

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

5th October, 1977.

NEWSLETTER

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

You will see on the A.G.M. Agenda the proposal to add a class of Club membership to the present arrangement. The N.S.R.A. has agreed to allow amendment of the terms of affiliation in order that we become "representative of Scottish smallbore shooting" in dealings with the Sports Council, from where much assistance may flow in the form of capital grants for range development and grant in aid for travel to international matches and for improving the coaching structure and effectiveness. There will still be distinct advantages in being an Individual member of YOUR Association and many more such members would be welcomed.

EDMONTON 1978

It is not yet certain but is highly likely that we shall have two places in the Scottish shooting team for next year's Commonwealth Games in Canada. It had been hoped to form the 1978 team squad by October, 1977, and to produce a short list of 5/6 for the final selection by April, 1978. The first part did not prove possible and the sequence will therefore take place in March and April with the emphasis on 50 metre shooting. It is hoped (but not promised) to run several regional coaching sessions during the winter (starting December) for current squad members and other promising shooters. Full details of trials arrangements will be issued in January.

FUNDRAISING

The 200 Club has gathered 60 members so far. As there are still four draws left in the current session, including one at the A.G.M., many more subscribers are invited to have a dabble (£4). Remember £1 goes in to each draw with 50 pence returned in prize money (better than the football pools!) and 50 pence into the Match Fund.

Sponsored Shoots are great fun and can yield considerable sums to finance our growing match programme. The Association venture runs out at the end of the year and you are urged to have a go before then. 1978 will be a heavy cost year with the mini-games in Jersey (April), big match in Holland (May), the Army (June) and the Commonwealth Games in Canada (July/August). There is also the chance of an indoor international match in Germany in December, 1977, for prone, air rifle and 3-position.

MATCH RESULTS

England won the Home Countries internationals at Dumfries and Bisley and the Army recorded their first win in the series of annual matches by beating us at Donnington in June. A Scottish Select beat Scottish Universities in a 50 metres UIT match in June.

In the mini-games in Isle of Man on 1st/2nd October (the Commonwealth Games Federation, European Division Championships) Gordon Buchanan won the gold medal on countback from C.T. Harris, Wales, and John Knowles was unlucky not to take the bronze. It was a weekend of gales and the entire firing-point cover landed in the nearby river taking three Welshmen with it!

COMPETITIONS

The full set of winter indoor competitions will be run again (Medal & Tankards, CanDicap, Speedway & A/R and 3-P individual leagues). Details and entry forms are enclosed.

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The Freuchie I.K.O. at Dumfries attracted another record entry and was won in a close finish by Jim Manson, Elgin, from Bert Mackie, Portlethen. The special C & D class prize needed a tie-shoot and was won by Jim Nicol, Clachnacuddin.

NEW MEMBER LETTER

NEW COMPETITION, 1978

The Denwood Open 50-metres shoot proved to be a successful format for propagating U.I.T. shooting. It is hoped to encourage more such shoots around the country in 1978 and, if at least four can be held, an order of merit table with points for performance in each meeting would be introduced with a trophy for the overall winner who would thereby be the 50-metre Champion of Scotland.

The longer-term aim is to have a co-ordinated circuit of approved open meetings on the projected regional ranges (at least 30 points, covered firing point) and to replace the present trials structure with the Order of Merit table.

Approaches from any clubs prepared to consider acting as host club for these regional ranges and/or open meetings would be greatly welcomed.

MEETINGS

The second Open Air Rifle meeting will be held in March, 1978, and thereafter annually in order to split the year more evenly with the National championships at Cardiff in October.

Balerno & Currie Club is running an open indoor shoot on their new range (16 points) on 29th/30th October and 5th/6th November, 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. each day, 8 cards classes A & B and 6 cards classes C & D. Entry forms from Neil Stewart, 1 Marchbank Way, Balerno, EH14 7 EX (remember the A.G.M. is 30th October).

SWEATERSHIRTS & BADGES

Cloth badges are in stock at £1.50 each and a new batch of sweatershirts should be to hand by the A.G.M. at £6.00 each.

Bob Normand
Secretary.

WATCH RESULTS

England won the Home Counties International at Bury and Daisy

P.S. Sponsored Shoots

The full list of sums received will be published early in 1978. To date, almost £350 has been raised. Well done, and keep it going!!

CONTRIBUTIONS

The full set of winter indoor competitions will be run again (Model 3, Tenpins, Billiards, Snooker, & V.R. and 2nd Individual League). Details and entry forms are enclosed.

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