



End of another great year

For our sport it has been a great year with a UK team taking part in the 1st ever World Championship and bringing home some medals. For those that took part it was a great honour and a huge experience and I for one have made some great friends around the world.

We have also increased our numbers of members and the standard of shooting has met new heights, well done to all everyone that took part in the summer postal.

So what does 2009 hold for UKBR22?

Newsletter

Well firstly this will be the last newsletter. This is not all bad news as I and another have created a forum that is dedicated to Air Rifle and Rimfire Benchrest Shooting called The Benchrest Directory and it's the first of its kind in the UK and Europe. The reason for this is that we want members to be able to interact in debates, information on Air rifles and Rimfire rifles, equipment, calendar of events, classifieds and of course articles. So far we have nearly 50 members and we are hoping that it will grow with your support and word of mouth. It has only been going for a month and has already 340 articles to date and is growing. We hope that if you have not already joined that you will, this is your way of getting involved and been able to ask others questions and get involved.

The scores will continue to be sent out to those that I have a working email address for and of course those that I don't have a working email address for will still be able to download them from our website.

So please do join the forum at: <http://benchrestdirectory.forumup.co.uk>.



3 Nation Friendly Match

Portishead club will be hosting a 3 nation match between Germany, Ireland and us in the spring. The team is being chosen by our team captain Ken Stockham so he will be in contact with people to invite them to take part. This is just a friendly match and nothing more than a bit of fun, but hopefully this may become something that can be done once or twice a year which would be great so we will see how this goes.

The big one the UK Nationals

This is the chance for all UK members to part in the 2nd Nationals of our association and it will be held at Portishead Shooting Club Nr Bristol. It will run from Friday 28th August 2009 till 31st August. From people that I have spoken to through the forum and email have shown great interest in the event but you need to get you skates on in the new year as you need to send your entry forms in by the 1st April which you can download from the UKBR22 website but if you need accommodation you will need to book as soon as you can as the accommodation gets full very quickly in the New Year for August as it is the bank holiday weekend. Details of local accommodation can found on The Benchrest Directory under Events.

I had one or two people say to me that they did not think they were good enough to take part in the nationals, my answer to that is that it's the taken part that is important, even if you have only been doing the sport for a short time you will learn so much from talking and watching people, it's not all about the winning. It will be a great weekend and worth getting together to have fun, maybe learn some new tricks or see something that you would like to get hold of at a later date, so don't be put off we want to see our members there, no excuses!

Air Rifle World Postal's

This is a new postal that is being sponsored by Steyr Sportwaffen and will run from March to November, to find out more details visit the UKBR22 website for more details.

Eley Benchrest Team Postal

There has been some talk by Eley that they may run this event but with the lost of Burt the Range officer things have been put on hold but I will be in contact with Eley to see what is happening with this event.



Subs Renewal

Yes your subs are now due so please can you send your subs made out to UKBR22 of £12.00 to Rob who details are:

Rob Harrison (UKBR22)
42 Featherstone Road
Newton Hall
Durham
DH1 5YW

If you wish to pay by BACS then please can you email me for the time being as Rob is dealing personal things at the moment and to help I have the details.

Well that's it, the final newsletter I hope that we will see you all on the forum and hope that you all have a great year and look forward to seeing you all at the nationals.

Signing off now, Andy Dubreuil