



## Welcome to a New Year & a new writer for the monthly Newsletter

For those of you who do not know who I am, I had better introduce myself.

My name is Andy Dubreuil and I am a member of the Portishead Shooting club

Nr Bristol. I've been a member of the club for around 5yrs and have been shooting Benchrest for the past 2yrs.

I was kindly asked by Carl who has been running the newsletter for ages to take on the job and I hope that I can offer all our readers the same high quality report that he has produced for the future.

I would like to hear from readers about what they are doing either on a club level or on an individual level, and if I don't hear from you then I might be contacting you.

### Subs Are Due

If you have paid your subs for this year, thank you. If not subs are due and need to be paid by the end of January, which is £12.00. Please contact Rob by email for way of payment, email him at [robert.i.harrison@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.i.harrison@btinternet.com).





### **Important Notice**

**UKBR22 needs to update member's information, for this reason can all members email me at [ukbr22info@talktalk.net](mailto:ukbr22info@talktalk.net) with their email address, home address and a contact number if you have one, this will help in the future to make sure that all members get information that is related to them, sent direct. All members' information will be kept secure and will only be used for the purpose of being a member of UKBR22.**

### **So what is Carl up to?**

Well Carl has been asked to write another column in the BR section of Target Sports, which is great news for our sport. What with doing that and running three websites, working and family life, there are only so many hours in the day! You will soon see a three-page spread on BR in Target Sports, which means our sport is growing ever stronger, and that's what we want to see for the future of Benchrest.

### **UKBR22 News**

#### **Brochure**

This year we are looking to raise the profile of the UK Association by producing a brochure that will be sent out to clubs up and down the country to attract more members to the association and introduce those that know nothing about Benchrest shooting to us. We have a very good membership as it is but its surprising when you speak to people how little they know about the sport, so with this brochure it will be an introduction working alongside the websites.

#### **Phoenix Fare**

An idea has been put forward for this year is to have a stall at the Phoenix Meeting at Bisely, which attracts shooters from all over the country so we maybe able to attract new members from that.





## World Championships

The venue has been booked; the date has been fixed; now we need to know who would like to go. As you maybe aware Carlo in Italy has been working tirelessly to sort all this out and still has a lot of work to do. I know that the venue has changed a couple of times due to circumstances but now it has been sorted and we need to know who wants to go, and it is a case of sooner rather than later as there is a lot of work to do from this end.

If you have never been abroad before with your rifle for a competition, then here is a list of things that you need to do or have.

- An up to date Firearms Certificate.
- A European Firearms Certificate for which you need to apply to your local Firearms Office informing them that you are taking part in a championship abroad. You will need to nominate your rifle or rifles that you want to take.
- You may want to increase the amount of ammo that you can hold, again inform you local Firearms Office that you are taking part in a championship abroad. And they should be happy to assist.
- An up to date Passport.
- A letter of invitation from the country that you are visiting. Now this will be sorted out for you and will be sent by email to you closer to the date. You need to make 4 copies, fill out two copies to leave the country and carry two spare, which will be filled in when you come back.
- You will need a lockable metal case for your ammo and for the bolt of your rifle.
- And it is worth investing if you don't have one in a sturdy lockable case for your rifle. Dosco do a good one for around £120, which can be pressurised.

**Note:** If you are interested in taking part in the World Championships, please contact Carl Boswell [ukbr22web@fsmail.net](mailto:ukbr22web@fsmail.net) as soon as you can.

If you have any questions that I have not covered then please email me and I will try to answer your questions. Email me at: [andydubreuil@talktalk.net](mailto:andydubreuil@talktalk.net).





## Shooters Survey

An email was sent out by a couple of members about a survey that is being conducted. If you have the time and are interested, then here are the details.

As part of the work being carried out to look at an integrated shooting body for all shooting sports, the organisation has commissioned a survey for all shooters across the NRA, NSRA and CPSA to help determine the path we take. It is important that as many of our members and members of our affiliated clubs as possible take part in this survey. The results of the survey will help determine the planning for the future of British shooting sports. The survey can be accessed from the link on the NRA Website Home Page or using the link below.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PLoW7tBmKTDFVrDSIEwtg\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PLoW7tBmKTDFVrDSIEwtg_3d_3d)

## So what did you get up to Boxing Day?



Well at our club, Portishead SC we know how to have fun. Every year we have a Boxing Day shoot and you never know what is in store, you're not allowed to use your own rifles, just the club ones. This year part of the action was to shoot water balloons that were hanging from Christmas trees. The sights on the rifles were off zero so you had to work out where to aim, all part of the fun.





At this stage I will point out that everyone that enters gets a prize and it is just a bit of fun, but that does not mean we don't lose our competitive spirit as you can see from some of our competitors! They will do anything to put someone off getting to shoot.

During the day our very own Debs knocks up a great barbeque, others bring along their very own specials like chilli that will knock your head off, it's that hot!



Part of the day was spent on the indoor range where a variety of shooting was set up with knocking down metal ducks, shooting at things at almost impossible angles and knocking down metal plates with a pump action shotgun. Now not that anyone at our club has a nasty streak but for certain people magnum loads were used for a surprise, and I was one of the lucky ones! As I shot my first plate my wheelchair ended up tilting backwards, just as well I had the brakes on or I would of ended up halfway back down the range. But it was good fun.





By the afternoon things had not got any better as we were back outside for the final round and competitors had noticed that there were still a lot of water balloons left over from the morning's first round.

Again a little bit of putting off your opponent was on the cards as Ken, our club secretary, found out. Poor chap had water bombs

thrown at him from all angles.



Ken's wife Glen started to get in the firing line as you can see, but she did hold her own bless her.

The final round was to put five shots into a bingo card, now you would think that would be easy since we are used to shooting targets. Well for one person it was too difficult, so much so that they had

no idea which was their target and someone ended up with an extra five holes in their card. Now this round was the decider on which the competition's overall winner was judged, and the lucky person that got ten rounds in his card was me! So I ended up winning by an extra 10 points or so.





The day ended with all of the water balloons gone and a lot of people very wet, mostly Ken's daughters as they got most of them sent their way. We made our way indoors to the warmth of a log fire to receive our prizes, which were all chocolates. This is how we celebrate Boxing Day at our club and great fun it is too. Many thanks once

again to the Stockham family for setting it all up and to Debbie for slaving over the barbeque once again.

If you had a similar event or did something different then drop me a line and let us know.

### **Do you have something to say?**

If you have something to say or a subject that you would like to cover then get in contact. Maybe there is something happening at your club that you would like to share with us, please let us know.

Till next time good shooting.

Cheers, Andy Dubreuil

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