

UK Benchrest 22

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

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Member Feature

This month I am going to give you an insight into me.....and what I'm about, not much really but at least you will then know what you have got your self into.

Well I'm a grey haired old man of 61 going on 25, some days, and I have only been shooting rimfire for 2 years. Well I'll start at the beginning.....When I was 14 I joined a local shooting club in Sussex where we lived, we were shooting in those days the BSA Martini International, probably the Mk 1 or maybe Mk 2, I was eventually put into the club Team but being very shy could not take the strain did not do very well. I have always liked the Martini so recently when I had the chance to purchase a Mk 3 second hand I did and never looked back, that's the rifle I use solely for 25 yards with a Hawke 40X scope.



Martini International Mk 3 and Anschutz 1413

I digress.....When I started work I had other interests so the shooting was dropped, typical teenager. I started work in 1960 as a print boy in a firm of Architects because the only GCE I managed to gain was in technical drawing, I think I spent more time chasing the girls, not that it got me anywhere. Now 45 years later I'm still a print boy, no no no that's not right.....well I'm still in Architecture and still enjoying every moment of it, I now have my own practice run from my home. Anyway, through my teens I was a guitar player of sorts and have never given up or for that matter mastered it to this day although I did play in a rock band during the 70s. Other pass times have been motor racing which I did enjoy but in the end it became to expensive to continue as I had just married my wife wonderful Pauline and a 'mortgage'.



This was fun.....

After motor racing I took up the leisurely sport of Tournament Archery and managed to get to County level, that I enjoyed but because of a car accident some years earlier I had ended up with arthritis in my neck and finally was forced to give up. Just after that I joined a local Shotokan Karate Club I had sent my daughter to, finally ending up with a 1st Kue or Brown belt, that was fun and two lots of broken ribs.

In the late 1990's I joined a local Air rifle Club and eventually shot competitive Field Target, managed to do quite well and it was a lot of fun, a bit wet at times. I still had problems with my neck though so decided to go onto centre fire with an 1874 Pedersoli Sharps Silhouette in .40-70. I know, I know a complete difference but sometime that's a good thing. Due to restrictions in shooting the shoulder cannon to once a month or so, I thought of buying something I could shoot each week, hence the Martini. It was OK when I shot from a bench but found it difficult with my neck problem to shoot prone. One day I was looking on the web and found Benchrest Central, now this sounded just what I needed so I had a go, then bought a second hand Anschutz and well you all know the rest..... Right now you can all wake up and read the rest of the news letter.....

November Match

Well the Winter Season is doing well we have again a good number of members shooting with many waiting in the wings for next season. At present the Membership is 170 and still rising, now that cannot be bad.....

Well done to every one, keep up the good scores, they are rising all the time, we have more 250 scores and more Grand Masters.

Fly Shoot

As many of you will know Carl has organised a Christmas Fly Shoot, this can be shot at 25 yards and with a different target at 50M. The targets can be down loaded from the Web Page on to A4 paper each of which have 10 flies to hit, the simple Rules are set out on the Target. Carl has organised Badges as rewards for good scores, there are plenty of them, so have a go, it's just for Fun.



Fly Shoot Button Badges.

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

Merchandise

The Web Merchandise page is still being updated, so if you want to see what is on offer please do. The Badges below are a relatively new addition. The Association pin Badge for hat or jacket is an Anglo-Italian design and sold at a reasonable purchase price. The 250 Award Badge is free with a Certificate to all those Members who shoot a "250" score, Robb Harrison was the first to shoot a 250 in August 2004, you will see Patrick Tyrrell has also shot a 250 in November 2004; I'm sure the way Members are shooting there will be many more over the winter season.



Certificate and Badge Award presented to all who shoot a "250" score



Association pin Badge
see Web Page for reasonable purchase cost

Teams

The Team scores are starting to get a little exciting and we are only into the second month, this is going to be a tight Winter Season I can feel it in my bones. I have taken it upon myself to have an extra Award this winter for the top 'International Lady', so when you see a (L) by some ones name you will now know what it means. We have more and more Lady's joining so this is a way forward yet again.

Membership

As I said earlier Membership is still growing with 170 so far. There are many shooters expressing an interest and will be shooting with us from April onwards in competition but hopefully will also put a few scores in before then as practise.

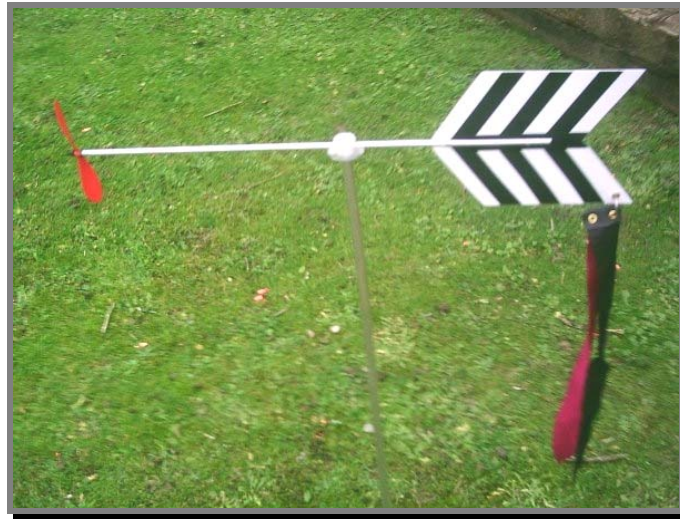
Membership Fees will be due in January for the full 2005 year; the full Fee will be £10.00. Don't forget that if you have paid this year or part this year it goes towards next years Fee. .

- Full 2005 Membership - £10.00 (€16.00 or \$18.00)
- If a Member has paid the full Fee this year, as some have, the Fee for 2005 is FREE.
- If a Member has paid half the Fee this year, the Fee for 2005 will be £5.00 (€8.00 or \$9.00)

If anyone has a query about the Fee set up for 2005 please Email me.

Wind Flag

Carl has been very busy recently with both a wind flag design and an ammunition box design, details of both can be found on the web page with full construction drawings etc.



Carl's Wind Flag

Air Rifle Division

You will see that the Air rifle division have shot this month, only a few but then that's how the rimfire started, so watch this space, I feel it could be big.

Grading

Nearly all members have now received their initial Grading Certificate. To explain to new Members we remind you 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

If there is Member interest we will be producing Grade Badges similar to those shown on the Merchandise Page of the Web Site. Final design and price to be decided.

Well that's all the news so far.....don't forget any questions, problems or information required please Email me.

HAVE A VERY GOOD CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT IN THIS VENTURE, IT WILL BE BIG.

Pat

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