

Hi Folks, Welcome to the first bulletin of 2017.

AGM / AWARDS NIGHT

Thank you to those 79 members who attended the AGM / Awards night at Borough Park - it makes all my efforts worthwhile to see a magnificent attendance. 2016 was another great year of club competitions with 28 organised events giving 30 individual winners the chance of collecting a prize. It always gives me great personal pleasure to see the surprise and reaction of the recipients of the last three awards:

This year = Roy Jolly award to Barrie Ways, Sportsperson of the Year to Les Cook and the prestigious NRA medal to Dave Harbinson. All thoroughly well deserved for all their dedication to our fantastic club. Most years I can detect a tear or two and not just from me!

Membership levels remain strong at 176 with only a few people not renewing their subs for a variety of reasons.

Thank you to all those members who paid on time and to those who waited until the last minute - start saving up now and pay before the last days of January 2018!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017

The following members were proposed and accepted and form your committee for 2017

Secretary / Trustee	D. Pengilly	Treasurer	P. Metcalfe
Chairman / Trustee	R. Frankland	President	B. King
Vice President / Trustee	I. Lindsay		
Committee	P. Costello	R. Benson	B. Grimwood
	G. Hill	C. Healey	C. Speechley
Co-opted	D. Harbinson	A. Harbinson	L. Cook

LAWSON WAY

Lawson Way will continue to be open for activities at the following times: 18.30 to 21.00hrs

<u>A Range</u>		<u>B Range</u>
Monday	22 Rifle	Archery
Tuesday	Underlever Rifle	Air Rifle
Wednesday	22 Rifle	Archery
Thursday	LB Revolver	Archery
Friday	U/lever / Anything	Air Rifle
Saturday a.m.	Light maintenance	

Our thanks to members Gordon Ford, Bob Dunn and Gina Hill for assisting with the archery sessions in 2016.

Sports membership is beginning to grow, so please help when you can to integrate those members who are unaware of the great opportunities of our beloved club. Several enquiries for Sports Membership when viewing the facilities on offer have reconsidered their applications and applied for full membership.

BRING 'N' BUY SALE

Thank you to those who participated in the last BNB. The number of members stalls is increasing each time we organise an event. With an ever widening gambit of sale items on offer perhaps we should increase to a

biannual event? Special thanks to Hollie King, Emma Dauncey and Avril for the donations of cakes and pastries etc. - someone needs to feed Cossie on those cold mornings.

COMPETITION CALENDAR 2017

MOORSHOLM

LAWSON WAY

March 5 th	U Lever Rifle	March 20 /22	Stan Hollis 22
April 2 nd	22 Practical Rifle		
April 9 th	Practical Archery		
April 16 th	Clays		
April 23 rd	Western Action		
May 7 th	Practical Shotgun		
May 14 th	Soft Air Pistol		
May 28 th	Black Powder Pistol		
June 4 th	U Lever Rifle		
June 11 th	Black Powder		
June 18 th	Clays	June 19 th / 21st	Stan Hollis 22
June 25 th	Practical Archery	June 29 th	Timed / Precision
July 2 nd	22 Practical Rifle		
July 9 th	Man v Man U Lever	July 13 th	LBR Precision
July 23 rd	Soft Air Pistol	July 27 th	Timed / Precision
Aug 6 th	22 Practical Rifle	Aug 10 th	LBR Precision
Aug 13 th	Man V Man LBR	Aug 24 th	Timed / Precision
Aug 27 th	Practical Archery		
Sept 3 rd	U Lever Rifle	Sept 7 th	LBR Precision
Sept 10 th	Soft Air Pistol		
Sept 17 th	Clays	Sept 21 st	Timed / Precision
Sept 24 th	Western Action		
Oct 1 st	Practical Shotgun	Oct 5 th	LBR Precision
Oct 15 th	Clays / Black Powder	Oct 16 th /18 th	Stan Hollis 22
Oct 22 nd	Man V Man Black Powder	Oct 19 th	Timed / Precision
Nov 5 th	Practical Shotgun	Nov 2 nd	LBR Precision
		Nov 16 th	Timed / Precision
		Nov 30 th	LBR Precision
Dec 10 th	Man V Man 22 Rifle		

FB Rifle comps @ Catterick will begin on February 18th. Further dates will be issued as and when Landmarc confirm availability.

As many of you are aware problems with the MOD (Landmarc) are always causing delays in confirmations for FB dates. The following have been confirmed so far:-

Feb 18th 6F Deerpark

March 18th 6F Deerpark

April 15th Whipperdale

Check the notice board at Lawson Way and make sure you forward your email address to ronb9131@virginmedia.com and petermetcalfe48@gmail.com to be included on their lists.

FB shoots March, June, October will be designated Open Days to enable guests to attend.

If you intend to invite anyone YOU MUST INFORM THE SEC IN WRITING WITH THEIR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS IN ADVANCE OF THE 48 HOURS NOTICE REQUIRED TO THE POLICE - NO DETAILS = NO ADMITTANCE.

Moorsholm clay shoots are the 3rd Sunday of every month as in previous years.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY (OR PRINT OFF THIS PAGE) AND WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD AT LAWSON WAY FOR ANY UPDATES / CHANGES.

Try and attend as many comps as you can and support the hard working comp secs - let's see if anyone can knock the Italian stallion down from collecting the most prizes next year!

F B RUNNING COMPS

It has been proposed that two continuous running comps be held at each FB shoot this year. 1. The Buffalo, using single shot black powder rifles, will be as in previous years. 2. A comp for military type rifles. Target is a Huns head simulated 300yds to be shot at 100yds. Rifles can be scoped up to 4X. NO bipods but slings can be used. Packs can be used as rests. Separate scores for un-scoped rifles. Scoped and un-scoped rifles, plus club ammo, will be available via B. King and I. Lindsay each shoot. No spotting scopes allowed during the shooting. Max 10 shots per target - unlimited entries comp to be known as Bill Evans trophy and Bill will donate a prize at the Awards night.

PRESIDENTS CUP AND THEIPVAL TROPHY 2017

The above competitions are open to **all TVTSC Members and Probationers** the competitions have been arranged for the above trophies to take place at NRA Bisley ranges on 6/7th May 2017

Shooting as follows:

Competition Thiepval Trophy	Saturday morning 6 th May	Century 600 yards
Practice	Saturday afternoon 6 th May	Stickledown 1000yards
Competition President's Cup	Sunday Morning 6 th May	Stickledown 1000 yards

The competition winner will be judged on the best string of 10 shots fired at 600 yards for the Thiepval Trophy and 1000 yards for the President's Cup. 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.

Accomodation as follows:

NRA huts

Approx. £26.00 per person, per night, to be paid on arrival. Must be booked in advance.

Canadian Pavilion, Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

Approx. £35 per person this includes breakfast. Evening meals at reasonable costs are available, the pavilion also has a bar. A £20.00 none refundable deposit, must be paid in advance, no payment, no booking.

THESE RATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT INCREASES.

Travelling:

It is suggested that members travel sometime on Friday morning to enable them to check their zero on Short Siberia on Friday afternoon. Shooting commences at 08.30 hrs Saturday morning. Meals, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are available at several clubhouses including the Surrey Rifle Association, LMRA, Canadian Pavilion. There are also bar facilities at most of the clubhouses.

Booking Arrangements:

Any member wishing to take part in any of the competitions, please contact Ken Hart on 07774 111453 or, email david.hart1@sky.com

CLUB TROPHIES

Will all members in possession of ANY club trophies please bring them and leave at Lawson Way on or before 18th February. This is to evaluate condition and upgrade or refurbish / replace as necessary - don't worry you will get them back!

WORK PARTY

Two words which seem to instil fear and absenteeism to most members. Unfortunately they are a necessity to the organisation of the club. Please try and attend - you do not have to move giant tree stumps and Gabion baskets, that's been done, just light the fire, sweep the firing points etc.

The last one at Moorsholm was an absolute hoot, 28 attendees who never stopped laughing all morning and a huge amount of absolutely necessary maintenance completed. Thank you to those valiant volunteers. Come on down to the next one on Sunday 12th February. ALL WELCOME! You never know the magic fairy may even supply some sausage buns to help you along

SHOOTING RECORDS.

Don't forget you must, to comply with Home Office and CASC legislation, supply me with dates of your range attendance at Moorsholm. It's very easy, pop a note in the letter box attached to the top hut or send me an email, or email to tvts.attendance@virginmedia.com You do not have to inform me if you have shot elsewhere or if you have entered any competitions or attended Lawson Way.

Please note, work parties, Bring and Buy sale and committee meetings all count for CASC requirements. 34 members did not submit any shooting record at all for 2016. I have informed Cleveland Police along with the latest membership listings.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you did not attend the AGM / Awards night your 2017 membership card is enclosed with this bulletin. (Probationary members need to complete their white cards first). YOU MUST wear your card to gain admittance to Lawson Way. With the membership levels at an all time high not everyone is recognised by those opening Lawson so beware - NO CARD - NO ADMITTANCE. Please attach a current passport sized photograph of yourself and seal inside the plastic cover provided. You can use last years photo if you did not stick it in the cover the wrong way! You can attach it via a lanyard to wear around your neck - or do like Cossie and use a chocolate box ribbon.

FOR SALE OR WANTED

If you can't wait till the next Bring n Buy either put a notice up at Lawson Way and / or send me the details to include in the next bulletin - sorry I can't include photographs.

HOME OFFICE COSTS

Some of you may be aware of the proposed increases the home Office (H. O.) are trying to instigate. Basically the cost of H.O. club approval is currently £84 for a period of six years. The proposed increase they have published is a massive £900.

The NRA have 881 affiliated organisations of which 484 are H.O. approved thus providing a significant revenue for the H.O.

The view of the NRA is that the rates quoted are wholly disproportionate to the actual work required and are either incorrectly calculated or represent a fundamentally inefficient process.

Full details of the proposed fee increases and impact assessment can be found by following

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/firearms-licencing-fees>

The NRA are urging shooters to respond to the consultation by either respond online or email to:

firearmsconsultations@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to Firearms Consultation, Home Office Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit, 5th Floor Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF

All you need to inform them is that you object to the massive proposed increases and give your name and address.

Please spare 5 minutes and send an email. The consequences for clubs is immense if this increase is implemented. THANK YOU.

Good Luck, Good Shooting and Keep your Powder Dry! See you at the competitions.

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