

News

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Headlines (Items of possible continuing interest that have scrolled off or remain from last season)

Awards Convenor required ([see last season's News Archive](#) entry of 28th May for the AGM)

County Captain required ([see entry of 29th March below](#))

NSRA Scottish National Meeting 2015

11th July 2015

Susan Jackson Does It Again!

Yes, Super Susan Jackson (Watsonians) has joined the small band of shooters who have won the Scottish Outdoor Championship for the Earl Haig Memorial Trophy more than once by repeating her feat of 2005 in Castletown. She couldn't take the time off to attend the meeting for the whole week, so turned up only on the first weekend to shoot the qualifying stage (and some club and county cards), and returned on Friday to shoot the Final, where she triumphed by two points over Jim Main (Clachnacuddin). Kay Copland (Banff & Macduff) was a further point behind. James Brown, the only other shooter from a Lothian club in the final, was 12th.



The traditional chairing of the Champion



*Susan with her trophy.
(Photo: Robin Thomson)*

(Click on the images to see full-size versions)

The other success story of the meeting must be Rhys Olley of Edinburgh University, who won several competitions in D Class. He won the Weekend Aggregate (including Comps 1 and 7), then proceeded to win the overall Aggregate, including Comps 4 and 5. Note the name - it might reappear in the future.

Ally Littlejohn (RGU, formerly GWC) also had success in Class D, winning Comps 2, 8 and 10 and also the Unsquadded Aggregate. Unfortunately, for the second year in succession he just fell below the cutoff point for promotion to Class C so he will be able to have another crack at the trophies he didn't win last year and this. Watch this space...

Georgia Gooch (GWC) won Comp 12 (one of the Unsquadded Aggregate competitions) in Class D. Steven Brown (GWC) and Daniel Gutteridge (Watsonians) came 2nd and 3rd in the Unsquadded Aggregate, behind Ally.

The entry was a fractionally down on last year (191 to 194), but was significantly bolstered by a large contingent from Watsonians and George Watson's. The 21 shooters from these closely-linked clubs represented over ten percent of the total entry. Here's a photo of these competitors:



*Rear (Watsonians): James Gutteridge, Susan Jackson, Ian Thomson, Adam Dove, Daniel Gutteridge, Bev Burnside, Rhona Dove, Chris Scobie, Laura Macneil, Robin Thomson, James Brown, Gordon Niell
Front (GWC): Georgia Gooch, Euan Stanley, Finlay Taylor, Robin Shand, Steven Brown, Magnus Carswell, Sam Coates
(absent ill, David Virgo)*

[The Lothian team in the County Sextette](#) did not fare too well, coming 7th.

The Statistics for all Scottish Meetings in the Miscellaneous tab have all been updated to include this meeting.

The NSRA confirmed that the meeting will be held at Lauder again for the next two years (2016 and 2017), and said that it might go to Forres after that, possibly for more than one year.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League 2015-16 - **UPDATE**

30th June 2015

It has become apparent that the 9th of July is not a convenient date for some participants, and consequently the fixture meeting will now take place on Thursday 6th August. Still at Prestonpans RC at 7.45. Clubs will be informed by the Association Secretary.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League 2015-16

30th June 2015

Secretaries of affiliated clubs have recently been sent the 2015-16 affiliation forms and the entry forms for next season's team competitions, including the S/S league. The Association Secretary's covering note says:

*"I have been asked by the shoulder-to-shoulder secretary to bring forward the entry deadline for that competition. The fixture meeting is set for **Thursday 9th July at Prestonpans**. As the notice is rather short, please communicate with [the S/S league Secretary] directly regarding entries for this competition and let him know if your club will be entering any teams. Once your entries have been made with [him] please forward a copy of the entry form and affiliation form to me with the appropriate cheque, or pay by bank transfer if you prefer."*

Note therefore that **the closing date for entries for this competition is 9th July**, the same date as the fixtures meeting.

The affiliation cover sheet, the affiliation form and the entry forms for the S/S league, the team postal league and the CYOH are all available in the Secure Area (take the tab at the top). Anyone who needs the password to the data in the Secure Area should use the request form available on its first page. The forms for the individual competitions will be added in due course.

Alan Gundlach

23rd June 2015

The following has just been received from Prestonpans Rifle Club -

Fellow Shooters

Sadly

Alan Gundlach, Prestonpans Rifle Club's Vice Chairman, and frequent shoulder to shoulder competitor, passed away around 3:30am on Wednesday 17th June 2015 after a few months of suffering from cancer of the oesophagus.

The funeral will be at 12:30pm Monday 29th June 2015 at Mortonhall Crematorium.

His wife, Janet, has expressed that all his shooting colleagues are invited to attend.

I'd like to offer my own condolences to the family for their loss and my sympathy to the club who have lost a long-standing and valuable member.

Unification of Scottish Shooting Governing Bodies proposal - correction

22nd June 2015

Regarding voting at the SSRA AGM - I was misinformed (see the second-last paragraph of the entry below). There will be no voting on this subject at the AGM - the result will be announced and that is all. Apologies for any confusion.

Unification of Scottish Shooting Governing Bodies proposal

3rd June 2015

The following communication has been sent to all members of the Scottish Smallbore Rifle Association and your site administrator thought that a wider readership might be useful.

"The vision of all disciplines of Scottish Shooting working together as one National Governing Body has existed for many years. Although the four Associations of Smallbore, Pistol, Fullbore and Clay Target have met regularly, it was not as a unified body. During the past four years representatives from the Associations have worked together to form the proposed body of Scottish Target Shooting. This has involved a huge amount of discussion and preparation of the Articles of Association for STS.

The time has come for the Associations to make a decision whether to support and join STS or not. We feel that it is not appropriate to take such an important decision based on a show of hands at the AGM so the SSRA invite all current members to vote, for which a voting paper is included with this correspondence []. It is also available on the SSRA website, and your voting paper should be returned to Treasurer@SSRA.co.uk by 20 June 2015 for inclusion in the vote.*

The main benefits, to individuals and clubs, of joining STS are listed on the flier[], and for more detail a presentation available at the following link <http://www.ssra.co.uk>. The benefits of a unified body are enormous and include funding for the development of grass roots shooting in Scotland. This benefit has not been available in the past.*

The cost of membership is anticipated to be similar to the current SSRA membership fee and there will be an additional option for very competitive insurance cover.

The creation of a National Shooting Centre is a separate project but is also being run with representatives from each Association. The Project is currently going to Stage 2 of the bidding process to provide the facility and is controlled by Sportscotland and the Government. Nothing is certain, but this is an excellent example of the Associations working together for the benefit of the future of Scottish Shooting.

The SSRA plan is to complete the voting before the AGM in July [4th, at Lauder. Ed.] and to announce the result during the AGM. The strong recommendation of the Council is to support Scottish Target Shooting by voting to join. This will be a vote for the development of shooting in Scotland and represents the best opportunity in the history of our sport of achieving this."

* To clarify, the voting papers and flier that are mentioned plus other information are available on the [SSRA website](#). If you are not a member of the SSRA you will have no vote on this matter, which is of importance to the future administration of shooting in Scotland.

Only those who are SSRA members as at 11th June are eligible to vote online, so if you wish to participate then you can apply for membership online via their website (take the link at the very top). Despite what it says above, this writer has been led to believe that those who have not voted online will have an opportunity to vote in person at the AGM. However do not delay applying for membership, regardless.

[Here is more detail](#) about the proposals. One thing that might attract people to join the new STS is the possibility of cheaper insurance than that offered by the NSRA.

Firearm Certificate Renewals - 2

21st May 2015

Further to the post below, a correspondent has reported another disturbing story concerning his own renewal which again casts doubt upon the competence of those involved.

He submitted his renewal application in March in person at Fettes Avenue (the Lothian firearms office) and a Firearm Enquiry Officer attended his home earlier this week. Despite not having the application form itself sent through to him he carried out the renewal interview anyway (which seems pointless to me - Ed.). During question about convictions it became clear that the Officer thought he was talking to someone completely different. It emerged that he had been given details of someone with the same name and same birth day and month, but not birth year or place of birth (thousands of miles away apparently). Someone back in the office had obviously pulled out the wrong details and passed them to the FEO without the least bit of checking. That person had apparently

had a drugs conviction. If he had been 'clean' the confusion might not have been spotted and would he then have eventually been sent my correspondent's FAC? Makes you wonder.

The moral is - make sure the FEO has *your* details and not those of anyone else! Also take a copy not only of your actual FAC but also of your application form in case the enquiry officer turns up without the original.

That's two sad stories about Police Scotland's newly-revamped firearms renewal process - any more?

Firearm Certificate Renewals in Scotland

18th May 2015

Be warned!

A member of an affiliated club has sent in this story: He had to renew his FAC recently and sent it in along with the application form and the fee and a few weeks later he received a message from the Lothian firearms department about the home visit concerning his *application* (not renewal); After some discussion it transpired that the expiring FAC that he sent in had been lost (they cashed the cheque, though) and he had to prove to them that he was indeed a certificate-holder (he has been since 1980). He has found it almost impossible to do that without the actual certificate or a photocopy of it.

Apparently Police Scotland now require all the Scottish regional firearms departments to use the old Strathclyde Police's firearms application/renewal computer system and all the records from all the other old forces in Scotland would be merged into Strathclyde's system. It seems to be a shambles as all this shooter's records have disappeared along with his actual FAC and he is having a great deal of difficulty proving he ever had one.

He has asked me to urge everyone who sends in their FAC for renewal to any regional firearms office in Scotland to take a photocopy of it first, just to be able to prove you have one. I am happy to do so - it's a sensible step.

AGM report

17th May 2015

There was a poor turnout at the AGM last Thursday (barely a quorum), but the business got done. The changes to the Constitution, the Byelaws and the regulations to the two postal leagues all went through, with one addition to both the league rules to those proposed.

Nobody came forward to fill the positions of Awards Convenor and County Captain. This is getting serious, guys. All other posts were retained by their pre-existing incumbents.

Under AOB, Ian Thomson of STS gave an interesting and well-received presentation on the proposed merger of SSRA, SPA, SRA and SCTA, and also provided information on the proposed National Shooting Centre project. (For interest, here are a couple of links to the unification proposals: [Rationale](#) and [Detail](#).)

AGM

14th May 2015

Prize List: Despite there being no Trophy Convenor, a prize list has been produced to show the winners of all our competitions for the year past, not least for historical records purposes. Take the Comps & Results link in the top menu and go to the bottom of that page.

County Captain

13th May 2015

With reference to the last paragraph of the County Team results item of 7th May below, Brian Atkinson, the outgoing County Captain, has issued this statement:

"I have enjoyed my tenure as County Captain, and would like to thank all of the team members for their efforts over the past year and also to the club officials involved in ensuring that the cards were shot and returned in plenty of time. There have been more than a few substitutions this year, and I thank the clubs involved for keeping me informed of (un)availability of shooters & helping out with subs.

Once again, I would like to thank Bill Hamilton for the technical advice over the past year on the occasions when the spreadsheets decided to start doing their own thing!

I am stepping down as County Captain because of the increasing amount of time I am spending away from home in Edinburgh due to other commitments, and the logistical challenges that causes regarding returning shot cards to the scorers - there have been a couple of close calls!

I wish the next Captain the best of luck, and hopefully in the future we will be running a full range of teams again."

A new Captain is due to be elected at the AGM on Thursday.

Team Postal League

8th May 2015

The final round's results have been issued and are now available from the link in the sidebar.

Congratulations to Pentland for doing as near as this league can get to a double, by winning both Division 1 and Division 2 with the two teams they entered. Balerno & Currie A gave them a good run for their money in Division 1, as did Balerno & Currie C in Division 2.

Division 3 was won by a street by Selkirk B (they won all their matches) from the best of the rest Lanark A.

In Division 4, George Watson's A finished well ahead of Lanark B, their only loss being to the runners-up in the final round.

Division 5 gave George Watson's the second 'double' of the league, with their B team taking the honours ahead of Lanark C, also only losing one match.

Lanark must be a little disappointed to miss out - their three teams were all second in their divisions.

The Best Average winner is once again Sinclair Bruce of Balerno & Currie, but Ollie Barron must be kicking himself for missing round 9 as he was on course to win this all season with some fine shooting.

The Best Improvement winner will be announced in due course.

County team results

7th May 2015

The final county team results are now available (take the link in the sidebar). The County Medal and County Awards pages have also been updated.

The main prone team did the best of our three teams (Main, Women & Juniors). They came a close second in Division 5, just missing out to Ulster Counties (E), who beat us in a title-deciding match in round 9.

The Women's team came 6th in Division 1 after being a little out of their depth there, and the Juniors were 5th in Division 2.

Congratulations to Oliver Barron of Watsonians on winning the County Silver Medal, in his first season of shooting in the Main team, and on his comeback after taking a couple of years out of the sport. Take the link in the County Teams link to see the full leaderboard.

Congratulations also to County Award winners Mrs R Dove (Watsonians) in the Women's team and D Vlrgo (George Watson's) in the Junior team.

A new County Captain will be required for next season as Brian is having to stand down. If we want to keep running County teams then we need someone to volunteer! Full training will be given.

Annual General Meeting

28th April 2015

The AGM of the Association will be held at Balerno & Currie's range on Thursday 14th May, commencing 7.45pm. [The Agenda can be seen here](#). Last year's draft Minutes can be viewed in the [Secure Area](#).

Apart from the usual AGM procedures, there are changes proposed to the [Constitution](#) and [Byelaws](#) and to the rules for the [Team](#) and [Individual](#) Postal leagues, the former two to resolve anomalies and the latter two formally to allow and define the use of local scoring.

The vacant posts of Chairman, County Captain, Awards Convenor and one member of the Management Committee require to be filled. Nominations prior to the meeting for any Committee post should be made to the [Association Secretary](#).

Inter-Region Match 2015

28th April 2015

Lothian fielded teams (just) in the SSRA's annual indoor and outdoor Inter-Region matches at Denwood on 19th April. We were runners-up in both. Take the County Teams link in the sidebar to see the full details (at the bottom).

Individual Postal League

12th April 2015

The final round's results for this season's competition have been issued and all the division winners are known. Take the link in the sidebar to see full details.

SSRA All-Ranges Open Meeting and Inter-Region match

9th April 2015

The SSRA are holding their usual meeting at Denwood (Aberdeen) on Sunday 19th April. This meeting comprises 40 shot competitions at each of 25 yards, 50 metres and 100 yards within an Aggregate for each. Competitions for individuals are held in 5 classes under NSRA rules with an E class for outdoor shooting novices. Such novices may enter a higher class should they wish based on their current indoor average. warrant it.

This is an ideal opportunity for those wishing to give outdoor shooting a shot (sorry), and for those already with outdoor experience it gives a chance to get into the swing of it early in the season.

Lothian needs shooters to make up a Regional team to shoot against Highland, Central, Grampian etc. Last year only a team comprising shooters from George Watson's (and their mentor) entered, but perhaps some more experienced shooters might like to make the trip this time as well, hopefully to increase our competitiveness.

[The online entry form for non-members is available here](#). SSRA members should log in to the SSRA site to access their own form (with discounted fees).

NSRA Scottish National Meeting 2015

9th April 2015

Entry forms for the NSRA's Scottish meeting are now [available to download from the NSRA's website](#). A copy has been emailed to previous entrants and it was also included with the most recent Rifleman magazine. Entries close on Wednesday 27th May.

The meeting will be held in the grounds of Thirlestane Castle in Lauder from Saturday 4th July to Friday 10th July.

This whole future of the Scottish Meeting remains in serious doubt due to falling attendances in recent years, although last year saw a marginal increase. Numbers are still historically very low and if this meeting is not well attended the NSRA might well just pull the plug on it. Please, please support this meeting. so that it has a chance of continuing into the future.

Being so close, there is really no excuse for shooters in Edinburgh and Lothian not to attend and it behoves us to do our utmost to enter a strong County Sextette team being one of the local counties and winners not that long ago. You can go for just the weekend, or from Saturday to Friday or just days in between. It's run in five classes with Junior and Veteran competitions as well as club teams so shooters of all skill levels and ages can join in.

Once again, the NSRA are running their discount incentive for new entrants - *Any competitor in 2015 whose entry is accompanied by an entry from a person who has not previously taken part in one of our Scottish meetings will be entitled to a 25% refund of their entry fees for individual competitions.*

So, bring a friend and get a huge cut in your entry fee!

In addition, anyone who has never entered an NSRA National Meeting before can ask their club secretary for the £50 voucher already sent to the club. There's only one per club but the Association has one too, so applications for that one should be sent to the [Association Secretary](#) .

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League: Champion of Champions Match 6th April 2015

Negotiations are still ongoing to fix a date on a neutral range for the CofC match between Selkirk (winners of Davison 1) and Redcraig (winners of Division 2). As most of the potential Redcraig team are reportedly going to be away on holiday for most of April it looks like the match might have to wait till the very end of this month or even the beginning of May. Watch this space, as they say.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League - CORRECTION 1st April 2015

It was reported below (30th March) that the best average award was won by David Aitken of Heriot's. Unfortunately that has to be changed due to the arrival of the result card from the last match in the league between Selkirk and Balerno & Currie. Balerno could not raise a team for this match so Selkirk received a walkover with no scores being recorded for either side.

However, they did in fact shoot their cards for this match and the scores have just been received by the league organiser. The scores do not count for the match itself, but they do for the personal averages of the team members. This means that the awards for the best average go to Keith Nixon of Selkirk. The averages lists in the S/S league page have been updated.

Our apologies to all concerned, especially David Aitken.

Individual Championships (outdoor) - update 1st April 2015

The winner of the Outdoor Championship for 2014-15 has been now determined, so it's congratulations to Ally Littlejohn of Robert Gordon's University. Ally convincingly won the Class D Unsquadded Aggregate at the Scottish Meeting last year and his handicap adjustment made him a clear winner over Adam Dove of Watsonians (Class B).

Choose-Your-Own-Handicap Championship 1st April 2015

The final of the CYOH was held recently and the winners were Selkirk, who beat the holders Pathhead. It was shot postally again as a mutual date on a neutral range could not be found. Take the CYOH link in the sidebar to see the full details.

County team results 31st March 2015

County shooters will like to know that a whole load of new results have just landed for all three teams. Visit the County Teams link in the sidebar to see details.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League (see Correction above) 30th March 2015

The final matches in the S/S league have taken place and the winners are known.

Division 1 was won by Selkirk, with Watsonians A the runners-up, and Redcraig retained the Division 2 title, holding off Watsonians B.

The top average award for Division 1, and the Heyhoe Cup for having the best average in the league, goes to David Aitken of George Heriot's FP. There is no award for Division 2 as no-one shot the required minimum number of matches.

For full details, take this competition's link in the sidebar.

Individual Championship (indoor) - result 29th March 2015

The finals of the main championship were held yesterday and the result was a win by the young Watsonian shooter Daniel Gutteridge who beat clubmate Laura MacNeil in the final. Many congratulations to him on his achievement and commiserations to Laura on missing out on becoming only the second lady ever to win this championship.

It was unfortunate that only four of the seven qualifiers could attend, so it was a short evening. In the semi-finals, Daniel beat Charles Guest and Laura beat Robin Thomson.

There was some thought afterwards that Daniel is the youngest-ever winner, but he was pipped by a few months to that honour by Robin Honhold of George Watson's College, who won in 2006 aged 18 and 3 weeks, whereas Daniel is 18 and 6 months.

County Captain

29th March 2015

Brian Atkinson, the current county captain, has intimated that he will not be standing for re-election at the AGM in May. He says his work commitments mean he is having to spend less and less time in Edinburgh to be able to do the job any justice.

Therefore, if anyone wishes their name to be put forward for the post at the AGM, please get in touch with the [Association Secretary](#) who will be able to provide information on what is involved in taking on this important role in the County's activities.

Individual Championships

13th March 2015

The results of the first stage of the Individual Championship have been released, including the winners of the subsidiary Championships. The seven qualifiers for the Knock-Out Final of the Main Championship meet at Balerno & Currie's range on Saturday 28th March, commencing 7pm.

The qualifiers for the Final are:

Name	Club	Score
J Brown	Watsonians	198
R Thomson	Watsonians	195
I Thomson	Watsonians	194
Ms L MacNeil	Watsonians	192
D Gutteridge	Watsonians	191
G Neill	Watsonians	190
C Guest	Prestonpans	190

There are no reserves as these were the only cards received by the organiser. There must be doubts over whether this competition is still viable if this is the level of support it gets.

Subsidiary Champions:

Championship	Winner	Club	Score
Ladies	Ms L MacNeil	Watsonians	192
Veterans	R Thomson	Watsonians	195
Junior	S Brown	George Watson's	192
Inexpert A	E Stanley	George Watson's	281
Inexpert B	S Blood	George Watson's	263

Congratulations to all these winners.

The entry in the Main and Ladies championship was ludicrously low, but it's encouraging to see a good few in the Junior and Inexpert classes even if most of them were from Watson's.

Outdoor Championship

The winner of the McLennan Medal for the Outdoor Championship confined to Lothian residents was **I Thomson (Watsonians)**, and the Handicap winner will be announced in due course. These were shot concurrently with the Unsquadded Aggregate at last year's NSRA Scottish Meeting at Lauder.

Individual Postal League

8th March 2015

The results of February's round of the IPL are now available. Take the link in the sidebar for full details.

"World Cup" Championship

8th March 2015

The Final of LSSA 'World Cup' Championship was held yesterday at Balerno & Currie's range. It was won by Ken Greenaway of St Andrews. The Plate was won by James Brown (Watsonians), and the Bowl by Keith Nixon (Selkirk).

Take the link in the sidebar to see full details.

Team Postal League

25th February 2015

The results for round 1 are now available. Take the link in the sidebar for details.

Choose Your Own Handicap Team KO competition

20th February 2015

The results for round 1 of the CYOH are now available. Take the link in the sidebar to see details.

Haddington Rifle Club

20th February 2015

Some old photographs of Haddington Rifle Club teams have been sent in by the organiser of the 'Lost Haddington' Facebook page, and I thought they might be worth sharing. Take the Miscellaneous link in the sidebar to see them.

This club folded in the early 1970s (stands to be corrected though). Most of the members who continued shooting joined either Pathhead, Dalkeith or Musselburgh. Sadly, only the first of those is still operating.

Sportscotland To Fund Club Courses

18th Dec 2014

In a change from its historical role as the main funder of training programmes exclusively for high-performance athletes, **sportscotland** in conjunction with Scottish Target Shooting will be providing funding for an innovative programme of club instructor/coach development courses next year. This is a fantastic opportunity for clubs and their coaches to obtain the skills to enhance their coaching and club development. The aim is to increase participation in the sport by means of improved instruction and coaching within clubs for beginners. Included in an enhanced club instructor course will be information on topics such as disability coaching, first aid, child protection and doping.

[Detailed information on all this including an application form](#) is available to download (Word file)

NSRA courses at Alloa RC in 2015

18th Dec 2014

Alloa & District Rifle club have announced that they will be hosting a series of NSRA courses in the first half of 2015 at their indoor range in Kincardine.. These are RCO, Club Instructor and Club Coach courses. [Dates and details are available here.](#)

Straw Poll Update

17th Dec 2014

Clubs and website readers have had some ten days to respond to the suggestion below, and it must be said there hasn't exactly been an outpouring of support. Nobody has been against the idea, but positive responses have been thin on the ground. The site administrator will therefore *not* be implementing this update to the site.

He can suggest that anyone in the buying or selling business could head off to the [Sirton Forum](#), where that facility already exists.

Straw Poll

8th Dec 2014

It has been suggested that this website might host a 'small ads' section, where local shooters can advertise their surplus bits of kit for sale, and anyone looking for a particular item can let potential sellers know they're in the market for something. It wouldn't be restricted to individuals – clubs wanting to offload surplus equipment or look for new (but used) stuff could use the facility too.

The site administrator is prepared to set this up if there is sufficient demand, so in order to gauge interest all readers are invited to contact him to say whether they think this would be a good idea or not. Please use the email link at the bottom of this page.

Entries closing soon for Individual competitions

8th Dec 2014

Entries for the Association's Individual League and Individual Championships will close on the 15th.

The Championship has two parts. The scratch championship which includes ladies, veterans and junior championships, and an Inexpert championship in two classes: class A (average 88-92) and Class B (under 88). The first round is normally due in late-ish January.

The individual league is in multiple divisions of six determined by average and takes place over January, February and March.

Entry forms were sent to affiliated clubs at the start of the season so pester your club secretary if you want to enter. Forms can also be downloaded from the Secure Area above if required

Watsonian Open Meeting

17th Nov 2014

The Watsonian Rifle Club is pleased to announce that their annual Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2014 at their range at George Watson's College, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.

The competition consists of 60 shots at 25 yards shot in six 10-minute timed details (not necessarily consecutive). There are 5 classes A-E with additional prizes for Under 21, Under 18 and Under 15's, and there are also Veterans, Ladies and Team competitions.

The usual catering service will be in place... Further information and entry forms can be requested [here](#).

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League - Pathhead

12th Nov 2014

Please see this message just received from the S-to-S League Secretary:

Pathhead after great deliberation, are disappointed in having to give notice and to withdraw from the shoulder to shoulder league (Division 2) with immediate effect. Should any club wish to make use of the Pathhead vacant evenings to rearrange a night with an opposing team please contact the shoulder to shoulder secretary.

This is very disappointing news as it leaves only three teams in Division 2.

George Heriot's School FP Rifle Club

7th Nov 2014

Heriot's have found a new range to shoot on for the foreseeable future. After negotiations with George Watson's College proved fruitless for one reason or another, they are now shooting regularly at the range in Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh's Colinton district. However, the facilities there are not suitable for hosting shoulder-to-shoulder matches in the LSSA league, so with the kind co-operation of Balerno & Currie RC, they are shooting all their 'home' matches there.

It's great to see a club not disappearing due to the loss of their long-term home, and shows the determination of its members not to bow to the anti-shooting brigade in order to keep their club alive for the sport they love.

See [last season's News archive](#) and take the 'Heriot's range' link link in the headlines for the background to this story..

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League enters the 21st century

1st Nov 2014

Ever since this league started in 1909, the scores of each match have been sent by the home team captain to the League Secretary by postcard. In a big step forward, recognising the creeping inadequacies (and cost) of the postal system and the advance and spread of modern technology, from now on match scores may be emailed to the S/S League Secretary using a special e-card.

Take the link to the S/S League page in the sidebar for full details.

Balerno & Currie Open Meeting**14th Oct 2014**

Balerno & Currie Rifle Club will be holding their popular Open Meeting on Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th November.

The course of fire is two 30-shot competitions plus an aggregate in four classes, with a concurrent Junior competition along with Pairs and club teams of three. There is a trophy for each Class winner plus unique BCRC medals to be won. The first detail each day is at 10am. Catering will be provided.

To request an entry form, please [email this contact](#), but entries will be accepted on the day subject to available range space.

World Cup memento - new design needed**10th Sep 2014**

The organiser of the World Cup competition has issued an appeal to anyone who can design a new memento sticker for him. Not being a graphic designer, he has exhausted all his ideas on the first (and only) two designs used in the lifetime of the competition so far, and needs help with the next generation..

Take the World Cup link in the sidebar for details.

Entries - reminder**1st Sep 2014**

Clubs are reminded that entries for the Association's team competitions - the Shoulder to Shoulder League, the Team Postal League and the Choose Your Own Handicap Knock-out - close on Monday 15th September.

Entries for the Individual League and Individual Championships close on 15th December.

All entries for the above competitions should be sent to the Association Secretary.

The Fixture Meeting for the Shoulder-to-Shoulder league will take place on Thursday 25th September at Prestonpans RC, commencing 7.45pm

Entries for the 'World Cup' competition close on Tuesday 23rd September.

If forms are required, perhaps by a new club wishing to enter - we'll take anyone - then please contact the [Association Secretary](#)

AGM Minutes (draft)**1st Sep 2014**

The draft minutes of the Association's AGM held in May are now available in the Secure Area