



UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting

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Regions

We have extended our Regions to include Ireland, who will be contesting the International Postal Matches. The main Members from Ireland are Patrick Tyrrell, now UKBR22 Management Committee Member and John Milbourne both from County Wexford. They have both shot the May Match with some respectable scores. Both Patrick and John have put together the National Benchrest Association of Ireland which is Affiliated to the National Rifle and Pistol Association of Ireland, and they have produced their own Targets and Rules. Patrick shoots an Anschutz BR50, something I would like to get my hands on with a Weaver T36, also a very good scope similar in quality to the Leupold but at less expense, must ask him if he has a source for these scopes as they are very good and popular in Benchrest circles. John shoots an Anschutz 1813 with the envious Leupold 45X sat on top, say no more..... If any one is visiting this wonderful Ireland countryside both Patrick and John reside in Wexford so to meet up would be a boost to us all.

Web Site

The Web Site is now up and running in its preliminary form. We must thank Carl Boswell for all the work has put into this upload as my original design did not work as it should. I think Carl has spend many hours putting right my mistakes to now have a good source for a productive Web Site. Carl a Management Committee Member will be the Web Master with his link on the front page. I want to put together a FAQ's page for new members and I would also ask if any Clubs wish to have their links on a separate page of Benchrest Clubs, please contact either myself or Carl. Don't forget this Web Site is for the Members so any ideas or requirements for inclusions please ask. To remind Members the Web Site Address is - <http://benchrest22.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk> and the two new Email addresses will be either -

UKbenchrest@fsmail.net or UKbenchrest@phelpsfamily.wanadoo.co.uk

The old email address benchrest22@btopenworld.com will continue for some time until everyone has taken on board the new ones.

May Postal Match Scores

The Highest May Score and UKBR22 50 meter Unlimited May International Postal Record is - *248 with eight 10X's* - by Walter Griffin from the Northern Region, just edging out Carlo Caricato from Pisa with a 246 and ten 10X's. Walter shot this score with an Anschutz 1607 in a Gemini stock with an Optimate 24X scope using Eley Match EPS and sat on a home made converted axle stand as a front rest. Well done Walter. Remainder of scores are attached for both the Home and International Matches. Carlo shot an Anschutz BR50 with Swarovski 24X scope and using RWS R100 ammunition.

You will notice we have tried to include as much information on the score sheets as possible so that Members can see what is being used by others and the scores they are achieving with that equipment. From now on there will be a World Ranking System on all 50M International scores with a UK Home Ranking system for the 25 yard / 25 M and 50M Matches.

Europe

The European Membership has grown tremendously thanks to Carlo Caricato's continued help and enthusiasm. Carlo shoots one of the Anschutz BR50 which not only myself but many members I think would love. I hear Anschutz have stopped making them now which is a great shame. An acquaintance of Carlo's, Mr Aldo Chiapparino shot another 250 score this time with nine 10X's during a AIBR22 National Championship Match, you know the competitions, the one's where all the nerves come in and one shoots crap. We have all been there, I still visit quite often. Aldo shoots another Anschutz BR50 with a Leupold 45X and Eley Match EPS. It make me feel better about my Match EPS, just needs me to send them in he right direction.

Joke of the Month

THE GEOGRAPHY OF A WOMAN :

Between 18 and 20, a woman is like Africa. Half discovered, half wild, naturally beautiful with fertile deltas.

*Between 21 and 30, a woman is like America.
Well developed and open to trade especially for someone with cash.*

*Between 31 and 35, a woman is like India.
Very hot, relaxed and convinced of her own beauty.*

*Between 36 and 40, a woman is like France.
Gently aging, but still a warm and desirable place to visit.*

*Between 41 and 50, she is like Yugoslavia.
Massive reconstruction is now necessary.*

*Between 51 and 60, she is like Russia.
Very wide and borders are unpatrolled.
The frigid climate keeps people away.*

*Between 61 and 70, she is like Mongolia.
With a glorious and all conquering past but alas, no future.*

*After 70, they become Afghanistan.
Almost everyone knows where it is, but no one wants to go there.*

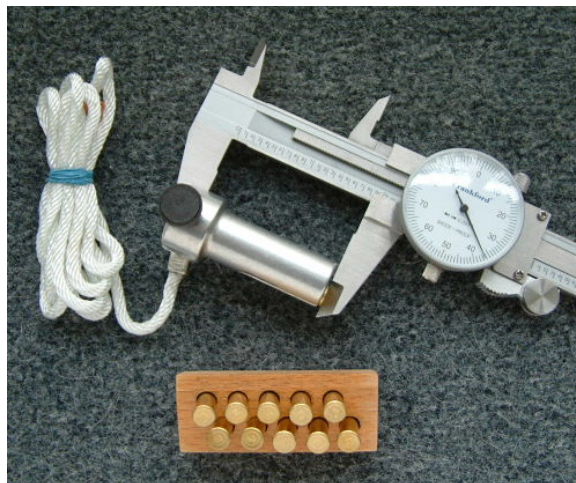
THE GEOGRAPHY OF A MAN :

*Between 15 and 70, a man is like Iraq.
Ruled by a dick.*

Sorry about that but maybe my sense of humour is a bit childish, I apologise for any offence, none intended.....This joke was sent to my wife from a friend in South America.

Rim Thickness Gauges

Well this is another item for the Christmas stoking, a Rim Thickness Gauge –



Article by Jim Andrews, Central Region Management Committee Member –

With such close tolerances in the production of a .22 round, where a mere thou is very important, the OL (Cartridge overall Length) means that any variation places the bullet head either further into the rifling ahead of the chamber or further out. You will notice that if a round is chambered and the bolt closed, extracting that round for whatever reason, will show that the lands and grooves of the barrel have engraved the bullet. Really, this indicates that most makes of .22 rifles have no leade (lead) from the chamber into the barrel, other than a very slight chamfer.

Working back from the bullet / barrel area the only tolerance that will effect the COL is the rim thickness. EXAMPLE: - A thick rim will mean that the bullet is not so far into the barrel and the reverse applies to a thin rim.

Remember, part of the rim thickness is taken up by the rim end of the round being recessed into the bolt face, held there by the extractors. The golden rule is to make sure all the rim thicknesses are as consistent as possible. Measure them, and grade them so that you only shoot those that are within your grade; this sometimes means having a few odd sizes, save these until enough for a shoot, and they will be consistent in their operation.

Once you are sure that you are happy with your grades then make a note in your NOTEBOOK reminding you that this or that size rim thickness produces a result that at a future date you will recognise. PS. You do keep a proper NOTEBOOK, don't you ?? Jim.

Members Equipment and Ideas Corner

Phil Angell from the Central Region has sent us a good design for a transportable Bench, the design details are attached for those who wish to erect simply their own Bench.

Membership Fees

Just to let Members know we now have a Bank Account in the name of UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting. It has taken so long I think the Bank powers that be must have thought I was a Terrorist hoping for funding, it must be 10 weeks from first filling in of all the forms. Don't forget when paying Membership Fees cheques should be made out to 'UKBenchrest22'.

Equipment Update

If some Members are looking for a cheaper front rest, some are very expensive, there is a Caldwell Sight In Shooting Rest. I have one which I use for my Sharps, they are good quality made out of high grade plastic and adjustable in height only. From sales@reloadingsolutions.com they work out at about £25.00. The photo below is the one I have and has a Protektor sand bag on it.



Well that's all the news so far, must keep something for next month.....Have some good shooting days and keep me posted on how you get on, any questions please ask,

Pat

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