



News Letter 2006 – Issue Six, July



The UK Championships – The Lapua Challenge.

Well it is over..... until next time. And there will be a next UK National Championships, as we propose to make this a bi-annual event to fit in with the other championships we are organising for Europe and the World. The wind was not that kind on the day with 13-16mph gusts, but at least it was sunny and we had a bit of fun going 'head to head'. I think we all suffered from the effects of the wind, so back to those books on reading the wind or the website I was promoting last issue.



Setting up.....

I think we all had a great day anyway, as it was a chance to meet everyone for the first time. With 25 plus members shooting and others watching; we had a good crowd. One thing pleasing to see was the amount of customised rifles being used. People have really taken to rimfire benchrest in the UK with enthusiasm; and have the equipment they need to do well in the sport. We had a variety of makes of rifle, mostly Anschutz target models, with some, converted BSA Martini's, Sako's, CZ's and even a beautiful Calfee Turbo. The latter is an American custom rifle specific for use in rimfire benchrest. A fantastic BR rifle but at \$3000, a long waiting list and only available from the US, it may be out of the reach of many people. The matches



..... and shooting

included a variety of weight classes both in .22 rimfire and air rifle, at two distances; 25 yards and 50 meters. To ensure that we used all of the benches (specially designed and constructed for the Championships), and other resources available to us for the event, several matches with different weights and distances were shot at the same time. There were eight details of 50 minutes during the day to get the competitors through the matches they wanted to shoot; some people shot up to five separate class and distance matches in the day. Each detail consisted of five competitors shooting at 25 yards and five at 50 meters. One bench at the side of the range was used for scope adjustments and practice. A busy day in all for competitors and for the range staff, who RO'd, marked, tallied scores, etc. Phil Angell and Ian Smith both took on RO duties as NSRA trained range officers, between the matches they entered. We all learnt a lot from the day and we will take these ideas on to the European Championships next year and the next UK Nationals. Lastly a big thanks to all those who engineered the day; Pat Phelps, with Nick Jenkinson, the owners of Budleigh Farm Shooting



Centre, Lapua and Anschutz for the sponsorship we needed to run the event. If you really want more of the same in the future, contact Pat. See you at the Europeans next year.....



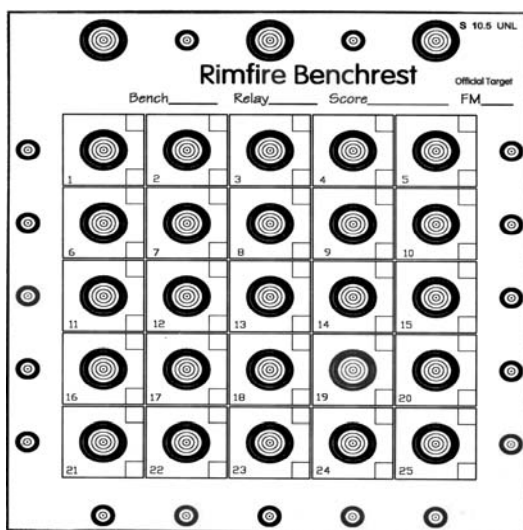
Medal and cup winners from the championships.....

NEWS

You have just over two months to get your targets for the October Postal World Championships. This could be a good event to lead us into the European and World Championships, to show where UK shooters stand at the moment.

I know I am going to have a go, as I have been spurred on by competing in the UK Nationals

Email Pat if you would like a copy of these targets to have a go.



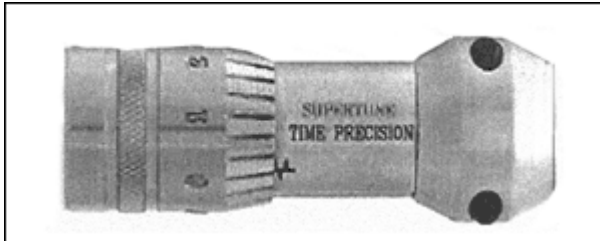
Updates on all the championships will be on the association website as and when we get them. Alternatively you can email Pat.

<http://www.benchrest22.org/>

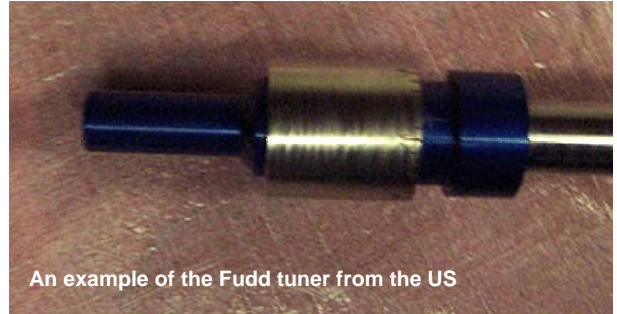


Remember, other National Championships are still going on around Europe this Summer, between July and September, in a number of countries. We are all preparing for the European Championships in 2007. Results will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. For those in the UK wanting to go onto Euro 2007, and have now shot the UK Nationals, can you make your wishes known to Pat as we will be putting together a team in the next six months.

NEWish..... Products - Barrel Tuners



An example of the Time Precision tuner from the US



An example of the Fudd tuner from the US



An example of the Cicognani tuner from Italy

At the UK nationals we had a lot of questions about barrel tuners and the effect they have on accuracy. Mostly, it was why my rifle looked like a Dalek!! Are they a gimmick – not really, they do work. If you want a website to go to for further thought, here it is at varmint AI's; <http://www.varmintal.com/> You do need to look the barrel harmonic movie and the barrel tuner analysis. It can take a while to dial in the correct setting, but no more than 40-60 shots. They are worth thinking about, but they are usually custom made for your specific muzzle diameter.

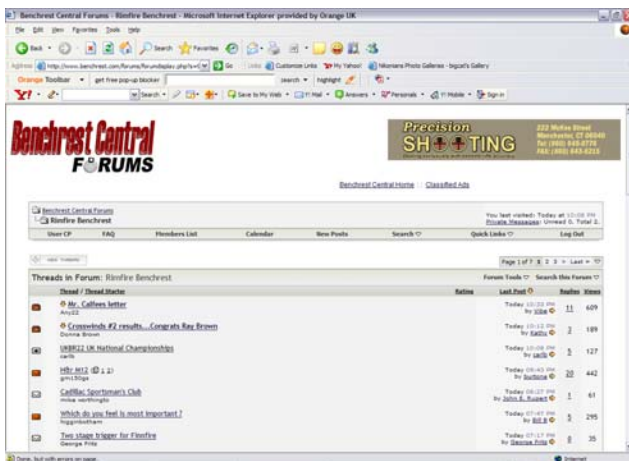
You can therefore tune your rifle to a specific ammunition and distance. Most tuners cost around £110-150 not including postage and taxes you may have to pay. Remember, anything out of the EU does include import tax, handling and extra shipping fees from the courier – don't be caught out. The three websites you can visit for the above tuners are;

<http://www.varidecicognani.com/>

http://www.benchrestspecialties.com/barrel_tuners.htm

<http://www.benchrest.com/timeprecision/>

Checking out the world wide web.....



<http://www.benchrest.com/>



<http://www.rimfirecentral.com/>

The website links above are very useful for all rimfire related information. Both are forums but also contain a variety of information related to benchrest and rimfire shooting. Most of you may have heard of them from our website Benchrest Central is an excellent source for all things rimfire benchrest. With some informative articles, links to other association sites and an active forum where we often submit threads. We have also made contacts around the world via this forum and some of the members now shoot in our postal leagues.

Rimfire Central is an excellent source for information about a variety of rimfire rifles with specialised forums on specific makes. There is also rimfire benchrest information, and our own European competition forum, which needs a bit more activity from us. Well worth a view, as you may find that bit of information you are looking for.....

<http://www.benchrest22.org/>



And lastly.....

Most things you need to know and contacts can be found on the website. Please pass on the knowledge to new members or those interested in rimfire benchrest. The forum on Rimfire Central, for European competition and rimfire benchrest, was also developed for you to keep in touch and ask questions from a variety of sources around the world. Please pass this information on to others or take the link via our website; <http://www.rimfirecentral.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=141>

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, website, ideas for the association, please email us.

Have a great shooting summer and keep shooting straight.....

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