

UK Benchrest 22

UK Association of Rimfire Benchrest Shooting
(Affiliated to the UKBRA)

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September and Final Summer Season Postal Match Scores

We have now come to the end of our inaugural Season and I think with only a few glitches it has passed quite well.

The 50M UKBR22 Unlimited International / World Champion is Walter Griffin (UK) with Carlo Caricato (Italy) second and third was Phil Angell (UK). Top Junior World Champion is Alex Angell (UK) who was also eighth overall.



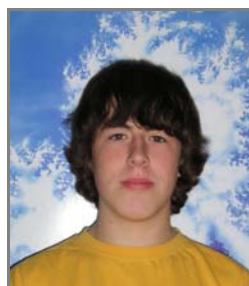
Walter with his "mean machine".....an excellent achievement

The 50M 10.5lb UKBR22 International / World Champion is Gioli Guidi (Italy), featured in next month News Letter, with Carlo Caricato (Italy) tying with Carl Boswell (UK) for Second place. The 10.5lb International / Junior World Junior Champion was Roman Boswell (UK) with a seventh overall place as well.



Gioli Guidi 10.5lb UKBR22 World Champion and Carlo Caricato Runner up in the 10.5lb Unlimited Class

The overall 50M UK Champion is Walter Griffin with runner up Phil Angell and third place taken by Eddie Thorne all very close. The Junior Champion is Alex Angell who incidentally came seventh overall, well done Alex. The 50M 10.5lb UK Champion is Carl Boswell with his son Roman second and Mike Welsh third. Roman Boswell is also the Junior Champion so well done.



Phil Angell and son Alex do very well...not sure who is teaching whom.

The 25M UK Champion in the Sporter Class is Paul Wallis with Chris Risebrook second. In the 25M 10.5lb Class the UK Champion is Carl Boswell with his son Roman second and Kirsten Britton third shooting an equal score beaten by just four 10Xs. Roman is also the UK Junior Champion, well done Roman.



Champions Carl and son Roman with Milly....a day off by the sea.

The 25m Unlimited Class UK Champion is Cyril Long one of our senior members and in the 25 yard Unlimited Class the UK Champion is Robb Harrison.

I would like to thank all members for their support in this relatively new sport to the UK and hope it was enjoyed by all. The Winter Season is now under way and it is hoped to have even more shooters participating. The introduction of Teams has caught on well so that should be even more fun and be very competitive. Other countries have joined with still more lining up so the International scene looks promising including Teams.

Thank you all again for your continued support, attached are the final results sheets, these are also on the web page.

Member Feature

This Month the Member feature is the successful Carl Boswell and Alex his son Roman our youngest Junior.

In Carl's own words -

" I started shooting at around the age of 12, hunting with my older brother using air rifles. We shot with a good group of friends and we eventually moved onto hunting with birds of prey. Around the same time my father bought a pair of shotguns which we used mostly for sport shooting. As you know growing up is sometimes painful and I eventually left all of this and Yorkshire, to take a degree and a post grad, later becoming a teacher. After marrying, it was my wife who introduced me to the guy I still shoot with. He sponsored me for the club I now shoot at. This was around the age of twenty eight, so I had a ten year gap where I did nothing at all. Well not quite that, but you know what I mean.

I have been shooting for around 10 years, as I picked up the bug again in France, but did nothing about it until I joined Novio Magnum 9 to 10 years ago. I was primarily a pistol shooter, but with the 1997 handgun ban I handed these in and was somewhat lost for an area of the sport I was interested in.

As Novio ranges have a maximum of 50 meters I soon settled into sporting rimfire, black powder pistol and gallery rifle disciplines. Being an avid reader, I am interested in gun smithing, I always liked the idea of benchrest, but I had nowhere locally to shoot it. Bisley is the only choice now that I am living on the South Coast, and I would only be able to visit this every couple of months. Not the best way to develop a keen interest in a sport! I had read a lot about rimfire benchrest on the web. I had tried over two years to develop this in Sussex and Hampshire with little following, apart from my own club. I was resigned to just have the discipline as the 'yearly' club competition when UKBR22 started up, and I have hopefully supported Pat and the Association ever since.



Carl when pistol shooting was legal.....those were the days !

Roman started shooting really by visiting the club when I shot. As he mum worked Saturdays, he came shooting with me and eventually had a go. He started to enjoy it and I bought him an air pistol, later an air rifle and rimfire pump action. As he has only just turned 11, he is still finding what he likes about shooting and I hope to see his interest develop in the future. Poor lad has so much on that it sometimes hard for him. He plays in a local youth orchestra and practises/ teaches Karate three times a week, now that he has passed his black belt. He is proud of his accomplishments during the summer season and I know he will get better as he has beaten me a few times.

We both enjoy benchrest a great deal, as I practised a lot before UKBR22. Although people are initially keen the equipment puts them off. When they find it is harder than they realise, this also acts a negative point. If anything my view is that it is a good alternative to prone or three position rifle shooting. As a way to get youngsters into our sport, benchrest comes into its own. I can only see things getting better and better in the future.....

Thanks Carlvery much appreciated.

Web Page

The Web Site is being continually up dated with Results etc and the new Merchandise Page soon. 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@phelpsfamily.wanadoo.co.uk

Quotes of the Month

Found these little ditties and thought they were amusing so will share -

Something for the member who has to carry lots of equipment -

"My first rule of consumerism is never to buy anything you can't make your children carry" - *Bill Bryson - (American Humorist)*

"The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder" - *Sir Alfred Hitchcock*

"Marriages are supposed to be made in heaven, which may be why they don't work on earth" - *Thomas Szasz - (American Psychiatrist) and another one -*

"Love conquers all things except poverty and toothache" - *Mae West*

and related to that -

"If woman didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning" - *Aristotle Onassis - and another one from the Oil Magnet -*

"The secret of success is to know something nobody else does"

Now a few Presidents -

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt" - *Abraham Lincoln (did he know something)*

"Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to the conclusion that it bears a very close resemblance to the first" - *Ronald Reagan*

Well we can't leave out good old Tony Benn -

"We've had our political democracy decapitated in the interests of the worship of money" - *Tony Benn*

And now for some from the Film industry -

"A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on" - *Louis B Mayer (American Film Mogul)*

"An expert has been defined as - 'someone from out of town carrying a briefcase'"

"They say an actor is only as good as his parts. Well my parts have done me pretty well, darling" - *Barbara Windsor*

"I was the first person to burn my bra - it took the fire department four days to put it out" - *Dolly Parton*

"The best research for playing a drunk is being a British Actor for 20 years" - *the wonderful Michael Cain and finally -*

"I start every day with a smile and get it over with" - *W C Fields*

I hope you enjoyed them.....

Merchandise

The Web Page Merchandise page will be up and running in the next few weeks when the first of the items have been embroidered, had a small delay. Have sold some of the hats and a couple of Tee Shirts especially the Team ones.

Target Sports

As we said last month Target Sports is back, this month I think they have surpassed themselves with the modern layout better photographs and in general a better read whilst waiting for the next edition. Well done to all at Target Sports under the leadership of Wesley Stanton.

Teams

Last month I briefly covered the Team idea for the coming Seasons. This I'm glad to say has gone down very well and we will be issuing the initial Teams by the end of October for the Winter Season. There will be many new members shooting this Winter so the Teams will change for the Summer Season based on achievements this Winter, so don't feel left out.

Membership

Membership is still growing and at present stands at approx 160+, thanks to all who have helped in this growing sport and continued growth of membership. France has now joined us and the US have confirmed a Team. Still chasing Australia and I think we may have the full set for the UK with Scotland asking questions.

Juniors

As Founding Member I have decided that all Juniors under the age of 18 will have Free Membership and their Awards will be under a UKBR22 Sponsorship Scheme. This is not new; the USA Benchrest Associations are doing the same thing and all to encourage the younger generation and future British and World Champions to participate in the many shooting disciplines. Maybe the NSRA, NRA and all the other Governing Bodies should take note and follow suit - what is the saying - ".....pigs will fly" !.

New Scoring System from 1st October

This inaugural Season, the final scores have been calculated by awarding points for positions in each months matches, 100 for 1st, 99 for second etc., and the whole added together to give the final figure, with the lowest score omitted. This is a fair system but from 1st October 2004 it will be changed to the following.

Each month, each members score and 10X's will be added together to give an overall figure with a maximum of 1500 points with a possible 150 10X's. At the end of the Season each Members lowest score will be taken off so that five out of six matches are scored. The maximum score then will be 1250 with 125 10X's.

Grading

Nearly all members have now received their Grading Certificate, some still to update and issue.

To explain we remind members of the Grades -

Novice	score - 209 and lower
Marksman	score - 210 to 219
Sharpshooter	score - 220 to 229
Expert	score - 230 to 239
Master	score - 240 to 245
Grand Master	score - 246 to 249
Ultimate Grand Master	score - 250

Well that's all the news so far.....I must thank all the members who have helped in this inaugural Season in the UK and Europe as well as the USA and hope they will continue to do so. A big thank you to all Members for their support.....More next month and few tips from Members especially Walter.

Pat

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