



News Letter 2007 – Issue Four, April 2007



Alex Angell (J) shot a 250 and 25 x's (25 yards Unlimited .22 rimfire) in the UKBR22 postal league 2007. He is our first Ultimate Grandmaster and receives the £50 prize for this. Excellent score and keep shooting these in the future!

Commentary from his Dad, Phil, on this landmark achievement;

We had a feeling that the rifle was shooting well. The week before (15th March) I had shot a possible on one of my Hertfordshire County cards (an NSRA 2510BM/89) and on that same night I shot a 250/16 which I was reasonably happy with however on that occasion Alex only managed a 247/12. In his typical style he just shrugged it off with an 'Oh well that's my score for March'. The next week we had some NSRA/ELEY postal cards to shoot (4 each) and we knew we would be busy so didn't bother to take any benchrest kit with us. The week after (29th March) I had another County

card due so had to go to the range anyway. After phoning around I found that no other club members needed/wanted to shoot, so as Alex would 'have' to accompany me and after some cajoling I managed to get Alex to come along and have another go at the benchrest. We decided Alex would shoot first and set up the equipment. Alex started his benchrest card and I busied myself with club correspondence etc. Anyway after only 13 minutes Alex finished! I asked how he had done, to which he just shrugged and said 'It's OK' and went to collect his card. He placed it on the desk in front of me with a grin and I could immediately see it was a 23X with my bare eyes, our worry was diagrams 14 and 19, we were pretty certain of 19 but worried about 14. Anyway I shot my card and we hurried home to check with the gauge. As we're not allowed to gauge our NSRA cards we don't keep any plug gauges at the range (this removes temptation and prevents a mistake/accident) we only have an Andrew Tucker 'optical gauge' and although this indicated that the shot was an X we were still concerned. At home we used the magnified scoring gauge and could both clearly see that the X ring was covered by the edge of the gauge - what a relief!!!

Cheers Phil - Carl

Continuing our news on the European Championships and the 'World Postal'



July 27th, 28th & 29th - 2007.

We are now receiving more interest and entries from European Nations for this international championship. Not all our members in the UK have come forward yet; **especially for Air Rifle**; so are up for this event, as we now need to start planning and getting numbers together! **If you are interested in attending, can you now email Pat and Carlo. Official registration and fees for UK members are through Pat.**

Watch the **website** - News pages, and this newsletter for more details in the future – **the website is updated three times a week at the moment.** SORRY TO KEEP HARPING ON, BUT UK MEMBERS PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO WE KNOW NUMBERS FOR THE EVENT. THANKS.

For Further details of the venue and how to get there, please download the February and March newsletters or go directly to the website.



We have just received news from Pat; Lapua have agreed to provide 10,000 rounds of ammunition for the European championships – good news indeed.



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

Milan Hotel and flight information at; <http://www.expedia.co.uk>

Flight information at; <http://www.flightmapping.com/Europe/Italy/Milan/>

Cheap flight information EasyJet (**YES THEY DO TAKE FIREARMS – BUT CONTACT THEM**) at; <http://www.easyjet.com/en/splash.asp>

Information about hotels, how to book a flight, maps etc are now on the website. You can visit the venue website at; <http://www.tsnmilano.it/index2.htm>

Some Ideas about travel to Europe and Milano from Jim Andrews

Hi, Carl. Just a couple of snippets of info that may help our Members contemplating flying to Europe with a Firearm.

1. A number of Budget airlines will not take Firearms or Ammunition on any flights. British Airways WILL, but they state the gun must be dismantled and be contained in a fully lockable case. They WILL take Ammunition up to a weight of five kilo, (5Kg) and this must be in a locked metal case/box.
2. Your own Firearms Certificate PLUS the European Firearm Pass must be on the person purchasing the Flight. For the sake of undoing two bedding bolts and putting the ammo in a old military ammo box which can go with the "clothing" case/baggage I have faced no problems, and this is with my booking from Heathrow. (Millets, or any military surplus shop usually stock small ammo boxes which will hold 500 rounds of .22. Book now and the flights are cheaper; anything from £49 up to £70 ONE WAY.
3. The average hotel in Milano will cost approximate £ 68 for B & B equal to our three star, Book early, any in the VIALE CERTOSA area is within walking distance of the T S N complex
4. While the trip will take only one and a half hours, your kit will be in the planes hold at temperatures of Minus 25f to -35f. Undo the bedding bolts and large screws even if your stock is an alloy one. (Since alloy stocks are CAST they are prone to cracks in low temperatures.)
5. If taking your own ammunition, the effects can be very unpredictable at the other end when it comes to shooting. Next week I shall be doing Range tests with Eley Tenex, and their Match, also R50 and Lapua "Midus" M; after keeping that lot in a fridge for two hours. I will attempt to simulate the same temperature, and the duration of "thaw" time required on the Range when the ammunition and the rifle reach normal "English" temp. I think will be useful in the website notes.

Kind regards, Jim Andrews

The World Rimfire Benchrest Postal Competition 2007

American, Australian and European Benchrest associations are putting together another World Rimfire Benchrest Postal Competition, under the auspices of the World Rimfire Benchrest Federation (more on the WRBF later). This will take place between July and November 2007, so National and European Championships can take place, using scores from these competitions to contribute to the world postal. Countries involved in the postal in the past included France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, The Czech Republic, UK, USA, Australia and Zimbabwe to name a few. This specific competition will be

scored from an aggregate of three cards to be shot on the same day; with touching the x to count for an x score. Targets to be used will need to be discussed with your own countries representatives (these should be either IR50/50 or UKBR22 or RBA style targets) and organisation of matches will need to be organised within countries to meet the stated time table. Last date for shooting is the end of November. Team and individual details will be asked for in the near future.

There will be three teams of three competitors from each country (with named substitutes in case of illness or withdrawal) and entries for teams will need to be made a month in advance of the match date.

UKBR22 members will have their UKBR22 targets from the European Championships, entered into this competition, so we don't have to shoot lots of extra cards.

Those UKBR22 members in Africa that want to enter the World Postal will need to arrange matches within their own countries and specify a date when they the competition will be shot. Targets will be official UKBR22 targets. Please get in touch if further clarification is needed.

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

Final Scores from the Winter League.

The full versions are now on the website and have been closely fought as always. Well done to all that participated – we have had a mild winter so I think scores are up?! Teams scores are also on the website – sorry too little room here.

Rimfire: - 50m/yd International Sporter (8.5lb)

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| 1 | Aronne | Biagi | Pisa | Italy | 1217 | 19 |
| 2 | Giolf | Guidi | Roma | Italy | 1182 | 19 |
| 3 | Marco | Leoni | Roma | Italy | 1132 | 12 |
| 4 | George | Linde | FSBSA | SA | 951 | 12 |
| 5 | Patelli | Massimo | Pisa | Italy | 937 | 13 |

Rimfire: - 50m/yd Light Varmint (10.5lb)

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|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Giolf | Guidi | Roma | Italy | 1244 | 38 |
| 2 | Antonio | Contini | Roma | Italy | 1239 | 31 |
| 3 | Aronne | Biagi | Pisa | Italy | 1218 | 19 |
| 4 | Marco | Leoni | Roma | Italy | 1208 | 21 |
| 5 | Pieter | vd Merwe | FSBSA | SA | 961 | 8 |

Rimfire: - 50m/yd Unlimited (13.5lb >)

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|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Patsy | Tyrrell | Slaney Siders | Ireland | 1246 | 36 |
| 2 | Giolf | Guidi | Roma | Italy | 1242 | 41 |
| 3 | John | Milbourne | Slaney Siders | Ireland | 1240 | 32 |
| 4 | Pietro | D'lanni | Roma | Italy | 1238 | 42 |
| 5 | Plinio | Mecozi | Roma | Italy | 1238 | 32 |

Rimfire: - 25m/yd Sporter (7.5lb)

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|----------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Paul | O'Leary | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1225 | 47 |
| 2 | Margorie | Hayes L | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1179 | 26 |

Rimfire: - 25m/yd International Sporter (8.5lb)

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|----------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Graham | Readhead | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1240 | 48 |
| 2 | Natali | Terblanche L | FSBSA | SA | 1228 | 33 |
| 3 | Niel | Terblanche | FSBSA | SA | 1222 | 44 |
| 4 | George | Linde | FSBSA | SA | 1219 | 32 |
| 5 | Jim | Alcock | TDSA | UK | 1186 | 25 |

Rimfire: - 25m/yd Light Varmint (10.5lb)

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|----------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | John | Farrell | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1248 | 77 |
| 2 | Robert | Dobie | Galloway | UK | 1246 | 47 |
| 3 | Tom | Thomson | Galloway | UK | 1241 | 55 |
| 4 | Christine | Stockham J L | Portishead | UK | 1239 | 55 |
| 5 | Niel | Terblanche | FSBSA | SA | 1236 | 35 |

Rimfire: - 25m/yd Unlimited (13.5lb >)

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|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | Robb | Harrison | St Giles Yarners | UK | 1250 | 107 |
| 2 | Alan | Coombs | Altrincham RPC | UK | 1250 | 106 |
| 3 | John | Farrell | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1250 | 102 |
| 4 | Carl | Boswell | NMPC | UK | 1250 | 95 |
| 5 | Alan | Lomax | Paul Lane RPC | UK | 1250 | 93 |

Air Rifle: - 25m/yd International Sporter (6.5x)

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|----------|---------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Simone | Magrini | SSC | Italy | 1192 | 14 |
| 2 | Maria | Rodriguiero (L) | SSC | Italy | 1142 | 14 |
| 3 | Jim | Alcock | TDSA | UK | 1110 | 14 |
| 4 | M. Paola | Schoepflin Von Baden | SSC | Italy | 634 | 3 |
| 5 | Monica | Montini | SSC | Italy | 461 | 1 |

Air Rifle: - 25m/yd Hunter (10.5lb)

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|----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Natali | Terblanche (L) | FSBSA | SA | 1238 | 43 |
| 2 | John | Raby | Cheshunt RPC | UK | 1235 | 30 |
| 3 | Robin | Brown | Buxted | UK | 1233 | 44 |
| 4 | Peter | Burge | Cheshunt RPC | UK | 1233 | 31 |
| 5 | Ron | Harding | Cheshunt RPC | UK | 1231 | 38 |

Air Rifle: - 25m/yd Unlimited (13.5lb >)

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|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Robb | Harrison | St Giles Yarners | UK | 1250 | 79 |
| 2 | Franco | Germani | Le Colmate | Italy | 1250 | 69 |
| 3 | Ron | Harding | Cheshunt RPC | UK | 1245 | 53 |
| 4 | Gianluca | Germani (J) | Le Colmate | Italy | 1245 | 52 |
| 5 | Alberto | Bianchi | Italia | Italy | 1243 | 47 |

Air Rifle: - 50m Unlimited (13.5lb >)

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| 1 | Alberto | Bianchi | Le Colmate | Italy | 1169 | 11 |
| 2 | Franco | Germani | Le Colmate | Italy | 1161 | 16 |
| 3 | Alberto | Guasti | Le Colmate | Italy | 1129 | 8 |
| 4 | Erina | Plaskova (L) | Le Colmate | Italy | 1115 | 7 |
| 5 | Gianluca | Germani (J) | Le Colmate | Italy | 1108 | 18 |

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, website, ideas for the association, articles please email me at: ukbr22web@fsmail.net

See you next time and stay in touch.....

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