

6th October, 1981.

NEWSLETTER

Winter Competitions - Entries

Please note the Air Weapons Leagues close on 9th November and no late entries can be accepted. The first closing date for the prone competitions is 19th November; thereafter late entries attract a 15 pence surcharge.

Match Results

Scotland won the 1980 New Zealand indoor postal match by the small margin of 6 points (5906 to 5900). The 1981 result is due soon and we expect to have beaten the previous best score quite comfortably.

Scotland made it three in a row over England and Wales at the Scottish meeting in Stirling and the Ladies came good for the first time in 11 years, a welcome victory! We also won the annual Army Match but lost a close finish to the British Army in their invitation international in Germany. Wales were third and England fourth. Alister did the individual double (prone and 3-P).

1981 Championships

European. Warmest congratulations are extended to Alister Allan for his double Gold Medal triumph in the European Championships in Yugoslavia in September. Not only did Alister win the prone event with a new World Record of 600 ex 600, he followed it with Gold in the Three-Position event, recording 1170 ex 1200.

Scottish 50 Metres. Jack Lavety won the fifth and final leg at Gagie to take the 1981 title with 60 points. Bill Moonie ended up bridesmaid on 47 points, with Irvin Kerr third (31 points) and Bill Gibbon fourth (28 points).

Scottish Air Rifle. At Monikie Memorial Hall on 27th September Ian Gibb retained his title after a count-back with fellow-Anglo John James. Each had scored 541 ex 600. Bill Robertson was third (536) and Alan Campbell-Smith fourth (531).

Team Selections in 1982

The normal trials (postal then Final) will be held for Team Squad places for the Home Countries and Army matches.

Limited trials (mainly ex the 1981 Order of Merit table) will be held for the 1982 Mini Games in Guernsey, Army invitation international in Germany and Commonwealth Games (Brisbane) nomination. Alister Allan is seeded as No.1 choice for a Scottish shooting place in Brisbane.

Sponsorship

Thanks are due (i) to D. Crockart & Son, Stirling, for their generous sponsorship of the 50 metres and Air Rifle Championships and for their agreement to continue in 1982; and

(ii) to the importers of Tasco products for their kind donation of 2 x 29T Spotting Scopes for the 1981 Freuchie and a further 4 for this winter's Association Medal competition.

Development Officer

In September the Shooting Council appointed Miss Kate Howie, Edinburgh, as Development Officer for Shooting. Having recently completed an eight-year commission in the U.R.A.C., Miss Howie is well qualified for the task.

Coaching

A 3-position County Coaches course is being run in Stirling on 31st Oct./1st Nov. and 14th/15th Nov. Although primarily prone it is hoped the course will encourage more to adopt 3-position and air rifle. Both are now Commonwealth Games events.

Calendar 1982

A Calendar of Events for 1982 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.

1981 Mini Games

The 1981 Games on 26th/27th September at Dundee were a triumph of will over weather. It was so bad the fullbore had to postpone part of their Saturday course of fire. Scotland were short in the prize medal stakes (2 silvers and 1 bronze in the nine events) but won top honours for organisation, for which great credit must go to the willing workers of Steeple Club, S.S.R.A. Council members (and a wife), Bill Gray and scorers Sandy Stronach and Dave Johnston.

SCOTTISH SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

6th October, 1981.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubrooms of Perth City & County Rifle Club, Rae Place, off Dunkeld Road, Perth (almost opposite Perth Ice Rink) on Sunday, 8th November, 1981, at 2.00 p.m.

NOTE THE DATE

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 1980 A.G.M.
2. Chairman's address
3. Secretary's report
4. Financial accounts & Treasurer's report
5. Captains' reports
6. General business, including:-
 - (a) Review of S.S.R.A. competitions for 1981/82
 - (b) Shooting Development Officer
 - (c) Coaching Courses
 - (d) Commonwealth Games 1986
7. Election of Office-Bearers and Council
8. Annual Subscription (Council recommends £1, first increase in many years)
9. Presentation of Trophies:-
 - (i) Association Silver Medal S.D. Nicoll, Perth C.&C.
 - (ii) Eley Salvors - Class A S.D. Nicoll, Perth C.&C.
B R.G.H. Thomson, Watsonians
C U. Simpson, Wick Old Stagers
D J. Kay, Glenrothes
 - (iii) Speedway (Bill Dick Trophy) I.A. Kerr, Larbert
 - (iv) Freuchie (Wilkinson Sword) C.G. De Jonckheere, Bon Accord
 - (v) League Winners (Assoc. Spoons) Various
 - (vi) Air Rifle Championship of Scotland (Crockart Rosebowl) I.S. Gibb, Chobham
 - (vii) 50 Metres Championship of Scotland (Eley Trophy) J. Lavety, Portlethen

Members are reminded that proposals to add to, amend or alter the Constitution must be given in writing to the Secretary prior to the Meeting.

R. Normand
Secretary.

N.B. Council determined the date of 8th November to avoid clashing with the 3-P Coaching Course (November 1st and 15th) and because the Secretary is unavailable for the three October Sundays, 11th, 18th and 25th.