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Schutzenfest Weekend 28 – 30 May, Bisley

Shooting commenced with the National 600 yard Free Rifle and Military Rifle Championships on Friday 28 May. A clear day greeted the forty-eight riflemen competing in the Championships, a remarkable turn-out for a 'work day'. David Minshall made the winning score of 62.3 in the free rifle match for the Sir Henry Halford Cup, which also secured him first place for the Malet Mid-Range Cup. John Hollis, a newcomer to the MLAGB mid-range matches this year, has been making a name for himself as a notable marksman with the Enfield rifle. True to form, and shooting for the ECR Ross Cup in the 600 yard military rifle match, John scored a very respectable 43.2 for first place. John also won the Mid-Range Enfield Aggregate.



Gerry Horner, Kneeling Matchlock Winner

Saturday morning was the Schutzenfest 50m matches. Three of the entrants who had travelled long distances to compete were rewarded with success. Gareth Callan visiting from Jersey won the offhand matchlock competition and George Arnold, also from Jersey, won the percussion musket match, while Laurent Smaniotto, one of the visitors from France, won the target rifle class. After lunch prone shooting commenced at 100m with military rifle, target rifle, flintlock rifle, ladies and Baker rifle matches. The military rifle match was won by Paul Wolpe, scoring 89, while Charles Higginbottom won the target rifle match with an outstanding score of 97. Olivia Lamont was clear winner of the flintlock rifle match, scoring 89, while she lost out to silver medal placing in the ladies match having one less ten than competition winner Helen Harper-Smith, both scoring 93. Daryl Miller was the winner of the Baker rifle match.

Held on Stickle-down Range on Sunday 30 May were the National 900 and 1,000 yard Rifle Championships. Conditions for the match were trying throughout the day. The 900 yard match took place in the morning, with bright spells, changeable winds and a splash of rain thrown in for good measure. The afternoon's 1,000 yard shooting was no less entertaining with sunshine and showers and dramatic changes in wind direction and strength. Charles Higginbottom won both the 900 yard and 1,000 yard matches scoring 58 and 47.1 in the respective events. Charles' win at 900 yards for the Malet Cup and at 1,000 yards for the Captain Heaton Trophy, also secured him a comfortable win for the Malet Memorial Long Range Aggregate. *Full results are available on the MLAGB web site.*

Entente Cordiale Match



The Entente Cordiale teams

Since 1963 a unique rifle match, the Entente Cordiale, has been contested between the Arquebusiers de France (ADF) and the MLAGB. The competition is between teams of six using original muzzle loading military rifles, shooting prone at 100m. This year marks a special anniversary, the centenary of the signing in London on 8th April 1904 of the Entente Cordiale, an agreement which resolved a number of colonial disputes and helped forge an Anglo-French alliance.

Peter Jacques, President of the MLAGB, and Christian Pederson of the ADF made arrangements for the competition to take place at Bisley as part of the Schutzenfest. GB team selection was based on scores achieved in the Schutzenfest prone military rifle match, while the French team had been selected in advance of their visit. The match was a victory for the British team.

Great Britain (MLAGB) : Score 530

Senior 95; Whittaker 91;
Maddieson 91; Holbrook 89;
Hendy 84; Higginbottom 80

France (ADF) : Score 518

Jacob 93; Riaud 90; Collot 89;
Rubio 86; Mussini 81; Faig 79

FORTHCOMING EVENTS... ..

Pedersoli Challenge

The MLAGB's annual open international match will be held at the Wedgnoek range complex the weekend of 31 July & 1 August. Once again the Association is indebted to world-renowned gun makers Davide 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. Entry forms have been distributed and are available for download from the mlagb web site or by post from the Rifle Secretary.

Short Range Championships

Due to the timing of the World Championships, the MLAGB's Short Range Championships will be held at the Association's Wedgnoek range complex on the weekend of 25 and 26 September, rather than in August as per recent years.

English Pistol Championships

Held at Wedgnoek and on the same weekend as the Short Range Championships, the English Pistol Championships follows the standard Muzzle Loading Associations International Committee (MLAIC) competition schedule with events in two categories - O (Original firearms) and R (Replica firearms).

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