

HELLO FELLOW RIFLEMEN AND PISTOLEROS

Another year has almost ended in the glorious history of our club and yes you have guessed it, SUBS are due on January 1st!

2012 subs will remain the same at £70 per person, family membership, 2 people, £105. If you joined after October 2011 you do not have to pay for 2012 – however all donations are gratefully received.

Through the sterling efforts of fellow member Bill Evans, the club has received a very attractive and expensive Zeiss rifle scope – a Victory FL Diavari 4 – 16 x 50 (illuminated) worth over £2000!

In an effort to raise revenue for club funds, the committee have agreed to place the scope in a club members only raffle. Tickets are £10 each, if you decide to enter please send your money along with your subs to the sec as early as possible. Tickets will be available to purchase at the AGM / Awards night when the raffle will be drawn. No limit on the amount you can purchase either before or on the night. The odds of winning are better than the National Lottery!!!

Club competitions have been well attended throughout 2011, Geoff Bell's various Man v Man comps were particularly popular and just like the old days with lots of excuses when things did not go according to plan – like shooting your opponents target by mistake even though you were clearly winning!

Even if you don't fancy entering the competition it's worth coming down to view the cabaret acts!

Fancy another Bring and Buy sale?

The last one was well attended even though you had to skate across the car park at Lawson Way to get in. – Watch the club website for more details.

Lawson Way project continues in its momentum – all our thanks go to those hard working individuals who have put time, effort and money into this prestigious project – don't forget work parties are held at Lawson Way on the first Saturday of each month – everyone welcome – contact Ian Lindsay (clerk of works) for more details

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He needs your help!

The source for funding continues and your hardworking committee are pulling out all the stops in an effort to secure some major backing from various sources. Don't forget if you win the lottery you could have the range named after you – for a large donation of course.

The old top hut at Moorsholm has been dismantled and replaced by an eco friendly colour coded modern unit thanks to the fantastic efforts of the faithful few. Lots of people have contributed in taking the unit to the site but a special mention must be

made to member Keith Wright and the ever indefatigable superman Ian Lindsay who also has a side line in rescuing your sec from the ditches!

At the erection it was like the old days, the banter and laughs make it seem easy work – especially with our resident comedian “Cossy” keeping everyone amused.

*Did you know we had an animal trainer extraordinaire amongst our membership?
At a recent rifle shoot, after climbing into his fire trench the special trainer found himself sharing his cosy retreat with a wee timid mouse.
After trying unsuccessfully to jump into the member’s hand, the said mouse decided to try a short cut by climbing up the member’s trouser leg!
The members’ ferocious leap out of the trench curtailed the rumours that he is now past his prime – the leap was worthy of any special effect seen in a Superman movie.
Not content with proving how agile he is the said mouseketeer continued his superman impression by swiftly dropping his trousers, at which point his tiny assistant had had enough and ran away towards the safety of the targets.
I believe that following this interlude the other shooters could not possibly continue because of the hysterical laughter and tears shed by everyone there.
I have been sworn to secrecy over the identity of our mouseketeer – however I believe he is on the club committee, lives in Crathorne, drives a Mercedes estate and has the initials J H – a special prize must be considered for the AGM – suggestions please to the sec.*

When you attend the range at Moorsholm please endeavour to keep it tidy – it is still the life line of the club – please put old targets / stakes / inflammable rubbish on to the bonfire and take any other rubbish away with you. Moorsholm needs protecting, why not have you own little work party when you are there, you can always find some little task to complete.

The committee have decided to organise a club “archive” to show future members our glorious past heritage. If you have any special old photographs or paperwork and would like to donate them (or have them copied and returned) please send to the sec ASAP – lets try and fill the walls at Lawson Way with our history.

Don’t forget when you attend official work parties your name will be placed into a draw at the AGM / Awards night to have your subs repaid – the more you attend the more chances you have of winning.

2012 FULL BORE RIFLE DATES

Jan 7 th	6F Deer Park
Feb 4 th	6J Black Beck
March 3 rd	6M Peatfell
April 14 th	6G Whipperdale
May 12 th	6G Whipperdale

June 2nd

6J Black Beck

All Saturdays.

Well done to committee member Ron Benson in his tireless efforts in communicating with Landmarc (or Defence Infrastructure Organisation as they are now called) to obtain these bookings.

A new company STOCK OPTICS LTD are offering club members 15% discount on their products of rifle scopes and accessories via their website. If you would like to request a unique discount code please email Alun Harrison at optics1@btconnect.com To check out their products view at www.stockoptics.com

An Irish daughter had not been home for over 5 years. Upon her return her father cursed her heavily.
‘Where have ye been all this time, child? Why did ye not write to us, not even a line? Why didn’t ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old mother thru?’
The girl, crying replied, ‘Sniff, sniff... Dad... I became a prostitute.’
‘Ye what! Get out a here, ye shameless harlot! sinner! You’re a disgrace to this Catholic family’
‘O K Dad, as ye wish. I only came back to give mum this luxurious fur coat, title deed to a ten bedroom mansion, plus a £5million savings certificate. For me little brother, this gold Rolex, And for you Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that’s parked outside plus a membership to the country club...(takes a breath)...and an invitation for ye all to spend New Year’s Eve on board my new yacht on the Riviera.’
‘What was it ye said ye had become?’ says Dad.
Girl crying again, ‘A prostitute, Daddy!’ Sniff, sniff.
‘Oh my goodness! Ye scared me half to death, girl! I thought ye said a Protestant!’
‘Come here and give yer old Dad a hug!’

Lost

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Missing from home (T A Centre Coulby Newham)
one

Gunsmith’s screwdriver / tool kit. If found
please return

to owner Ian Lindsay jk.lindsay@ntlworld.com

AGM / AWARDS NIGHT

2012 AGM / awards night will be held at The Poverina, Normanby on
February 8th @ 7.30pm ALL WELCOME

Please have your subs paid before the AGM - Due on
1st January -

Only full members with valid member cards will be allowed to
vote during the proceedings. Last chance tickets for the
grand scope draw will be available to purchase at the AGM.
Please note: Any prize winners not in attendance will have
their prizes donated to club funds via an extra raffle on
the evening.

Fantastic to see we have acquired some "Sports members" to
our beloved club.

Special mention must be made to Mr Philip Fawcett and his
son Ritchie who have contributed their energy into helping
"clerk of works" Ian Lindsay as soon as they joined our
hallowed ranks. I hope you will all show them a true club
welcome when you encounter them at Lawson Way and join me in
wishing them good luck and a long association with the best
club in the U K.

Have I got your email address/ Please forward to
the sec if you don't receive this as an email. Only
40% of members on email listing to date.

NRA Northern Representative, Guy Trembath, organised a
meeting for the clubs situated in the North East at the TA
centre on Neasham Road, Darlington Wed 9th November 2011.

northernnraguy@sky.com TVTS was represented by 4
committee members and a brief synopsis of the meeting
follows:-

Two representatives from the police facility at Urray Nook
gave some outline information regarding the possible use of
their range by civilian clubs. They have been instructed to
look at ways of maximising income and possible use by
civilians has received provisional approval from the police
authority but no formal political approval. (A suggestion
that it be used as a training facility for the Olympics was
turned down flat).

It is an 8 lane 100m range plus 30m range, both suitable for
firing 7.62 or lesser calibres.

Used by the police on weekdays but it is idle on weekends.
The representatives confirmed they had been tasked with
maximising income where possible, however the landlord /
partner is Laings and they are entitled to a share in any
profits generated by the police.

Prices would have to be negotiated with clubs and the police
would have to negotiate with Laings - who would require an
operative on site. There is a limit on the number of rounds
fired in an hour of 1000 Muzzle energy is the guide as to
what can and cannot be used.

It was agreed the police representative would come back regarding arranging a site visit.

The next part of the meeting concentrated on the shooting experiences of clubs as far as the MOD was concerned, with ideas as to how costs could be cut and what opportunities there were for club co-operation.

Guy had been warned by Chris Webb at the NRA that not all clubs in the NE were target shooting clubs. In response to a question he admitted he had no knowledge of Catterick ranges but was familiar with Strensall and Ponteland (where he shoots with a Newcastle Club).

All range bookings are organised through Wathgill and confirmed that Major Fox is acceptable of clubs sharing ranges and he might be susceptible to requests for opening up ranges on non shooting days.

The main drift of the discussion was co-operation in range use and some people present commented that to an extent this was already happening with details of shoots given on club websites.

There was debate regarding types of firearms used by different clubs and perhaps not permitting "guests" to use what they had brought. Should clubs advertise what type of firearm is permitted on a particular shoot? - or just bring more than one type.

He mentioned individual members in the NRA of only 75 out of 33 NE clubs was not very good, and if he had more NRA members then we would have a better chance of influencing the NRA.

G T suggested we have a "Northern Marksman" calendar style website to better communicate range bookings, suggesting club secs could email him with club bookings and he will circulate the information. However Landmarc could change an "event fee" when one club invited another.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 and another one will be arranged for possibly early February.

If any TVTS members would like a full copy of the minutes please contact the sec to forward on.

FOR SALE

44 Cal Italian copy of Remington muzzle loading black powder revolver

One owner from new

£75

Peter Metcalfe petermetcalfe48@gmail.com

01642 700078

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44 Uberti muzzle loading black powder revolver

£30

303 No 4 Lee Enfield with spare mags and brass

£250

12g Greener single barrel shotgun

£40

Jim Freeman

01287 201854

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45-70 Sharps 1874 Cavalry carbine by Pedersoli

995mm barrel. As new - only fired 40 rounds,

Henry Krank price £989

£650

Colin Speechley colin.speechley1@btinternet.com

01642 767455

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.22 Semi-Auto Armi Jager AP 74 (M16 copy)

3 Magazines, Great Condition

£190

Dave Pengilley david.pengilley@ntlworld.com

01642 287844

BOXING DAY SHOOT

Following club tradition the sec will hold an informal competition morning on Boxing Day at Moorsholm. Primarily 22 rifle based with a hint of shotgun thrown in - all on the range floor. It will give you a chance to walk off your Christmas pud and show off your new jumper!

Mince pies and coffee welcome - just come on down and have a laugh (lets hope the weather is not too bleak)

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all who are part of our fantastic club.

See you on Boxing Day and the AGM

Keep your powder dry! The Sec (and Avril X)

FULL BORE RIFLE

RANGE DAY START - UP PROCEDURE FOR 2012

The following procedure was approved by your Committee at its December 2011 meeting:

1. On arrival at the range make your way direct to the range wardens office, assemble outside by 0830 at the latest and wait there.

Please do not go to any operational area for any reason i.e. firing point/range consul/target frames/target store/target locations etc.

2. At the office the following will take place (not necessarily in this order, maybe concurrently):

The RCO will sign on and complete the paperwork.

The roll call will be taken and possession of SSS certificates confirmed.

Collection of stores from the range office (which will let the range warden lock up).

Allocation of firing points/details from the names on the roll.

Designation of supervisors for non NRA certified persons as necessary.

Range briefing including safety reminders.

3. Move to the operational areas of the range; targets sorted out as per RCO instructions, stores/target availability, range configuration, lane allocation.

4. Range procedures follow on.

Notes:

(i) As lanes will have been allocated, kit may be placed behind the designated firing point but all equipment must remain cased.

(ii) Signatures and any donations will be collected during the morning session.

(iii) If a butt party is required this will be organised at No 2 above.

(iv) If there are preferences for a particular lane this will be accommodated if possible.

P H METCALFE

Hon Treasurer

Full Bore Rifle RCO