



UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting

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Member Feature

Each month I want to feature a Member so any information will be helpful. This month we feature Walter Griffin. Walter is the a Management Committee Member with Robb Harrison for the Northern Area. He hails from Co Durham up there in the cold north, has been shooting since he was 19, first prone then pistol, Air rifle and then back to prone 5 years ago. He is now 55 and has had a life long ambition to be chosen for the British Team. Well at last he has achieved his goal and on the 26th June he shot for the Great Britain Dewar Team at the Appleton Range near Warrington. In his own words he says he will have to now buy a blazer for the Badge. Congratulations to Walter and this weekend his is shooting in the Scottish Championships being held at Fort William. Another titbit is that he also won a Bronze Medal in the English Championships held in May. Walter shoots a few rifles but at present favours his Anschutz 1607 in a Gemini Stock for Benchrest where he is doing well.



Walters Anschutz 1607 in Gemini Stock set up for prone, he uses a Tasco 32X scope for Benchrest.



Walters pair of Martini Internationals, one standard and one very upgraded.

Web Page

The Web Site is now up and running fully now with pages being added as they are required. One page we would like to fill is the Photos Page. If you can send in individual or group photos it would be great. They need to be small files but of good quality if digital if in printed form we can scan them in this end as necessary. The more the merrier. 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

Don't forget this Web Site is for the Members so any ideas or requirements for inclusions please ask.

Merchandise

We are thinking of introducing items of merchandise to Members, these will include to following –

*Quality Baseball hats; Polo Shirts; Sweat Shirts all with embroidered logos.
Cloth Barges and Enamel Badges and Mouse Mats.*

Maybe other items later. Obviously we need some Member interest before we order these items so if anyone is interested let us know through the usual channels.

June Postal Match Scores

The Highest June Score was - 247 with four 10X's - a tie between Walter Griffin from the Northern Region and John Milbourne from Ireland, just edging out Patrick Tyrrell again from Ireland and Carlo Caricato from Italy. Walter shot this score with his Anschutz 1607 in a Gemini stock with an Optimate 24X scope using Eley Match EPS and sat on his new Caldwell Sight In front rest featured in last months News Letter. John Milbourne shot with a Anschutz 1813 with Leupold 45X, Patrick Tyrrell and Carlo Caricato used their Anschutz BR50 rifles with Weaver T36 and Swarovski 24X respectively. Well done to all of them and the rest of you members for the scores this month. Remainder of scores are attached for both the Home and International Matches.

Joke of the Month

A local law enforcement officer stops a car for travelling faster than the posted speed limit. Since he's in a good mood that day he decides to give the poor fellow a break and write him out a warning instead of a ticket. So, he asks the man his name.

"Fred," he replies.

"Fred what?" the officer asks.

"Just Fred," the man responds.

When the officer presses him for a last name, the man tells him that he used to have a last name but lost it. The officer thinks he has a nut case on his hands but plays along with it.

"Tell me Fred, how did you lose your last name?"

The man replies, "It's a long story so stay with me. I was born Fred Dingaling. I know, funny last name. The kids used to tease me all the time, so I stayed to myself. I studied hard and got good grades. When I got older I realized that I wanted to be a doctor. I went through college, medical school, internship, residency, finally got my degree so I was Fred Dingaling, MD."

"After a while I got bored being a doctor so I decided to go back to school. Dentistry was my dream. Got all the way through school, got my degree so I was now Fred Dingaling, MD DDS. Got bored doing dentistry so I started fooling around with my assistant. She gave me VD. So, I was Fred Dingaling MD DDS with VD. Well, the ADA found out about the VD so they took away my DDS so I was Fred Dingaling MD with VD. Then the AMA found out about the ADA taking away my DDS because of the VD, so they took away my MD leaving me as Fred Dingaling with VD. Then the VD took away my Dingaling so now I'm just Fred."

The officer walked away in tears laughing so hard and tore up the ticket.

Benchrest Project

I have started a Benchrest project both for a Bench and for the rifle. With help of friends the development will take some time but each month hopefully a small snippet of information will be included in the News Letter.

The Bench I finally decided to be transportable and like a friend of mine and one other member, Mike Welsh, I have utilised a good quality 'Workmate' so it is steady and a 12mm exterior ply top. I purchased a piece of ready cut ply 1200mm x 600mm locally and cut it down and shaped to 900mm x 600mm. The piece left over then formed the base for the central 50mm x 25mm down stand which will clamp into the workmate jaws. This was then glued and screwed to the underside of the top. You can see from the photos the final top, the Workmate I had to order so will be here this week, the final bench will be photographed and shown next month.

I have a Caldwell 'The Rock' front rest as do quite a few members now. This rest is good and strong but when I purchased it I also purchased a Caldwell front bag. The problem was that the sand bag is mainly for Sporter rifles and as I shoot Unlimited it did not give me the stability I wanted. I have now changed it to a Protektor 'Owl Ear' bag, the widest they do. In addition I have made up a 75mm wide front plate to be fixed under the forend of my Anschutz and Martini in the rail. This now has given me all the stability I need for my style of shooting, I use free recoil. Another thing I have done is remove about 3.5lbs of unused metal from the butt of my rifle. All things being equal I should get better scores,

but not this month as you can see from the June Results. I still trying to get the right settings on my Barrel Tuner, I'm nearly there but the weather has not been kind enough to finally set it all up. See the flowing photos of the bits mentioned above, if anyone has a question please ask.....as long as they are not rude ! Next item to purchase is a 'Windage Top' more next month.



New and old bag comparison, notice the forend stop as well, more adjustable than the original.



Stability gained with 3 inch wide Kitchen chopping board forend base on wider sand bag.



Top of Bench top



Underside of Bench top

Membership

Membership at present stands at "102" from the UK, Europe and Ireland with one Member in the US, thanks Rick. This figure does not count the RAF from Bize Norton who have shown an interest and we hope will join us in this addictive sport.



Rick Oubre Jr, what a bench, that's not transportable.....

We have said ti before and will say it again after pressure from some of our Management Committee Members, if you want good Awards at the end of the Summer League let us have some donations, Max £5.00 but anything will be appreciated, all moneys go towards awards so the Members are the ones that gain the most .

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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