

## **News**

### **Lothian Shooter wins World Junior Championship**

1st Aug 2006

At the World Championships in Zagreb last week, 20-year old Matthew Thomson of Watsonians won the World Junior (under 21) Prone Championship. He scored 593 in testing conditions, holding off two other competitors only one point behind. This is a fantastic achievement from the Edinburgh University student and repeats Jonathon Hammond's championship of 1998, the last British smallbore world champion..

### **NSRA Scottish National Meeting at Castletown (Caithness)**

11th July 2006

Lothian was represented at "The Scottish" last week by several members, mostly from Watsonians, with a contingent from George Watson's College. The County team did itself proud by winning the "County Sextette" competition for the first time for some years. The team was Bill Hamilton, Sinclair Bruce, Matthew Thomson, Beverley Burnside, Andrew Coates (all Watsonians) and Oliver Barron (George Watson's). The oldest and the youngest (Bill and Oliver) had the joint top scores in the team.

Oliver was shooting in Class C and won a total of TEN individual trophies. His younger brother won the Under-15 championship too. Ones to watch!

Matthew Thomson had a good shoot in the final of the Earl Haig Scottish Long Range Championships, but finished a narrow third behind Bill Copland of Ellon. Matthew also managed a good haul of five trophies (including the Class A Aggregate) to set him up for his trip to the World Championships in Zagreb later this month in the under-21 section..

The Watsonian team also had a good meeting, winning both the 50 metres and 100 yards team competitions for the Pullar Targe and ICI Cup respectively.

Both international matches were won by Scotland, the ladies winning on home soil for the first time since 1987. Only two Lothian shooters made the team - Matthew Thomson and Sinclair Bruce - and Bill Hamilton was first reserve.

### **Annual General Meeting (2)**

4th June 2006

The AGM of the Association had to be postponed due to lack of a quorum last week. It will now be held at Balerno & Currie's range on Thursday 15th June, commencing 7.30. The presentation of prizes will follow the meeting.

### **Inter-County Leagues**

22nd May 2006

The final results have at last been received from the NSRA, and our Main and Reserves teams have been biting their nails waiting for the last round's results. Bite no more but celebrate, as both teams won their divisions by narrow margins. The results for the Women's, Juniors and 3P teams have been in for some time, and the 3P team made it a triple win for the County. Congratulations to all who participated. Take the County Teams link on the left to see the results.

### **Annual General Meeting**

22nd May 2006

The AGM of the Association will be held at Balerno & Currie's range on Tuesday 30th May, commencing 7.30. The presentation of prizes will follow the meeting.

### **Lothian Wins Inter-Region Matches**

8th May 2006

At the Scottish Inter-Region matches held recently at Denwood, Aberdeen, run concurrently with the SSRA's All-Ranges Open Meeting, Lothian won both the indoor and outdoor competitions. See here for the team scores.

### **Centenary Competition**

14th April 2006

The Final Stage of the LSSA Centenary competition has just finished. The full results can be seen on the Centenary page.

### **Championships**

27th Mar 2006

Robin Honhold of George Watson's College became the youngest-ever Lothian Short Range Individual Champion when he beat Kyle Mackay of Watsonians in the final of the competition last Saturday. Three of the first four are under 19, so our junior shooting is alive and well! To see the full scores, take the link on the left.

### **Championships**

17th Mar 2006

Take the Championships link on the left to see the winners of the Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Inexpert Championships for 2005-06. The final of the main open championship will be held on 25th March.

### **Centenary Badges for sale**

14th Mar 2006

Take the Centenary link on the left.

### **Centenary Competition - 1st Stage**

7th Mar 2006

The results of the first stage of the LSSA Centenary Competition are now available. Take the link on the left to see the full story.

### **Balerno & Currie Open Meeting**

7th Mar 2006

Balerno & Currie Rifle Club's popular Open Meeting will be held on 1st & 2nd April. Visit the club's website ([www.bcrc.org.uk/bcrc](http://www.bcrc.org.uk/bcrc)) to request an entry form.

### **World Cup Final**

25th Feb 2006

The Final of the LSSA "World Cup" competition took place yesterday at Balerno & Currie. It resulted in a second win for Alasdair Horne of the host club. Runner-up was Martin MacGill of Watsonians. The Plate competition was won by Eddie Jones of Larkhall, and the Bowl competition by Patrick Jess of St Andrews. See the full results from the Final via the World Cup link on the left.

### **Archives**

29th Jan 2006

The archive sections of most of the competitions pages have now been updated to include all the winners back to the year dot. Who won the shoulder-to-shoulder league in 1923? Find out here! Select the Archive link from the intro page of each competition (on the left)

### **Centenary**

29th Jan 2006

Entries are still invited for the LSSA's Centenary competition. See the link at the side for full details. The 100th entry was received today (2nd Feb now). The original target was 120, so there's still time to achieve that if there's a late flurry. Roll up, roll up (especially those in the lower classes)!

### **Individual Championships**

10th Jan 2006

The closing date for entering the LSSA Individual Championships is Monday 16th January. If you want to enter, please remind your club secretary, or email here.

### **Commonwealth Cities Match 2005 result**

14th Dec 2005

Edinburgh retained the Commonwealth Cities Match trophy with a convincing lead of 30 points over second-placed Auckland, with Melbourne third. Congratulations to the team, who will be receiving their winners' badges in due course. The confirmed team scores have been on the website for some time, but the full match result can be seen here. We are currently the holders of this and the Cities & Boroughs, and came second in the BSA Cup and second in the County Sextette at Bisley in August. Not too bad a season for the various teams representing the City and County. Somehow, though, we couldn't retain our place in Division 1 of the County League for this winter.

### **Watsonian Rifle Club Open Meeting Results**

7th Dec 2005

The Watsonian Open Meeting results can be seen here (it's a 170k pdf file, so won't just take an instant to download on a dialup connection).

### **Centenary Competition announced**

30th Nov 2005

The Association is pleased to announce that its Centenary Competition is now open for business. Please click here or on the link on the left for full details of the competition and to request an entry form.

### **BSA Cup result**

13th Nov 2005

Lothian achieved its best-ever result in the BSA Cup, coming second in the top section of this newly restructured competition. Our score of 2,354 was only 4 points behind Hampshire, and another 4 ahead of the joint thirds Auckland and Sussex. We win the Alexander Challenge Trophy for the highest-placed Scottish County. The 12 team members will receive a bronze medal in due course. Take this link to get the full scores.

Our Women's team did not do so well in their equivalent competition, coming, er, last.

**New content****30th Oct 2005**

New content has been added to include results from the Shoulder-to-Shoulder league. I'll try to keep this up to date as I get results from the league secretary. I've also included a lot of archive material on all the competitions, giving the winners of many of them as far back as the names on the trophies go. They have not all been processed yet so some of these pages are incomplete. I'm also adding photos of the trophies as I can get them, accessible from appropriate places.

As last year, results for the Team Postal league will also appear on this site as well as County Team scores and results as they come in.

**Watsonian Open Meeting****30th Oct 2005**

The Watsonian Rifle Club is holding its annual Open Meeting again this year. The dates are Sunday 27th November and Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th December. Everyone is welcome. Email here for further information and to request an entry form.

**Centenary****13th Oct 2005**

The Association will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year (2006). The Executive Committee met recently to discuss what form the celebrations will take. It was decided to run a nationwide competition, and details will be coming out in due course once plans have firmed up. These will appear on the Centenary page.

**New website launched !****13th Oct 2005**

Welcome to the Association's new-look website. It has been redesigned to be more results-oriented, so it will be easier to find details of competitions. All the original information is still available. This news area on the homepage will be updated as and when anything interesting has happened, or might happen in the near future.

Please let the site administrator know if you spot any problems or glitches! (Or if you have any constructive comments on the new setup.)