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2003 Long Range Muzzle Loading World Championships

This event took place at Camp Butner, North Carolina, USA between 22nd September & 26th September 2003 and was shot at ranges of 300, 500, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards. The Great Britain team was:



Left - Right:

David Minshall, Kim Minshall, George Arnold, John Whittaker, Mike Hall, Mike Mott (Captain), Martin Tebbs (Adjutant), Len Jackson, (Vice-Captain)

Shooters had to contend with searing heat and a very playful mirage! With two days training and a further three days of shooting the match was quite a test of stamina. Unlike the short range events there was little opportunity to rest between matches; shooters had to take their turn scoring or butt marking. Butt duty was made easier by the electric powered target frames which could be raised or lowered at the touch of a button. Anyone who has worked the targets at Bisley will instantly see the benefits!

The Great Britain team won the bronze medal in the long range (900 yards + 1000 yards) match. Full results will be available on the MLAGB web site in due course.



The 2005 Long Range Muzzle Loading World Championships will be held at Bisley, UK. Dates and details are to be established.

Mid & Long Range Muzzle Loading

All the GB team for the USA are members of the Long Range Rifles Branch of the MLAGB (see web site branch links for details). The branch has a full program of matches each year, with events shot from 600 yards to 1200 yards, for military and target rifles.

If you are interested in mid (200-600yds) or long (900yds+) range shooting with muzzle loading rifles then the MLAGB National Match series held March to May each year will see you progressively working back to greater distances. Many helpful shooters will be on hand to offer assistance should you wish to join in.

Should the topic interest you, then readers are also directed to the Long Range Muzzle Loader web site at www.lrml.org which has an associated internet discussion list.

Short Range Championships

The Association's annual Short Range Championships were held at Wedgcock Ranges, near Warwick, on the weekend of 23/24 August. The car park started to fill quickly from the first day, a good sign of the popularity of this event. The ranges with their ample space make them an ideal choice for the competitions and their location in the centre of England, with close motorway links, allows ready access from most part of the UK. Shooters collected their targets from the range offices and were then free to choose which details they wished to shoot on.

The diversity of muzzle loading lends itself to a wide variety of shooting. Members have opportunity to compete with arms, including matchlock, flintlock and percussion muskets, flintlock rifles, percussion military (Enfield) rifles and target rifles and even double-rifles. Most events are the standard best 10 of 13 shots.

John Harper-Smith had a convincing win in the 100m Enfield match, although was beaten into 2nd place in the 50m offhand Enfield match by David Minshall. In the 100m matches for original target rifles John Whittaker was in fine form winning two trophies. Olivia Lamont shot well in the 100m flint rifle match, winning the match five points ahead of 2nd place. The most

convincing win however came in the 100m double rifle match where Reg Beer finished 30 points ahead of the rest of the field! Husband and wife David and Kim Minshall tied in first place in the 50m offhand match for target rifles, with David taking the gold medal based on the smaller group size. Rifle Secretary Allan Whiffin, possibly still on a high from his gold medal win in the European Championships, further demonstrated his mastery of the Japanese matchlock musket scoring an outstanding 95 for a first place win by 5 points. Full results can be found on the MLAGB web site.

It was good to see so many shooters still at the range for the prize giving on Sunday afternoon. The prizes were presented by MLAGB President, Peter Jacques.

2003 Grand Draw

It's still not too late to return your raffle tickets to: Paul Roberts (Raffle Promoter), MLAGB, PO Box 779, West End, Woking, Surrey GU24 9WA, Great Britain. Don't miss out on your opportunity of winning a 1st prize of a super Lancaster Patent Oval Bore Military Match Rifle or £1200 cash.



Details of other prizes can be found in eBulletin 1. The draw will take place at the Association Arms Fair in the Exhibition Hut, Bisley on Saturday 8th November.

Association Arms Fair

The next Association arms fair will be at the MLAGB clubhouse, the Exhibition Hut, at Bisley on Saturday 8th November. Doors open to all at 10:00am, with an entry fee of £2. There will be a bar and food available. All enquiries and table bookings to John Marsh, telephone 01923 243201.

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