		190	186	376
Carol McKenna	Watts Blake Beame	188	186	374
Total				3839
Captain	Cyril de Jonckheere			
Secretary	Jim Ward			
	England			3917
	Wales			3864
	Northern Ireland			3837

Home Countries Ladies International				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Sheena Sharp	Bon Accord	194	192	386
Lucy Martin	Marlow	193	191	384
Mary Melvin	Bon Accord	194	187	381
Ruth Ronnie		197	184	381
Carol McKenna	Watts Blake Beame	188	186	374
total				1916
Captain	Sheena Sharp			
Secretary	Mary Melvin			
	England			1931
	Wales			1894
Home Countries Junior International				
Name	Club	50m	100yds	Total
Scotland				
Jonathan Hammond	Bon Accord	197	188	385
Neil Storton	Aberdeen University	197	195	392
Hugh A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	186	192	378
Total				1155
Captain	Jim Hammond			
	England			1158
	Wales			1158

For Sale/Wants

For Sale Anschutz Model 54. X barrel. Virtually unused, still in original packaging. £350 ono.

Also Hammerli 450 plus air rifle. Pneumatic with weights and adjustable walnut stock. With case £760.

Hammerli AR50 air rifle. Compressed air with weight, compensator and a one off adjustable laminated wood stock. £750

Hammerli 480k air pistol. Compressed air with ventilated barrel, spare cylinder, weights, walnut grip and in a substantial wooden case. £850

All Hammerli items are in excellent condition and come with tools and instruction manuals.

Contact Dick Watson

For Sale

BSA MkIV standard rifle. Excellent condition, low usage £175

Walther CG90 co2 rifle

Mouche ladies double canvas jacket, size 12

Truttman leather shooting jacket & trousers (man's) 40" chest, 31" waist, 31" inside leg.

Contact Geof or Sandie McHugh or

Wanted

Angled eye piece spotting scope. Second hand reasonable condition.

Please contact Dick Watson

While this Association accepts adverts for inclusion in the newsletter, it cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of the adverts or the quality of the goods.

Judges and Scorers

Anyone who is involved with the NSRA Shooting Council will be aware of discussions there regarding the increasing concern over the standard and quality of markers in the UK and the wide disparity throughout the country. While most scorers are excellent at the job they do, it has been decided to introduce a scorer's qualification in the same way that range officers and judges must also be qualified for involvement in events.

It is likely that the NSRA will insist that in future, those who are involved in the scoring of their competitions must have the appropriate qualification although it has not yet been decided what form the course work will take. It may be done through distance learning as with the range officers course.

SSRA are keen to increase the number of qualified judges available in Scotland. These courses are normally run at Bisley which proves very expensive for Scottish residents to attend. The Association is therefore currently arranging for a GBTSF judges course to be held in Scotland, possibly in conjunction with the SPA, as soon as the new rule book is published after the Olympic Games. The Association has also volunteered to pilot the new scorers course and it is likely that this can be incorporated into the judges course.

The judges course is likely to be held in December or January, depending on the publication of the rule book. Anyone who would be interested in attending such a course, the costs of which will be subsidised by the Association, should contact the Secretary.

Karstula Open, Finland 2 - 9 July 2000

A squad of 5 shooters left for Karstula, Finland on Sunday 2nd July, the day of the Euro 2000 Final! (Dodgy planning there.) The squad was made up of Janis Thomson, Simon Clark, Jim Cole-Hamilton, Donald McIntosh and myself. Being my first venture abroad shooting, the length of time taken to get from home to Karstula seemed very daunting. However the time seemed to pass pretty well (the company must have been good??) with no real problems on the way. The four guys met up at Edinburgh (really early start for Jim & Simon who drove from Aberdeen) and flew to Heathrow where we joined up with Janis. From there we flew to Helsinki, then on to Jyväskylä (I can pronounce it now) where we hired a MPV for the onward journey to Karstula. We had what I believe is the usual skirmish with the authorities about excess baggage, where you need to smile nicely and bluff your way around the questions, otherwise it will cost a fortune. Luckily Donald had been through this kind of process before so his brass neck was well polished and ready for the fray! By the time we got to the accommodation in Karstula the Euro 2000 cup final was nearly finished. We just got there in time to see the winning goal. After that it was time for bed.

The shoot at Karstula is a re-entry shoot for all disciplines with match periods spanning a number of days. Match period 1 was Saturday 1st July - Sunday 2nd July, Match period 2 was Monday 3rd July - Wednesday 5th July and Match period 3 was Thursday 6th July - Saturday 8th July and there was a number of special one off matches on Sunday 9th July. Being re-entry meant that you could shoot as many times as you like and your best score during the Match period was what determined your position in the prize list for that period. Therefore you could decide when you were shooting for a score or using the shoot as a training shoot. The prizes were then presented at the end of each Match period.

The facilities were pretty good considering that this was a regional centre, not a national

one. There were 3 Clay pigeon ranges, a turning target rapid fire pistol range, an outside air weapons range, a 50m pistol range and a 50m rifle range all on the one site with the shooters sharing the same "support" facilities such as catering, scoring, toilets, results board, etc.

The .22 ranges (34 firing points) were fully equipped with shoot through, Gehman target changers which you used whenever you wanted to, assuming there were spaces available. You could shoot prone or 3P, there were no restrictions. Never having shot on a range such as this where people are coming and going at will, I was surprised at how quickly you got used to what could be considered over here as disruptions. Simon did have a go on the outside air weapons range but wasn't too impressed. Not sure whether it was his score or the range mind you!!

The number of categories of competition was bewildering with age groups ranging from under 8 (yes, eight!) to over 70, with special dispensation for the more mature competitors in the 3P who were allowed to sit on a very low stool rather than kneel for the last phase of the 3P shoot. Another interesting aspect of this shoot was that handicapped shooters were competing on equal terms with able-bodied shooters. The Swedish and Norwegian teams for the Paralympics took advantage of this and had their squads there for the practice. Watch out for Jonas Jacobson from Sweden in the Air Rifle, Prone & 3P disciplines. It really was a



Five went to Karstula - L-R Simon Clark, Sinclair Bruce, Janis Thomson, Donald McIntosh, Jim Cole-Hamilton

refreshing sight to see such a mixture of people on the range at the same time, 7 year old girls, 70+ granddads, wheelchair bound shooters and ourselves. It highlighted for me the completely different approach Finland takes to shooting than ourselves. It is something that everyone gets involved in, and more importantly supported in. Facilities like Karstula don't just appear, they require a lot of effort, money and support, not just from the participants, but from the authorities (local & national) to make them happen. It is true however, that in Finland they have one of the required natural resources in abundance, space.

Anyway, how did the shooting go? Well we all had our successes through the week. We were all concentrating the 0.22 disciplines and Janis was the one who came home with the most prizes. However in terms of scores Jim's 597, close on the heels of two 596s, in the third Match period was the highlight. He had been struggling all week to get a consistent shoot together and was getting a little frustrated. He stuck with it though and got his reward which was a first place and 3 successive Personal Bests. I managed to equal my PB a couple of times earlier in the week with a pair of 594s and Simon equalled his with a 593. Whilst Janis & Donald didn't hit their PBs they did come away with some satisfying performances and prizes.

One of the most satisfying aspects of these shoots was the standard of competition with some of the competition made up of shooters who were using this competition as preparation for the Nordics at the start of the week and as a "warm down" after the Nordics, at the end of the week. Beating some of the GB squad shooters who attended Karstula was particularly satisfying!

For me the shooting ended on a bit of low with me being judged to have run out of time on one of the shots in the Olympic final on the special shoot. It all took me by surprise as according to my timer I had a few seconds left but like most sports the referee is always right. The effect of that was to drop me from a comfortable 3rd place right down to 8th. Ah well, you live and learn.



Jim Cole-Hamilton with his trophy for the best prone score of the meeting

To summarise I would say this was a tremendous experience. Being away for a whole week where the only reason for being there was to shoot was great, we must have averaged two shoots a day for the period we were there. You get time to concentrate on any aspect of your technique that is concerning you and then try it out in a more competitive situation. It certainly benefited me, and I believe most if not all of the travelling party got something out of it, as well as the prizes. (Janis and Donald even managed a trip to the town of Lapua for a bit of batch testing on the Tuesday.) What will I remember? The trees, the mosquitoes, the good shooting, the mosquitoes, the enormous prize lists, the mosquitoes, the friendly welcome and relaxed nature of the people there and of course the mosquitoes. Don't forget your Jungle Formula or perhaps something stronger if you go there!!

One last thing. If you ever take your rifle abroad, by air, please assume that your rifle box will be thrown (and I mean thrown) into the back of transport vans at the airport, that it will be dropped off the end of the conveyor belt used to remove luggage from the aircraft hold and that it will fall (or be pushed!) off the back of the little transportation tractor units used on the aircraft pan onto the tarmac. All of these things happened on the trip. I was pretty angry by the time I got back to Edinburgh regarding the way our rifle cases had been treated in Heathrow particularly, and said so to the BA staff. We also checked that our rifles were not damaged before we left Edinburgh Airport, in the presence of BA staff. Beware!!

Sinclair Bruce

Coaching Courses

Following the success of the Club Instructor's course held in January, the Association is planning to organise a further two courses for the winter months with a Club Coaches course to be held in late January next year.

A number of people have already passed on their names for inclusion in the course list, but there are still spaces available and if demand is sufficient, a further course can be organised.

The courses will cover basic shooting techniques of prone, standing (including air rifle) and kneeling positions and can be tailored to meet the requirements of specific interest groups if necessary.

Anyone who is interested in coaching is recommended to obtain a formal qualification. In these increasingly litigious times, the insurance cover which can be obtained with a coaching qualification should be of comfort to anyone involved in coaching.

Please contact the Secretary if you wish to attend any of these courses.



Donald McIntosh receives his prize for third place in the 3x40

Federation News

The Scottish Target Shooting Federation is a Federation of the governing bodies of the disciplines of smallbore/air rifle, pistol, fullbore rifle and clay target shooting. The Federation is the first point of contact for sportscotland and co-ordinates the application for and distribution of development funding and high performance funding for the sport.

The STSF is also responsible for the selection of Commonwealth Games teams and the related management team. An important appointment in the lead up to the Games is that of Team Manager as his/her work starts many months or even years before the team itself is selected. Federation have in the last few months appointed Hamish Hunter to be team manager for the Games in 2002. Some of you will know Hamish as one of the leading fullbore shooters in Scotland and he is the current Treasurer both of SRA and STSF. Hamish was appointed to the post after an interview process involving the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland and an athletes' representative as well as the relevant members of Federation Executive. We wish Hamish well in what will probably prove to be a difficult and thankless task.

STSF have also recently filled the vacancy which arose when Colin McEachran moved from Vice Chairman to Chairman at the last AGM. At the Federation Council meeting in July, Shirley McIntosh was appointed Vice Chairman of STSF. This is the first time for many years that a member of SSRA Council has held an Executive post

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Grand Prix series 2000

This year's prone Grand Prix series has seen a very high standard of competition. After four of the five Grand Prix Martin Sinclair (E U Alumni) had already secured the series prize.

The first Prone Grand Prix was held at Denwood on the first weekend in May. In the first stage of the competition, A class was closely fought with Martin, Simon Clark (Aberdeen University) and Sinclair Bruce (Alloa) all scoring 591. However, Martin's 200 finish secured him the Chevron trophy. The standard in B class was even higher, with Jack Lavety (Bon Accord) scoring 594 and the best score in the open event. C Class was won by Rod Brunton of Watsonians with 581 and in D Class, Hugh Simpson (Wick) won with a score of 588. This would have placed him in 6th place in A class ahead of many experienced senior internationalists. Needless to say, Hugh won the junior event and with a handicap of 24 shooting with brother David also in D class, the Simpson brothers romped away with the pairs as well.

In the C & D final Hugh maintained his form with 393 winning by 7 points from local shooter Erling Watt. It was good to see Anne Hamilton of Watsonians back competing after a long lay off and getting back into the points.

In the Grand Prix, the high standard continued, with Neil Stirton (Aberdeen University) leading the way on 596. This equals the Scottish and British Junior Men's record set by Jonathan Hammond in 1998 and with a final of 103.0, Neil also set a new finals record. Robin Law (Alloa) finished second with 592 and a final of 104.0 while the best final on the range was shot by Martin Sinclair with 104.1. This managed to pull him up from 4th to 3rd overtaking Sinclair Bruce. All eight finalists scored over 100 in the final making it one of the highest standard finals we have had.

The second meeting of the year was held at Gagie on 4 June Martin again led the way in A class with a 590 in the open ahead of Cyril de Jonckheere, Simon

Clark and Barbara Mackay on 586. However, in B class, Tom Hodgson of Dumfries showed how it should be done with a fine 594. Neil Stirton had one poor string to give him 589 and Gordon Motion was third on 586. C Class was one by Hamish Rae with local organiser Peter Gray in second. D class was won by Graeme Malcolm of local club Steeple. Cyril and Tom won the pairs (no Simpsons this time!)

The C & D Grand Prix was won by Sheena Sharp of Bon Accord with 391, two points ahead of Bill Vaughan of Selkirk.



Bill Copland winner of the Wick Grand Prix, with the obligatory bottle of whisky

Martin continued his winning ways in the Grand Prix with 593 + 103.1 and yet again Sinclair was overtaken in the final, this time dropping to third behind Cyril. Both had started on 591 and after 9 shots Sinclair was holding on to second place. However a dead central 10.9 from Cyril to Sinclair's 10.4 gave Cyril second place by the narrowest of margins 0.1.

After a gap of nearly two months, GP3 was held in Wick on the last Saturday in July. Some of the more senior shooters did not travel to this intensive shoot where in the open meeting you can shoot almost a whole Scottish Meeting in a weekend. Jim Cole-Hamilton showed the benefits of his competition and

training trip to Finland earlier in the month winning the open with 591 ahead of Cyril and Sinclair Bruce. In B class, Callander's Gordon Motion shot a steady 590 to win comfortably from Bill Copland with Vice Chairman, Bill Moonie in third. C class was won by (almost) local shooter J Henderson on 584 ahead of Bev Burnside of E U Alumni. D class produced some surprises with the Simpson boys not shooting as well as expected on their home range. Sheena Sharp from Bon Accord won comfortably with 584 with Jamie Cole-Hamilton in second and also winning the Junior event.

The pairs for once was closely fought with the father and son Cole-Hamilton's finishing 1 point ahead of the Simpson brothers with Sheena and Mary Melvin a further point behind them.

In the C & D Grand Prix, Bill Vaughan continued his return to better form with a steady 392 to win by 2 points over J Henderson. The middle order were all closely bunched and countback was necessary to sort out the points allocation.

Surprise winner of the A & B Grand Prix was Bill Copland from Banff. His score of 587 + 102.8 kept him 0.7 ahead of Cyril in second place. A bit of jockeying for position in the final saw Jim Cole-Hamilton recover his one point deficit on Hugh Simpson (Senior!) to finish in third place. Donald McIntosh of Alloa pushed Hugh further back into 5th place. Both were on equal scores after the 10 shot final, but Donald's 9.9 in the tie break was narrowly better than Hugh's 9.8. John Campbell picked up the remaining point after a tight contest with Barbara Mackay and Gordon Motion all three starting on 583.

The last weekend in August saw the fourth Grand Prix which once again was run concurrently with the inter region match. This seems to have helped boost the entries for this meeting which until last year had been falling off considerably. This year 51 competitors took part and Denwood also played host to shooters from the Isle of Man and the deep south of England. News of the quality of the range is spreading and entry forms are being distributed far and wide.

The open meeting saw the highest standard of the year with the top five competitors all scoring 593 or above. This made life interesting in the inter region match as the top 4 of these were from Lothian giving them 21

points dropped over the first four English Matches! Top of the heap was Cliff Ogle, with his best score of the season 596. (It's amazing the difference a jacket can make. After a relatively poor season, Cliff decided to go back to his old jacket for this event to see what results it produced.....). Immediately behind him were Martin Sinclair on 595 and Sinclair Bruce and Susan Jackson on 594.

In B class Ron Nilsen of St Andrews finished strongly to score 592 with Gordon Motion again scoring 590 with Bill Moonie in third. Hamish Rae of Perth won C Class comfortably with 588 from Erling Watt and Bill Vaughan. Sheena Sharp again won D Class with Lawrence Cooper from St Andrews in second and Jamie Cole-Hamilton in third. Jamie could only finish third in the junior this time (ahead of sister Emma) while the event was won by Neil Stirton on 587. 13 year old Tom Hunter, now shooting with Bon Accord finished second in his first Grand Prix and let's hope this encourages him to come back again next year. The pairs was won by local pairing of Jim Hammond and Erling Watt.

This is the only one of the Grand Prix where a separate ladies event is held. The Sheila Robertson trophy was presented to Susan Jackson whose 594 gave her a comfortable win over Barbara Mackay on 589 and club mate Penny Curtis on 583.

Sheena Sharp won the C & D Grand Prix with a score of 392, but was pushed hard by Tom Hunter only a point behind. Jim Hammond scored his first points of the year in third place.

With such a high standard in the opening round, there were great expectations for the A & B final. 16 of the 20 finalists scored 588 or better which must be something of a record. However, the winner was clearly out on his own. Martin Sinclair's 597 was 4 points clear of local shooter Trevor Hastings, with Neil Calder from Balcolme a further point behind.

With 7 of the 8 finalists within 3 points, there was always going to be a change in the order. Martin and Trevor maintained their positions, but Gordon Winch, with a final of 103.7 climbed from 8th to 3rd. Jim Cole-Hamilton climbed from 7th to 4th and Simon Clark and Neil Calder took the remaining points.

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on Federation and this should help to strengthen our links with the other disciplines as well as sportscotland.

The Federation has also recently registered it's own domain name and in due course a website will appear under www.stsf.org.uk. Watch this space.

North Island, New Zealand

This year's New Zealand Match was shot at the Perth Range on Sunday 16th April. At the time of going to press, the New Zealanders haven't yet shot, so we don't have a result. This should be available for the next edition and will be posted on the website as soon as we receive it. The score wasn't brilliant although our juniors shot reasonably so we'll all just have to keep our fingers crossed.



Neil Stirton with his bottle of whisky for winning the first Grand Prix with a new British Junior Men's prone final record. (Yes he is old enough to drink it!)

Records Update

There are various mentions throughout this newsletter of new records being set. Just to make sure you have the full set, here is a summary of the Scottish records which have been set since the update in the last issue.

Jonathan Hammond has taken apart the junior men's 3P records setting 4 3x40 records in the space of 3 months. These were 1128 in the Junior international match at Oldenburg at the beginning of May. This was followed by 1130 at the July Denwood Grand Prix, 1135 at the Junior International meeting at Bisley in August and 2 days later 1140 in the British Championships also at Bisley. In achieving these records he has also achieved records for 40 shots prone at 50m of 399, 40 shot standing of 356 which he then increased to 364 and 40 shots kneeling of 381. This is quite an achievement for someone in their first year of serious competitive 3P shooting and Council would like to offer Jonathan its congratulations.

Neil Stirton also deserves congratulations for his score of 596 at the Denwood Grand Prix which equals both the Scottish and British junior men's prone records, the original having been set by Jonathan two years ago.

The last new record to be set this summer was by Martin Sinclair who increased the standing final record to 99.6 from Ronnie Sellar's record of 97.6 set over 5 years ago. Let's hope it isn't another 5 years till it is increased again!

On the team front the Scottish 3P international

The final Grand Prix of the year was held at Gagie on 9 September. In the open event, Jim Cole-Hamilton and Sinclair Bruce continued their run of good scores with a 594 each. However, Sinclair's 200 finish secured him the gold medal position and Jim had to be content with second. Third place went to Jonathan Hammond on 593. In a very small B class, local shooter Bill Long won with 584 with Gordon Motion second on 581 and Ron Nilsen third on 580. C Class was much better supported and was won by local organiser Peter Gray with a score of 582. Second place was decided on countback with Mary Melvin's 581 having a better 5th string than Patrick Jess'. Sheena Sharp won D class with 580 ahead of David Simpson on 571 and Graeme Malcolm on 571.

The Junior event was won by Jonathan Hammond - his last time as a junior in the prone series, while the pairs was won fairly conclusively by Sheena Sharp and Mary Melvin.

In the C & D Grand Prix, David Simpson finished strongly for 388 and first place. Second place went to Bill Vaughan and with Sheena Sharp failing to make the top 3, the series title went to Bill. Sheena's fourth place secured her second place in the series and both she and Bill were some way ahead of the rest of the field.

In the main Grand Prix top score going into the final went to Jim Cole-Hamilton with 592. This score was particularly impressive considering he dropped 7 of his points in the first 20 shots. A point behind Jim were Hugh Simpson and Cliff Ogle with Hugh taking the second place in the final on countback. These top three places remained unchanged after the final, but Neil Stirton on 585 managed to claw his way up to 4th place ahead of Sinclair Bruce who had started on 587.

With Martin Sinclair already having secured the title, the battle was purely for second place. Jim's win gave him 9 points and a second place ahead of Cyril de Jonckheere. Neil's performance pulled him up to fourth place in the series.

At this point it would be appropriate to thank all of those nameless helpers who help run the Grand Prix on behalf of SSRA and without whom the events would not be run so smoothly. In particular Neil Doherty and Peter Gray deserve a mention for organising two meetings. Thank you also to the markers Bill Jaffray at Denwood and Jennifer Adamson at Gagie. Mention must also go to Jean MacDonald who works tirelessly for the Wick Association in running their event each year and also to her band of helpers and markers who help the event run so smoothly.

3P Grand Prix Series 2000

The 3P Grand Prix series has been dominated by Martin Sinclair this year and again after 4 events he had secured the series title.

All of the Grand Prix have been held on the Denwood range, which, since the closure of Linwood, has been the only suitable range for shooting 3P in Scotland! The meetings are timed to coincide wherever possible with a prone Grand Prix, so that the 3P is held on Saturday and the prone on Sunday, the obvious exception being Wick which is a prone only meeting.

The first meeting was held at the beginning of May and Martin got off to a fine start to the season with 1141 and 93.1 in the final. Donald McIntosh, having started the final in third place with 1116 behind Cliff Ogle on 1119, shot a far better final of 94.1 to Cliff's 87.2 and therefore secured second place. In the ladies sport rifle event, only Lynda Sinclair took part scoring 557.

In June Martin was again in the 1140s, this time 1143. Donald got a little closer this time with 1128 and Tony Credland finished third with 1100. Unfortunately there were no other entries in the 3x40 and so the final was abandoned. In the 3x20 event Lynda Sinclair shot 547 and Peter Gray managed 518 to keep Lynda company!

The July event was held at the end of the Scottish meeting in the hope of attracting some entries from south of the border. Geof and Sandie McHugh travelled the extra distance from Fort William to Aberdeen and were impressed by the event and the range. (So much so that they're coming back and hoping to persuade some of their club mates to join them!) Unfortunately, the timing clashed with the team leaving for Karstula so we lost Donald and Janis from this event. However, Martin continued his steady string of 1140s with an 1147 and paired this with a

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93.8 in the final. Jonathan Hammond in his first full season of 3P produced a personal best 1130 and a final of 90.0 to take second place. Cliff Ogle shot one of his best ever finals of 98.7 to claw back Sandie McHugh's 6 point lead and take third place.

The August event saw more visitors, this time from the Isle of Man. Unfortunately Jacci Hamilton-Jones suffered at the hands of the Denwood rain and after a series of target jams, decided not to finish the match. Hopefully this won't put her and her husband off coming back again.

There was yet another hike in Martin's scores, this time to 1149. Jonathan also improved on his previous performance with 1135. Donald, who had been struggling for most of the year managed only 1118 to finish in third place ahead of Tony Credland. Lynda completed the 3x20 with 545.

And so to the final event

of the year. Martin had already secured the title, but second place was far from clear cut. Donald's performances were starting to come together again with a reasonable score at the British trials the week before. His 1135 + 91.6 was enough to win by a 6 point margin from Cliff, with Jonathan finishing third a further 5 points behind. Lynda was again the only 3x20 shooter and scored 541.

This gave Donald clear second place with Jonathan and Cliff tied for third.

Here's hoping that next season will see more entries to these events and more new faces among them.

Scottish 3P Grand Prix Series 2000

Name	Club	May	June	July	August	Sept	Total
Martin Sinclair	E U Alumni	9	9	9	9		36
Donald McIntosh	E U Alumni	6	6	-	4		16
Jonathan Hammond	Bon Accord	-	-	6	6		12
Tony Credland	Glenrothes	1	4	3	3		11
Cliff Ogle	E U Alumni	4	-	4	2		10
Neil Calder	Balcolme	3	-	-	1		4
Peter Gray	Steeple	2	-	-	-		2

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team of Martin, Jonathan and Donald McIntosh set a new record of 3419 putting 25 points on the record set in 1993 by Bill Murray, Robin Law and Ronnie Sellar.

The E U Alumni team in the same match at Bisley increased the club team record by 19 points to 3399 from the record set also in 1993 by Ronnie, Cliff Ogle and Shirley McIntosh.

A full list of the current records should be produced with the next issue of TENpointNINE. While we do try to keep track of the scores being shot by Scots, Scottish club teams and Scottish County teams, it isn't always possible to be sure that we have sufficient results to ensure all records are picked up. It would be helpful if clubs and counties would review the list when it is produced and let us know of anything we've missed.

Association Clothing

The Association now has an arrangement with a supplier of quality sportswear to provide certain items of clothing, embroidered with the Association crest to order. Items available include round or V necked sweatshirts, poloshirts, T shirts and baseball caps.

Items can be ordered on a cash with order basis. For full details of the items available and cost, please contact the Treasurer.

There are also a number of the old style "hairy thistle" T shirts and sweatshirts available for sale. Again details can be obtained from the Treasurer.

Scottish 50m Prone Series Championship 2000

	Name	Club	Denwood	Angus	Wick	Grampian	Gagie	Total
1	Martin Sinclair	E U Alumni	4	9		9		22
2	Jim Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord			4	3	9	16
3	Cyril de Jonckheere	Dumfries		6	6		1	13
4	Neil Stilton	Aberdeen Uni	9				3	12
5=	Sinclair Bruce	Alloa	3	4			2	9
5=	Bill Copland	Banff			9			9
7	Hugh Simpson	Wick Old Stagers			2		6	8
8=	Robin Law	Alloa	6					6
8=	Trevor Hastings	Bon Accord				6		6
10	Barbara Mackay	Watten	2	3				5
11=	Donald McIntosh	E U Alumni		1	3			4
11=	Gordon Winch	Alloa				4		4
11=	Cliff Ogle	E U Alumni					4	4
14=	Simon Clark	Aberdeen Uni				2		2
14=	Tom Hodgson	Dumfries		2				2
16=	John Campbell	Halkirk			1			1
16=	Neil Calder	Balcolme				1		1
16=	Graham Rudd	George Watsons	1					1

C & D Grand Prix Series 2000

	Name	Club	Denwood	Angus	Wick	Grampian	Gagie	Total
1	Sheena Sharp	Bon Accord		9	2	9	3	22
2	Bill Vaughan	Selkirk		6	9	3	6	24
3	Hamish Rae	Perth	-	3	4	1	4	12
4	Hugh A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	9		1			10
5	David Simpson	Wick Old Stagers					9	9
6	J Henderson	Watten			6	2		8
7	Tom Hunter	Bon Accord			-	6		6
8	Lawrence Cooper	St Andrews	3	2	-	-		5
9=	Rod Brunton	Watsonians	4	-	-	-		4
9=	Vidar Nilsen	E U Alumni	-	4				4
9=	Jim Hammond	Bon Accord	-	-	-	4		4
12	Mary Melvin	Bon Accord				3		3
13=	Anne Hamilton	Watsonians	2			-		2
13=	Patrick Jess	St Andrews					2	2
15=	Gordon Cox	Watsonians	1	-				1
15=	Graeme Malcolm	Steeple		1	-			1
15=	Jamie Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord					1	1

Winter Competitions conditions

The entry form for winter competitions is attached to the annual subscription form and an additional form is available for non members. All prone cartridge events are shot on NSRA 10 shot cards over 15/20/25 yards indoors. Standing and Kneeling positions are shot on NSRA 2 bull and 5 bull targets respectively. Air rifle events are shot at 10m on either NSRA 5 bull targets, 5 shot strip targets or ISSF single shot targets. Class averages are A 98.0+, B 96.0 to 97.9, C 93 to 96.9 and D below 93.0.

SSRA Medal competition for the Association Silver Medal - shot over two stages in 4 classes plus Junior and Veteran classes. The winner in each class receives a salver with the Silver Medal to the top score overall. Each stage is a 3 card set (one hour). The top 10 and equal in the first stage contest the final.

Speedway for the Bill Dick Memorial Trophy and the Boston Bowl - shot in two classes - Open and C/D. The first round is 5 cards (not a set). The top 16 (any class) go through to a final to be shot in April 2001 in Perth. The best remaining 8 from C & D contest the C&D final. The final is a round robin event of 20 matches in groups of four. The top 8 eligible finalists in the A/B final are automatically selected for the annual postal match against North Island, New Zealand. The remaining team members will be selected on the basis of performances during the indoor season.

CanDicap for the CanDicap Quach is a CYOH competition (minimum handicap 5) restricted to C

SSRA Medal

Due to a series of extensions and regauges, we were unable to bring you the final results of the medal and candicap competitions in the last issue. Here they are now for the record.

Medal Class A				
N Clader	Balcombe	1	1	0 2
regauge		1	1	0 2
H Simpson		1	0	1 2
regauge	Wick Old Stagers	2	0	2 4
T Kidner	Bon Accord	1	1	2 4
J Lavety	Bon Accord	2	1	2 5
W F Brown	Chobham	2	1	2 5
D McIntosh	Alloa	2	3	1 6
T Hodgson	Dumfries	4	2	2 8

Medal Class B				
G Rudd	George Watsons	2	1	2 4
I Thomson	Watsonians	2	4	1 7
R Nilsen	St Andrews	5	2	1 8
M Mutch	Watsonians	3	4	1 8
S J Clark	Aberdeen Uni	4	1	3 8
L Martin	Marlo	2	3	3 8
M Baillie-Hamilton	Blairgowrie	1	2	5 8
W Vaughan	Selkirk	4	3	3 10
W Crawford	Alloa	4	3	3 10
L Cooper	St Andrews	3	4	3 10
D Henderson	Balerno & Currie	4	4	5 13

Medal Junior				
D Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1	0	0 1
H A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1	1	1 3
G Rudd	George Watsons	2	1	1 4
G Cox	George Watsons	6	5	3 14
M Thomson	George Watsons	5	4	4 14

Medal Veteran				
J Lavety	Bon Accord	2	1	2 5

Congratulations must go to David Simpson for becoming the youngest ever winner of the Association's prestigious silver medal. The standard of the first three in the junior competition was also very high and they should also be congratulated.

Medal Class C				
D Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1	0	0 1
H A Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	1	1	1 3
N McMillan	Greenock	1	3	3 7
D Gavin	Beaulieu	3	3	4 10
R Spence	Orkney	4	4	4 12
D W Taylor	Dumfries	2	4	6 12
S Batchelor	Forfar	6	1	6 13
G Cox	George Watsons	6	5	3 14
J Hind	Balerno & Currie	7	5	4 16
T McGregor	Balerno & Currie	10	6	2 18

Medal Class D				
K Jonston	George Watsons	7	5	6 18
A Sommerville	George Watsons	9	6	7 22
E Simpson	Wick Old Stagers	7	8	7 22
B Volans	George Watsons	13	11	8 32
A Kelly	George Watsons	9	9	18 36
S Hodgson	Dumfries	15	11	15 41

CanDicap				
M McMillan	Greenock	0	1	1 2
regauge		0	1	1 2
D Gavin	Beaulieu	1	0	1 2
regauge		0	1	2 3
D W Taylor	Dumfries	1	0	2 3
P Smithard	Sands	0	1	2 3
W McAuley	Alloa	2	1	1 4
S Batchelor	Forfar	2	0	2 4
S E Hodgson	Dumfries	1	1	2 4
R Spence	Orkney	3p	1	1 5
T McGregor	Balerno & Currie	1	2	3 6

Winter 3P Championship

Another victim of the printing cut off from the spring issue was the winter 3P championship. This was being run for the first time as a separate championship whereas before this had been the qualifying stages of the outdoor championships (in the days when the number of shooters exceeded range capacity!!). The change was made to allow for those who are only able to shoot in the winter to have a separate competition or to allow those who can't shoot 3P indoors access to the outdoor championship.

Only 7 people returned cards with only 5 of those completing the course. Some entrants were affected by range closures so hopefully this year's entry should be a bit higher.

Congratulations to Robin on a consistent performance over both matches to take the title.

Rumour has it that a number of people are taking up 3P over this winter season. This competition would be an ideal way to gain some assessment of progress. The competition is shot in two stages, the first of which is not due until late January 2001. Go on....have a go!

Scottish Short Range 3P Championship				
Name	Club	Stage 1	Stage 2	Total
Robin Law	Alloa	573	573	1146
Donald McIntosh	E U Alumni	569	563	1132
Tony Credland	Glenrothes	563	560	1123
Neil Calder	Balcolmbe	548	548	1096
Bill Baird	Havant	522	532	1054
Martin Sinclair	E U Alumni	-	570	570
Janis Thomson	Crewe	548	-	548

Scotland v Australia

As already mentioned elsewhere in this issue, as a result of our website going live, Scotland were invited to start a postal international match against the Australians. The match would be shot concurrently with our national championships under ISSF rules (which is all they and most other countries shoot anyway) for teams of 3 (again ISSF size teams) for as many disciplines as we could muster including separate teams for juniors.

Just to get the match going this year, we agreed that the Australians would take the top three scores from the relevant events at their national championships which had already taken place. We followed the same process for the air rifle events as our competition took place in March. However, we decided to select the teams for the cartridge events in advance of the competition and take the team from the entries made for the ISSF shoot at the beginning of August.

From the scores provided by the Australians, it looked as if we had a fair chance of winning the men's prone and 3P and the ladies prone. The ladies 3P would have needed nothing short of a miracle to beat the Australian's score. Our men's air rifle team shot well this year at Inverclyde and were victorious over

the Australians, but again the ladies were struggling to come anywhere close to their opponents scores. However, hopefully it won't be too long before we improve the depth of talent of lady 3P and air rifle shooters and perhaps this match will help.

We weren't able to field any junior teams this year. For a variety of reasons none of our juniors turned up to the ISSF championships which was unfortunate. Maybe next year, the match will be a draw to get some of them to enter.

Although some matches were close, in the end we lost all except the men's air rifle. Scores shot at Denwood were not up to expectations and I'm sure the competitors would be the first to agree. The Australians didn't perform as well as they might (with the exception of their ladies teams) and there is no guarantee that they'll make such an easy target next year.

Anyone who wants to be considered for next year's match should remember to enter the ISSF shoot on the first weekend in August for cartridge or the first weekend in April for air rifle (provisional).

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and D class shooters. The first stage is a set of 3 cards (one hour) with the top 20 and equal scores qualifying for a postal final of a second set of 3 cards.

The Short Range 3 Positions Championship This event is unclassified although prizes may be awarded to Juniors depending on entry. The course of fire will be the aggregate of 2 half courses, one during each of 2 five week match periods in the first 3 months of 2001.

Leagues Divisions will be allocated on the basis of averages submitted. The points are allocated with the top scorer in each division being awarded n-1 points, second n-2 points etc where n is the number of shooters in that division. The prone league consists of two cards during each of 8 match periods. The 3P and air rifle leagues consist of a half course/60 shot match respectively per month from November through to March. This year we are allowing scores shot during the air rifle grand prix to be counted as scores shot in the air rifle league, provided that the entrant notifies the organiser prior to the start of the air rifle grand prix and also notifies the league organiser as appropriate.

Club League In response to demand from a variety of quarters, the Association is offering a Scottish club league for the first time. This coincides with the introduction of the club membership scheme. Full details will be provided under separate cover to club secretaries.

Any queries, please contact the Secretary.

Men's Air Rifle

Scotland	
David Ratray	587
Ronnie Sellar	581
Robin Law	580
	<u>1748</u>

Australia	
Tim Lowndes	586
Michael Brown	573
Darius Krivanek	576
	<u>1735</u>

Women's Air Rifle

Scotland	
Shirley McIntosh	383
Janis Thomson	368
Susan Jackson	350
	<u>1101</u>

Australia	
Sue McCready	394
Sue Smith	383
Elaine Walsh	382
	<u>1159</u>

Men's Prone

Scotland	
Cyril de Jonckheere	588
Jim Cole-Hamilton	586
Sindair Bruce	586
	<u>1760</u>

Australia	
Owen Oliver	590
Warren Potent	589
Barry Cowburn	588
	<u>1767</u>

Women's Prone

Scotland	
Janis Thomson	585
Susan Jackson	581
Barbara Mackay	581
	<u>1747</u>

Australia	
Kim Frazer	584
Sue Linsdell	584
Sue Carlyon	584
	<u>1752</u>

Men's 3P

Scotland	
Martin Sinclair	1136
Donald McIntosh	1124
Tony Credland	1123
	<u>3383</u>

Australia	
Michael Brown	1149
Glenn Linsdell	1119
Jason Lowe	1117
	<u>3385</u>

Women's 3P

Scotland	
Janis Thomson	563
Shirley McIntosh	561
Lynda Sinclair	544
	<u>1668</u>

Australia	
Sue Smith	578
Sue McCready	578
Elaine Walsh	566
	<u>1722</u>



For Sale

Scope stand with extension rods and Tasco 22x60 spotting scope £120

Kurt Thune glove £25

Kurt Thune Belt £10

Gehmann Shooting Boots Size 9 (Green and Black) £50

Gehmann Rifle Rest £50

Gehmann iris/diopter converter No 557 £5

Anschutz fore-end block with accessory rail £50

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Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio July 2000

Following a chance conversation with Colin Gall at Bisley last year the plans were finally put in motion for me to fulfil a long time ambition to shoot in the US championships at Camp Perry.

Without the invaluable help of Colin and his connections with George Harris of the NRA of America and the infamous Blackhawk Rifle Club I am sure things wouldn't have gone as smoothly as they did.

The flight from London Gatwick to Philadelphia and onwards to Cleveland proved to be a long drawn out affair due to the late departure from the UK and the subsequent missing of the onward connections. So after about 22 hours on the go I finally made it to a hotel in Cleveland for the night, and after a few beers got some well-deserved sleep.

The following day, I made the leisurely journey of about 60 miles to Port Clinton which is situated on the southern shores of Lake Erie, and on to Camp Perry to register for the smallbore prone. The very efficient processing of both the entry and the accommodation allowed me to take in the final stages as a spectator of the 3P championships, in very hot and sticky conditions, which gave me a good indicator of what to expect for the rest of the week.

Sunday afternoon was put aside for practice albeit only 4 details, to get used to the hot and humid conditions and the raging mirage, which seemed hell bent in showing itself in many guises and all too willing to catch the unsuspecting shooter out. Having never really mastered these sorts of conditions in the past I decided to just carry on regardless and cope as best I could, which to my surprise worked quite well, perhaps a different story on another day.

The shooting schedule at Perry is very challenging on the stamina and concentration front as you shoot eight cards a day for 2 days using iron sights, have a day's break and resume the same format for the last 2 days

using any sights you choose. The daily format is to shoot 2 cards, have an hours break, and shoot 2 more and so on. You are assigned the same firing point all week and share this with the alternate shooter.

Monday morning saw me getting up at some ungodly hour to be on the range for about 07:15, a journey of about 2 whole minutes from my compact and bijou accommodation module. Whilst unpacking and setting up my kit, I was rudely interrupted over the speaker system with the announcement of "5 minutes to colours", without knowing anything untoward was about to happen I carried on with my chores. Soon the peace was shattered by an almighty bang, from a cannon and a rendering of the "Stars and Strips" on the speaker system, with all and sundry a round me standing to attention, hand on heart.

Once the ceremony of the day was complete the shooting commenced with a "dewar course", followed by 2 cards at 100 yards, then 2 at 50 metres followed by 2 at 50 yards to finish of the day. For all of you who have never seen an American style target, the scoring rings are slightly larger than the ones in the UK, giving the impression that their bull ring is the equivalent of the nine ring here and their X-ring the size of our bull. It gives you great satisfaction to score 399 or 400 on a regular basis, however the number of times you hit the X ring is very important. A score of 400 with 32x beats a score of 399 with 36x as I found out later on in the proceedings, one loose shot spoils the whole party. I soon adjusted to the fact that trying to score 400 with the X count a bonus, was bearing more fruits than trying for X's and bulls being a bonus.

Once my fellow competitors established that I had travelled from the UK to participate, and given every Americans tenuous or genuine ancestral links with Scotland, good and hopefully lasting friendships have forged. Following on from links that Colin Gall had established in previous years the other Brits and myself were absorbed under the wings of the aforementioned Blackhaws Club, and we were invited to attend their

annual dinner as guests. We duly attended wearing our blazers, to which our hosts commented that the Brits always turn out well for these functions. We were duly presented with a baseball cap and pin badge, however the highlight of the evening was Colin Gall being elected as an honorary member of this distinguished club. The club boasts various members of the legendary Clan Wigger amongst its members.

As Camp Perry is an active army base when the shooting isn't on, things to do on camp in the evening are very limited indeed. However between Colin and myself we were able to share the driving on a couple of occasions to visit local eateries in the area in the company of his charming wife Bernie. The food on

offer was excellent, in value for money compared to UK prices, quality and of course volume. Other evenings were spent watching the spectacular lightning storms out over Lake, of course in the company of an ice cold beer from my coolbox, well actually cool washhand basin filled with ice from the camp shop and of course some fine hop flavoured liquid in assorted bottles and cans.

All in all I would recommend this trip to anyone thinking about going, details of flights, accommodation, rough costs etc can be obtained from Jim Ward, email jim@cuesoft.co.uk or from Colin Gall.

Jim Ward

Short Range Inter Region Match

This year's short range inter region match was shot concurrent with the New Zealand Match. Teams from 5 regions entered each having a team of 6 with the best 5 scores counting towards the total. The competition was closely fought with Grampian coming out winners ahead of Highland and Central.

The match will be held again next year, same time same place. If you are living in an area which doesn't currently enter a team but you would like it to, please contact the Secretary and we'll try to put you in touch with a suitable person in your area.

Name	1	2	3	4	Total
Grampian					
J W J Hammond	99	99	99	100	397
N Stirton	96	100	98	98	392
J Cole-Hamilton	98	99	97	98	392
S Clark	96	100	97	98	391
W Copland	97	95	100	97	389
M Catto	99	95	98	94	386
Total					1961
Highland					
H Simpson	98	98	99	100	395
I Paul	99	10	98	97	394
B Mackay	99	97	97	99	392
D Simpson	97	99	97	95	388
J R Sinclair	97	97	96	98	388
H A Simpson	94	93	96	98	391
total					1957
Central					
G Winch	97	100	96	99	392
W Moonie	97	98	99	96	390
G Motion	97	97	96	100	390
W Crawford	96	95	9	98	388
D McIntosh	97	99	93	97	386
					0
Total					1946

Name	1	2	3	4	Total
Fife					
D Turnbull	97	99	99	97	392
C Weaver	96	98	100	97	391
B Crookston	97	98	97	98	390
R Nilsen	97	96	96	97	386
W Bloomfield	95	99	98	94	386
J Bloomfield	90	92	92	97	371
Total					1945
Lothian					
A Horne	97	98	99	98	392
C Ogle	97	98	97	99	391
N Baker	93	98	99	98	388
D Nicol	98	96	97	95	386
M Mutch	97	97	96	95	385
W F Hamilton	95	97	98	93	383
total					1942

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Anschutz action adapter plate. CNC machined, adjustable cast - the most adjustable stock available, matched with the most adjustable butt plate (as new condition) £650

Steyr LP1 match air pistol, factory serviced and large case £475

Fitted case for LP1 or LP5 £25

Contact Tony Credland

100 Club

For those who don't already know about the 100 club, this is run as a fund raising enterprise for the Association. The entry fee is £1 per month with two thirds of the entry money each month being returned as a prize. One third goes to Association funds.

Not all of the numbers have been allocated and in any month where an unallocated number is drawn, the prize money is carried forward to the following month. This has led to some fairly large prizes being awarded some in excess of £100.

Of course you can't win it if you're not in it. Entry forms are therefore enclosed for those who fancy a flutter while helping the Association. Remember the odds are a little better than the National Lottery. The only condition is that only members may join. (This is to avoid us having to take out a lottery licence!). Any queries should be directed to either the Treasurer or Secretary.

A full list of all draws for the 2000 year will be published in the next newsletter.

GB Squads 2001

The GB cartridge and air rifle squads for 2001 have just been announced. After a review of the squad system, the 2001 squad is much leaner with the intention that the limited resources available are concentrated on the top end of the squad to provide them with greater access to matches and coaching. Trials were held on the first weekend in September and a number of Scots were in attendance. The successful ones were:

Senior cartridge rifle

Bill Brown
Neil Stirton
Martin Sinclair
Susan Jackson

Neil has also been selected for the Junior squad.

Senior air rifle

David Rattray
Robin Law

Jonathan Hammond and Donald McIntosh failed to make the relevant qualifying score although Donald was only 2 points away in the trial.

Janis Thomson and Lynda Sinclair also failed to make the qualifying score in their events.

The total squad size for both senior and junior cartridge and air squads is approximately 30, considerably smaller than previously.

The Association would like to congratulate those who made the squad and hope that those who didn't will try again next year.

Anyone who wishes to be considered for the 2002 GB squad should contact Jenny Page at the NSRA for details and a registration form. Her number is 01483 476969 or e-mail jpage@nsra.co.uk

ISSF Championships 2000

This year's ISSF championships were held on 5 and 6 August at Denwood. The turnout was slightly higher than last year and it was pleasing to see some people making the journey from down south to compete.

The first match on the Saturday was the men's 3P. Martin Sinclair retained the title with a 1136 and a final of 99.6. Robin Law appeared in his first 3P match since the Commonwealth Championships in New Zealand last November and produced a steady 1130 with his trademark good standing. Unfortunately he also paired it with his trademark poor kneeling otherwise he could easily have scored over 1150. His final of 97.7 was sufficient to pull him ahead of Simon Bailey from Chesunt who scored 1132 in the qualification round but didn't manage to keep up the pace during the final.

Fourth place went to Donald McIntosh who managed to pull ahead of Tony Credland during the final to double his qualification stage lead. Cliff Ogle also made the final ahead of Bill Baird and Neil Calder.

In between the men's qualification stage and the final was the women's prone event. Defending Champion Susan Jackson (or Bell as she was last year) was unfortunately unable to compete this year though not for want of trying. Her car broke down on the way to the match and she was returned home to Edinburgh by the kind men of the AA. This also meant that Penny Curtis was also unable to make the event. Both travelled to



Janis Thomson receives the Jetty Sharp Quailch from Denwood Treasurer David Lury

Aberdeen on Sunday to shoot for the experience and so that Susan could record a score for the Australia international match. Needless to say, the car is extremely unpopular, and is now looking for a new owner!

In the meantime, the ladies match went ahead, with Barbara Mackay surely the strong favourite. However, Barbara has been struggling with her sight picture since her contact lens problems earlier in the year and wasn't able to produce her usual high score. Janis Thomson stepped into the breach and



Men's 3P medallists L to R: Robin Law, Martin Sinclair (with trophy) and Simon Bailey

produced a steady 585 to win by a clear 4 points from Barbara. Mary Melvin finished well to score 580 and take third place with Sheena Sharp only a point behind. Lynda Sinclair struggled in the closing strings to finish with 576.

The Association is fortunate to have been presented with a trophy by Bon Accord Rifle Club for the ladies event. This is particularly appropriate given the number of top lady shooters which the club has produced over the years. The trophy has been presented in memory of Jetty Sharp a member of the club many years ago. Jim Cole-Hamilton was kind enough to tell everyone at the prizegiving of her exploits and we hope that he can reproduce that for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Sunday saw an early start for the men's prone elimination details and an even earlier start for those setting up the range. In the first elimination detail, Bill Brown led the way with 589 with a cluster of 586s behind him. A flurry of challenge activity had Martin Sinclair leaping ahead of Jim Cole-Hamilton to drop Jim out of the qualification stage and then Jim returning the favour. The end result was that Martin just missed the cut and Jim scraped in.

The second elimination detail was a lot more clear cut. Tom Hodgson topped the order with a 590 closely followed by Donald McIntosh and Cyril de Jonckheere. Mel

Mutch missed the cut on countback, much to John Campbell's relief.

In the qualification round Jim Cole-Hamilton stepped on the gas a bit to score a steady 591. Cyril finished on 587 taking second place going into the final on countback from Sinclair Bruce. Bill Brown managed to get his flight times wrong and thinking that he hadn't shot well enough to make the final, left the range. In fact he had qualified in 6th place. Gordon Motion took the last slot in the final but it was subsequently discovered that Simon Clark's score had been added up incorrectly and he would have taken 8th on countback. However, since Simon didn't notice and challenge the score, the results have to stand as they are. Lesson for all here, make sure you check the additions of your scores!

The final was very exciting. Jim was never in any danger of being caught, but the remaining medal placings bounced back and forwards between Sinclair, Cyril, Robin and Tom. In the end, Tom's final score of 104.6 with no 9s in sight pulled him from 5th to second. Sinclair held on to third place with a string of 9 10s while Cyril didn't quite manage to maintain the form shown by his first two final



Men's prone medalists L to R: Tom Hodgson, Jim Cole-Hamilton (with pot) and Sinclair Bruce

shots of 10.8 and 10.9.

Jim was duly awarded the Glengoyne Quaich and a bottle of Glengoyne whisky to go with it. The Association would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the makers of Glengoyne for the donation of the trophy and for their continued support in the form of

Men's Prone for the Glengoyne Quaich

Name	Club	Qual	Final	Total
1 J Cole-Hamilton	Bon Accord	591	103.5	694.5
2 Tom Hodgson	Dumfries	586	104.6	690.6
3 Sinclair Bruce	Alloa	587	103.3	690.3

Men's 3P for the Watsonian Trophy

Name	Club	Qual	Final	Total
1 M Sinclair	E U Alumni	1136	99.6	1235.6
2 R Law	Alloa	1130	97.7	1227.7
3 S Bailey	Cheshunt	1132	93.2	1225.2

some very nice bottles of whisky.

Again in the middle of all this was the ladies 3P match. Only three entries again this year (*where are all the other lady 3P shooters! - Ed*) In the qualifying round Janis Thomson shot probably her best score of the year with a 563. Organiser Shirley McIntosh came out of stats and got the gun out of the box to shoot 3P for the first time since the event last year. Other than the first few shots Kneeling, she had a steady shoot for 561. Lynda Sinclair



Shirley McIntosh, winner of the women's 3P

shot steadily but never really got going and finished some way off the pace with 544.

In the final, in spite of an 8.8 for her last shot, Shirley managed to overtake Janis by shooting a final of 95.6 to Janis's 92.9. This gave her the title and a very nice bottle of whisky. Unfortunately there is no trophy yet for this event, but we are hopeful that one will be forthcoming before next year's event.

All that remains is to thank Denwood yet again for hosting the event, particularly to Neil Calder and David Lury for their hard work in setting up the range. Also thanks go to John Buchanan, Bill Vaughan, Bill Moonie, Cyril de Jonckheere and Jim Hammond for their efforts in classification, equipment control and as range officers.

The range was by no means full this year and there is plenty of scope for further entries to be accepted. Don't let the fact that it is run as an ISSF shoot put you off. Come along and experience shooting on electric target changers. It makes a big difference to getting soaked when it rains!!!

Women's Prone for the Jetty Sharp Quaich

Name	Club	Total
1 Mrs J Thomson	Crewe	585
2 Mrs B Mackay	Watten	581
3 Mrs M Melvin	Bon Accord	580

Women's 3P

Name	Club	Qual	Final	Total
1 Mrs S J McIntosh	E U Alumni	561	95.6	656.6
2 Mrs J Thomson	Crewe	563	92.9	655.9
3 Mrs L Sinclair	E U Alumni	544	88.3	632.3

Photo Credits

Thank you to all those who submitted photographs for inclusion in the Newsletter. The guilty parties are as follows:

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Any submissions for the next issue should be sent to the Secretary. We are also interested in any photos which can be put up on the website as being of interest to members. Again please forward these to the Secretary.

County Meeting

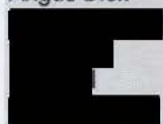
You may recall in the last issue, we mentioned a meeting among all of the counties, facilitated by SSRA, to discuss the problems faced by the counties with particular regard to their relationship with the NSRA.

For a variety of reasons this meeting has been put back from the original plan, and is now expected to take place in early October. The counties will be contacted independently, but if you have any views on the subject which you would like discussed, please contact either your local county representative (Secretary can provide details) or the secretary.

SSRA Contacts

The office bearers of SSRA Council are always available to respond to members queries or help in any way possible. If phoning, please be considerate and make calls before 10pm. The Secretary's phone has an answer machine on at all times if required. The Secretary cannot always be available to answer the phone so please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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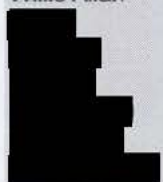
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2000/2001 Calendar

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
11/12 November	ADSRA Wapinshaw	Denwood	NGD
19 November	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 1	Denwood or Callander	SJM
26 Nov, 2/3 Dec	Watsonians Open	Edinburgh	WFH
10 December	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 2	Glenrothes	SJM
21 January 2001	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 3	Callander or Denwood	SJM
18 February	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 4	Dumfries	SJM
24 February	Scottish Universities Short Range championships	Perth	SJM
11 March	Final - Daily Record/Scottish Cup	Perth	NSRA
18 March	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 5	Glenrothes	SJM
24 March	Completion of Bisley smallbore range		
31 March	C/D Speedway Final	Perth	SJM
1 April	A/B Speedway Final	Perth	SJM
8 April	News of the World Finals	TBA	NSRA
7/8 April	SSRA Air Rifle Championships	Inverclyde	SJM
22 April	Scotland v NI New Zealand	Perth	SJM
22 April	SSRA Short Range Inter Region Match	Perth	SJM
5 May	SSRA 3P Grand Prix 1	Denwood	SJM
6 May	Denwood Open and SSRA Grand Prix 1	Denwood	NGD
2 June	SSRA 3P Grand Prix 2	Denwood	SJM
3 June	Angus Open and SSRA Grand Prix 2	Gagie	PG
8-10 June	NSRA ISSF Championships	Bisley	NSRA
30 June-6 July	NSRA Scottish Meeting	Lauder	NSRA
8 July	SSRA 3P Grand Prix 3	Denwood	SJM
28 July	Caithness Open/SSRA Prone Grand Prix 3	Wick	JM
29 July	Caithness Open continues	Wick	JM
4/5 August	SSRA ISSF Championships	Denwood	SJM
10 August	NSRA/Eley Inter Region Match	Bisley	SJM
1-18 August	NSRA Bisley Meeting	Bisley	NSRA
25 August	SSRA 3P Grand Prix 4	Denwood	SJM
26 August	Grampian Open/SSRA Grand Prix 4	Denwood	NGD
26 August	SSRA Long Range Inter Region Match	Denwood	SJM
25 August - 1 Sept	Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships	Bisley	SJM
8 September	SSRA 3P Grand Prix 5	Denwood	SJM
9 September	Gagie Open and SSRA Grand Prix 5	Gagie	PG
18 November	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 1	Callander	SJM
12 Dec 1999	SSRA Air Rifle Grand Prix 2	Glenrothes	SJM

All dates should be considered provisional at this time, with the exception of the NSRA dates. Details will be confirmed in the next issue. Anyone seeking further information in the interim, should contact the Secretary.

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...and finally

Well, I've reached the end of another newsletter and once again can think of nothing else to say.

This issue has seen more contributions from members (I've now sussed out this delegation business!). Please could we have further contributions for the next issue, or requests for information, ideas for articles. Anything you would like to see in this newsletter.

As ever my thanks go to my other (better?!) half, Donald for his IT support, proof reading and shoulder to cry on.

As this issue is a little late, the next issue will be a little smaller. Hopefully due before Christmas - ceteris paribus!!!

Thanks for reading,

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