



UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting  
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## News Letter May, no 15 - 2005

### Summer Season opener

Well this Season has started off as a bumper one. There are **182 scores** for April from the UK, Italy, France, Ireland and the US. Next month we hope to have even more with Spain and the Czech Republic joining us. This has generally made more work for the organisers and from this Season on we are going to try and send out the News Letter only and all scores can be seen and downloaded from the Web Page. The News letter will however from now on have the top scores posted in it complete with Top Team results. Well so here goes.

UK 25 yards matches were won by our top Junior Sporter shooter Jonathan Donnelly with a 234 / 7, second was Phil Swain with 232 / 2. Andrew Beaumont, a new Member came first in the Hunter Class with a 246 / 9, second was Mike Welsh with 243 / 2 and third Paul Wallis with a 241 / 5. The Hunter Class winning Team was Southern Region with a 730 / 16.

The 10.5lb Class was taken by Mike Welsh with a 247 / 12, second was R Dobbie another new Member with 245 / 7, third place went to Tony Jackson with a 244 / 9. The Class Team winner was Southern Region with 734 / 31. Top Lady being Kirsten Britten with a 243 / 10 and top Junior was Christine Stockham with 240 / 4. The Unlimited Class went to Carl Cheetham with a good 250 / 16 closely followed by Walter Griffin with a 250 / 15 and third was Phil Swain with a 250 / 11, we had four 250's this month. The top Unlimited Team was Team Staveley with a 746 / 36 closely followed by Team St Giles Yarner with a 744 / 38. Other Teams were short of a Member this month but watch out in May.

The Air Rifle Division Sporter Class was won by a new Member, Roger Kerry with a 229 / 1 with Chris Risebrook second with a 215 / 2. The Air rifle Hunter Class was taken over by the London Team who with new Members Peter Burdge winning with a 239 / 2, second Ron Harding with a 235 / 2 and third John Raby with a 230 / 0, the Team scored 704 / 4. Rounding off the Air rifles was Jim Mountford in the Unlimited Class with a 223 / 3.

The UK 50 M Sporter Class was won by Phil Swain with a 226 / 0 with the Hunter Class taken by Carl Boswell with 245 / 8 second Mike Welsh with 237 / 4 and Third our Junior Roman Boswell with a 237 / 0, the Southern Team won with a 719 / 12.

The Unlimited Class saw Eddie Thorne come up trumps with a 246 / 7, second last years Champion Rich Williams with 247 / 6 and third was Jim Andrews with a 246 / 6, the top Team was Central Region with a 737 / 15.

In the International Matches there was a lot of close fighting from the many countries taking part.

The International Sporter Class was won by Manfredo Candia with a 245 / 4, second was Roberto Iannacci with 243 / 8 and third Mauro Santerini with 241 / 4 all from Italy and the top Team was Pisa. Top Lady was again Valeria Patriarca with 238 / 4 and top Junior Jacopo Mattone with a 220 / 1 both from Italy.

The 10.5lb Class saw some changes from last season with the first two places going to the USA with Rod Collins on a 249 / 8 and Bob Collins on a 249 / 5, obviously showing us the way to do it? Third place was down to Italy with Franco Bruno on a 248 / 6, obviously top Team was from the USA with the Montezuma Mafia on a 744 / 16. Top Lady was Valeria Patriarca (Italy) with a 245 / 5 and top Junior was Alessandro Lorusso with a 245 / 3 shooting for Team Ares and Italy.

The Unlimited Class was taken by the USA again, we must do something about this, this time from Dave Shuttuck but tying with John Millbourne from Ireland both with a 249 / 6. Top Lady was from the USA with Penny Hadfield on a 247 / 8 and top Junior was Alex Angell with a 245 / 8 shooting for the UK. Top Team was Ireland with a 745 / 18 but closely followed by the USA Hole in the Wall Gang on 744 / 19.

The International 25 yards International Sporter Class was won by Andrew Beaumont (UK) with his 246 / 9, second was Carlo Caricato with 245 / 1 and third Ettore Marco with a 244 / 3 both from Italy. The London Boys won the top Team with a 710 / 15. The 10.5lb saw Dave Folwell (UK) with his 249 / 16 take first place with Flavio Battistini of Italy take second with 249 / 12 and third was Mike Welsh with his 247 / 12. Top Team was UK Southern Region with a 734 / 31. Top Lady was Kirsten Britten (UK) with top Junior Alessandro Lorusso from Italy with a 241 / 1.

The Unlimited Class was a tie between Carl Cheetham with his 250 / 16 and Carlo Caricato with an equal score, I can see this being very close, third was Walter Griffin with his 250 / 15. Top Junior was Richard Edwards (UK) a new Member with 247 / 10. Top Team was Staveley with a 746 / 36.

The International Air Rifle section is still building with more and more new and existing Members expressing an interest but to start this Season we have the following. In the International Air rifle section the International Sporter Class went to Peter Burdge with his 239 / 2 with Ron Harding Second on a 235 / 2 and third to John Raby with a 230 / 0. Sporter Team was won by The London Boys. The Air rifle Unlimited Class went to Carlo Caricato with a 230 / 4 with Jim Mountford second on a 223 / 3

## Web Page

Our Web Site has been on air for just under a year now, Carls aim was to better 30,000 hits in a year, well his has achieved his goal with at present 30,363 hits. Just to remind new Members Web Page is - [benchrest22.org](http://benchrest22.org) - if you didn't know !

There are still new 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. New ones recently are Portugal and Belarus.

We can now confirm that additional Members shooting with us are 13 Members from the US in two Teams, another 10 from France so they now have two Teams, 9 members from Scotland making a Team in both 10.5lb and Unlimited Classes, two from Spain could be three to make up a Team, there will also be a Team from Czechoslovakia and we are still speaking to Norway and Belgium and most recently Austria.

We are still growing with many new Members in the UK as well; the Air Rifle Section is taking off as the April score sheet shows.

Thank you one and all for your continued support.....

## Interesting Puzzle for you to work out

I was told a story, true, by a friend who had come back from Bisley last Summer after shooting out to 1000 yards. Apparently a friend of his had problems.....see if you can work out what went wrong.

His friend was shooting at 1000 yards and all his shots, although hitting the target, were low. So he adjusted his sights in the usual way, correctly (that's not the answer). Yes he put his sights up but the problem was the hits were even lower. He tried again but this time they were in the mantle. In frustration he adjusted his sights to shoot lower and suddenly his hits were high. He did this again and then he went over the top. With another adjustment he eventually was on target but no where near any sight mark he had used before. His shots were not accurate enough for a good group but at least they were hitting the targets roughly where he wanted.

Question - What was he doing wrong.....answers on a postcard to.....sorry, Email me !!!! There are no prizes but it will prove if you are awake. Answer next month.....

## Joke of the Month

This again was sent in by Walter Griffin.....

### Men - The RULES

- 1 Under no circumstances may two men share an umbrella unless at Football when your pies are getting wet, and then for the eating period only.
- 2 If you've known a bloke for more than 24 hrs, his sister is off limits forever, unless you actually marry her.
- 3 Never go to the toilet if it is your round and always finish your pint.
- 4 No man shall ever be required to buy a birthday present for another man.
- 5 On a road trip, the strongest bladder determines pit stops not the weakest.
- 6 If you miss the start of the match you may ask the score but not who is playing.
- 7 It's OK to try a fruity alcopop only when you are.....on a tropical beach.....it's delivered by a topless model.....and it's free.
- 8 Men must eat at least one kebab a week on the way home from the pub. Finishing it for breakfast is acceptable.
- 9 Before dating a mate's ex, you must ask permission. He must grant it.
- 10 If a man's fly is down that's his problem. You didn't see anything.
- 11 Never hesitate to reach for the last piece of pizza.

- 12 If you compliment a bloke's six pack, he'd better have a fistful of lager.
- 13 Only join your girlfriend in criticising your mates if she is withholding sex from you.
- 14 Never stand next to another bloke in a public urinal unless all stalls are used.
- 15 The morning after you and a girl who was formerly "just a friend" have sex, the fact you're feeling weird is no reason not to have sex again before you tell her it was a mistake.
- 16 Pals can legally kill and eat any man who takes a camera to a stag night.
- 17 Any man in a pub with a sexy woman must be sober enough to fight.
- 18 There is no reason to watch men's gymnastics. EVER! Even if a relative is involved.
- 19 If dancing is necessary (ie: it will lead to sex) a man may never raise his hands above shoulder height.
- 20 It is acceptable in a emergency for you to drive HER car, it is not acceptable for her to drive YOUR car...EVER!.
- 21 The girl who replies to the question "what do you want for Christmas" with "if you love me, you'd know" is given a Playstation.
- 22 It is OK for a man to cry under the following circumstances -
  - a) One hour, 12 minutes, 37 seconds into "The Crying Game";
  - b) When a heroic dog dies to save it's master.
- 23 You must bail a pal out of jail within 12 hours of being asked to.
- 24 If you trap a woman's head under the covers after breaking wind in bed, she is officially your girlfriend.
- 25 It is never acceptable to stop and ask for directions.

## Martini International Upgrade

Robb Harrison one of our Northern Region Management Committee Members has a friend, a very good friend in Dave Folwell. The Martini International is a wonderful rifle, a bit old in the tooth maybe but I personally would never part with mine although I do have and shoot a very good Anschutz. The Martini is not the easiest of rifles to shoot off rests and sandbags, the shape of the butt is all wrong and it slides when you want it to hold still.

Dave Folwell on behalf of Robb has changed all that by filling in and levelling the underside of the butt so now as Robb says it 's wonderful but 'the nut behind the butt' needs a bit of attention, oh yes, his consistent 250 scores show that !!!!!!! The front has also been upgraded to incorporate a 3 inch wide fore end in fact it is just under that. Robb says that now he can take off the level as the whole rifle is so steady on the rests and a dream to shoot. We all better watch out for those maximum scores from now on, as a matter of interest we have an early May score at 25 yards of 250 with 21 10X's from Phil Swain, so Robb try harder.....



It's a beautiful finish.....



From both sides.....



Martini International Mk 3, Filled, Shaped and painted.....looks good, looks great.....

## Reminder of 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 down load the targets.



Badges now made.....ready and waiting

## Winter Season Awards

For Members that have not seen the pictures on the Web Site this is what you are fighting for.....



Individual Award Medal, this was awarded to first three places of all classes and additional awards for maximum number of 10X's in a Season Top Lady etc. The Medal is 75mm dia in an antique gold and has an Association insert in brushed gold. The Medal has a relief both front and back.



The Team Shield which comes with an A4 Certificate for each of the five members of the Team. The Shield has the Association insignia in the centre. At the end of this Season this award may change.

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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