



Pedersoli Challenge 31 July & 1 August



GB Team Captain, Frank Thibault,
at last years Pedersoli Challenge

The MLAGB's annual open international match will be held at the Wedgnock range complex the weekend of 31 July & 1 August. Once again the Association is indebted to world-renowned gun makers **Daive Pedersoli & Co**, and their UK distributor **Viking Arms Ltd**, who have sponsored the match with two terrific rifles as prizes to be offered for aggregate competitions:

- Sharps 1874 Hunter 45-70 Rifle
- Remington Rolling Block Infantry Rifle .357 Magnum

In addition to the rifle prizes, three special Pedersoli trophies have also been donated as prizes.

Events held are the standard Muzzle Loading Associations International Committee (MLAIC) course of fire of 13 shots in 30 minutes with the best 10 shots to count for score and are: Whitworth (100m free percussion rifle), Minie (100m military percussion rifle), Maximilian (100m free flintlock rifle), Walkyrie (100m ladies free percussion rifle), Miquelet (50m flintlock musket), Tanegashima (50m matchlock musket), Vetterli (50m free rifle), Kuchenreuter (25m single shot percussion pistol), Mariette (25m percussion replica revolver), Colt (25m original percussion revolver), Cominazzo (25m flintlock pistol), Lorenzoni (percussion shotgun), Manton (flintlock shotgun) plus a match for breech loading black powder rifles and a free pistol event (eg Ruger 'Old Army' etc).

Wedgnock ranges have sufficient capacity to accommodate self-squadding, and the two day event allows

plenty of opportunity to take part in many matches. Why not come along and take part in this open muzzle-loading competition?

Auction Report

The annual Auction in support of the Overseas Team Fund was held at the Exhibition Hut, Bisley on 1 May. Twenty vendors submitted the usual mixed bag totaling 144 lots to tempt a room full of people. Our auctioneer for the afternoon was, once again, Jim Hallam with Paul Roberts collecting the money.

The star lot, with no Whitworths or Kerrs this year, was probably the 3-Band Enfield in tidy condition and with a good bore which fetched £750. A selection of other prices realised may, attract even more vendors and buyers to the next event.

- A Remington Rolling Block with good bore in .43, Egyptian - £280
- Seven old shooting medals - £15
- An Air-Arms Tamsin side lever .177 air rifle with thumbhole stock - £140
- Two Webley Mk1 air pistols, formerly the property of the late Andrew Tucker - £60 each
- A Cape Gun, in need of some attention - £250
- A Swift Trainer, sold by the NRA Museum - £70
- A Greathead under-hammer pistol, donated by Mick Gault for the BPC Roof Fund - £220
- A La Page type reproduction pistol - £200
- A Bacons Patent revolver in .31 - £250
- A Witney Revolver in .36 - £375
- A Labron Deer Rifle - £415
- A smooth bore target pistol - £385
- A Sepoy musket - £300

National 500yd Rifle Championships

Despite a somewhat mixed bag of weather forecasts in the few days leading up to the 500 yard rifle championships, Sunday 2 May turned out to be a bright clear spring day at Bisley. The changeable direction of the wind, with occasional strong gusts for good measure, made for some entertaining shooting, and those holding 'inners' did well. With lapses in attention

to the wind, shooters would find shots drifting out to 'maggies' or lower scores.



L-R: John Maddieson, John Whittaker,
Mike Mott, Jerry Womble

As now seems to be the pattern with the free rifle matches, competition for the medals was extremely close. Three shooters, Martin Tebbs, David Pearce and David Minshall all scored 41. Martin took the top place with his three v-bulls, while David Pearce beat David Minshall for second place on count back. John Hollis continues to set the pace in the Enfield rifle matches, winning with a score of 33. John Whittaker was close behind with 32, while Mike Mott beat Charles Higginbottom by one v-bull for third place, scoring 30.1. Full results are available via the MLAGB web site and the top three are detailed below:

500 yards Free Rifle Championship for the Ridge Shield

1st M.Tebbs	41.3
2nd D.Pearce	41.1
3rd D.Minshall	41.1

500 yards Military Rifle Championship for the Hans Busk Cup

1st J.Hollis	33
2nd J.Whittaker	32
3rd M.Mott	30.1

It was heartening to see the increasing numbers of shooters entering these matches; many travelling long distances from the north of England, the midlands and the south west. Ranges over 300m on the Continent being somewhat scarce, two MLAGB members from France also took the opportunity to compete.

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