



Overseas Team Fund 2003 Raffle

A very big 'thank you' to all who supported the annual raffle in 2003. Ticket stubs were returned from all parts of the UK and other corners of the globe, including the Falkland Islands and New Zealand. This year's first prize was a Lancaster Patent Oval Bore Military Match Rifle or £1200 cash.



The Lancaster antique rifle presented as first prize

The Overseas Team Fund exists to make contributions towards the substantial costs incurred by shooters representing Great Britain and the MLAGB attending international muzzle loading competition. Special mention must be made of Mick Nash, winner of the £500 cash prize, who very generously donated £200 back to the Overseas Team Fund. Thanks Mick!

From those who invested in the raffle the following have reaped their rewards:

- First Prize, the Lancaster Rifle. (and thanks to Phil Dyer who made this possible)
R.Rimmer. Ticket number 14043.
- Second Prize, £500 Cash.
R.C. Nash. Ticket number 21387
- Third Prize, Ruger Old Army Revolver.
J.Scott. Ticket number 03606
- Fourth Prize, Twelve Bottles of Champagne
Dr R.L.Cottee. Ticket number 21605
- Fifth Prize, Selection of Christmas Goods
M.Lunn. Ticket number 11712
- Sixth Prize. Goods from the MLAGB shop.
A.V.R.Bailey. Ticket number 15329.

Arms Fair and Auction

Two events of interest to both collectors and shooters are being held in the first part of the new year. Both events present opportunity to acquire new guns and associated accoutrements to add to ones collection or perhaps to take up a new 'classic arms' discipline.

On Saturday 6 March 2004 the MLAGB is holding an arms fair at its Bisley club house, the Exhibition Hut. Door open at 9:00am for dealer set, and tables are available at £15. Doors open to all at 10:00am and the entry fee is £2. A bar and food will be available. There will be a table available free to Association members but there is a limit of two items only per person.

Enquiries and table bookings should be addressed to: John Marsh, tel. 01932 243201.

The Association Auction in aid of the Overseas Team Fund will be held at Bisley on Saturday 1 May 2004. Doors open from 10:00am to receive lots, and the auction will start promptly at 2:00pm. For those seeking to advertise their auction lots prior to the event, an on-line catalogue will be hosted on the MLAGB web site. This catalogue was introduced for the first time in 2003 and resulted in overseas bids being received for some items. Enquiries to Paul Roberts Tel/Fax: 01276 517335 or via the 'Collecting' page of the MLAGB website.

MLAGB Durham Branch Xmas Open Clay Shoot

Sunday December 14th, 11 am start.
Black Powder Only
Witton Castle, Bishop Auckland,
Co. Durham.

Class: Muzzle Loaders 30 Bird Sporting

Class: Breech Loaders 30 Bird Sporting

Entry of £5 each event including free barbeque. This yearly event is now well established in the north-east, making it a good day out with the renowned Geordie hospitality.

Telephone 01388 663137 for further enquiries.

Collecting

Readers are reminded that many members of the MLAGB are collectors. The Association has a Collector's Secretary, Ken Hocking, who writes a regular column in the Association Newsletter. It should be noted that there are two special editions of the Newsletter, with one edition being a 'Collectors Special', and another a 'Shooters Edition'. Ken has included a most useful list of reference books for the collector's library in one of his columns. This list is available via the collector's section of the MLAGB web site, together with suggestions for other internet resources.



Cased 54-bore Deane-Harding Patent Late (Third) Model Five Shot Double Action Percussion Revolver, retailed by Deane & Son, 30 King William Street, London Bridge

To facilitate communication between collectors (and shooters) the MLAGB web site hosts a number of 'Forums' where questions may be posted. From time to time questions about a particular firearm are received, however information provided is often sparse. Those seeking to research a firearm and consulting others should provide as much information as possible. The following is suggested as a minimum:

- Lock mechanism: eg. matchlock, flintlock, percussion
- Barrel(s): length, bore diameter, rifled or smooth-bore
- Engraving: details of all engraving or markings on the barrel and lock
- Any other relevant information: eg. details of sights, bayonet fittings

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