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NEWSLETTER

Match Results

The Association highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Double over England in the Home Countries International. By 4 points at St. Andrews and by 6 points at Bisley, Scotland recorded the double for only the second time. For the record, Scotland has won at Bisley five times (1948, 1949, 1951, 1956 and 1979) and in Scotland fifteen times (1920, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947, 1949, 1965, 1974 and 1979). The Army match was shot at Bisley and the Army levelled the series to 3-all. Scotland won the 1978 New Zealand postal match.

Individual Successes

John Knowles won the 1979 British Championship (Earl Roberts) on his first visit to Bisley and followed it up with the Gold Medal in the Mini-Games (the Commonwealth Games Federation, European Division, Championships) in Northern Ireland. Bill Moonie almost did the National double by tie-ing for the News of the World. His opponent, an Army chaplain, may have received outside assistance in the tie-shoot!

Order of Merit 1979

As last year, the Scottish 50 Metres Championship was decided on the fifth and final leg. A tight finish in the Inverness-shire Grand Prix, won by Alan Stewart, left John Knowles Champion, Bill Moonie a close second, Alan Stewart one point behind at third and Jack Lavety fourth.

Wilkinson Sword

The Association was fortunate to receive one of the magnificent ceremonial sword trophies for annual challenge in the Freuchie Knock-out Competition. Winner this year was John P. Millar and the names of the previous five winners have been added to the engraved roll.

Fundraising 1979

The big effort in 1979 was the Race Night run in St. Andrews during the week of the Scottish. All reports suggest the evening was greatly enjoyed and the financial result was a surplus of £803 for the Match Fund. Novel ideas for other ventures are welcomed.

Life Membership

The suggestion has been floated for discussion at the A.G.M. that Life Membership be introduced at something like 20 times purchase of the annual subscription. It has not been framed as a proposed constitutional amendment this year in order to allow careful consideration of the financial consequences for the future.

Open Meetings in 1980

A Calendar of Events for 1980 will be issued in January/February. Organisers of shooting meetings wishing this extra publicity (free) are asked to send in details of the date, venue and course of fire of their particular events. Offers to include additional Grand Prix events in Open Meetings will also be welcomed. Each would add another leg to the Scottish Championship.

Sales Items

Association sweatershirts in medium and large sizes (£6.50) and cloth badges (£1.75) are available from stock.

R. Normand.

Late Item:

Balerno & Currie Club are running their Open Indoor Meeting on 3rd/4th and 10th/11th November (16 firing points). Details are available from Anne Hamilton, 12 Breck Terrace, Greenlaw Mains, Penicuik.