



## May Newsletter

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### **New format for newsletter**

Now, if there is a topic that you want to go straight away, then you can by clicking on the link instead of having to scroll the whole document to get to where you want to be - it's that simple and easy to do. Also, if you wish to go to our website, all you have to do is click on the banner above and you will be taken there directly.

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### **Winter season scores**

With the Winter Season finished and the final scores in, we should say well done to all that took part and to those who picked up the medals. Some scores were outstanding but the pressure is on now to keep those scores up in the Summer Season.



### **Unlimited 50m**

- Alan Coombs picking up 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1244 and 34x's
- Graham Redhead picking up 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1243 and 40 xs.
- John Farrell finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1239 and 42 xs.
- Jim Andrews in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1236 and 31 xs.

### **25yrd sporter**

- Steve Botfield in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1238 and 51 xs.
- Tim Barrett in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1230 and 33 xs.
- John Richardson in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1224 and 39 xs.
- Paul O'Leary in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1213 and 43 xs.

### **25yrd international sporter**

- Mike Welsh in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1236 and 38 xs.
- Tim Barrett in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1222 and 33 xs.
- Bob Ramsden in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1218 and 30 xs.
- Natali Terblanche (L) in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1218 and 28 xs.

### **25yrd light varmint**

- John Farrell in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1250 and 86 xs.
- Tim Barrett in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1250 and 76 xs.
- Tom Thomson in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1247 and 63 xs.
- Robert Dobie in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1247 and 55 xs.

### **25yrd unlimited**

- Rob Harrison in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1250 and 109 xs.
- Patsy Tyrrell in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1250 and 107 xs.
- John Farrell in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1250 and 99 xs.
- Graham Readhead in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1250 and 95 xs.

### **Air Rifle 25yrd sporter**

- Jonathan Pizer (J) in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1225 and 25 xs.
- Nico Pienaar in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1218 and 22 xs.
- Natali Terblanche in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1216 and 23 xs.
- Robin Brown in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1213 and 31x's

### **Air Rifle 25yrd sporter international**

- Elio Liuzzo in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1153 and 14 xs.
- Marco Buono in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1141 and 15 xs.
- Fillippo Fantoni in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1140 and 12 xs.
- Simone Chairi in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1132 and 6x's.



### **Air Rifle 25yrd hunter**

- Ron Harding in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1233 and 31 xs.
- Jonathan Pizar in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1227 and 34 xs.
- Stefan Pretorius in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1222 and 33 xs.
- Natali Terblanche (L) in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1222 and 29 xs.

### **Air Rifle 25yrd unlimited A class**

- Filippo Fantoni in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1182 and 24 xs.
- M. Paola Schoepfin Von Baden (L) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1141 and 10 xs.
- Marco Buono in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 703 and 5 xs.
- Carlo Caricato in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 480 and 10 xs.

### **Air Rifle 25yrd unlimited B class**

- Robb Harrison in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1238 and 60 xs.
- Jonathan Pizer (J) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1233 and 37 xs.
- Ron Harding in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1230 and 47 xs.
- Andy Simpson in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 1227 and 33 xs.

### **Air Rifle unlimited**

- Natalia Leonova in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1103 and 4 xs.
- Artem Korsahchuk in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1080 and 6 xs.
- Sergey Surikov in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1046 and 3 xs.
- Alekesy Soldatov in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 886 2x's.

Well done to all and everyone who took part.

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### **Guide to scoring format**

This season sees a change to the scoring of match cards. All cards are now being sent to a central scorer which will be Robb Harrison.

Robb is currently getting all the medals for last season engraved and you should all receive them by the end of the month.

Below is a copy of the match rules and how the scoring is done which should answer any questions that you may have.

## **Rule Amendments for UKBR22 Postal Championships – From Summer Championships 2008 (UK only)**

### **Competitions**



- **50 metre Rimfire Benchrest will only be undertaken outdoors.**
- **Separate leagues will be established for those shooting 25yards indoors and outdoors;** where there are enough shooters. Shooting indoors and competing with those shooting outdoors does provide an unfair advantage and shooters will need to decide and nominate which league they wish to be in.
- **The two targets per month rule is to be abandoned to make the postal competition more competitive – only one target can be shot and entered for competitions per month.** Scores initially may go 'down', but it is seen that choosing a better score is not adequate preparation for international events, where you shoot at a specific time and all cards are scored as nominated cards.
- Remember, the final results are calculated from the best five cards from the six rounds available. **To be eligible for inclusion in the final results a competitor must shoot a minimum of five rounds.**

## **Awards**

Awards will be given to the Competitors in all Rimfire and Air Rifle Classes subject to following conditions -

- **Senior Gents** - Gold, Silver and Bronze;
- **Senior Ladies** - Gold, Silver and Bronze subject to minimum of three entrants in each Class applicable;
- **Junior Ladies** - Gold, Silver and Bronze subject to minimum of three entrants in each Class applicable;
- **Junior Gents** - Gold, Silver and Bronze subject to minimum of three entrants in each Class applicable;

Juniors will not be eligible for a Senior Award unless there are insufficient entrants and decided at the discretion of the Championship Organisers.

If there are insufficient Junior entrants to enable awards for both Ladies and Gents, the Junior entrants will be combined into an overall Junior Award subject to a minimum of three entrants per Class. If there are insufficient entrants even when combined, the Juniors will become part of the Senior Award system.



If there are insufficient Lady entrants to enable both Ladies and Gents Awards entrants will be combined into an overall Senior Award.

All Awards are at the discretion of Organisers of the Championships and / or the Championship Manager.

## Targets

- **Normal photocopy paper (80gsm) cannot be used for creation of targets.** It is recognised that facilities in some areas do not allow for the use of quality paper, but it is expected that **targets are printed on paper with a least the weight of 120gsm paper, although 135gsm would be better to provide a clear punched hole when shot.** This will ensure good scoring and lack of rips in the paper that could impede this – rips do not count as a score and seriously hinder accuracy. ISSF/ NRA scoring gauges will be used and these are available from the UKBR22 on request.

**Marking targets and using a scoring gauge**

Bullet holes print smaller on the target than the diameter of the bullet. The flange on the .22 calibre gauge measures .224. A .22 calibre bullet will print between .215" and .219". Use a scoring gauge on all shots that are close.

This shot scores a 7. The gauge does not quite touch the 8 ring. If you see white between the gauge and the scoring ring you give the lower value.

This shot scores a 10. If the shot touches a scoring ring, you give the higher value (inward scoring). There is no white space between the gauge and the 10 ring.

This shot on the 50 meter target scores a 10X as it is obliterating the scoring ring. If the shot obliterates the X ring it is counted as the higher score. The X ring is used to break tie scores.

Note. This shot on the 25 yard target counts as a 10 only. The 10 ring must be completely obliterated to achieve a 10X.

This is a .22 scoring gauge with magnifying element. This can be obtained from any good gun shop or from the NSRA. The cost is around £6.

The diagram illustrates four target types: two 50m targets and one 25 Yard target. Each target has concentric rings labeled 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. A .22 scoring gauge is shown at the bottom, with a magnifying element. Red lines connect the gauge to specific rings on the targets to illustrate scoring rules. The 50m targets show a shot hitting the 7 ring, a shot hitting the 10 ring, and a shot hitting the 10 ring and obliterating the X ring. The 25 Yard target shows a shot hitting the 10 ring.



### Shooting and Scoring Targets

- **Targets will be scored centrally** - however these **must** be signed by the Range Officer on duty or UKBR22 member/ scorer who should be aware of the UKBR22 rules. (A copy of these must be present at each club) – **However, this must be done before the target is shot and only one target is allowed per month.** Practice cards are allowed, but these will not be able to be submitted for scoring as they are not nominated match cards.
- Nominated cards, as above, must be signed before the detail begins on the front score panel and a plain **coloured** sticker/ label measuring approximately 50mm x 50mm (or diameter) or bigger must be placed behind the centre ring on the reverse of the target diagrams and signed by a RO, UKBR22 member, shooter. When shot, the coloured sticker will be perforated.
- **Targets will be sent each month to:**

**UKBR22  
42, Featherstone Road,  
Newton Hall,  
Durham DH1**

(120gsm paper is available via the internet for printing, at a cost of about £6-7 for 100 sheets. Equally coloured stickers are available on the internet at a small price).

It is recognised that this may bring costs up for shooters, but it is hoped that this is compensated for by the reduction to one nominated target per month and the ammunition costs this entails. **This system also brings in an element of security and consistency to the postal matches.**

**Scores must be with the Scores Officer by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## Team sponsorship news

The ELEY logo, consisting of the word "ELEY" in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, in smaller black text, is the tagline "the choice of champions".

**ELEY**  
the choice of champions



I am not used to taking the limelight but I can't do it without mentioning myself in this item so bear with me!

After the European Championships last year, I knew that we would have to find quality sponsorship to send a team to the World Championships, a job not for the faint hearted!

I have been in talks with Eley and Highland Outdoors for the past year and our team member Garry Kingaby has been talking to Air Arms. It's no easy job contacting hundreds of companies to try and get them interested in what we are doing, it takes hundreds of emails, hours of research and a hell of a lot of disappointment, but it has been worth the effort in the end.

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Eley is our major sponsor and I am pleased to announce that we now have a twelve month contract with them for the team. They are supplying 1,000 rounds of batched ammo and 1,000 rounds of training ammo. Most of the team has taken up the offer and are currently travelling to Eley to batch test for the ammo. They are also supplying two t-shirts and a baseball cap for the team members. Last year they had sponsored us but nothing was set in stone, but this year we have proved ourselves and they see that benchrest is an up-and-coming sport and want to be part of it. We hope that this will be a growing partnership for the future of our sport and a big thank you to the team at Eley.



For those that do not know, Highland Outdoors is the new distributor for Nikko Stirling optics. After many conversations with John Bright he has decided to donate 3 6x24x56 AG IR Nite Eater scopes, these scopes would be great for 25yrd targets. These scopes will be available firstly to the members of the team to purchase at a reduce price. If not all are purchased by the team members then they will go to be available to the members of the Association. The money from the sale of the scopes will go to help pay for the entry fees of the competition for all members of the team. There are currently two members of the team who are interested in the scopes; if any other team members or association members are interested then please contact me for further details ([andydubreuil@talktalk.net](mailto:andydubreuil@talktalk.net)). A big thank you from all the team to John of Highland Outdoors.



Our very own Garry Kingaby is a lucky chap because he lives just down the road from Air Arms. Air Arms has donated air pellets for the air section of the team and we would like to thank them for their donation and support. Well done Garry!

I would also like to thank Adrian Hasell for his help in finding a company that has donated stickers for the team members to put on their equipment to promote the world championships. Well done mate!



I would also like to thank Alitalia Airlines for its help and support and to Antares Hotels that are staying open for the duration of the event which is a great help, not just for the British team, but to all the teams.

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## Joke of the month!

### Labour Pains

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labour pain to the father.

He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favour of it. The doctor set the pain transfer dial to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before.

But as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and bump it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine.

The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50%.

The husband continued to feel quite well. Since it was obviously helping out his wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him.

The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain.

She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home, the mailman was lying dead on their porch.



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If you have a topic that you would like to talk about or want more information on then all you have to do is email me at: [andydubreuil@talktalk.net](mailto:andydubreuil@talktalk.net). And if I don't know I'm sure there will be someone out there who will

Till next time... good shooting!

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