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Affiliation and Entry Forms for 2014-15

20th July 2014

The Affiliation and Entry forms for all next season's winter competitions have recently been emailed to representatives of all affiliated club by the Association Secretary. These documents are also available in the Secure Area (click on the tab at the top). If any non-affiliated club wishes to access these forms with a view to entering any of our competitions this coming season, please use the contact form to be found in the Secure Area to request the password.

Scottish National Meeting, Lauder

6th July 2014

Here's a short summary of how Lothian shooters got on at the Scottish last week.

There was a lot of mixed weather over the seven days of competition, which made consistent shooting very difficult, but there were a couple of stand-out performances. Robin Thomson of Watsonians won B class (for the second time!), and clubmate Adam Dove came third. Both will be promoted to A Class for next time. Robin and Adam were the only senior Lothian shooters to win any trophies, but George Watson's College won the Junior Team competition. Watsonians won the trophies for the best teams in both the Pullar Targe (50m) and ICI (100yds) team competitions whose members are classified B, C or D. The George Watson's teams were third in both.

Once again there was a poor turnout of Lothian shooters, and this is reflected in the County Team's performance in the Sextette - we came 8th out of 9 entries, highlighting the lack of strength in depth we have. Lothian have won this competition the second-highest number of times of any team ever (10 times, behind Aberdeenshire's 17), and all of these have occurred since our first win in 1982. By contrast, Aberdeen first won it in 1931. Lothian's last win was in 2006, and it's about time we challenged for it again. Local shooters - get shooting outdoors! We might not have an outdoor range in Lothian, but we also didn't have one when we won this in the past so there really is no excuse. Contact the site administrator if you want help with applying to join the nearest outdoor club, at Alloa. [The Sextette team's scores are here](#). Thanks go to Ian Thomson for organising the team.

Adam Dove qualified to shoot for the full Scotland team but was unfortunate not to be able to take up the place for his first full cap as he could not attend on the day of the international match. Robin Thomson was the sole local shooter in the team, which beat England quite convincingly. The Ladies team, however, lost to England by only a few points in a very close match.

Next year's meeting will again be at Lauder, from 4th-10th July (a week later than this year).

Scottish National Meetings Archive

22nd June 2014

Take the Miscellaneous link in the sidebar to see a new entry. This gives a consolidated list of all the winners of the main competitions, as far as can be determined after some months of research, in all the Scottish Meetings ever held. Please let the site administrator know if you can fill any gaps.

Scottish National Meeting, Lauder

20th June 2014

This is an appeal from George Lawson, the Chief Range Officer at the Scottish Meeting at Lauder. One of his RO's has called off so he is looking for a volunteer from Saturday 28th June to Thursday 3rd July to help run the range. He would prefer someone for the full time but would be happy with more than one person doing days or half days. Training will be given if required.

Could anyone willing to help out please contact George directly on 01890 882020 as soon as possible.

Scottish National Meeting, Lauder

28th May 2014

This is a call for volunteers to help set up the range at Lauder in preparation for the meeting. People are needed to put up the target frames over the weekend of 7th/8th June. If anyone can help out on either or both days, or just wants to know more about what's involved, please [get in touch with Ian Burton](#), the meeting organiser.

The firing point cover has been left up from last year, so it's only the target frames and stop-plates that need to be done this time.

Annual General Meeting

28th May 2014

All the previous officials were re-elected except the Awards Convenor, who has decided to stand down after many years in the position, and Mr Duff was thanked for his services by the meeting. The position remains unfilled, however, so if anyone wishes to take on this post, or wishes to know more about what it involves, please [Contact the Association Secretary](#).

Changes to the regulations for the shoulder-to-shoulder league concerning tie situations were passed, but the proposal to hold a veterans' version of that league failed to find support.

It was noted with regret that the offer of a plot of land to build an outdoor range on has been withdrawn. Back to square one. Again.

Air Weapons Licensing in Scotland

16th May 2014

A bill has been published giving the details of the Scottish Government's proposals to license air weapons in Scotland. [It can be seen here](#) along with explanatory notes etc Here's a [BBC news report](#) on it.

Perhaps the main points are that individuals who own or want to buy an air gun will have to apply for an Air Weapon Certificate (AWC). It looks like similar questions will be asked as on an FAC application, although only a single 'verifier' (not 'referee') will be required. AWCs and FACs/SGCs can be made co-terminous. Also, target shooting clubs that incorporate airgun shooting will have to obtain approval in addition to any cartridge-firing approval they already have.

[A petition against this](#) was submitted in March, but it has, possibly not surprisingly, been ignored just as the public consultation report was.

Annual General Meeting

12th May 2014

The AGM of the Association will be held at Balerno & Currie's range on Thursday 15th 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 rules for the shoulder-to-shoulder league in respect of tie-breaking, and also a new shoulder-to-shoulder league for veterans is proposed.

The offices of President, Secretary or Treasurer and a member of the management committee require to be elected.

NSRA Scorers' Courses

12th May 2014

Two one-day courses were run at Balerno & Currie's range over the weekend. Some 26 candidates representing seven clubs from the local area attended and all will be awarded the NSRA's scoring certificate which allows them to score club and external competition cards if required by their organisers.

Many organisations running postal competitions (including this one) require clubs to score their own cards (called 'local scoring' - the term 'self scoring' is now deprecated) mainly to save the spiralling costs of postage, It is expected that in future more and more organisations will follow this trend and a number (including the NSRA in due course) will require that only NSRA-certificated scorers be allowed to do such scoring.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League - Champion of Champions Match

2nd May 2014

The match took place at Balerno & Currie's range last night. The winners were Watsonians A. Take the S-to-S league link in the sidebar to see full details.

Team Postal League

29th April 2014

The final round's results have just reached the site administrator, and the winners are now known.

Division 1 was retained by Balerno & Currie A. They didn't get it all their own way though, as it was a tie on points with Watsonians. Both teams lost two matches, and Balerno won with their superior aggregate. Watsonians will rue that unshot card in round 6, where a 97 would have won the league for them.

Division 2 was won by Leven, dropping only three points to be well ahead of runners-up Balerno & Currie C.

Division 3 was won by Pentland B who lost only one match and were well ahead of the pack, led by Balerno & Currie D.

Division 4 was won by Orkney who were the only team to go through the programme unbeaten and keeping runners-up Wishaw well behind them.

The **Duncan Cup** for the best individual average in the league goes to Sinclair Bruce of Balerno & Currie (99.) for the second year running, and once again just ahead of clubmate Alasdair Horne (98.9).

The **Smith Shield** for the best percentage improvement in average from last season's competition was won by S Brown of George Watson's College with an improvement of 49.6%

The full results for this season as well as historical archives can be seen by taking the Team Postal League link in the sidebar.

NSRA Scottish National Meeting 2014 - part 3

28th April 2014

The recently issued *Rifleman* magazine contained an insert written by Ian Burton, NSRA Board member and the Local Organiser for the meeting, in which he exhorted everyone who was intending to go to encourage another clubmate to attend also. Extra numbers are vital to increase the income of the meeting and help ensure its viability.

To that end, the NSRA have reiterated the following initiative (originally announced in the Autumn issue of the *Rifleman*):

Any competitor in 2014 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.

The current *Rifleman* also contains an entry form. There is no excuse.

County Teams

27th April 2014

The final results of the county team league programme have come through (except for R10 of the Reserves team, which will make no difference), so here's a summary of the final situations:

Main Team (Div 3): Finished a fairly distant 4th (out of 6). Won their first match with their worst score of the season, but luckily their opponents were a man short. Such luck did not repeat itself however, and only two more matches were won, although the last match would probably have been if our team had not been a man short. The top average in the team (and over all our teams) was Sinclair Bruce (Balerno & Currie) with 99.0.

Reserves Team (Div 7): We never managed to field a complete team for any match. Availability of team members was always a problem for one reason or another and the team was consistently one shooter short and on two occasions, two short. With one result still to come, the situation is obvious that we will come well last, having been beaten in every match. It didn't help that one of the original team members decided to stop shooting for the season after three rounds and one shooter in the main team left the area and had to be replaced from this team, but it must be considered whether it is feasible to enter this team in the future if sufficient shooters cannot be found to take part (and are actually willing to shoot) in it. The top average of those who shot all ten rounds was from Kimberly Pope (Edinburgh University) with 96.1.

Women's Team (Div 2): The ladies did us proud by going through the programme without losing a match and won the division by a street. Congratulations to Bev Burnside, Rhona Dove, Susan Jackson, Laura MacNeill and Lynda

Sinclair. This is the first league win Lothian have achieved since the Juniors won their league's Division 1 in 2009. Three of the team averaged over 98, the best being Susan on 98.7.

Junior Team (Div 4): Another winning team! This writer can't remember when Lothian last had two county league winners in one season. Well done to Adam Dove, Charles Guest, Alasdair Hitchin and David Virgo. They managed to lose their first two matches, but won all the rest and climbed from last place to the top, winning most of their matches convincingly. Their top average was from Adam, with 97.7.

County Silver Medal: This is awarded to the shooter with the highest average over all the county teams who has not won it before. This year it goes to Rhona Dove (Watsonians)

County Awards: A County Award badge goes to any shooter in any county team who (for the first time) shoots all ten rounds in two consecutive seasons. This season there are too many to list in this summary (9), so take the County Teams link in the sidebar to find who they are.

Also, take the sidebar link to see full details of all the teams' results and a ranked list of averages.

The County Captain has added this:

I would like to thank all of the team members who shot throughout the season for their efforts, whether it was for the full season or to take the place of shooters who withdrew during the season. In addition I would like to thank the Clubs for the prompt return of cards and for keeping me informed of any changes required with time to accommodate them.

Next year, there will be more frequent news updates to the teams as the results are received.

NSRA Scottish National Meeting 2014 - part 2

25th April 2014

After a little pressure behind the scenes, a link has magically appeared on the NSRA website to download the entry form. [Here it is](#). Thanks to Ian Burton for making this happen.

There's [one for the Bisley meeting](#) too.

County team results

18th April 2014

A load of new County Team results have just come through and are now available to view. Take the link in the sidebar to see all the details for matches up to round 9, including the ranking averages list for all those shooting in all our county teams.

The leader board for the County Medal is now also available.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League

17th April 2014

The last results of Division 1 of the League have finally come through after some delays in delivery and one being lost, to be rescued by some fortuitous photographic evidence.

Division 1 was won for the second year in a row by Watsonians A. They lost their very first match (against their nearest rivals Selkirk), but won all the rest to take the Younger Shield with a comfortable 4-point margin over Selkirk, and also took the Matchplay trophy for good measure. Watsonians didn't have it all their own way though as Selkirk's Alan Anderson won the best average trophy with an average of 98.37, beating James Brown of Watsonians into second by one hundredth of a point.

Division 2 was won by Redcraig, despite shooting two matches with only 3 team members, by a large margin from Pathhead, who pinched the Matchplay trophy by one point from the league winners. It's not often that happens. The top average award goes to Alistair Parlett of Pathhead with 96.56.

The Champion of Champions match between Watsonians A and Redcraig is currently being arranged.

NSRA Scottish National Meeting 2014

16th April 2014

Entry forms for the NSRA's Scottish meeting are now available [on request to the NSRA](#). If they have a link to it on their website, I have not been able to track it down. If anyone knows of such a link please let the site administrator know about it. Entries close on Friday 23rd May.

The meeting will be held in the grounds of Thirlestane Castle in Lauder, from Saturday 28th June to Friday 4th July.

This whole future of the Scottish Meeting is in serious doubt due to falling attendances in recent years. 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. 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.

SSRA Inter-Region matches

16th April 2014

Lothian entered a team in the SSRA's annual Inter-Region matches in Aberdeen on Sunday. Take the County Teams link in the sidebar to see how they got on (scroll to the bottom of that page).

AGM - Call for motions

11th April 2014

The Association Secretary has issued the following to affiliated clubs:

The LSSA is planning to hold its Annual General Meeting on the evening of Thursday 15th May at Balerno and Currie, pending agreement from Balerno & Currie.

At this time I should like to ask for any items that your club members would like to be included on the agenda. I shall issue an agenda once all of the arrangements have been finalised.

Club Secretaries should send anything for discussion from their club, which may include nominations for any Office-bearer or Executive Committee post, to the Association Secretary.

Individual Postal League

11th April 2014

The final results have just been issued - take the link in the sidebar to see full details, including a list of averages of all those taking part.

Prestonpans RC

3rd April 2014

Prestonpans Rifle Club has a [new website](#).

CYOH - Final

2nd April 2014

The Final of the CYOH Team Knock-out was held postally this year due to dates not being mutually available to the two clubs involved, and the winners, for the first time since 1992, were Pathhead who beat Selkirk.. Take the link on the left to see the details.

Individual Championship

2nd April 2014

The Final of the Individual Championship was held at Balerno & Currie on Saturday 29th March. It was won by Bill Vaughan (Selkirk), perhaps surprisingly for only the fourth time in his long career, having previously won in 1985, 1990 and 2009 (he certainly spaces them out).

Three of the eight qualifiers did not turn up, which is unfortunately detrimental to what should be one of the highlights of the Associations calendar.

That left only five competitors and it was agreed that, to avoid anyone getting a bye straight into the final, all five would shoot a preliminary round and the top four would proceed to a knock-out semi-final and final. Jim Hind (Pathhead) was the unlucky loser who didn't make it through. The results of the semi-final were:

Bill Vaughan (Selkirk) beat Alan Anderson (Selkirk) by 196 to 192
Robin Thomson (Watsonians) beat Keith Nixon (Selkirk) by 194 to 192

In the final, Bill Vaughan beat Robin Thomson by 198 to 195.

Team Postal League

Updated 26th Mar 2014

Rounds 2 to 5 are now also available. No sign of any averages report yet though.

Rounds 6 & 7 now up, plus averages.

e-petition on .22 pistols

24th Mar 2014

An e-petition to the UK Government has recently been started with the aim of allowing "*the ownership and use of .22 calibre Rimfire pistols for sporting purposes in England, Wales and Scotland.*"

Take this link to [see full details](#) and to sign it if you wish. It has almost a year to run, so there's plenty of time.

Team Postal League

20th Mar 2014

At long last the first round's results are now available. Take the link on the left to see them.

It's understood that further rounds will be available soon.

Commonwealth Games Federation - publicity for shooting

17th Mar 2014

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) are running a Shooting Special this week.

There will be a different feature each day and it will appear on the CGF website (<http://www.thecgf.com/>). Glasgow2014 will also be promoting this and the following week will release an article and photos about the progress of the new ranges being built at Barry Buddon for the Games.

The schedule for the CGF activity includes:

Monday 17 March: Interview with Donald McIntosh, Jen McIntosh and David Phelps.

Tuesday 18 March: Filmed interview with Peter Underhill (Shooting Sport Manager) and Rachel Spry (Shooting Assistant Competition Manager) plus Barry Buddon progress photos.

Wednesday 19 March: Article on five tips for fans attending the shooting events .

Thursday 20 March: Piece on the four disciplines.

Friday 21 March: Quiz on Facebook.

Take the CGF link above to see the content every day this week.

Individual Championships

12th Mar 2014

The results of the first stage of the Individual Championship have been released, including the winners of the subsidiary Championships. The eight qualifiers for the Knock-Out Final of the Main Championship meet at Balerno & Currie's range on Saturday 29th March, commencing 7pm.

The qualifiers for the Final are:

Name	Club	Score
A Anderson	Selkirk	199
Ms B Burnside	Watsonians	198
W Vaughan	Selkirk	197
R Thomson	Watsonians	196
J Brown	Watsonians	196
Mrs R Dove	Watsonians	196
K Nixon	Selkirk	194
J H Hind	Pathhead	193

There are two reserves - C Guest (Prestonpans) and L MacNeill (Watsonians).

Subsidiary Champions:

Championship	Winner	Club	Score
Ladies	Ms B Burnside	Watsonians	198
Veterans	W Vaughan	Selkirk	197

Junior	S Brown	George Watson's	196
Inexpert A	S Brown	George Watson's	285
Inexpert B	P Noble	Selkirk	264

Congratulations to all these winners.

There is still a very low entry in the Main championship, but it's encouraging to see a good few more in the Junior and Inexpert classes, and we welcome Merchiston Castle School's entries in those categories for the first time.

Individual Postal League

10th Mar 2014

The results for the February round of the Individual Postal League are now available.

Take the link in the sidebar to see full details.

'World Cup' Championship

2nd Mar 2014

The Final of LSSA's 'World Cup' Championship was held yesterday at Balerno & Currie's range. It was won by John Sinclair of Wick Old Stagers, one of the long-term supporters of the competition. The Plate was won by Ken Greenaway (St Andrews), and the Bowl by Sue Thomas (Dumfries).

Take the link in the sidebar to see full details.

Minutes and Forms added to the site - new Secure Area

19th Feb 2014

As suggested and approved at the AGM last May, a Secure Area has been added to the site. This gives access to two new password-protected sections - Affiliation & Entry Forms, and Minutes of past AGMs.

Taking the 'Secure Area' tab on the top menu will display an introductory page giving more details, along with two links to the above new sections: if either link is selected, the user will be asked for the password (which is the same for both). To make room for this new menu item, the Calendar has been scrapped. I don't believe it was particularly useful, but if enough people want it back, then I guess it could be squeezed in somewhere. *Note that if you still see 'Calendar' in the top menu of any page, do a browser refresh. If it persists, please get in touch.*

The password is being sent to at least one official of each affiliated club and all Executive Committee members. Any other members of affiliated clubs wishing access to these areas has only to ask their club secretary for the password or to take the special link in the intro page mentioned above to request it from the site administrator. The password will not normally be given to anyone other than members of affiliated clubs,

If the password is changed a notification will be sent to known holders.

The Secure Area has a different 'look and feel' from the main site because it is built with WordPress, rather than the obsolescent FrontPage as the rest of it is, which (as far as this site administrator knows) is not capable of providing a secure area such as this

Executive Committee minutes might be added at a future date.

Please let the site administrator have any comments or suggestions concerning this innovation, or if it just doesn't work for you. See the bottom of this page for the email link to use.

County Sextette report

17th Feb 2014

A new report has been included in the county outdoor teams archive giving all known details of Lothian's performances in the NSRA's Scottish Meeting's County Sextette competition over the years. They range from 1982 to 2013. Go directly to it by [taking this link](#). If anyone can fill in any gaps, please get in touch.

Miscellaneous

11th Feb 2014

Eagle eyes might have spotted a new menu item at the bottom of the sidebar. 'Miscellaneous' is a bucket heading for odd items or interest (or maybe of non-interest, depending) that don't fall into any other category. It will be updated from time to time as and when. If you want anything put in here to share with everybody, feel free to get in touch (address at bottom of the page).

The first entry is a list of the venues and years of all the NSRA's Scottish National Meetings from 1909 to date. Boring or what, but as there doesn't appear to be such a reference list elsewhere in the public domain as far as this writer knows (apart from the one he also posted on the [Stirton Forum](#)), here it is for posterity.

S-S League

10th Feb 2014

Some new results have just been published. Take the link on the sidebar to see the latest three results from Division 1 and one from Division 2.

Individual Postal League - January

10th Feb 2014

The results for the first round of the Individual Postal League have just been issued. Take the link in the sidebar to see full details.

CYOH - Round 1

8th Feb 2014

Round 1 of the CYOH Team Knock-out has finished. Take the link on the left to see the details.

There was a disappointing entry of only four teams this year, so there is only one round before the Final. That will take place on a neutral range, on a date to be announced, between Pathhead and Selkirk.

NSRA Scoring Course

30th Jan 2014

The LSSA is proposing to organise an NSRA scoring course.

As more competitions are becoming self scoring, it seems only reasonable that nominated club scorers have had some training in the technical skill of scoring shot cards and the relevant rules. Some organisations insist that self scored cards are scored by trained scorers.

In order to arrange a training event we would need approximately 12 to 14 candidates and at this time we are canvassing our affiliated clubs to find out whether there is sufficient interest for us to proceed.

The cost would depend on venue and number of candidates attending, but we would estimate it would be between £15 and £20 per attendee.

Affiliated clubs are being asked to find out if any of their members would be interested in attending a scoring training course. It is likely that the course would be held in or close to Edinburgh. It will take the best part of one weekend day.

Club secretaries are requested to report interest levels within their clubs to the [Association Secretary](#) by 14th February, whereafter a course will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. There will be an absolute limit of 18 attendees. If you are in an affiliated club, and would like to attend, please notify your club secretary and he/she will pass it on to the Association.

Any member of a non-affiliated club who would like to attend such a course is also invited to respond to the email link above, but it should be noted that members of affiliated clubs will take priority.

George Heriot's School FP Rifle Club

28th Jan 2014

George Heriot's R.C. have provided this release:

At the start of the First World War the "Old Boys" of the School decided to donate money to build a rifle range within the campus. There is a plaque on the wall showing it was donated in December 1914. So, over the past year we have been wondering how best to celebrate the centenary.

However late in November we heard that the Senior Management Committee were intending to close the Range. I contacted one of the School Governors to find out if this was in fact true, and if so why we as the principal user had not been consulted. He confirmed that it was the intention to close the Range and find an alternative use for the space. We also heard that the plan was to have it all done and dusted before the new Headmaster arrived in January, and also before those using the Range got to hear. All this was behind closed doors with no consultation.

It seems there are some on the Management Committee who have an agenda against shooting and had tried, about 6 years ago, to close the Range and use the space first for a computer room and then a bicycle shed.

Fortunately the Governors voted against closure at that time. New members have joined the Board of Governors since then and seem to have been persuaded that shooting is a bad idea. Always easy to sway people when only one side of a discussion is heard.

If the School really does require the space we have no quarrel with that. But if we had been allowed to have some input, we would have suggested shortening the Range to 20 or even 15 yards.

Despite repeated requests we have not been granted a meeting.

Surely it is not right to close a custom built Range and end 99 years of club shooting without any discussion.

Stewart Mackenzie (Captain)

This is very bad news for Heriot's and also for the local shooting community of which they are a valued and respected member. There is no news currently on what the future holds for the club, but the decision to evict them appears to be final. Whether they can hire time at another range remains to be seen but this area does not need yet another club to disappear.

Firearms Certificates

Updated 3rd Jan 2014

(Update: The links in this post (and others) have been incorporated into the Links section of the website (see top menu) for easy access in the future.)

Here is information that shooters should take note of: regarding Firearms Certificates and other relevant police matters

- Some readers might be unaware that the procedures and the forms used for applying for, renewing and varying a Firearms Certificate changed on 1st December, as the NSRA have not (yet) publicised it to its membership.

However, the NRA are a bit more on the ball and have published a PDF on their website, giving a [good summary of the new situation](#).

It contains a link to the new application forms. Note that there is also a new form for variations. All those in possession of or who are about to apply for or renew or vary an FAC should read this document and download the relevant form. Some changes are not insignificant, for example the need to specify the maximum amount of ammunition to be purchased at one time had been removed (and no such limit will appear on your certificate) and the referees' conditions have changed.

- [This Police Scotland webpage](#) gives general information about FACs and the fees currently applicable and might also be of interest. It also contains links to download the new forms as well as the Notes (which the NRA document above does not) which must be read in conjunction with any application.
- Another useful link is to the Home Office document entitled "[Guide on Firearms Licensing Law](#)" which is the latest version of the official interpretation of how all UK Police forces apply (or should apply) all the varied and multitudinous Firearms Acts and their Amendments.
- A note has recently been posted on the Stirton Forum (forum.stirton.com) by a serving police officer saying that -
 - "Police Scotland will be more strict on anyone failing to adhere to the conditions of their FAC and may seek revocation where previously a warning would be given."
 - "you can no longer rely on receiving reminders to renew FACs, it will be the applicant's responsibility to remember to apply for renewal and to obtain the forms from the Police web site or visit a station counter."
- Although there does not appear to be any statutory requirement to do so, it is firmly recommended to remember to sign your new or updated FAC as soon as you receive it. Publicity has recently been given to Police Scotland's intention to treat severely the holder of any FAC that comes to their notice which has not been signed (i.e. by seeking revocation). A test case would be interesting but not one anyone would really want to be part of.

There may or may not be revisions to these documents when the Scottish Government eventually passes its intended legislation to license air guns in Scotland.

If anyone has anything further to contribute to this issue which could be shared here, please get in touch.

Website

29th Dec 2013

My apologies if you have encountered a 'website unavailable' message over the last couple of days. I've been trying to implement some layout changes to the site which worked fine on my local machine but for some reason refused to work from the server. Abandoned for now.

S-S League

24th Nov 2013

A flurry of results has just been received for publication. Take the link on the sidebar to see the latest three results from Division 1 and one from Division 2.

Watsonian Open Meeting - reminder

24th Oct 2013

The Watsonian Rifle Club's Open Meeting will be held next weekndnd, on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December.

Further details and entry forms can be requested [here](#).

Website - minor update

5th Nov 2013

Some of the more popular pages on the site have been updated to make them easier to navigate with modern devices such as smartphones and tablets. Many of the textual links to reports and other pages have been changed to buttons, thus making finger-pressing a little more accurate on touch-screens.

This applies to the pages for County Teams, the Shoulder-to-Shoulder League and the Team Postal League. Other pages could well follow suit in due course. Unfortunately, a 'mobile-friendly' version of the site is not possible with the software currently in use.

Any feedback is welcome.

BSA Cup

31st Oct 2013

Lothian shot its cards for the BSA Cup back in April, and the result has just been received as the end of the match period has recently passed. Lothian could only manage 7th place this year, but we should retain our Section A status despite finishing 21 points behind the winners (Caithness).

Top scorers for the team were Susan Jackson and Nicola Sammels, both of Watsonians, each with an impressive 199. Take the County Teams link on the left to see full details.

Watsonian Open Meeting

15th Oct 2013

The Watsonian Rifle Club are pleased to announce their annual Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December.

The open 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... Entry forms can be requested [here](#).

Shoulder to Shoulder League

14th Oct 2013

Due the problems in getting matches arranged for this season, clubs are having real problems meeting the recommended number of fixture meetings.

The decision is now to be two home matches and two away matches for all teams.

The Shoulder to shoulder secretary apologies for the inconvenience but is trying to please all, with some difficulty.

Can the dates and venues of the first 2 home and first 2 away matches that have been agreed between the clubs please be submitted to the S2S secretary as soon as possible.

Balerno & Currie Open Meeting

12th Oct 2013

Balerno & Currie Rifle Club will be holding their popular Open Meeting on Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd 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. The first detail is at 10am each day. Catering will be provided. There is a trophy for each Class winner plus unique BCRC medals to be won.

To request an entry form, please [email the organiser here](#) , but entries will be accepted on the day.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League - STOP PRESS!!

26th Sep 2013

The previous notification that the S/S League Fixture Meeting would be held at Balerno & Currie was not correct.

The meeting will in fact be held at Prestonpans RC tonight, at 7.30pm.

County teams

24th Sep 2013

County Captain Brian Atkinson has issued the names of those selected to represent Lothian in the upcoming County Leagues, run over the winter season by the NSRA.

The NSRA has not yet issued the match timetables or the divisional structures yet, but take the link on the left to go to the County Teams page where the personnel of each team can be seen. Scores, estimates and averages will appear once shooting starts some time in October.

The Commonwealth Cities match for a team representing Edinburgh will be shot in the latter part of October. Watch this space.

Entries - reminder

1st Sep 2013

Clubs are reminded that entries for the Association's team competitions - Shoulder to Shoulder League, the Team Postal League and the Choose Your Own Handicap Knock-out - close on Monday 16th September.

All entries should be sent to the Association Secretary.

The Fixture Meeting for the Shoulder-to-Shoulder league will take place on Thursday 26th September at Balerno & Currie commencing 7.30pm

Entries for the 'World Cup' competition close on Tuesday 24th September.

Entries for the Individual League and Individual Championships close on 16th December.

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