

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

March, 1979.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Winter Competitions

Entries for all three (Medal & Tankards, Speedway and CanDicap) hit new peaks with many new people taking advantage of Club membership. The Speedway final takes place at Perth C. & C. range on 25th March starting 11.00 a.m. The other winners were:-

Class A	J.N. Knowles, Ardeer (0 off)	Silver Medal & Tankard
"	B P.W. Sharman, Forres (3 off)	Tankard
"	C R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians (3 off)	Tankard
"	D R.M. Begg, Thrumster (8 off)	Tankard

CanDicap : Tie-shoot to decide among:-

L. Bell, Beauly	0 off
M. Donaldson, Ardeer	0 off
W. Masson, Dallas	0 off

Air Weapons Meeting

The next big S.S.R.A. event is the Open Air Weapons Meeting, including the Scottish Air Rifle Championship, on 17th/18th March, at Linwood, Paisley. Entry forms can be obtained from R. Normand, [redacted], or take a chance to enter on the range. There is also a miniature running boar competition. Arrangements are in hand to hold the 1980 Championships jointly with the Pistol Association at Meadowbank on 15th/16th March, 1980.

Team Trials 1979

The 1979 Team Trials will follow the established format with a postal stage, first stage at Perth and a final trial at Aberdeen. Members should note, however, that a new system will operate for 1980. The team squad for next year will be formed about October, 1979, based on all performances during summer 1979. All are therefore advised to give as much support as possible to the Open Meetings listed on the enclosed Calendar of Events, try to qualify for this year's team matches and ensure they are shooting in the N.S.R.A. Scottish leagues and at St. Andrews.

For the 1979 Squad, Alister Allan, Sheila Robertson, Bill Moonie and John Knowles will be seeded, the last three for taking the top three places in the 1978 Order of Merit table. The remainder of the 1978 squad go straight to the Final trial. All other shooters with ambition should complete and return the attached entry slip. Teams for the 1979 Home Countries matches and Army match will be selected from the Squad. The Mini Games selection will be made from those at the top of the 1979 Order of Merit in August plus Alister Allan.

Freuchie 1979

The Freuchie Individual Knock Out Competition will again be run at the Scottish Meeting, 23rd/28th June at St. Andrews. As before, the draw is made in groups of 3 with the winner over 20 shots at 100 yards going through to the next round. Entries are taken on the range but early entry is favoured as the timetable places a top limit of 81 entries. Draw is made on Sunday, 24th June, 6 p.m., first round the Monday 1 p.m., second round the Tuesday 1 p.m., semi-final Thursday, 1 p.m. and Final on the Thursday at 5.30 p.m. The unexpected often happens!! There is a special prize for best C & D class performance so return an entry form NOW to book your place.

St. Andrews Race Night

Also at St. Andrews, the Association will be holding a convivial social evening around a modest gambling theme. Full details will be published widely later, including in the Rifleman, but the Secretary would like to hear from any member or Clubs or others who wish to join in the flutter as "owners" of the racing horses or donators of prizes or who have ideas of sponsors of the races or potential advertisers in the race programme.

Full ownership of each horse for the eight races costs £36 and would be subdivided among syndicate members (club colleagues or groups of friends) for different individual stakes as follows:- 1 owner £10, 1 trainer £8, 2 assistant trainers £5 each and 8 jockeys at £1 each, with the prize list for each race being awarded to the winning syndicate in order of their importance, i.e. best prize to the owner etc. The eight horses run in all eight races (a different number each time). Six horses for the evening will be pre-sold, leaving two horses in each race to be auctioned at the function immediately prior to the race being run. Syndicates would also be free to trade, sell or auction their nags for any or every race. A tote will operate during the evening.

Sponsorship of a race costs £25 and conveys the privilege of being able to name the particular race for the printed programme. Advertising would be at very modest rates and be of particular interest to commercial concerns supporting or providing a service to shooting or to entertainment or retail businesses in the St. Andrews area.

A good prize fund will make the evening go with a zing so please give generously. Remember this is the big fundraising effort for 1979; no raffles, no prize draws, no sweeps!

Age-group Coaching

Development of an S.S.R.A. coaching programme for the two age groups 14-17 years and 18-22 years is under consideration. Initially, entry would be by application to the Secretary and letters giving dates of birth and shooting interests, i.e. prone, air rifle, 3-position, are now sought from those interested. Sessions would be run centrally (probably Linwood because of its facilities, but could also be Perth or Aberdeen if demand so justified) with the shooters meeting their own expenses and providing their own shooting equipment. The opportunity to try air weapons shooting with "club" equipment would be available.

Match Results

(a) Scotland recorded their first victory over New Zealand N.I. in the 1978 match. The scores were 5899 against 5893. Special New Zealand cloth badges and date chevrons have been received for all who have represented Scotland in the five matches to date. The 1979 match will be shot in April after the Speedway Final from which at least eight of the team will be picked.

(b) At the big international Air Rifle match in Holland on 27th & 28th January, both Scotland A and Scotland B finished ahead of Wales A & B in the first match! Scotland A took third place behind Belgium and Holland on both occasions and, in the second match, produced a new Scottish team record of 1464 (A. Allan 371, R.H. Mackeith 365, A.R. Campbell-Smith 365, A.J. Sprott 363). Alan Sprott's 363 was a Scottish Junior record until it was topped by Alan Stewart's 369. Top score at the meeting was 385 by a Norwegian and three Belgian juniors broke 380.

Scottish Sports Council

The Sports Council continues to extend its encouragement to the sport of shooting and has recently made a substantial grant to the Clay Pigeon Association to help instal Olympic Trench facilities at Kippen. They are particularly keen to see the S.S.R.A. as the active voice of smallbore shooters and clubs in Scotland and, to this end, have agreed to make a £250 grant to be used to increase the membership. S.S.R.A. Council has decided to use the grant to start preparing an audio visual presentation about shooting, shooting techniques and the S.S.R.A. for showing around the clubs. Meantime, clubs wishing to expand facilities are reminded that the Sports Council stands ready to help any sound scheme with capital grants, provided you make application before spending the money.

Bob Normand
Secretary.

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1979 Winter Competition : Results

Association Silver Medal & Eley Tankards

(Presentation at A.G.M. on 28th October, 1979)

<u>Points Dropped</u>	<u>Class A</u>
0	J.N. Knowles, Ardeer (Modal & Tankard)
1	J. Swanson, Caithness
2	I.A. Kerr, Larbert W. Moonie, Stirling R.I. C.G. De Jonckheere, St. Nicholas
3	R. Normand, Glasgow Rail
4	S.D. Nicoll, Perth C. & C.
5	J. Lavety, Portlethen I.E. Baird, Bon Accord A.J. Dick, Clachnacuddin
8	P. Shand, Bon Accord
9	A.M. Robertson, Dunfermline D. Garrow, Dallas

No returns - 4

<u>Points Dropped</u>	<u>Class C</u>
3	R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians (Tankard)
7	K. Sands, Dysart
8	J.W. Allan, Bideford
9	T. Hamilton, Dunblane
10	T. Finlay, Selkirk N.J. MacRitchie, Beauly
11	J. Gray, Lanark D. Hardie, Montrose J.R. Hood, Ardeer
12	J.P. Sorley, B.S.C., Corby J.W.D. Weir, Park Wynd
13	A.D. Jack, Beauly
15	I. Cameron, Larbert
18	J.B. Anderson, Alloa

No returns - 2

<u>Points Dropped</u>	<u>Class B</u>
3	P.W. Sharman, Forres (Tankard)
4	W.P. Baird, Bon Accord
5	W.H. Macdonald, Dulnain Bridge A.J. Sprott, Bearsden Mrs. F.A. Sinclair, Stirkoke
6	J.H. Reith, Banchory
10	N. Millar, Arbroath R. Cameron, Arbroath

No returns - 3

<u>Points Dropped</u>	<u>Class D</u>
8	R.M. Begg, Thrumster (Tankard)
10	W. Kerr, Dunfermline Rail A. Stevenson, Lanark
16	P. Werfel, Thrumster L. Brydon, Selkirk
19	Miss S. Fraser, Alloa
20	Mrs. M. Muir, Ardeer
23	J. Smith, Clachnacuddin
26	J. Orr, Lanark
34	Mrs. M. Macfarlane, Ardeer

No returns - nil

CanDicap

0 off	L. Bell, Beaully (5))		
	M. Donaldson, Ardeer (7))	Tie-shoot in progress	
	W. Masson, Dallas (6))		
1 "	J. Stewart, Larkhall	(5)	4	- 5
	G. McGregor, Banchory	(5)	5	- 4
	R.J. Sinclair, Spittal	(5)	6	- 5
	R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians	(6)	6	- 7
	K. Miller, Alloa	(5)	6	- 5
	P. Law, Alloa	(5)	6	- 5
	A.D. Jack, Beaully	(7)	6	- 7
	A. Gregori, Greenock	(6)	6	- 7
	R.M. Begg, Thrumster	(6)	6	- 7
2 "	J. McRae, Tain & District	(5)	5	- 7
	N.J. MacRitchie, Beaully	(5)	4	- 6
	D. Grieve, Larbert	(7)	6	- 6
	J. Normington, Northern Co-op	(5)	6	- 4
	W. Sutherland, Banchory	(5)	4	- 4
	I. Marchbank, Dunblane	(5)	6	- 4
3 "	N. Lee, Bearsden	(8)	11	- 8
	F. Ferguson, Ardeer	(7)	9	- 6
	J. Gray, Lanark	(5)	3	- 6
5 "	D. Campbell, Banchory	(8)	11	- 6

No returns - nil

Speedway Qualifying Tie-shoot

Points

Dropped

2	J.N. Knowles, Ardeer	1 - 1 - 0	Qualified
4	J.C. Manson, Elgin	2 - 2 - 0	Qualified
	J.E. Scobie, Stirling R.I.	1 - 2 - 1	Qualified
6	I. Shanks, Bon Accord	2 - 1 - 3	First Reserve
8	J. Kerrigan, Glasgow Rail	6 - 1 - 1	Second Reserve

Round-Robin final taking place at Perth Range on Sunday, 25th March, starting 11.00 a.m.