



News Letter August, no 17 - 2005

Summer Season

Our Summer Season is gradually coming to a close, the Winter Season starting on 1st October. Membership is still rising and so are the scores, we now have two Teams from the Czech Republic thanks to the efforts of our Management Committee Member over there, Ladislav Ninger. Just today we have had enquiries from South Africa who wish to take part in both the Rimfire and Air Rifle sections, all good news let us hope they join. Carlo has just informed me that they are building a new course with eight benches just for Air Rifle at both 25 yards and 50 metres, now that is dedication. The Italians seem to have fallen in love with this Air Rifle section I think we are just a head of them with scores but when you get a 249/9 Record score from an Italian Junior in the Unlimited class it makes you think, congratulation to Gianluca Germani.

We have our first 250 at 50 metres shot by Al Hadfield with eight 10X's, Penny Hadfield his wife is very close behind with a Record 249/10. This makes their Team, *'The Hole in the Wall Gang'* the top Team so far this Season, but it is still a close fight. There were many 249's as well mostly from the US and Italy but Phil Angel shot for the UK Central Region a very nice 249/7. Patrick Tyrrell along with his co-shooters from the Ireland Region are shooting 250's in practice at 50 metres so it's not going to be long before they break into the elite zone.

In the 25 yards matches there were again many 250's in fact eight this month one of which was in the 10.5lb Class, not an easy feat so well done Mike Welsh from Bristol. Mike also scored a 249/11 in the Hunter Class where the rules stipulate a max. 6X scope to be used, he must have good eye sight.

Many members are using the new Caldwell BR front rest with mixed thoughts, some say it is wonderful and the extra weight makes it more steady, others that the windage adjustment is a little rough and effects their accuracy, we will be doing a separate write up on this for our Web Site on - benchrest22.org/ - for those who are interested before purchase.



Al Hadfield with his first 250 score card.....



The "Hole in the Wall Gang" from Michigan.....yes he is tall, 6'6" I believe.....



Our Champion Record holder for the Unlimited Air Rifle Section with his 249/9 score.....well done from all of us.

Web Page

Our Web Site is continually being updated so have a look.....there are so many new countries looking perhaps some day they will venture further and join in the fun !!

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

A Poem this Month

This was sent to me by one of our Members but unfortunately I forget who, I have the memory of a fish.....7 seconds.....what was that ???

*Some folks ride the train of life
Looking out the rear,
Watching miles of life roll by,
And marking every year.*

*They sit in sad remembrance,
Of wasted days gone by,
And curse their life for what it was,
And hang their head and cry.*

*But I don't concern myself with that,
I took a different vent,
I look forward to what life holds,
And not what has been spent.*

*So strap me to the engine,
As securely as I can be,
I want to be out in the front,
To see what I can see.*

*I want to feel the winds of change,
Blowing in my face,
I want to see what life unfolds,
As I move from place to place.*

*I want to see what's coming up,
Not looking at the past,
Life's too short for yesterdays,
It moves along too fast.*

*So if the ride gets bumpy,
While you are looking back,
Go up front, and you may find,
Your life has jumped the track.*

*It's all right to remember,
That's part of history,
But up front's where it's happening,
There's so much mystery.*

*The enjoyment of living,
Is not where we have been,
It's looking ever forward,
To another year and ten.*

*It's searching all the byways,
Never should you refrain,
For if you want to live your life,
You've gotta drive the train.*

Summer Season Fun Shoot

The Summer Season Fun shoot has not been taken up by as many members as we hoped but badges will be sent out this week hopefully to those who managed the sizes required both at 25 yards and 50 metres.



Badges being sent out this hopefully week

Return to the Caldwell Rock BR Rest

Jim has carried out a test on the new Caldwell Rock BR Rest, this is his findings for those interested in purchasing one of these rests.



The construction at first appears to be two cradles, the bottom one attached to the elevation spindle and top one is the windage setup. It's rather off putting at first because the windage movement works on a nylon pivot pin that is pushed either left or right by the threaded rod of the control handle (large black knob on left). Since the top cradle (windage) is anchored in the centre of the bottom cradle frame any right or left movement means that the whole thing is describing a arc of a circle which means it will move forward as well. (This is similar to the Sinclair Rest, of which we have had similar complaints - Editor). Since the windage cradle can only move some 5mm in either direction, and it will only need to tweak the point of aim around 1mm or 2mm at the muzzle end makes a whole lot of distance (right and left) at both 25 yards and especially 50M. Myself I think it has been misnamed, surely any windage alteration with the point of aim means we aim off to allow a correct estimate of wind direction and strength. (Not strictly true with Benchrest, the windage top is to allow the shooter to line up his sights onto each scoring target without moving the rear bag, any point of aim adjustment would be done with the sights - Editor). We tend to follow American terminology because most of our kit originates from there. It's a good piece of equipment, a little over priced but now readily available in this country.

Jim Andrews an opinion.

Future Features

We will be returning to our Features Item in the near future as well have some interesting information on Members upgrades to their rifles and equipment. Watch this space as they say.....

Emails

Just to remind members again - Please note those Members who still use the - benchrest22@btopenworld.com - email, BT will be closing this down in the very near future due to lack of use. Please now use the - Ukbenchrest22@phelpsfamily.wanadoo.co.uk - email from now on.

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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