

## **News**

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### **Entries Close Soon**

26th Aug 2009

Entries for all the Association's team competitions for the winter season are due. Affiliated clubs were sent the affiliation and entry forms some time ago. This is a reminder that the closing date for the Team Postal League the Shoulder-to-Shoulder League and the CYOH knock-out competition is September 14th. Entries for the "World Cup" are due on the 21st Sept, and entries for the Individual League and the Championships are due on 30th November. If any club not currently affiliated to the Association wishes to participate in any of its activities, please contact the Association Secretary.

### **County & City matches**

26th Aug 2009

Lothian County teams will shoot their cards for the BSA Cup and Women's County matches in late September, as will the Edinburgh team in the Commonwealth Cities match. The County Captain is currently trying to fix the dates and team members will be notified soon. The dates will also be announced here as soon as they are known. The teams have been selected - take the County Teams link on the left for details.

### **Cities & Boroughs Match 2009 (2)**

18th July 2009

The challenged scores remained as originally given, but it didn't matter as the result has been confirmed as a two-point win for Edinburgh over Colchester. The medals are about to be distributed to the team members.

### **Cities & Boroughs Match 2009**

18th June 2009

The result of this match has just come through, showing yet another win for Edinburgh. The estimates gave us a lower score than we have been getting in recent years, but it was enough to pip Colchester by 2 points - 2358 to 2356. They have the right to challenge their score until 6th July, and they might well do so as it is so close. However, despite the team's total being one point higher than the estimates, the County Captain has decided to get his retaliation in first, and has challenged two of Edinburgh's scores. Watch this space! Click on the County Teams link on the left to see the details.

### **Jim Michael (2)**

1st June 2009

Jim's funeral will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium in Edinburgh at 10.30am on Thursday 4th June, following which there will be a service at Selkirk Parish Church at 12.30.

### **Jim Michael**

30th May 2009

It's with much sadness that I have to report the sudden death of Jim Michael who collapsed and died last night. He was a stalwart of Selkirk Rifle Club and was a popular figure among the Scottish shooting fraternity who will be missed by many, especially in the Borders. Our condolences go to his family and clubmates. Arrangements for the funeral will be given in due course.

### **Annual General Meeting**

29th April 2009

The AGM of the Association will be held at Balerno & Currie's range on Thursday 28th May 2009, commencing at 7.30 pm. The agenda and a relevant accompanying letter from the Association Secretary are being circulated by email to club contacts. These documents are also available to view/print from here and here respectively. All members of affiliated clubs are entitled to attend. Please send any apologies for absence to the Secretary.

The prize presentations will take place after the meeting, and it is hoped that as many prize-winners as possible will be able to accept their awards in person.

### **SSRA Inter-Regional Matches**

20th April 2009

Lothian's somewhat makeshift team in the two Inter-Regional matches held at Denwood (Aberdeen) yesterday regained the Bob Normand Memorial Trophy by winning the outdoor match narrowly by only 5 points from Forth & Clyde. The indoor match was even closer, as the competition ended in a tie between Lothian and Forth & Clyde. Unfortunately the tie-break rule went against us as we lost out there, having won this comp for the previous 3 years. Take the County Teams link on the left (and scroll to the bottom) to see the details.

### **Junior County Team**

14th April 2009

Lothian's Junior team of Ian McDougall, Rory McAlpine, Fraser Cheetham (all George Watson's College) and Finlay Craig (Edinburgh University) have won the NSRA's Junior County League Division 1. This is the third time in a row we have won this, so congratulations to the current team on keeping the tradition alive, although Rory, Finlay and Ian have been in all three of these winning teams. Take the County Teams link on the left for full details.

### **City & County matches**

7th April 2009

A team of eight representing Edinburgh in the annual Cities & Boroughs match will shoot at Watsonians' range

on Thursday 9th April. Edinburgh has won this for the last four years, so another good performance is expected.

The County Captain has decided to postpone shooting the Lothian team's cards in the BSA Cup competition and the Women's County Match until the start of next season due to the number of call-offs from the original selection of team and reserves which would have made the team uncompetitive. The Easter holidays seem to be getting in the way this year. Lothian has been well placed in the BSA Cup competition in recent years and he would like the top team as far as possible to take part. It's time we won this one.

The stickers for the Commonwealth Cities match have just arrived. It's too late in the season to try to shoot this now, so Edinburgh's team of 15 will also shoot this at the start of next season.

The 'usual suspects' will be getting a call in early September regarding these matches, which must be shot by the end of that month.

Any volunteers to shoot in the Lothian team in the SSRA's combined All Ranges and Inter-Region shoot at Denwood (Aberdeen) on 19th April should contact the County Captain as soon as possible. All applications will be considered - don't be shy. Outdoor shooting experience is required though. You must have a residence in Edinburgh/Lothian Region to qualify.

### **Individual Postal League**

5th April 2009

The results for March have come through, and the final results are now available. Take the Individual League link on the left for full details.

### **Association Championship**

2nd April 2009

Only 11 entries were made for the main Championship this year, and there were insufficient entries to run any of the subsidiary Championships (Ladies, Veterans, Junior, and Inexpert A and B). This is deplorable in itself, but what's worse is that only four shooters turned up to contest the Final from the eight qualifiers and one reserve. (Two entrants did not shoot the qualifying round.) Three qualifiers sent apologies but two just did not show up, without informing the organiser. The four who came were all from Selkirk - there was nobody from a local club in the Edinburgh area. What's going on?

Anyway, those four all went directly into the semi-final, where John Milne beat Keith Nixon, and Bill Vaughan beat Jim Michael. In the final, Bill Vaughan took the trophy by beating John Milne 198-197, and third place was taken by Jim Michael, who beat Keith Nixon in the playoff by 192-191.

Come on, Edinburgh - support your local competitions!

### **Choose-Your-Own-Handicap**

2nd April 2009

The Final of the CYOH team championship has taken place, and it resulted in a win for Selkirk B over George Heriot's FP in a direct reversal of last year's final. Take the CYOH link on the left to see the details.

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

2nd April 2009

The S/S league has finished and the results are as follows:

Division 1	1st Selkirk	Top Average award - Bill Vaughan (Selkirk)
Division 2	1st Pathhead	Top Average award - Alastair Parlett (Pathhead)

In both divisions, the Matchplay award also goes to the division winners.

Take the link on the left to see full details.

### **Team Postal League**

15th Mar 2009

Round 10 of the Team Postal League has just been completed and the winners are now known:

Div 1: Pentland A, our guests from Caithness, have won for the first time. Despite losing their first two matches they just pipped Selkirk on aggregate after tie-ing on points. Selkirk must be rueing the missed card in round 2 - that omission probably lost them the league!

Div 2: EU Alumni won on their return to league shooting in Lothian after a gap of several years.

Div 3: This was won by George Heriot's FP, who shot steadily throughout and only lost one match.

Div 4: Pathhead walked away with this with a 100% record and by far the best average.

Div 5: Leven B took this one, also with a very steady performance although Lanark were chasing well and had a very similar average.

The Best Average award again goes to Alasdair Horne of Balerno & Currie with 99.5 (five 100s followed by five 99s)

The Best Improvement award goes to John Milne of Selkirk with a + 56% improvement over his average in the previous season.

### **County teams**

9th Mar 2009

The programme of county team matches is in its last stages. The only prospect for any of our teams is the Junior team, who are currently leading Division 1 of the Junior County League with two rounds to go. A win is expected in R9 against bottom team Aberdeenshire, and a good score is required in R10 to beat 3rd-placed Sussex, who are only a point behind, equal with Surrey. Take the County Teams link on the left for full details of all teams.

### **World Cup Final**

9th Mar 2009

The final of the Association's World Cup competition took place on Saturday 7th. The winner was Martin Sinclair of EU Alumni, beating Nick Baker of Watsonians into second place. The Plate was won by Alasdair Horne, and the Bowl by Hugh Simpson of Wick Old Stagers. Take the World Cup link on the left to see the full details.

### **Individual League, February**

9th Mar 2009

The results for February's round of the Individual Postal League are now available. Take the link on the left for details.

### **CYOH R2**

5th Mar 2009

The result of Round 2 (semi-final) of the Choose-Your-Own-Handicap team knockout is now available. Take the CYOH link on the left for details. The final will be a repeat of last year's, where Heriot's A will be defending their title against Selkirk B.

### **Individual League, January**

15th Feb 2009

The results for January's round of the Individual Postal League are now available. Take the link on the left for details.

### **CYOH R1**

9th Jan 2009

The result of Round 1 of the Choose-Your-Own-Handicap team knockout is now available. Take the CYOH link on the left for details.

### **County Teams**

8th Dec 2008

The Main and Reserves County teams have been revised from Round 5 to Round 10 after due consideration of averages achieved in the County league, the Postal League and the Shoulder-to-Shoulder league so far this season. The revisions and targets for these rounds have been issued to club secretaries. Take the County teams link on the left to see the new teams plus results for the first couple of rounds.

### **County Knock-out**

8th Nov 2008

The result for Round 1 of the NSRA County Knock-out has just arrived, with the news of a victory for Lothian over Cornwall by only one point, 1,948 to 1,947. Congratulations to the team. Stickers for the next round, against perennial holders Hampshire, are being sent out as soon as possible as the last date for shooting is 1st December.

### **Watsonian Open Meeting**

23rd Oct 2008

The Watsonian Rifle Club is holding its annual Open Meeting again this year at its range in Edinburgh. The dates are Sunday 30th November and Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th December. Five Classes with Ladies, Veterans and 3 levels of Junior competitions, plus club teams of 3 - everyone is welcome. Previous entrants will be emailed an entry form, and anyone can send a request send a request here for further information and/or an entry form.

### **Commonwealth Cities Match**

23rd Oct 2008

Edinburgh has won the Commonwealth Cities match once again. With the same score as last year, the team of 15 was only five points ahead of Melbourne, and 26 ahead of Auckland. Douglas was the last of the four entrants a long way behind. Take the County Teams link on the left to see the individual scores.

### **BSA Cup and Women's County Match**

23rd Oct 2008

The results of the BSA Cup and the Women's equivalent have just been received. Lothian came 3rd, behind another sensational score from Caithness, followed by Auckland only a point behind.

The Women's team didn't fare too well, coming in 11th.

### **County Leagues**

**24th Sept 2008**

The cards have been issued to clubs for the 2008-09 County postal team leagues. The first round is due for 20th October (3rd Nov for the Reserves team, whose league runs one round behind the others). The Main team remains in Division 2 (4th last year). The Reserves team, which came a poor 5th in Division 5 last year have somewhat surprisingly been placed in Division 4 this year on the declared averages. The Women's team, also with a poor placing in Division 2 last season, are now in Division 3. If they perform to their potential they have a great chance of winning it. The Junior and 3P teams are of course still in their respective Division 1s.

Take the County Teams link on the left to see the full teams, the timetable of matches and opponents round by round. Results will be posted there as soon as they are available.

### **City/County Matches**

**21st Sept 2008**

The Commonwealth Cities match will be shot on Thursday 25th Sept at Balerno & Currie's range. The Women's County Match will take place there at the same time. Take the County Teams link on the left to see the teams selected (see BSA Cup for the Women's team)..

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

**21st Sept 2008**

The fixtures meeting for the S/S League took place last week and the competition is up and running. Take the link on the left to see details. The first matches will take place on 6th October.

The return of Watsonians (albeit in Division 2) means there are two divisions of four this year. Expect a very tight competition in Div 2 as the declared averages of all the teams are very close. Lauder, winners of Division 1 last year, have re-branded themselves and will compete as Selkirk this season.