

11th October, 1983.

NEWSLETTER

Winter Competitions - fees remain unchanged and entry forms are enclosed.

The Air Weapons entries close on 5th November; late entries are unlikely.

The formal closing date for the Prone competitions is 17th November. Thereafter late entries are accepted up to the last date for shooting (early Jan.) on payment of a small surcharge to cover p. and p.

Air Weapons Club Affiliation

Subject to confirmation of the A.G.M. Air Weapons clubs may be affiliated directly to and insured through this Association. The fees are modest at £10 plus £1 per Senior Member and 50 pence per Junior Member. Full details are available from the Secretary. The income goes in the sport development budget.

Whatever the outcome of the discussion on the Constitution (Agenda, item 7), there will be no interruption to the winter league competitions and current affiliations will run their course. It is an important decision for the development of air weapon shooting in Scotland. Bring your views and guidance to the A.G.M. if you possibly can.

Coaching : It is planned to hold Club Coaches courses in Air Rifle this winter season. Interested parties (Members with their club support) should contact the Association Secretary at an early date.

It is also intended to run another County Coaches' course in smallbore rifle (3-Position) during the first quarter of 1984. Persons interested in this challenging "evangelical" task should set the wheels in motion within their own Counties to secure a place on the course when it is announced formally.

Competition Results

The brightest team spot was again the New Zealand indoor postal match (1982) where Scotland nosed ahead for the first time in the series to 5-4 with a 5914-5909 win. In the 1983 match, Scotland has improved again slightly. The result is expected soon. We also won the annual Army Match at Denwood, although the International in Germany sadly was cancelled.

Individual Championship successes were:-

Scottish 50 Metres. Bill Moonie at last won the Eley Trophy and by the convincing margin of 21 points at 47 points. He clearly relishes this form of competitive shooting and his success was warmly applauded. The minor places were very closely contested, ending with Cyril second (26 points), Harry Milne third (25 points) and John Knowles fourth (24 points).

Scottish Air Rifle. Bill Macneil repeated his 1982 success but with a new Championship record at 569. Two former champions were second and third, Ian Gibb scoring 553 and Alan Campbell-Smith 535. Bill went on to win Gold twice in the Mini-Games in South Wales, taking both Air Rifle and 3-Position rifle.

S.S.R.A. Air Pistol. Robin Macdonald made a "profitable" trip up from London to win the Championship and new Thistle Trophy with 553 points from Phil Pegram 547 and Alistair Macdonald, a promising Junior from Edinburgh, 540.

Calendar 1984

A Calendar of Events for 1984 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.

Sales Items

Sweatshirts) temporarily out of stock.
Badges)

S.S.R.A. Stickers 30p each) Send s.a.e. with orders
Brisbane Supporter Stickers 50p each) less than 10 (can be mixed).

(only a few left for "Collectors")

Sponsorship. Thanks are again due to John Haig & Co. Ltd. for sponsoring the Earl Haig Scottish Championship (c.£100) and to D. Crockart & Son, Stirling, for their support (£200) of the Air Weapons Championships and the 50 Metres Championship and Order of Merit.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubroom of Perth City & County Rifle Club, Rae Place, off Dunkeld Road, Perth (almost opposite Perth Ice Rink) on Sunday, 30th October, 1983, at 2.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 1982 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 1983/84
 - (b) Shooting Development Officer (report)
 - (c) Coaching Courses (report)
 - (d) National Range (progress report)
 - (e) Commonwealth Games 1986

7. Constitution:

By the terms of the constitutional amendment passed at the E.G.M. on 6th January, 1980, the class of club membership by direct affiliation of Air Weapons Clubs - clause 4(c) - lapses on 30th October, 1983.

Among the options available to the Association are (i) to encourage such clubs to affiliate to the N.S.R.A., and (ii) to assist such clubs to form a separate Scottish Air Weapons Association and apply for membership in its own right of the Scottish Shooting Council. To enable all options to be considered before the Meeting reaches its decision, notice is hereby given that the following motion will be put:-

It is proposed that the class of Club membership described in clause 4(c) of the present Constitution be extended for one year to October, 1984.

8. Election of Office-Bearers and Council
9. Annual Subscription (Council recommends £1 again)
10. Presentation of Trophies
 - (i) 50 Metres Championship of Scotland W. Moonie, Stirling R.I.
 - (ii) Association Silver Medal W.T. Vaughan, Selkirk
 - (iii) Engraved Salvers - Class A W.T. Vaughan, Selkirk
 - B G.J.B. Winch, Edinburgh Uni.
 - C F. Howden, Larbert
 - D D. Gray, Larbert
 - Junior Miss L. Nicoll, Perth C.&C.
 - (iv) Speedway (Bill Dick Trophy) W.T. Vaughan, Selkirk
 - (v) Freuchie (Wilkinson Sword) D.W. Garrow, Dallas
 - (vi) CanDicap A. Webb, Stirling R.I.
 - (vii) Air Rifle Championship of Scotland W.J. Macneil, Chobham
 - (Crockart Rosebowl)
 - (viii) S.S.R.A. Air Pistol Championship R.G. Macdonald, Marylebone
 - (Thistle Trophy)

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. The Balerno & Currie Club annual indoor meeting is on 11th/13th November (Friday 7 - 10 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.); entry forms and directions from Mrs. Linda Steele, [redacted] (Tel. [redacted]).