

T V T S BULLETIN

Hi Folks, thought you might be interested to know that club membership from July is a fantastic 154 members - long may it grow!

Please show the new members what our clubs values are and be ever helpful to their needs - remember how you felt when you first started, give them all the same encouragement and instil our clubs kudos in all we do. Always remember to be safe and explain why procedures must be followed.

I attended a very enjoyable 22 practical rifle shoot a couple of weeks ago - extremely well organised and run by the clubs own 'bionic' man Cliff "compo" Healey. Club stalwart "the Italian stallion" Peter Costelloni had a blistering performance and was a worthy winner to the mornings proceedings - apart from being the club comedian he can actually shoot! No wonder he collects so many awards each year. He does enter most of the organised shoots and is a fantastic ambassador (wasn't that an old large car?) for our club.

However, his derriere is getting bigger every month, so much so that he does not actually realise how wide it is. Proof was confirmed when he tried to sit on a visitors chair at a clay shoot and getting wedged so tightly promptly snapped the leg. Bet he does not put those photographs on the club web site!

If you feel like cheering him up please attend one (or more) of his work parties at Lawson Way - open every Saturday - always more volunteers, painters required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small number of LawsonWay volunteers for their dedication and hard work - I don't have the space to name all of them but club members Gordon Ford and especially David Lowther deserve all our thanks for their contribution.

The completion of this prestigious undertaking is nearing its final stages - please lend a hand before it is finished.

REMAINING COMPETITION DATES

* THURSDAY EVENING

30 July	Police Pistol *	Moorsholm	2 August	Black Powder	Moorsholm
9 August	U/lever Rifle	Moorsholm	16 August	Clays	Moorsholm
23 August	Steel Challenge	Moorsholm	6 Sept	22 Practical Rifle	Moorsholm
13 Sept	P P Revolver	Moorsholm	27 Sept	U/lever Rifle	Moorsholm
3/4Oct	Metcalf Cup	Bisley	11 Oct	Archery	Moorsholm
18 Oct	Clays	Moorsholm	25 Oct	L B Revolver	Moorsholm
1 Nov	Black Powder	Moorsholm	9/11 Nov	22 Stan Hollis	Coulby Newham
29 Nov	Soft Air	Moorsholm	6 Dec	Practical Shotgun	Moorsholm
20 Dec	Clays (black powder)	Moorsholm	27 Dec	Practical Shotgun	Moorsholm

Full Bore Rifle confirmed dates:

15 August Black Beck 19 September Whipperdale 3 October Whitfell

All welcome - just turn up and support your hard working competition secs, - you might just manage to put a smile on some faces.

I reported in the last Bulletin of the sad passing of long time member Stuart Rickard. Stuarts sister and nephew Robin contacted me to help them sell some of his shooting related paraphernalia. Thank you to those members who contribute in purchasing the items. After the sale Stuarts family have generously donated £100 to club funds plus a selection of rifle bags to be used to protect the ever growing selection of club firearms. I know you will all join me in thanking them for this most generous gesture.

BRING YOUR OWN BARBY Q AUGUST 2ND

Several long standing members have requested an impromptu barby at Moorsholm and following the next Black powder shoot on Sunday 2nd August you can show your culinary expertise - don't forget it is a bring your own event - wives, girlfriends and boyfriends welcome. Suggest you purchase a cheap disposable type available from B&Q, Lidl, Aldi etc. You don't have to take part in the black powder competition, just attend the festivities afterwards. All welcome!

Have you heard of the latest visitors seen at Moorsholm? Several members have reported seeing trout in the stream, you need to approach the stream quietly for a chance to spot them, no chance of Ian seeing one then!

Keep up the good work at Moorsholm and keep it tidy.

PLEASE REMEMBER DO NOT USE JACKETED AMMO ON THE STEEL TARGETS, lead bullets only!

Shooter certification cards.

If you wish to shoot on any MOD ranges including Bisley you must be in possession of a current shooter certification card to confirm you have completed the relevant safety course. President Ken Hart will be running the practical element at the next full bore shoot at Black Beck on August 15th (which is also a designated open day). Only members who have completed their probationary period may attend. The classroom theory section to be confirmed at a later date.

RCO COURSES

Several members have indicated they wish to attend a range conducting officers course to further enhance their shooting pleasure. Courses are run by the NRA at Bisley on the following dates:

12-13 September

3-4 October

7-8 November

5-6 December

Application forms can be downloaded from the NRA website or by contacting Peter Cottrell, head of shooting and training at the NRA.

The club will pay for the course fee for any members attending. We also require existing club RCO's to qualify for Black powder shooting. Hon Chairman, Richard Frankland and committee member Ron Benson will attend the next course on 20 September at Wedgenock ranges. If you wish to join them please contact Richard on richardfrankland@hotmail.co.uk

GOOD LUCK, GOOD SHOOTING AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE BARBY

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY!

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FOR SALE

12 G Baikal Side by Side Shotgun very little use excellent condition for game or clays £145

12G Remington 870 Pump Action Practical Shotgun FAC 11 Shot with sling £260

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P17 30-06 Excellent rifling plus bayonet, loading dies and 300+ cases £250

7.62 x 54R Nagant plus loading dies and cases £100

Norman Bowstead norman.bowstead@ntlworld.com 01642 272143

308/7.62 Blaser LRS2 Long range tactical rifle. Blaser saddle mount, 2 sets of Blaser scope rings, Blaser cantable butt, Norman Clarke radial muzzle brake. Championship winning rifle, very good condition not many rounds fired very accurate £1800

Southern Gun Company Speedmaster custom 223/5.56 20 inch fluted stainless match barrel with Benny Cooley muzzle brake. Ace Skeleton stock. DPMS Panther target pistol grip. 1 x 20 round, 8/9 30 round magazines dedicated magazine well breach flag. Peter Sarony easy-cam bolt handle (right hand side) folding bolt handle (left hand side)

Very accurate rifle very good condition with very little use £1250

Parker Hale 1200TX 7.62 Target rifle good condition £200

Taurus .38 Muzzle loading revolver 4inch barrel uses nitro powder. 38 bullets (round or wad cutter) fired by shotgun primers complete with loading stand very good condition £500

Remington Viper 22 semi auto rifle synthetic stock, sound moderator 2X10 magazines £125

Laurona 12g side lock side by side shotgun. Hand detachable locks, drop point stock, 26 inch barrels, very nice gun £550

Winchester 1200 pump action 12g FAC 10 shot magazine (removable 5 shot extension) multi choke, very good condition £275

Coleson 12g side by side hammer gun, black powder cartridge only, side lever, proof checked O K last year, shoots well but scruffy £50

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Bring and Buy Sale coming soon at Lawson Way. Get your unwanted shooting paraphernalia ready. Previous sales have always been well attended and successful. Watch this space.

PETER COSTELLO REPORT

Bricking It

Those of us lucky enough to own 4x4's are managing to churn up the track down to the range. Fair enough there are also tractors and bikes helping the process but in terms of vehicle numbers we far outweigh the non-shooters. The state of the track is appalling but who is responsible for the repairs? Well, if we ignore the problem it won't go away and will only get worse. The farmers who use the track have big tractors with big tyres and good suspension so they aren't that bothered. There are two points along the track where there is rubble dumped on the right hand side. If you have a nice 4x4 and are going to the end of the track then please stop at a rubble pile and grab a brick or two, or maybe a piece of broken concrete and put it into one of the big wheel ruts. If we fill some of the holes then we can reduce the risk of someone braking an axle, snapping their exhaust or getting totally bogged in. You don't have to fill your vehicle with rubble but just a few bricks and a few small pieces to fill the gaps between the larger lumps will help strengthen the track and make the trip to the range less of a spine jarring rollercoaster ride.

LAWSON WAY UPDATE

Every so often we hear comments that people are asking when Lawson Way will be finished. With an average of 6 people putting in up to 6 hours per week into the project the answer is that we are moving along slowly. However, people who have dropped in to Lawson Way are amazed at the transformation so far.

We have been delayed, yet again, by builders. Starting dates have been put back, quoted finishing dates have been "aspirational" to say the least. At the time of writing we are expecting the start of the work to create an access ramp for disabled access. The date we should have had B Range open for air rifle, air pistol and archery was January 31st. We are close to being able to open the building for B Range access but we need a final push. We need to fit two sets of fire doors in the corridor, paint the corridor, the toilets and a few other areas, provide an emergency exit and ramp at the West end of the building (i.e. replace the existing emergency doors) and tidy up the car park. It doesn't sound much and it really isn't if we have a bit more support.

Some people have told us that they cannot make it to Lawson Way on a weekend but could come on a weekday evening. At the last AGM I said that when we needed help with painting I would ask for that help and I am asking for that now. If you can help apply emulsion or gloss paint to inanimate and stationary objects then please come along either on a Saturday between 9.30 – 17.00 or on any of the following evenings between 18.30 – 21.00

July: Tuesday 28th

August: Thurs 6th, Tues 11th, Thurs 13th

Bringing a brush and /or roller would really help

Once the doors are open our members can use the range for air rifle etc and we can bring in new members. We have had a lot of interest in the club but we cannot ask people who are not members to come along and help us. Once we have people using the facilities we can apply for additional grant funding for equipment etc. And once we have B Range working we can get back to working on the firearms range which will also require use of the very same corridor, toilets and fire doors that we are having to sort out now. The firearms range is not far from being complete and the quicker we get the current work finished then the sooner we have our own indoor firearms range.

Custom gun slips

I wanted a 42" rifle slip for my 10-22 which would also be suitable for my CZ452. I found one on Ebay and was very pleased with the slip that arrived. The seller contacted me to say that she appreciated the feedback I left her and that she makes them herself. It turns out that she had the franchise for making nylon gun bags/slips for a well known Birmingham based manufacturer and distributor of air rifles and pistols but gave up during the F&M outbreak. She can make custom slips or standard slips to order. If interested in a custom slip for your beloved you can email a drawing & dimensions to ladyinmore@yahoo.co.uk and ask for a price but standard rifle slips are £8 +£4 P&P. Bargain! Or if you want a custom leather slip then see our own leathersmith (he's small but he's good).