



## News Letter 2006 - Issue Three, March

### Up coming Championships

The UKBR22 National Championship entry list is still filling up.

Although I said in the News Letter last month that Lapua have dropped out, they have now, with all the hard work from Carl come back into the Sponsorship game in a big way. Carl will be putting more details on the Web Page but basically they will provide goodies plus money to purchase all the Awards. This is not just for the UK Nationals but the Europeans and World Championships. They have also offered to supply ammunition for members to try at these events.

This is all fantastic news and with Anschutz Sponsoring the Juniors this will make all the Championships a time to remember.

Again, just to remind those Members who have received their 'Competitor Cards' please ensure you bring them with you to the National Championships to be stamped when you have signed in and had your gun weighed.

### Joke of the Month - more a poem than joke -

#### *The TRAIN of Life*

*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.*

## Barrel Tuners

There are differing thoughts on 'Barrel Tuners' for Rimfire Benchrest rifles. In the US nearly all shooters use them in the Classes allowed. I personally use one on my Anschutz and Martini International and although taking some time to set up and get right they are a great benefit to the accuracy of a Benchrest Rifle. Basically they dampen the vibrations of the barrel which when shot vibrates in a circle hence the three shot triangular group at 50M. The more the barrel is dampened the smaller this triangular group gets, it never goes away but gets close to it. Barrel tuners have been used for years without knowing it, there are many shooters that use a barrel weight and with trial and error place it in a position to get the best accuracy, this is the same as a true barrel tuner. The best tuners to use from the many on the market are those that have a central sleeve clamped to the barrel and an outer sleeve being the weight which moves backwards and forwards via a vernier adjuster (see photos). Weight again is a matter of discussion in the US, I have a home made tuner on my Martini International made from brass, this weighs in at 12 oz's, it works very well giving easy 250 scores at 25 yards. On my Anschutz which I use only for 50M and the barrel tuner on that rifle is a 'Harrell', purchased from the US, the weight is 8oz's. Many US shooters feel and have tested to prove that 12 oz's is the correct weight to use and have systems to add extra weight to existing tuners to take benefit from the tested information. Some manufacturers have also allowed in their designs for extra weight to be added via a set of additional weights, allowing the shooter to try the various weights available. A photo has been added to show a top of the range 10.5lb Class Rimfire Benchrest Rifle with a 'Cicognani' Barrel Tuner owned and built by our Web master Carl Boswell.



Carl Boswell's 10.5lb rifle with 'Cicognani' Barrel Tuner



'Cicognani' workshop Italy showing some goodies.....mostly Barrel Tuners

## News

You will all have noticed from the recent score sheets that we have new members from Zimbabwe and South Africa. They are feeling their way at present but I know they will get into the flow and produce excellent scores during the Summer Season now started.

## Special

Vince Bottomley sent this photo to me of a Special Rimfire Benchrest rifle on show at a German Show recently. He also says this may make him take up Rimfire Benchrest, let's hope it does. He could not see too much as it was locked away in the glass display.



I have no idea what it is but there are some interesting features. Very short barrel, which looks like it has a built in Tuner, wide forend plate in aluminium and a much modified butt, level on the base.

## New Members - Advice No 2

In speaking to Nick Jenkinson it was pointed out to me that there are some other factors that need to be taken into account regarding sand bags. Nick has just come back from the US where he purchased himself a Bald Eagle rest. Whilst talking to the main man at Bald Eagle, sand bags were discussed and also the finishes. It transpired that if you have a Leather front bag and a Cordura rear bag this will be acceptable but to have a Cordura front bag and rear Leather bag the shots produced will have a vertical string. This is because the Leather will not allow slip as does the Cordura and therefore the rifle barrel will rise up slightly at the front on recoil.

## Membership

Just another gentle reminder that it's that time of year again. Subscriptions are now due and you will get the brand new Membership Card as well, lucky you. Please note that the cost has risen to £12 but Juniors under 18 years of age are still Free (sponsored).

Good shooting and shoot those high scores,

*Pat*

Founding Member