



News Letter August 06

Member Feature

This months member feature is Jim Andrews from Bedfordshire. He started shooting at a age eleven with what he calls proper shooting aged sixteen with a Ross. He says it was a tall as he was. In 1943, the year I was born, he joined the Royal Marines where he spent twenty two years. Seventeen of those years was spent as a weapons Instructor with special studies in the design and ballistics. During that time he shot for the Navy and Royal Marines Inter-services Teams. He was Royal Marines Champion in 1958. On leaving the services he changed over to rimfire and shot rifle and pistol for Bedford County and was the County Annual Champion (Air Pistol) in 1991. He now shoots from Bedford Rifle Club in all of the 'All Sights' disciplines. This year he took up Benchrest and is a Management Committee Member of the UKBR22 for Central Region. His shooting experience totals up to over 60 years basically shooting anything that goes 'BANG'. He confesses to just getting the hang of this sport but his wife still says that he 'Badly Needs Coaching'.



Jim's Anschutz with Caldwell rest and Redfield Scope all sat on a bench he made with wood supplied by the local Undertaker !!. That's also a very comfortable looking chair.....

Another Member Daria Gonnelli of Pisa, Italy has just won the Military Prone World Championship held in Turkey. Many congratulations to her effort and wonderful achievement. We will have to watch out now in the International Benchrest Matches



The podium on Turkey



Carlo and Daria with the well earned hardware, they trained together very hard for this.

Web Page

The Web Site has now included more items, Tips and Photo pages have been added. 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@helpsfamily.wanadoo.co.uk

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

Merchandise

We have designed a logo and at present sorting out costs of embroidery. When we have some items as samples we will photograph them to show on the Web Page. The first item will be a hat, quality baseball hat with curved peak and brass buckle adjuster. Eventually if there is demand the merchandise will include to following –

*Quality Baseball hats; Polo Shirts; Sweat Shirt, maybe Jackets all with embroidered logos.
There will also be Cloth Badges.*

July Postal Match Scores

The Highest July Score was - 249 with eleven 10X's - this was shot by Emanuele Lorusso of Team Ares, Italy, congratulations and give us a chance.....we could be in for our first 250 very soon, bear in mind we have two goes per month and Emmanuelle's first try was a 224 with three 10X's, that's how I shoot, so it's not just me ! Attached Excel files with July scores and World Raking points, thanks to Carlo who works hard at this.

Target Sports

We have heard today that Target Sports may be a thing of the past, they are not accepting any more articles and will be calling in the receivers soon. This will be a big blow to Target Shooters all over the UK. I will keep you informed of any change with our published articles and if we can use another publication. We thanks Target Sports for their support and specifically Vince Bottomley and his article, without which we would not be what we are today. If I hear any more information I will forward it on to Members.

Return to Bedding

Richard Sizeland has been having a few problems with his Anschutz only to find that his stock is damaged, cracked, the main reason he has not shot in the July Match. On visiting Bisley he decided to talk to HPS Target Rifles Ltd. They suggested he bed his action using their plate system one of their photo's shown below. Richard will be supplying us with a write up on the work being carried out and the differences it makes in due course. He is very determined to gain back his UKBR22 Record score.



HPS Target Rifles Ltd Photo

Benchrest Project

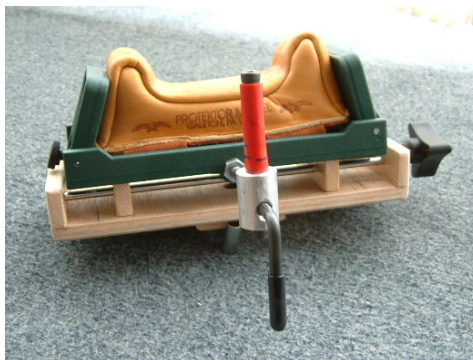
Last month I started the benchrest project, well it is now completed, tested and found to be good and steady. It's little heavy but if you don't have far to walk is OK. Luckily I can park next to the range although I am thinking of getting a trolley of some kind, I seem to be getting more and more equipment as time goes by. As promised below is a photo of the final bench, not sure who that is hanging over it.



I have a Caldwell 'The Rock' front rest as do quite a few members now. This rest is good but I feel it would be better with a 'windage top'. After deliberating on purchasing one from the US I thought it would be good to design one and have it made up over here and for less. Well I went out to the garage one Saturday and built a wooden mock up. The photos below are of the basic mock up and as soon as a proto type is made we will let you know.



Without Caldwell top showing rails and adjuster.



With Caldwell top showing how it sits on supports

We have an interested Member with the facilities to make this windage top, may even be at a reasonable price, I will keep you informed of progress.

Membership

Membership is still growing and at present stands at "116" members / interested parties from the UK, Europe, Ireland and the US. There is a lot of interest and we sincerely hope those thinking about joining will.

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

Pat

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