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The indomitable Peter Costello has organised a fabulous evening of entertainment for your delectation and enjoyment on Saturday May 26th – venue – Borough Park Bowls Club, Thwaites Lane Redcar – situated behind Redcar cemetery in the shadow of the race course stand adjacent to the old club indoor range building (you can all sigh and bring back your memories when you pass by the old facility).

The bowls club have kindly offered their fantastic venue, as they have done so in the past, it's a great place and with beer and lager at £2 a pint, not expensive!

Peter has the tickets at £5 each which includes a pie and pea supper – please contact Peter as soon as possible to enable the pies to be ordered. A veggie option is available if ordered in advance – or you can have a mince pie with peas like Barry King!

Peter can be contacted by email at pete.costello@ntlworld.com or phone: 01642 890040 Please show your support for your club and have some fun as well! Guests are very welcome, so why not bring your girlfriend / boyfriend or both! Even if you arrive on your own you will be guaranteed an evening of entertainment and see all your old shooting pals.

Please order your tickets ASAP

COMPETITION DATES 2012

Just in case you have misplaced the dates previously supplied in the last bulletin these are the remaining comps plus the late addition of black powder and long barrel revolver.

May 6	Black powder	Moorsholm
May 10	Soft air	Lawson Way
May 13	LB Revolver	Moorsholm
May 20	Clays	Moorsholm
May 27	Archery	Moorsholm
June 2	Classic rifle	Black Beck
June 3	Man v Man LBR	Moorsholm
June 11 / 13	22 Precision	Coulby Newham
June 24	Practical shotgun	Moorsholm
July 1	U lever	Moorsholm
July 8	Black powder	Moorsholm
July 22	Archery	Moorsholm
July 29	U lever Man v Man	Moorsholm
Aug 12	Soft air	Moorsholm
Aug 19	Clays	Moorsholm
Sept 2	U lever	Moorsholm

Sept 9	Practical 22	Moorsholm
Sept 23	Black powder	Moorsholm
Sept 30	Police Pistol 2	Moorsholm

Oct 7	Practical shotgun	Moorsholm
Oct 21	Clays	Moorsholm

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Nov 4	Archery	Moorsholm
Nov 12 / 14	22 Precision	Coulby Newham
Nov 25	LB Revolver	Moorsholm

Dec 2	U lever	Moorsholm
Dec 9	Practical Rifle 22	Moorsholm

BISLEY

Sept 29 – 30 Metcalfe Cup

Last Thursday evening in May June July August PPI LB Revolver @ Moorsholm

FULL BORE RIFLE DATES

June 2	6j	Black Beck
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Due to allocation problems from Landmarc, FB rifle dates are still proving difficult for committee liaison man Ron Benson – please contact Ron for updates (he will put you on his email list) ronb9131@virginmedia.com

Archery comps at Moorsholm present the opportunity for Sports Members/ Prospective Members to attend a club activity. The range is therefore closed for firearms use on these dates, but why not attend and have a go – you could be a budding Robin Hood yourself and not know it.

Thursday August 9th Moorsholm range will be closed

The committee, through Hon treasurer Peter Metcalfe, are holding a ‘guest evening’ for a party of visitors, to sample the hospitality of TVTS. Therefore, Moorsholm range is closed for normal activities on Thursday August 9th.

WORK PARTY

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Moorsholm is still our lifeline and due to the volume of club comps organised there it requires a work party to tidy the range up. Sunday June 10th is the date you can volunteer to help this amazing facility. Please show your support and don’t leave it to the faithful few – remember, every little bit helps – please attend even if you only light the bonfire! The replacement yellow gate, erected by Brian Witherspoon, needs modifying to fit the gap to stop any beasts trying to get on the range floor! Don’t forget, Sunday 10th June – Your club needs **YOU!**

Following information received via our friends at the Lee Enfield Rifle Association, the committee have agreed that entries to YOU TUBE (or similar forums) showing TVTS activities are not allowed under any circumstances. Certain authorities are monitoring anything posted on the site

that contain firearms use and the last thing we need is attention being focused on our club activities, even if we think they are of an innocent nature.

First aiders

Apart from the wonderful Dr's Beeby and Milligan do we have any other qualified first aiders in the club? Please email the sec if you hold a qualification in first aid. (Phil Magson can always take your teeth out if you fall over at Moorsholm but can he put them back in?)

Don't forget you 2012 comp secs, don't just shoot your own organised disciplines, enter the other comps as well as your own!

Lawson Way project

The following articles were presented at the last club committee meeting, the first by the Hon treasurer, Peter Metcalfe. The second is from committee member Peter Costello.

INSPIRED FACILITIES (IF) SUBMISSION: SECOND ROUND FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

The maximum amount of money available to us under IF is £50,000. This includes any VAT we have to pay. If the project exceeds that then an explanation must be given as to where the balance is to come from. The grant is withheld until the balance is confirmed. The current proposal for B range has been costed and comes to £93,310 excluding VAT (see attached). For a bid submission cost estimates have to be formal. In the absence of awareness on my part of any other substantive funding sources no valid statements regarding the balance could be made and therefore the bid was not submitted (closing date 2 April). The next round opens on 23 July with a closing date of 17 September.

The following options are available on the assumption that the steady work on A range continues using our own resources, whatever the NRA might offer in the way of a loan which is acceptable to us, and what we can beg, steal or borrow:

Options for B range

1. Try again in the next round and hope to be able to answer the question regarding cost mismatch in substantive terms.

For: # less rushed bid

Against: # unlikely to be able to answer the question anyway

2. Carry out a second review of the costs for the B range works to see if any further savings can be made (bearing in mind that applications must be accompanied by properly constituted cost estimates) and submit for the next round.

For: # costs reviewed and double checked

Against: # unlikely to bring about the substantial reduction needed.

3. Reduce the costs by removing the capability for firearms use, reclassify B range for archery / air rifle / air pistol / soft air use only and reconfigure the B range scheme accordingly

For: # better chance of a sub £50,000 result due to a much simplified scheme

problems from mixing lead generating use with non lead generating uses avoided

B range brought on stream for wider use (and revenue generation) sooner

rather than later
keeps faith with the local community groups

Against: # no firearm use on B range for the foreseeable future

4. Put B range conversion in abeyance until A range completed

For: # concentration on A range, no distractions

Against: # Lose any chance of IF funding until at least 2013/14 (fourth and fifth (final) bids)

costs equation still the same

no definite timetable for the completion of A range

if we are unable to bring B range on stream, or if there is a substantial delay, this will lose revenue and be seen as a breach of trust by local community groups.

5. Put the above options (and any others) to an EGM.

Lawson Way at a Crossroads

Those of you who attended the AGM will have heard me say that we intended to create two firearms ranges at Lawson Way and that we were applying for grants. The NRA cannot offer us a grant but have offered us a very low or no interest rate loan subject to us having suitable security.

We have carried out a full cost estimate for B range based for a grant application for which the maximum amount of money available would be £50,000. The cost estimate comes out in excess of £93,000 and to qualify for the grant if it were to be below the required amount we would have to prove our ability to provide the shortfall. We could only find the shortfall by borrowing and, since the nature of our sport makes it one that could be banned at any time, asking club members to give surety to such a loan would be something none of the committee would like to consider. It is with reluctance that we have to accept the fact that, if we obtained the maximum grant, we would not be able to find another £43K (or more!) to pay for the completion of B Range. Club members cannot carry out the work if we are grant aided so we cannot cut corners to reduce the bill. If we were to get a relatively small loan then it would have to be to help us with A Range since we need our own indoor facility.

It is our aim to turn Lawson Way to be a centre of excellence for target sports in the North East but we have no way of getting the cash to do everything. This brings us to a crossroads.

The option we think is the best one to select at this time is to reduce the scope of B Range for the grant application and make it non-firearms i.e archery, air pistol, air rifle & airsoft. If we opt to make B Range a non-firearm facility then the costs are reduced thus

- we do not have to build a range with three layers of cement blocks in order to insulate against sound
- we do not need a suspended ceiling
- no need to have intensive extraction
- reduced heating requirement for B range
- no backstop

The plusses

- a reduced scheme makes the project more attainable
- we can get sports members into the club to generate revenue
- we could segregate the accesses for A Range and B Range to allow the B Range to be used whilst construction of A Range continues
- the internal wall height can be raised
- we would have power, toilets & kitchen access for both ranges within the grant amount
- we would not risk confrontation with sports members about the risk of lead poisoning.

The significant minus is that we would only have one range for firearms, contrary to what we have always said we intended to do. If we were to get the grant and have the range built as a non-firearms range then we would not have the option to convert at a later date as this would involve closure and dismantling of a significant portion of the building which would prevent members from using the facilities for a long period.

However, we still need to apply for the grant with the reduced scope B range and there is no guarantee that we will get the money. If we get the grant then we continue with A range construction as we have been doing so far (and we still need your help folks). If we do not get the grant then nothing will have changed and we continue with A range construction.

Pete Costello

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please email the sec at your earliest opportunity, your views, concerns and suggestions concerning Lawson Way.

If enough constructive response is received perhaps we should hold an EGM to discuss in an open forum / debate evening. Never forget it's your club and your opinions do count.

FAC RENEWAL DUE?

It's a pleasure (and a legal requirement) to complete your referee forms, but please just send them to me via normal post and include a stamped addressed envelope – saves Avril a lot of stamps!

Don't forget to be in possession of your shooters competency card when attending any MOD range. You should also have your club membership card as well, and be proud to be a member of the best club in the world.

Great to see the volume of people attending the organised comps so far this year – keep up the good work and support your local comp sec! The clay shoots (3rd Sunday of each month) are a fantastic meeting place – more talking than shooting taking place just like Redcar range used to be! Amazing to see lots of new faces arriving and members encouraging them to take part by the offer of using their shotguns and words of wisdom. Long may it continue.

“Stop press”

Long standing member, Cliff Healey in hospital having a heart bypass or stents fitted. Must have been the last walk up Moorsholm bank. I know you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Don't forget to keep me up to date with any changes to your 'addresses' and phone numbers.

See you at the 'Fun Night' (that includes those older members who may not visit the ranges so much these days).

“ A flat chested young lady went to Dr Smith about enlarging her breasts. Dr Smith advised her 'Every morning after your shower, rub your chest and say, "Scooby doobie doobies, I want bigger boobies!" She did this faithfully for several months and to her utter amazement she grew terrific D cup boobs!

One morning she was running late, got on the bus, and in a panic realised she had forgotten her morning ritual. Frightened she might lose her lovely boobs if she didn't recite the rhyme, she stood up in the middle aisle of the bus, closed her eyes and said, “Scooby doobie doobies, I want bigger boobies!”

A guy sitting nearby looked at her and asked, “Oh, are you a patient of Dr Smith? Yes, I am, how did you know? He winked and replied, “Hickory dickory dock”

Good Luck, great shooting and keep your powder dry!

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