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NEWSLETTERUrgent - Air Weapons

See reverse side of this page for details of the new Winter Air Weapons programme. Entries close on 2nd November (at the end of the A.G.M.) and there can be no late entries once the leagues start.

Match Results

Scotland won the 1979 New Zealand indoor postal match (5888 - 5873) and has the quiet confidence of a record score in the 1980 match, for which the result is about due.

There was jubilation at the Scottish meeting when the 1979 success over England was repeated, even if by the narrowest margin of countback on the 100 yards scores after equal scores. The 1979 Bisley success was emphatically not repeated and, in the Army Match, the Army again proved too strong at the longer range. The Ladies recorded second place in both Home Countries' matches.

Individual Successes

John Knowles again won the Gold Medal in the Mini-Games. He, Alister Allan, Anne Hamilton and Charles Trotter all represented Great Britain with distinction in International matches; Alister had topped the abortive Olympic trials for prone and was reserve for Three-position.

50 Metres Championship/1980 Order of Merit

The Championship was again undecided until the fifth and final leg at the Steeple Club range. However, John Knowles' consistently high scoring throughout the series eventually gave him victory by a massive margin (at 53 points). Alan Sprott's late run of form eased him into second place in the Order of Merit (36 points), ahead of Bill Moonie (35 points) and Irvin Kerr (33 points).

The Grand Prix meetings are settling into good competitive one-day shoots comprising a 60-shot prize shoot for all classes (free choice of squadding) and a squadded 60-shot event for the top 20 qualifiers. To encourage even more first-timers and occasional entrants, the following changes are planned for 1981:-

- (a) Medals will be awarded to prize winners in the various classes in the Prize Event,
- (b) there will be an experiment in alternative classification modelled on Official Handicaps as in golf. Council will appoint a Handicap Committee to operate the system,
- (c) D. Crockart & Son will be increasing their sponsorship to £100, to provide a £20 first prize for each Grand Prix in place of the Gold Award,
- (d) medals and/or performance diplomas may be introduced into the Grand Prix prize list.

General Items

The Sports Council has agreed in principle to meet 75% of the costs of a Shooting Development Officer. The post is likely to be advertised by end December and the Secretary will have details in due course.

The 1986 Commonwealth Games have been awarded to Edinburgh and shooting is one of the ten sports. A new shooting complex embracing all disciplines is under consideration for Easter Inch Moss, near Bathgate, West Lothian.

Scotland will play host to the 1981 Mini-Games, probably centred on Dundee. A goodly number of volunteers will be needed to run the smallbore events (prone rifle and air rifle) with match efficiency.

It has been advised verbally that the N.S.R.A. National Coaches will be available to run a full County Coaches' course in three-position shooting (includes prone!) in March and April, 1981. Candidates will require to be nominated by their Counties, the S.S.R.A. Secretary will act as course co-ordinator and numbers will be limited.

Open Meetings in 1981

A Calender of Events for 1981 will be issued in 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.

Air Weapons Shooting

Winter Programme 1980/81

The Individual (Rifle) League programme is being expanded this winter. To accommodate the wide variety of weapons and both distances the following leagues will be run:-

- (A) Air Rifle 10 metres
- (B) Air Pistol 10 metres
- (C) Air Rifle 6 yards - recoilless
- (D) Air Rifle 6 yards - non-recoilless

For this season they will be individual entry only. Team events will be introduced when the demand so warrants. League winners each receive an Association spoon, plus the glory. There will be 10 competitors or thereby in each league giving 18 x 20 shot matches between early November and end March.

The 6 yard shooting is split to cater for those competitors using weapons which are not recoilless. Initially, the distinction will be drawn by setting a price limit of £100 (current recommended retail price). If there is any doubt please contact R. Normand.

The competition calibre of .177" will apply strictly for (A), (B) & (C) above. Category (D) (6 yards, non-recoilless) will accept .177" or .22" for at least this season in order to widen its attraction and keep down the cost to the many youngsters who have .22's. In practice, a .22 gauge will be used to score all shot holes. Where any shooter is buying a new rifle he should be urged to stick to .177 calibre. Peep sights are permitted.

The targets to be used are the I.S.U. 10 metre pattern and the "National" 6 yards pattern (scoring rings at the same interval as in 10 metres). A sample will be issued to each entrant with his competition stickers, along with full details of shooting and witnessing regulations.

Eligibility - the leagues are open to all members of the S.S.R.A. All Scottish members of Scottish clubs affiliated to the S.S.R.A. or N.S.R.A. are automatically "Club" members of the S.S.R.A. Many choose in addition to become Individual members for the modest fee of 50 pence in order to pay lower competition fees, to receive personal copies of the occasional Newsletter and to have a vote at General Meetings. Currently, there are a few Northern Ireland "guests".

Please note entries close on 2nd NOVEMBER, 1980 - the day of the 1980 A.G.M.

R. Normand
Secretary.

Entry Form - 1980/81 Air Weapons Leagues

Name..... Club

Address

		<u>Respective fees for</u>			
		* Current Averages	Individual Members	or	Club Members
			tick		tick
Individual Membership			<input type="checkbox"/> £0.50		<input type="checkbox"/> XX
(A)	Air Rifle 10 metres(.....)		<input type="checkbox"/> 0.80		<input type="checkbox"/> £1.00
(B)	Air Pistol 10 metres(.....)		<input type="checkbox"/> 0.80		<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00
(C)	Air Rifle recoilless 6 yards (.....)		<input type="checkbox"/> 0.80		<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00
(D)	Air Rifle non-recoilless 6 yards (.....)		<input type="checkbox"/> 0.80		<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00
			£		£

Averages verified by (Club Secretary/Captain)
* Current averages are to be based on the best 10 of the last 12 "competition" cards (10 shots each). Where there have been insufficient competition cards to apply this rule, the Club Secretary/Captain should enter the best known 20 shot scores.

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Return to R. Normand, [redacted] with cash.