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8th January, 1974.

Dear Member/Shooter,

I am writing to you on three separate points, (i) the 1974 National Squad Trials, (ii) the Winter Competition and (iii) 1974 membership.

#### National Squad Trials 1974

The Council has determined that for the foreseeable future (a) only members of the Association will be eligible for selection to represent Scotland, and (b) teams will be selected from National Squad trials run for that purpose. As outdoor shooting time is short prior to 1974 Bisley (8th - 15th June) the first series of trials are to be compressed to the following probable timetable:-

- (i) The Postal Stage, open to all members on 50p entry fee, would comprise a double-Dewar to be shot by April 28th. The top 50 scores qualify for
- (ii) First Shoulder-to-Shoulder trial at Perth on May 12th to shoot three Dewar courses. The best 25 scores with five seeds form the 1974 squad and go forward to
- (iii) Second Shoulder-to-Shoulder trial at Aberdeen on May 26th to determine the Bisley team over three Dewar courses.

The 30 shooters going forward to Aberdeen will comprise the National Squad for 1974 and the first 10 in the Aberdeen trial will form the first choice team for the Bisley meeting, the next five in order being reserves. After the Aberdeen trial, there will be determined a training programme for the Squad and arrangements made for further shooting to select the Scottish team for Aviemore. The Council retains discretion to invite any currently exceptional performer to join the Squad.

Each shoot will take place under N.S.R.A. rules and there will be a single levy of 25p charged to all shoulder-to-shoulder shooters to cover expenses. Any nominations for I.S.U. events will be made from the Squad following a separate trial under I.S.U. conditions. The 1974 seeds are the first five in the Final 1973 trial at Gagie, namely A.M. Allan, C. de Jonckheere, C.B. Walker, I.B. Robertson and J.E. Scobie.

The Ladies' Squad trials will be run concurrently with the Postal and Aberdeen stages. The top 15 in the Postal will be eligible to shoot shoulder-to-shoulder at Aberdeen, whether or not they are in the National Squad trial, and the best five will form the Ladies' Bisley team with the next three reserves. The scores of those in the full trial will count for both.

#### Winter (indoor) Competition

Open to all members for the Association Medal. The competition will be in two stages, each of three cards and shot in the four classes as per N.S.R.A. definition. The top ten qualifiers in each class in the first stage shoot for the Medal in the Final and there will be trophies for the winner of each class in the Final. Entry fee will be 25 pence.

Entries close                    31st January, 1974.  
Stage I to be shot by 18th February, 1974.  
Final to be shot by    11th March, 1974.

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Membership

I enclose herewith the membership cards of those who have already paid their subscription for the current year (1st November, 1973 to 31st October, 1974). They should disregard form C. Other shooters should use form C and send in their 50 pence now in order to preserve their rights as members and remain on the mailing list. The paragraphs above should help explain the attractions and advantages of membership.

An additional event in 1974 will be a challenge match with the British Army team at Aberdeen 24th/25th August. The Scottish team of ten will be chosen from the National Squad shooting.

Delay is the enemy of efficiency and I would ask you all to return your entry forms while the subjects are fresh in mind. It would also help administration immensely if, when returning the forms, the members in each club appointed a correspondent for future letters and circulars. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Normand  
Secretary.