



# Lothian Smallbore Shooting Association

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Thursday 11th May 2000 at 7:30pm at The Pavilion, Myreside Road, Edinburgh. Please inform the Secretary if you are unable to attend.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's Statement
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous AGM (enclosed)
4. Matters arising
5. Financial statement
6. Captain's Report
7. Election of Office-bearers
8. Any other business.

The Presentation of Prizes will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

## LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 11 May 2000 at Myreside Pavilion, Edinburgh

### Present

See separate sheet

### Chairman's Statement

John Buchanan read the Chairman's statement on behalf of Ian Thomson who was working in Sweden. Ian apologised for not being present. He said that, as he had indicated before, this would be his last season as Chairman. He thanked John Buchanan for his support and for substituting for him, often at short notice. He indicated that he had enjoyed his spell as President and thanked the other members of the Executive Committee for their time and effort, which is often not recognised. He expressed frustration at the so far unsuccessful attempts at establishing an outdoor range in Lothian. He compared the situation in Lothian to that in Sweden where ranges were abundant. He wished the Association well.

### Apologies for Absence

I Thomson, V Neilson, L Owen, N Brown, L Sinclair, M Sinclair, R Fraser, W Hamilton, Leven RC, J Munn, P Littlechild, R Aitken, C Ogle, S Jackson

### Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated and were available at the meeting. They were taken as read.

Adoption of minutes: Proposed: M Brown      Seconded: C Drysdale

### Matters Arising

#### *Outdoor range*

A progress report on the outdoor range was included in the (Vice) Captain's report.

#### *Shoulder-to-shoulder league*

The league which was run concurrently with a Matchplay league had been successful, albeit that there had been only 6 entries. This was picked up in AOB.

### Treasurer's Report

In Susan Jackson's absence (she apologised for not being there...again) Angus Jackson read her report. The audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2000 were presented. The Association had made a small deficit in 1999-2000, compared to a surplus of £500 last year. This resulted principally from an investment in a 5 year stock of medals.

Affiliation fees continued to fall, mainly due to the decline in club sizes. Likewise, competition entry fees had declined. Air rifle competitions were not held as there were insufficient entries. The Committee has decided to maintain the current level of entry fees, and clubs were urged to encourage entries. Other income was generated by 2 successful outings of the mobile air weapons range and through interest.

The major expenditure was on medals. County team expenses were lower than last year as no targets were purchased. No fees had been paid to West of Edinburgh Shooting Club this year but expenditure had been incurred in transporting range paraphernalia from Musselburgh to Eddlestone.

A question was raised about the seemingly high level of interest paid on the Association's bank account. Apparently it was reasonable as the interest paid on Treasurer's accounts was generally high.

### **(Vice)-Captain's Report**

As the Association was without a Captain, Angus Jackson, the Vice-Captain, made a report. Highlights of the year included: the 3-P team (Cliff Ogle, Ronnie Sellar, Lynda Sinclair and Martin Sinclair) which won division 1 and all its matches; the junior team who were second in division 1 (Graeme Rudd had an average of 97.9) and the junior reserves who were second in division 1. Edinburgh won the Commonwealth Cities and was third in the BSA Cup. The County women's team was third. Highlights at Bisley included Sinclair Bruce, Graeme Rudd and Bill Hamilton who were selected for the Scotland team (which was second); Graeme Rudd was also a member of the victorious and British record breaking Scottish junior team; Ronnie Sellar and Donald McIntosh (honorary Lothian) were second in the 3-P championship; Cliff Ogle won the Northern Ireland championship and EU Alumni won the 3-P club team of 3. Lothian shooters also had successes at the Oceanic and Commonwealth Championships and the Grand Prix series.

Angus thanked the club secretaries for their work in returning county cards to him and to those who had participated in the various teams.

### *Outdoor Range*

Angus said that the outdoor range was a long project which was moving slowly. He provided some background on the project and circulated a handout illustrating the proposed facility. He indicated that, in order to put in a bid to sports-scotland, we need information from clubs on potential usage. Questionnaires were attached to the handouts and Angus urged clubs to return them by the end of June along with any other relevant information or suggestions.

Questions were raised about the ability to shoot fullbore rifle (did not look like the range was suitable) and about the distance from Edinburgh (was it not further?).

### **Election of Office Bearers**

John Buchanan indicated that Ian Thomson had resigned as Chairman and that John did not intend to stand. No nominations were received. The Association is able to operate for a short time without a Chairman but not for an extended period. John asked clubs to identify volunteers for the post who could be co-opted onto the Committee.

John Buchanan was nominated for Vice-President by Angus Jackson, seconded by Cliff Ogle. He accepted the post and was duly elected.

The Chairman intimated that he would accept an en bloc nomination for the remaining ex officio committee posts. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were elected:

Secretary	PS Curtis
Treasurer	SM Jackson
Vice-Captain	AJ Jackson

Postal League Secretary	JR Buchanan
Air Weapons Secretary	S Stewart
Individual League Secretary	D King
Shoulder to Shoulder League Secretary	RA Sellar
Competitions Secretary	D Duff
NSRA Representative	CWC Ogle
Awards Convenor	D Duff

Proposed C Drysdale                      Seconded J Wilkie

Committee members: J Scott's and R Aitken's 3 year terms had expired. There were no nominations for the posts so the Committee will co-opt members.

#### **Any Other Business**

##### *Shoulder-to-Shoulder League*

This year's league had a disappointing entry although the matchplay appeared to operate well and match periods were abandoned. A number of suggestions were made to encourage more entries including fewer members per team, 2 matches per night, MacRae handicap, 2 cards per match and encouraging entries from Borders clubs by allowing postal matches. John Buchanan indicated that the points raised would be used to inform a Committee decision as to the format of the next year's shoulder-to-shoulder league.

#### **Presentation of Prizes**

The retiring captain, Cliff Ogle, was asked to present the prizes.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 830 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

 ..... Chairman  
 ..... Secretary  
 7/6/01 ..... Date

## Lothian Smallbore Shooting Association

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000

Income	2000 £	1999 £	Expenditure	2000 £	1999 £
Affiliation Fees	255.00	295.00	Postage & Stationery	54.73	75.18
<b>Competition Entries</b>			Pize Money	26.00	26.00
Female	227.50	227.00	Engraving & Medals	867.64	193.38
Shoulder to Shoulder	94.50	96.00	County team	45.98	199.93
CYOH	58.50	52.00	NISRA	298.00	225.00
Individual Air	0.00	33.50	Entry Fees	50.00	15.00
Individual Postal	165.00	201.00	World Cup	140.81	146.48
Individual Change	158.00	133.00	Air Rifle	0.00	96.54
World Cup	236.00	232.00	Range Rent	0.00	200.00
			Range Work	132.70	0.00
Conations	37.20	45.80			
Mobile Air Weapons Range	150.15	0.00			
Interest	232.62	326.46			
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,576.27</u>	<u>1,640.76</u>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>1,585.02</u>	<u>1,137.51</u>
Deficit for year	8.75	0.00	Surplus for year	0.00	503.27
	<u>1,585.02</u>	<u>1,640.76</u>		<u>1,585.02</u>	<u>1,640.76</u>

Cash	2000 £	1999 £
Cash brought forward	7,961.52	7,458.25
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(8.75)	503.27
	<u>7,952.77</u>	<u>7,961.52</u>

I have reviewed the books and records of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2000 and can confirm that the above accounts are not materially mis-stated.

*Shirley A. Smith*  
28/3/00

## **LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION**

### **Treasurers report 1999/2000**

Firstly I would like to apologise for my absence once again from the Association's AGM. This year, unfortunately, it is work that causes me to be unavailable, and not shooting!

I now present the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2000 for Lothian Smallbore Shooting Association.

As can be seen from the accounts the Association has incurred a small deficit this year, compared to a surplus of £500 last year. This deficit has resulted principally from an investment made at the beginning of the financial year (May 1999) in a stock of medals. This stock should last about five years. These medals cost £650, and on a broad basis, if this cost was split over five years, this year the Association would have recorded a surplus nearer the levels of last year.

### **Income**

Affiliation fees continue to fall mainly as a result of the general decline in club sizes. Consequently competition entries have also declined. No air rifle competitions were held this year as the number of entries was insufficient to run any competitions.

The committee has determined that competition entries fees for next year will be frozen at the current levels, and all clubs are encouraged to support the associations competitions.

During this past year the mobile air weapons range had two outings. The two day show at Kailzie Castle generated a net revenue of £130 with £20 being made at the other outing. It is hoped that the air range will be used more this year, and volunteers are always required to assist running the range.

Interest received fell by £90 this year as a result in the fall in interest rates earlier in the financial year. The Association continues to earn interest on all funds in the Bank of Scotland Treasurers bank account.

### **Expenditure**

As discussed earlier the most significant expenditure incurred this year by the Association was to replenish the stock of medals.

County team expenses are lower this year as no targets were purchased. Targets are generally required to be purchased every two years.

No funds were paid this year to the West of Edinburgh Shooting Club for the site of the proposed range near Peebles. However, costs were incurred by the Association in moving the range (firing point, sleepers etc) from Musselburgh to the site near Peebles. A nominal sum (£200) was paid last year to WESC as a contribution towards the land rent to show the Association's commitment to the development of the project. This year a few members of the Association have continued to show this commitment through assisting in the preparation of a lottery claim.

Any questions?????

## County vice-captains Report

- Inter-county leagues roundup
  - Main success of the year - winners of division 1 of 3P league having won all rounds  
Congratulations to Cliff Ogle, Ronnie Sellar, Lynda Sinclair and Martin Sinclair  
Present badges.
  - Junior team 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 1 - 97.9 average for Graeme Rudd of George Watsons College
  - Air Rifle team 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 1
  - Women's team 3<sup>rd</sup> in division 2
  - Junior reserves team also did well - 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 1 of the reserves league
  - Main team 5<sup>th</sup> in division 1, women's reserves 6<sup>th</sup> division 2.
  - Incomplete results for reserve teams of 10
  - Having reached final of K.O. last year knocked out in 1<sup>st</sup> round this year
  - Thank you to club secretaries for the most part getting cards back to me promptly
- Commonwealth Cities etc
  - Shot after last years AGM (deadline sept)
  - Commonwealth Cities - open to teams from Cities of Commonwealth. 1<sup>st</sup> place.
  - BSA Cup - open to counties in the UK, Provinces and states in the Commonwealth. 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind Auckland, New Zealand and Surrey
  - County Womens - 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - This years entries for the BSA cup, Commonwealth Cities and Provincial cities shot in March - thank you to everyone who took part - results will not be out until end of the year (sept deadline)
- Bialy 1999
  - Sinclair Bruce, Graeme Rudd and Bill Hamilton shot for the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Scotland Team
  - Graeme Rudd also shot for the victorious Scottish team who also set a new British record
  - 3P Ronnie Sellar and Donald McIntosh were 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Cliff Ogle won the Northern Ireland championship
  - EU Alumni won the 3P club team of three.
- Oceanic Championships, Sydney, Australia, Commonwealth Championships, Auckland, New Zealand November 1999
  - Lothian well represented by Susan Bell, Martin Sinclair, Lynda Sinclair and Tricia Littlechild for Scotland and Cliff Ogle for Northern Ireland
  - Gold Medal for Martin Sinclair and Donald McIntosh in 3P pairs
  - 4<sup>th</sup> in Womens pairs for Susan Bell and Barbara Mackay
- 1999/2000 Air Rifle Grand Prix series Tricia Littlechild 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cliff Ogle 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Cliff Ogle 5<sup>th</sup>, Martin Sinclair 6<sup>th</sup>, Alasdair Hoene and Sinclair Bruce 8<sup>th</sup> - in 1999 50m prose Grand Prix series
- Martin Sinclair and Cliff Ogle 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3x40 Grand Prix series and Lynda Sinclair 1<sup>st</sup> in womens







## Potential Outdoor Range Facility

### Background

There is an existing range facility situated at Shiplaw Farm, Eddleston approximately 8 miles from Edinburgh. It has been developed and operated by West of Edinburgh Shooting Club (WESC) since 1993.



WESC are seeking to form an alliance with shooting & archery sports clubs, including small-bore rifle clubs, within the Lothian area so that the current facilities are better utilised and indeed developed further.

The Lothian Small-bore Shooting Association (LSSA) has been in discussion with WESC for some time, gaining a better understanding of the potential that this facility might offer.

The purpose of this brief paper is to inform you of the proposals currently under discussion and to gather your views regarding whether your club or individuals within your club would be interested in using such a facility.

### Current Facilities

There are currently three clay stands, which enable running rabbit, a basic skeet course and down the line.

*Planning permission has been granted* for a 20 firing point 50 metre outdoor range, with a limited danger area agreed. WESC have started construction and already significant progress has been made in establishing the backstop. Further building has been put on hold until the future shape and funding of the range is considered and agreed with all interested parties.

### Proposed Facilities

A submission for lottery money to enable the facilities to be developed further is being considered. The appropriateness of this will clearly be dependent on whether the facility would be used by shooters and the cost effectiveness of any proposals.

The facilities being discussed are outlined below:

## Clay

Three stands which meet ISSF standards for skeet and trap

### 50 metre range

A 50 metre 20 firing point range which may be configured for many disciplines, e.g. smallbore prone and 3 positional rifle, fullbore and smallbore gallery rifle, black powder and fullbore prone rifle. The firing point would be covered.

### 100 yards

A 100 yard 4 firing point range suitable for smallbore and fullbore target rifle. The firing point would be covered.

## Archery

A land area that is suitable for archery shooting.

## Facilities

The ranges would have the following facilities:

- Ample car parking.
- Electricity supplied by a generator.
- "Unsecured" storage facilities for storing items such as targets.
- Water and toilet facilities (the extent of these is still to be discussed).

## **Proposed Operation of Facility**

Set out below are some initial thoughts regarding the operation of the range. These areas will obviously be the subject of further discussion over the coming months.

### Association

It is anticipated that an association would be formed which would manage the facility. The land itself would remain the property of the current landowner, but it would be on a long lease to the association through a Trust.

### Membership

Membership of the association would be open to Clubs or individuals where they were members of a local club. An annual membership fee would be payable.

All members would require to be members of national shooting governing bodies, or clubs that were in themselves members of national shooting governing bodies. The governing bodies would require to be recognised by **sportscotland**.

All members would be required to be insured through their own club or to hold individual insurance through a national governing body.

### Management Committee

A management committee would be formed who would be responsible for all aspect of the association and the development and operation of the range. It would be elected at the Association's A.G.M.

The membership of the management committee would comprise of:

- Chairman of LSSA
- Chairman of WESC
- Representative of each of the Discipline Groups.

The Discipline Groups are:

- Prone target smallbore rifle
- 3 Positional smallbore rifle
- Clay
- Fullbore (all centrefire firearms)
- Black powder firearms
- Archery

Members will be asked annually on renewing their membership to name their principle discipline, and this will define the their Discipline Group. The members of the Discipline Group will elect their representative on the management committee

The number of discipline representatives would be eight in total, with the number for each discipline being split proportionately to the membership at the time of the A.G.M.

The Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Association would rotate annually between the Chairs of LSSA and WESC.

#### Use of Range

The booking and use of the range would be according to rules set down by the management committee. A range visit fee would be payable.

## Potential Range Usage

In order to enable discussions to progress further the LSSA and WESC they would like to understand what demand local shooters might make of the facilities.

To help us do this we would appreciate if you would complete the following short questionnaire. Please feel free to copy and distribute this to club members. Any additional information or comments you feel would be of benefit would also be most welcome.

Please return completed questionnaires to Angus Jackson, 4(2F1) Barclay Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 4HP by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000.

Name of Club:	
Number of members:	
Analysis of membership	Male      Female
Shooting < 16 years old	
Shooting > 16 <60 years old	
Shooting >60 years old	
Non-Shooting	
Of the current members how many are registered disabled?	
Current indoor facilities (location & brief description)	
Current outdoor facilities	
Would your members as a club be interested in using the outdoor facility as it <b>currently exists</b>	Y / N
If so how many of your members would use the existing facility?	
Would your members as a club be interested in using the outdoor facility <b>following the development</b>	Y / N
If so how many of your members would use the enhanced facility?	
If the club as a whole were not interested are their individuals who would wish to use the facility?	Y / N
If so how many?	
Of those interested, roughly how would they be split over the Discipline Groups?	
Prone target smallbore rifle	%
3 Positional smallbore rifle	%
Clay	.....%
Fullbore (all centrefire firearms)	.....%
Black powder firearms	.....%
Archery	.....%
	100%

Please enter in the table attached the number of participants in each discipline that your club has. If a member participates in more than one discipline they should be entered as many times as required in the table.

Discipline	No. of participants	Estimated number of days each participant might use the facility in a month	
		May - Sept	Oct - April
25m smallbore prone			
50m smallbore prone			
100yd smallbore prone			
50m 3P smallbore rifle			
25m smallbore gallery rifle			
25m fullbore gallery rifle			
25m fullbore rifle			
50m fullbore rifle			
100yd fullbore rifle			
50m fullbore gallery rifle			
25m blackpowder pistol			
25m blackpowder rifle			
50m blackpowder rifle			
Clay target skeet			
Clay target trap			
Archery			
Other (please specify)			

Please describe the pattern of shooting that would be optimum, describing the pattern over the week by day and morning/afternoon/evening.

Will your club use the facility for league competitions and open competitions and if so, please provide details:

How many participants  
Which discipline  
What range