



UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting
(Affiliated to the UKBRA)

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Web Page

The new Web Page - benchrest22.org - has now been on air for a few weeks, we have had considerable interest the highest number of hits in one day was 199, just short of the 200. This happened the day after we commenced the Forum on - rimfirecentral.com - to be exact under the heading **European Shooting and Competition**. We hope that members will use this.

For our European friends there is a Free Translation Web Site at - <http://freetranslation.imtranslator.com/> - I have used this before and found it very good. I hope the following is right.....

Per i nostri amici europei ci è un Web site libero di traduzione, ho usato prima questo e lo ho trovato molto buon.

Für unsere europäischen Freunde gibt es eine Freie Übersetzungswebsite, ich habe das vorher gebraucht und es sehr gut gefunden.

Pour nos amis européens il y a un Site Web de Traduction Libre, je l'ai utilisé auparavant et l'ai trouvé très bon.

There have been some very interesting Countries having a look at our Web pages as well, these include to date, South Africa, the US, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Austria, Iceland, Switzerland including Educational and Organisations. There were two others - Military and Government, a little worrying after my recent experience on Dartmoor.

There I was on Dartmoor with my camera taking photos of the Granite Tramway near Haytor. Minding my own business, dressed in my camouflaged shooting jacket because I had just been shooting outside and it was cold. Suddenly there was an RAF twin engined plane flying over, he then turned and flew over me quite low, I took a photo but it did not come out well.



Granite Tramway Haytor, Dartmoor. Used to carry granite from Haytor to Teignmouth docks way back, all by gravity. Tower Bridge was only one of the projects at the time.

Two minutes later minding my own business there's noise and an RAF fighter comes towards me turns over head and flies off the way he came. My wife says I'm paranoid, I probably am.....

Anyway so when I see that the Military and the Government have been looking at our Web Site and being paranoid, I've expected a knock on my door.....what was that ?

Right that's enough of the stupid waffle now down to work.....

February Match's

Well the Winter Season is still going very well, this month we have had 36 scores in the 25 yard Matches and 85 in the 50M Matches. At 25 yards we have not so many 250's this month but even so there were **five**, with Patrick Tyrrell again scoring a 250 / 19, his second but not his highest score. Patrick took first place again with Robb Harrison Second with a 250 / 18 and Jim Mountford third with a 250 / 15, all very close at the top. The 10.5lb class was taken by Peter Freeman with a good 249 / 15 with Dave Folwell on 249 / 9. The Sporter Class was won by Phillip Swain with a 248 / 9 and the International Sporter / Hunter Class by Mike Welsh with a 245 / 6.

The International scores were good with Carlo Caricato taking th International Sporter Class with a 240 / 3 from Franco Bruno on 239 / 6. In the 10.5lb Class ex 2004 Champion Gioji Guidi tied with Marco Gianlorenzi and Mario Bello all on 248 / 4, the Unlimited Class was won by Maurizio Cini with a 248 / 8 from Franco Bruno with a 247 / 7.

All scores are attached to this News Letter and are also shown on the Web Page. Don't forget that at the end of March when the final scores are calculated the lowest score will be deducted from each Members score.....that will be very interesting.

The Team scores are again boosted this month, it is still all very close and of course the lowest score yet to be deducted. Next Month it should be interesting to see the final scores and Records.

Joke of the Month

We are back, this one has been sent in by Walter Griffin, I apologise to Lady Members.

This is about the new drive through Cash Dispensers and after extensive behavioural studies have come up with the following appropriate procedures for their use.

As Follows -

Procedures for Male Customers -

- 1 Drive up to cash machine*
- 2 Wind down window*
- 3 Insert card into machine and enter pin*
- 4 Enter amount of cash required and withdraw*
- 5 Retrieve card, cash and receipt*
- 6 Wind up window*
- 7 Drive off*

Procedures for Female customers -

- 1 Drive up to cash machine*
- 2 Reverse to required distance to align car window with cash machine*
- 3 Restart the stalled engine*
- 4 Wind down window*
- 5 Find handbag, remove contents onto passenger seat to find card*
- 6 Turn the radio down*
- 7 Attempt to insert card in machine*
- 8 Open car door to allow easier access to cash machine due to its excessive distance from car*
- 9 Insert card*
- 10 Re-insert card the right way up*
- 11 R-enter handbag to find diary with Pin number written on inside back page*
- 12 Enter Pin*
- 13 Press cancel and re-enter correct Pin*
- 14 Enter amount of cash required*
- 15 Check make up in rear view mirror*
- 16 Retrieve cash and receipt*
- 17 Empty hand bag again to locate purse and place cash inside*
- 18 Place receipt in back of cheque book*
- 19 Re-check make up*
- 20 Drive forward 2 metres*

- 21 Reverse back to cash machine
- 22 Retrieve card
- 23 Re-empty handbag, locate card holder and place card into slot provided
- 24 Restart stalled engine and pull off
- 25 Drive for 2 to 3 miles
- 26 Release handbrake

Membership

Membership is still growing with discussions being held with Norway, the Netherlands, Australia who may have 16 shooters interested and the US has now rallied together and will produce a Team for the Summer Season. Scotland have joined our happy band with seven shooters so we now have all parts of the UK including Ireland who will be increasing their membership for the Summer Season. All in all I think the Summer Season could see a huge increase in monthly scores.

Just to remind those who have not rejoined, the Membership Fees are due for the full 2005 year; the full Fee will be £10.00. Don't forget that if you have paid this year or paid in part this year it goes towards the 2005 Fee. .

- Full 2005 Membership - £10.00 (€16.00 or \$21.00 or \$25AUD)
- If a Member has paid the full Fee this year, as some have, the Fee for 2005 is FREE.
- If a Member has paid half the Fee this year, the Fee for 2005 will be £5.00 (€8.00 or \$11.00 or \$12.5AUD)

If anyone has a query about the Fee set up for 2005 please Email me.

Air Rifle Division

The Air Rifle division is still growing with Italy taking it to new heights. Carlo has organised shoots and the first had 52 interested shooters at 50M. For the first competition the scores were good if not great, but this will change as people get used to the format, many had not shot Benchrest before, certainly not with an Air Rifle. We hope to get more as the year progresses. We have five new members from Chestnut Rifle and Pistol Club in the Central Region all shooting Air Rifles with a couple in Rimfire as well and commencing in the Summer Season. Other interest is being show both here and in Europe.



Some of the shooters from the recent Air Rifle Benchrest Match in Italy

Grading

Nearly all members have now received their initial Grading Certificate. New Grade Certificates will be issued this week. To remind you of the Grades -

Novice	score - 209 and lower (Not expected to ever be used)
Marksman	score - 210 to 219
Sharpshooter	score - 220 to 229
Expert	score - 230 to 239
Master	score - 240 to 245
Grand Master	score - 246 to 249
Ultimate Grand Master	score - 250

Well that's all the news so far.....don't forget any questions, problems or information required please Email me.

Best wishes,

Pat

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