



# MLAGB

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### National 300yd Rifle Championships

Sunday 4 April saw a wind swept group of muzzle loaders assemble on Bisley's Century Range for the National 300 yard Rifle Championships.



300 yard Firing Point, L-R: Mick Nash, Malcolm Seller, Mike Hall, Dan Conti

As with the 200 yard free rifle event, the 300 yard match was a close run affair. V-bulls had to be used to separate the top two shooters who both scored 39, and first place went to Dennis Chambers (perhaps due reward to Dennis having lost out of the medals at 200 yards on countback). Veteran marksman Barry Custance-Baker was second, while GB Long Range team captain, Mike Mott, was third scoring 38. There was no doubt at all about the military rifle match winner. John Hollis scored 38, fourteen points ahead of second place! This was excellent shooting and certainly shows the accuracy an Enfield is capable of when the rifleman has developed the right load and gets his bit right... Second place was a close run affair with Ken Watson and John Woollard tying on 24 points; Ken's single v-bull was enough to gain him the silver medal. Prize winners are listed below:

#### National 300 yard Free Rifle Championship for the Capper Cup

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| 1st | D.Chambers           | 39.3 |
| 2nd | Barry Custance-Baker | 39.1 |
| 3rd | M.Mott               | 38.3 |

#### National 300 yard Military Rifle Championship for the Capper Enfield Trophy

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| 1st | J.Hollis   | 38.1 |
| 2nd | K.Watson   | 24.1 |
| 3rd | J.Woollard | 24   |

### Pistol & Rifle Secretaries Overseas Team Fundraiser

The Pistol and Rifle Secretary's match in aid of the Overseas Team Fund (OTF) took place at Wedgcock on Saturday 17 April. This one day event had a full program of pistol, musket and rifle competitions. For an event so early in the season there were some excellent scores: some people have apparently been applying themselves to training during the winter months!



25m Pistol Range

Nick Harvey was obviously on form on the 25m pistol ranges, winning three matches. His 100 in the Reproduction Revolver match was an outstanding achievement. Nick also won the Replica Single Shot Pistol match scoring 98, and the Free Revolver match scoring 96. Pistol Secretary, David Spittles, made his mark in the Free Single Shot Pistol match winning with a score of 98. In order to encourage new and up-and-coming shooters the Free Pistol match excluded National Squad members. The match winner was F. Haggerty, scoring 90, with the next three places scoring 89.

Musket and rifle matches were held at 50m and 100m. On the 50m range, Allan Whiffin demonstrated his mastery of the matchlock musket, winning both the standing and kneeling events. Fred Boulton was way ahead of the field in the Minie (military rifle) standing match with 97, while Jon Harper-Smith won the Free Rifle standing match with a superb 99. At 100m David Minshall won the Minie match with 89, and Mick Nash won the free rifle match with 94. Somewhat disappointingly entries to the musket and rifle events were rather limited.

Prizes were awarded to competition winners and second and third placed

shooters rather than the usual medals; the wine and percussion caps seemed to be appreciated! Thanks to all who supported this event. The OTF fund exists to contribute towards the substantial costs incurred by shooters who represent Great Britain and the MLAGB in international shooting events. Top scores are listed below and full results can be found on the MLAGB web site.

#### 25m Competitions

Matchlock Pistol, F.Thibault 91;  
Original Flintlock Pistol, J.Marsh 89;  
Repro. Flintlock Pistol, J.Emmerson 87;  
Orig. Single Shot Pistol, L.Pearson 95;  
Repro. Single Shot Pistol, N.Harvey 98;  
Free Single Shot Pistol, D.Spittles 98;  
Original Revolver, J.Emmerson 95;  
Repro. Revolver, N.Harvey 100;  
Free Revolver, N.Harvey 96;  
Free Pistol, F.Haggerty 90.

#### 50m Competitions

Matchlock (Standing), A.Whiffin 89;  
Matchlock (Kneeling), A.Whiffin 89;  
Minie (Standing), F.Boulton 97;  
Minie (Kneeling), D.Minshall 91;  
Flint Musket, A.Russell 91;  
Flint Rifle, S.Fletcher 79;  
Free Rifle, J.Harper-Smith 99.

#### 100m Competitions

Flint Rifle, A.Russell 75;  
Minie Rifle, D.Minshall 89;  
Free Rifle, M.Nash, 94.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Have you entered yet?

The annual **Pistol Fest** will be held at Wedgcock, Warwick, on the weekend of 15/16 May. With sixteen competitions for matchlock, flintlock, percussion and revolver there is plenty enough shooting to make a weekend of it!

The **Schuzenfest** weekend of shooting commences on Friday 28 May with the 600yd Free Rifle and Military Rifle matches. Saturday sees the 50m and 100m matches. The short range events cater for a wide variety of muzzle loading muskets and rifles, including matchlock, flintlock and percussion musket, military rifle, free rifle, and flintlock rifle. The weekend's shooting is concluded with long range matches at 900 and 1,000 yards on the Sunday.

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