

T V T S BULLETIN

Hello Folks, Welcome to the 2014 Spring Bulletin. PLEASE READ AND DIGEST

First of all I would like to thank all those members who paid this years' subs on time - only a few stragglers who did not make it before the end of January!

Membership is still flourishing with 154 members with only 1 person not renewing for this year - a fantastic result.

The AGM / Awards night (attendance 54, with one member travelling down from Scotland to attend!) held at Borough Park Bowling Club was a successful evening with a total of 19 being elected as officers and committee members for 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lynne-Marie Cooper and Cliff Healey to the hallowed ranks. I know you will all give them the support they need for this year, and don't forget you committee members - being on the committee is not just attending the meetings - you are expected to contribute by running / assisting at the comps.

As I quoted on the evening, how many other clubs can boast of 28 different disciplines shot (with 31 individual winners) and 81 prizes awarded. Grateful thanks to member Joe Paynter for the raffle prize which was won, much to his delight by Chris Andre - I've never seen him smile so much! Thanks also to Ken Hart and others for their generous donations - a fantastic £190 was raised for club funds.

The highlight of the Awards presentation is always the last few awards. This year being no exception with the Roy Jolly award to Gemma Harbinson. Sports person of the year was Simon Harbinson and the final, most prestigious NRA medal to Ron Benson. Well done to all those members who came up to collect their prizes.

A list of 2014 competition dates is attached with the omission of the Full Bore rifle dates. Due to the MOD (Landmarc) not being able to confirm our requested dates - committee member Ron Benson will continue to battle with them for advance notice of future dates. If you are not on Rons email list just drop him a note to ronb9131@virginmedia.com and he will keep you informed.

BRING AND BUY SALE AT LAWSON WAY March 9th

Due to the Success of previous "Bring and Buy" events the committee have decided to arrange another on Sunday 9th March. If you have any shooting related items for sale please bring them down or give them to a friend to bring. Start time approx. 10.00am, refreshments will be available so come on down. It will also enable those members who have not seen the upgrades to the project, to marvel at the 8th wonder of the world.

Let's not forget the amazing efforts of the faithful few who will always benefit with further assistance on the Saturday work parties.

You will see on the comp calendar a 'duelling' comp has been added (to be run by Cliff "hospital" Healey. Following the purchase of a rather nice duelling tree. Some of you may have seen one in operation on TV programmes such as Top Shot. The comp will have two shooters trying to keep all their coloured steel plates on one side of the 'tree'. Should be a fantastic one to watch and cheer or jeer your compatriots - so come on down and support Cliff.

Stalwart committee member Colin Speechley has not been in the best of health for a short while and consequently will not be running his plethora of comps in 2014. He will be organising the archery and practical soft air pistol but practical shotgun and practical 22 will be organised by "The Sec" ably assisted by Peter Cooper for shotgun and Barry "Portuguese" King for 22 rifle. Let's hope Colin "Shrek" Speechley will be back in full flow very soon and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Barry Grimwood, with his delightful assistant Brian "dolly" Whitwick will continue with running the TA range at Coulby Newham for the Stan Hollis 22 comps. Roger "I never miss" Johnson also continues to run the Dr Robson 22 - this is an ongoing comp where you can shoot as many times as you like throughout the year to try and obtain you best score. Roger will also continue to run the Buffalo shoots tagged on to the FB shoots at Catterick ranges - great to see Dave Hutchinson scoop that comp last year - will he have some competition in 2014?

John "Biggles" Hayes will oversee the underlever comps again - let's hope his tarian targets either get bigger or at the very least you can see the blighters.

Geoff "Hawkeye" Bell has volunteered to run the Police pistol, 1500 and Man v Man comps (x2) again and to make things a little bit different has decided to run some of them on Thursday evenings so no excuse to not come down.

President Ken Hart has already arranged the Bisley pilgrimage for April 12th / 13th and August 30th / 31st. For those who have not ventured to this hallowed ground before I urge you to try and attend, I promise you will not be disappointed and the memories made on these trips are priceless.

Full bore shooters will be looked after by our own "Captain Mainwaring", Hon Treasurer Peter Metcalfe so be on your best behaviour at the FB shoots.

Black powder (I was robbed in 2013) and Long barrel revolver will be under the capable hands of Andy "How many cars?" Drimmie - you just need to remind him the comps start at 9.30am. That reminds me, shall we introduce a penalty clause to those people who turn up at 10.00am instead of 9.30 for comps? It might knacker Mr Costelloni and his bodyguard Gurmeet "odd job" Takhar. It could be one of the reasons he wins so many comps!

The one and only J. K. Ian, (all my guns break) Lindsay continues to run the Clay shoots held every 3rd Sunday of the month, ably assisted by Gurmeet and others this year.

Don't forget you do not have to be on the committee to help - most of us (including me) are getting on now and the young pups need to learn "how to do it" to help out and take our beloved club ever forward.

SHOOTERS CERTIFICATION CARDS

For all those new members and Associate members who wish to shoot on any MOD ranges including Bisley, you will require a shooters certification card in order to do so. President Ken Hart and Hon chairman Richard Frankland will be running the required training at the full bore shoot on 19th April at Whipperdale. The classroom training will follow probably in May or June depending on the numbers attending. To assist "Waldorf and Statler" to organise numbers will anyone interested please contact Ken via email at david.hart1@sky.com

WORK PARTY WORK PARTY WORK PARTY WORK PARTY WORK PARTY

Sunday 4th May will be a work party at Moorsholm. Please, please, please try and attend - no major work just a "keep it tidy" and maintenance day. Don't forget Moorsholm is our lifeline and a fantastic asset to our club. How many other clubs offer such a venue enabling you to shoot 365 days of the year. But it needs looking after.

When using Moorsholm DO NOT attach any targets directly to the sleepers / backstop etc. USE THE TARGET STAKES ONLY. DO NOT shoot any of the steels with jacketed ammunition or they will be locked away to stop any more breakages.

Our club is famous for its Safety Record. When you attend Moorsholm without a committee member present one person must be responsible for range safety, usually the person on the right hand side - make sure no one goes forward without first declaring "range clear". Make sure you have not left any live rounds behind etc. Sweep up any empty cases and throw any combustible material onto the bonfire. Take anything else away with you when you leave. Remember to keep it tidy. Leave it as you wish to find it. We are always grateful for any target cardboard and especially target stakes. If you have any please leave it in the bottom target shed.

Enclosed with this Bulletin you will find your 2014 membership cards (if you did not attend the AGM). Probationary members will receive theirs at completion of the probationary period. Please attach a current passport sized photograph and carry it with you when attending the ranges - you may be asked to produce it.

Congratulations to committee member Peter T Cooper for his appointment as GB Gallery Rifle Captain (and Lynne-Marie for assisting him!) Good Luck for 2014 events.

SECRETARIES REPORT 2013

In my report at the AGM for 2013 I thanked several committee members for their efforts during the year in sourcing recommendations from various bodies towards the successful Sport England Inspired Facilities Grant. Although this is correct only one person was solely responsible for the presentation, submission and subsequent success of the grant and that was our dedicated Hon Treasurer Peter H Metcalfe. Peter has worked tirelessly on this phenomenal achievement on his own for some considerable time and I would like to take this opportunity of reminding the members of his outstanding personal commitment to obtaining the amazing amount of £50,000 for our club. I apologise if the wording on my report was not clear enough to emphasise this point.

Enclosed with the Bulletin please find a Gift Aid declaration. If you have not already done so will you please complete as required and return to Hon Treasurer P H Metcalfe, 4 West End, Hutton Rudby, Yarm TS15 0DJ or give to any committee member. This declaration is of vital importance as it enables P H M to collect a not unsubstantial amount back for club funds.

FROZEN WINDOWS ON A COLD WINTERS MORNING.

Wife texts husband on a cold winters morning: "Windows frozen, won't open"

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it"

Wife texts back 5 mins later: "Computer really screwed up now"

I've accidently swallowed some scrabble tiles last night – I'm worried my next poo could spell disaster

Here are five rules for men to follow for a happy life that cowboy Russell J Larson has inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win the coolest headstone contest:-

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and does not lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It's very important that these women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.

For those of you who are not individual members of the NRA and consequently do not receive the NRA journal I have enclosed a copy of an article which appeared in the last issue. Written exclusively by our Hon Treasurer, (although no reference or acknowledgement is given) it puts our beloved TVTS in the spotlight once more as one of the leading shooting target clubs in the U K.

This Bulletin has been sent via normal post as a hard copy for several reasons, but also as an email. If you have not received your email copy please email the sec with your current email address - don't forget if you move house, change contact numbers or email please let me know.

GOOD LUCK, GOOD SHOOTING AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE COMPS / WORK PARTY.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY!

The Sec (+ Avril)

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHOOTS AT BISLEY:

Any member wishing to take part in the competitions please contact Ken Hart on 07774 111453 or email david.hart1@sky.com Anyone wishing to stay at LMRA must pay a deposit in advance.

2014 COMPETITION DATES

23 March Black Powder
 30 March L B Revolver
 6 April U/lever Rifle
 13 April Air Soft Pistol
 17 April Police Pistol 1 *
 20 April Clays
 27 April Practical Shotgun
 11 May Archery
 15 May Police Pistol 1 *
 25 May 22 Practical Rifle
 1 June U/lever Rifle
 8 June Air Soft Pistol
 19 June Police Pistol 1 *
 22 June 1500
 29 June Black Powder
 6 July 22 Practical Rifle
 13 July Archery
 17 July Police Pistol 1 *
 27 July Duelling

MOORSHOLM

3 August Man v Man U/lever
 10 August L B Revolver
 17 August Clays
 24 August U/lever
 31 August Duelling
 7 Sept Duelling
 14 Sept 22 Practical Rifle
 28 Sept Archery
 5 October Man v Man L B R
 12 October Practical Shotgun
 26 October Black Powder
 2 Nov L B Revolver
 9 Nov Air Soft Pistol
 16 Nov Clays
 23 Nov Practical Shotgun

* THURSDAY EVENING2014 COMPETITION DATES

10 + 12 March Stan Hollis .22
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COULBY NEWHAM

9 + 11 June Stan Hollis .22

FULL BORE RIFLE SHOOT

19 April at 6G Whipperdale

More FB Rifle dates to follow later when range bookings have been confirmed.

4 May (Sunday) 3A Sturdy House = Platoon in defence range (stick in targets only allowed if no one else shooting on other ranges).

Ron has also requested the following, but is still awaiting confirmation from Landmarc (MOD)

7 June 6N (B) Herontree 13 July 6F Deerpark
 3 August 6J Black Beck

Almost every Sunday has been utilised throughout the year with only a couple of dates in November remaining spare!

Clay shoot will continue every 3rd Sunday by Ian "Dodgy Knee" Lindsay who definitely needs as much assistance as possible!

PRESIDENTS CUP 2014

12/13 April A competition open to **all members**, has been arranged for the above trophy to take place at NRA Bisley ranges. Shooting as follows:

Practice	Saturday afternoon	12 April	Stickledown	1000yds
Competition	Sunday morning	13 April	Stickledown	1000yds

The competition winner will be judged on the best string of 10 shots fired at 1000yds. A string will consist of 2 Sighters, followed by 10 shots. Sighters may be converted. However, they must be converted before continuing. In the event of a draw the highest number of V Bulls will be the winner. A range fee of £10.00 per session will be made to offset NRA range fees.

THIEPVAL TROPHY 2014

12 April This is a competition which is open to **all members**. It has been arranged for the above trophy to take place at NRA Bisley ranges. The competition is for "as issued" military rifles of any age or calibre or country, with ammunition "in the spirit of the original". Shooting as follows:

Saturday morning	Century Range	600 yards
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There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, places the competitor who has the highest score will be deemed the winner. In the event of a tie, the highest number of V Bulls will be the winner. The competition will be judged on the best string of 10 shots fired. A string will consist of 2 Sighters, followed by 10 shots. Sighters may be converted; however, they must be converted before continuing. A range fee of £10.00 per session will be made to offset NRA range fees.

METCALFE AGGREGATE CUP 2014

30 /31 August A competition open to **all members**, has been arranged for the above trophy to take place at NRA Bisley ranges. Shooting as follows:

Moorsholm Plaque	Saturday morning	30 th Century	300 yards
Redcar Range Plaque	Saturday afternoon	30 th Century	600 yards
Norman Sudron Plaque	Sunday morning	31 st Stickledown	1100 yards

There is a first place prize for each of the three distances however; the Metcalfe Cup winner will be the competitor who has the highest aggregate score over the three distances. In the event of a tie, the shooter with the highest number of V Bulls will be the winner. The competition will be judged on the best string of 10 shots fired. A string will consist of 2 Sighters, followed by 10 shots. Sighters may be converted; however, they must be converted before continuing. There will be second and third place prizes for the Metcalfe Cup. A range fee of £10.00 per session will be made to offset NRA range fees.

ACCOMODATION AS FOLLOWS:

NRA Huts Approx £23 per person, per night, to be paid on arrival. Must be booked in advance.
St Georges Lodge, London and Middlesex Rifle Association. Approx £75 per room. (£25 each) 3 sharing, to be paid in advance. All LMRA accommodation booking must be accompanied by a £20.00 none refundable deposit, paid in advance, no payment, no booking. THESE RATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT INCREASE

Travelling It is suggested that members travel on Friday morning to enable them to check their zero on Short Siberia on Friday afternoon. Shooting commences at 0830hrs Saturday morning. Meals, including

breakfast, lunch and dinner can be taken in the Surrey Clubhouse main building or a nearby Tavern. There are also bar facilities at the Surrey. (TVTS is an associate member of the Surrey).