



UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting  
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## News Letter April 12 - 2005

### Web Page

This is a reminder to new Members that the new Web Page - [benchrest22.org](http://benchrest22.org) - has now been on air for a month or two now, we have had considerable interest the highest number of hits in one day is still 199, just short of the 200, but there has been a few very close to that figure. We would also like to remind Members to use the Forums either at - [rimfirecentral.com](http://rimfirecentral.com) - or at - [benchrest.com/](http://benchrest.com/) - there is a wealth of information out there and people in the know for any items of Benchrest. We have also added to our Web Page a link to a translator for our European friends and Members, there is also a good one at - <http://freetranslation.imtranslator.com/> - I have used this before and found it very good.

There are still many countries visiting our Web Site which to date include - South Africa, the US, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Austria, Iceland, Switzerland including Educational and Organisations. Some of which have paid off.

We now have additional Members from the US with six Members so far five of which are forming a Team called "The Hole in the Wall Gang", They are very experienced shooters so we will have to watch out. David Newsom from Georgia will be reporting on matches over there in the States and will supply photos as well for the Web Site. Scotland have joined our happy band and also increased their numbers to nine. We have our first Member from Spain this week and hope it will spread as these things usually do. All in all we are still growing with many new Members in the UK as well, the Air Rifle Section is taking off so the April score sheet will show a marked increase, or should do.

### Winter Season

We have completed our second season and we think successfully. Below are the results but the final score sheet will be attached to this News Letter and is already on the Web Site.

#### UK Championship

##### 25 Yard Matches

Sporter Class	1st and 1st Junior	Jonathan Donnelly
	2nd	Philip Swain
International Sporter	1st	Paul Wallis
	2nd	Carlo Caricato
	3rd	Mike Welsh
10.5lb Class	1st	Peter Freeman
	2nd	Carl Boswell
	3rd	David Folwell
	1st Junior	Roman Boswell
	1st Lady	Kirsten Britten
Unlimited Class	1st	Patrick Tyrrell also an Award for most 10X's at 104 of the Season
	2nd	Robb Harrison
	3rd	Ken Stockham
	1st Junior	Alex Angell

##### 50 M Matches

10.5lb Class	1st	Carl Boswell
	2nd	Mike Welsh
	3rd and 1st Junior	Roman Boswell

	1st Lady	Kirsten Britten
Unlimited Class	1st	Rich Williams
	2nd	Ken Stockham
	3rd	Pat Phelps
International Championship		
50M Matches		
International Sporter	1st	Carlo Caricato
	2nd	Franco Bruno
	3rd	Mario Bello
	1st Junior	Jacopo Mattone
	1st Lady	Valeria Patriarca
10.5lb Class	1st	Gioji Guidi
	2nd	Franco Bruno
	3rd	Maurizio Cini also an Award for most 10X's at 55 of the Season
	1st Junior	Roman Boswell
	1st Lady	Valeria Patriarca
Unlimited Class	1st	Maurizio Cini
	2nd	Plinio Mecozzi
	3rd	Rich Williams
	1st Junior	Gabriele Lorusso
	1st Lady	Valeria Patriarca

The Team Awards were taken by Southern Team in all Classes at 25 yards, must be the water and the 50M Team Award winners were Pisa in the International Sporter Class with Team Ares taking the honours in both the 10.5lb and Unlimited Classes.

Congratulations to all who shot this winter Season, I personally think it went well.

## Scope Test by Jim Andrews

In Jims own words.

*I have just evaluated a piece of kit that may be of interest to some of our Members.*

*Those of you into Benchrest 22 who wish to replace a scope with one of a higher magnification may well find these notes useful. For the princely sum of £79 you could be on your way to that special score of 250. Named "Rhino", it's a telescopic rifle sight, made in China contracted by Gehmann to the specifications of Graham Manley of Surrey Guns, and stocked by them. Weighing in at 1lb.9ozs; it's ideal for mounting on any receiver and allow you the correct amount of eye relief. At 16" long it provides that eye relief with the best possible "sight picture" available as the magnifications run from 6x up to 24x with a front lens of 40mm. I found the clarity very good when viewing a TV mast over 1/2 a mile away; there was no distortion whatsoever and the fine "cross hair" reticle stood out clearly against any coloured background. The finish is matt black, a coating that has a slight textured feel while smart white lettering and numbering finish off the good looks. Elevation and Deflection turrets under screw-off dust covers are large enough to accommodate big cold fingers, while the "clicks" are very positive and are worth 1/4 MOA which should prove adequate for bench shooting at 25 or 50m. There is parallax adjustment on the front bell, and the 1" main body tube means the mounts are readily available as standard I found a bright, warm day to range test it mounted on my Anschutz 1913 and found the balance ideal on the Bench; once bore-sighted it held a group (Within my shooting ability) very well, and a "round -the -angles" it proved very good indeed. One small thing with this exercise was the result that the values of the elevation click was slightly more than the windage; not noticeable in normal benchrest as my aiming mark was the centre of my first shot hole. (Very difficult to maintain as an aiming mark.) Well, all in all I would say it's value for money; it would give you added confidence and a chance to hit what you see. If interested, why not give Graham Manley a call on 020 8647 7742 and have a chat to a very experienced shooter with our sport at heart.*

*PS. Did you really think I would make you read all through my notes up to the TECH SPEC before telling you the price.*

**Back to the Caldwell Rest**

Jim Andrews is also evaluating the new Caldwell front rest with its windage top for us, his initial thoughts are as follows which to some of us who wish to keep the original base is good news.

*Well, you'll be pleased to know that the windage top DOES fit our front rests and works very well, with no mods or fiddling on our part. Will now range test it on Saturday, along with the new one. Will I be sending it back after the test, that's a very good question, we'll just have to see if there is any advantage due to the weight of the new model, 21 lbs. is quite a help. At least one doesn't need a degree in engineering to sort things out and fit the top to our rest.*

Jim has since tested the New Rest and reports as follows -

*The weather was kind, so the test was done today. Now, purely from a personal angle, I can see a lot of people will benefit from a top, but the need to tweak around the target won't work. There is not enough movement, but, if you need to tweak the sight from a 9 into the bull, then this piece of kit will do the trick. It will traverse left or right approx 3mm, which a 50m equates to (3 mm L&R = 6mm) approx 3.5inches, but you should never need that much. Mounted on the original Caldwell base it makes the rifle stock about 2" higher so the rear bag has to come up as well. Will post off a sheet of "Instructions for assembly and Use" for you to see. Have a good read and please note there is two tops, one a Pivot plate and the other is the bag Cradle. These refinements came via the Fullbore shooters, and a couple of mm out to 300: 600: or a 1000m would be very nice with a little tweak without upsetting the aim. I will shoot a "match" card and let you know how they both work when the real need is there.*

For those interested in buying either the whole new windage top Caldwell Rest featured in last months News Letter or just the windage top on its own than Carl has found the following -

*I have found a European supplier for the complete new Caldwell Rest. Cost £96 with £15 shipping to your door - £111 total depending on Euro exchange rate.*

*The website is - <http://www.smartreloader.com/>*

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*- Carl*

## Summer Season Fun Shoot

The Summer Season Fun shoot will be a Group Match at both 25 yards and 50M, the badges for best Groups will be as below, designed by Carl. More details later and when it will take place and how to download the targets.



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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