



# MLAGB

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### 21st MLAIC World Championships



This year the 21st MLAIC World Championships were hosted by the USA, 23-28 August. The venue was Batesville, Indiana. The local population were very enthusiastic and thousands lined the streets for the opening parade and ceremony, cheering the nearly 400 shooters.

The weather was very tricky, which led to some relatively low scoring (by World Championship standards) events. The range at Batesville faces south, which puts the targets in shadow under the best of conditions - and the conditions were often not the best. Sun during the practice days, clouds and rain during competition.

Events are held at 25m for pistol, 50m for musket and 50m & 100m for rifle, plus down the line clay events for both flintlock and percussion shotguns. Competitions for pistol, musket and rifle are 13 shot matches in 30 minutes, with the best 10 scoring shots to count. Shotgunners have a demanding 50 bird event.

Great Britain's team of 21 shooters achieved a respectable fifth place in the ranking/medals table out of eighteen competing nations. Despite their huge team of 70 shooters the USA only finished one place above Great Britain, in fourth place, while Italy was third. Germany and France, placed first and second respectively, continue to dominate the medal table.

Jon Harper-Smith was the most successful British shooter, with a gold and silver medal for individual events, plus a team gold. Special mention must be made of Rhys Hobbs for winning the youth shotgun competition.

Congratulations to the following British medal and certificate winners:

#### Shotgun (Individual)

Manton 'O' - Bronze - C.Hobbs  
Mortimer - Gold - R.Hobbs

#### Pistol (Individual)

Mariette - Bronze - N.Harvey  
Tanzutsu 'R' - Silver - L.Haig

#### Musket (Individual)

Hizadai 'O' - Gold - J.Harper-Smith  
Hizadai 'O' - Bronze - D.Brigden  
Sugawa - Silver - J.Harper-Smith  
Sugawa - Bronze - L.Haig

#### Musket (Team)

Nobunaga - Gold - D.Brigden,  
J.Harper-Smith, P.Roberts

#### Rifle (Individual)

Walkyrie - Silver - H.Harper-Smith

#### Certificates

Colt - 4th Place - J.Harper-Smith  
Cominzzo 'O' - 4th Place -  
J.Harper-Smith  
Tanzutsu 'R' - 5th Place - F.Thibault  
Tanegashima 'O' - 5th Place -  
J.Harper-Smith  
Tanegashima 'O' - 6th Place - L.Haig  
Hizadai 'O' - 4th Place - L.Haig  
Sugawa - 5th Place - D.Brigden  
Whitworth 'O' - 4th Place -  
J.Harper-Smith

Forthcoming International Matches for short range shooting are 11th MLAIC European Championships, which will be held in 2005 at Pforzheim, Germany, and the 22nd MLAIC World Championships in Bordeaux, France in 2006. In 2005 Great Britain will be hosting the 5th MLAIC World Long Range Championships at Bisley.

#### Home Office Approval

The MLAGB have recently had their status as a Home Office Approved Rifle and Muzzle Loading Pistol Club renewed. Please note that the new Home Office approval number is FMS 04 24/25/25/8.

### Forthcoming Events

First up is a combined meeting between organised by the MLAGB and HBSA. This is a Rook & Rabbit Rifle Championship Meeting to be held at Wedgcock Range, Near Warwick, on Saturday 9th October 2004. Contact Allan Kirk (aj.kirk@webleicester.co.uk) for more details, or download an entry form from the MLAGB web site calendar.



*Kim Minshall shooting 50m offhand at the spring OTF match*

The Overseas Team Fundraising match is scheduled for Saturday 16 October at Wedgcock. The OTF matches held at the beginning and end of the year are relaxed competitions offering competitors a wide variety of musket, rifle and pistol events with a good selection of prizes. Come and enjoy the fun! Entry forms are distributed to those who have previously competed, can be obtained from the rifle and pistol secretaries and will be available for download from the Association web site.

The NRA's Trafalgar Meeting will be held at Bisley on 23/24 October at Bisley. There's plenty of muzzle loading competition and Surrey Branch will be running the 100m events. See Surrey Branch report for more information.

The final event of the year for collectors (and shooters looking for their latest medal winning arm) is the Association Arms Fair to be held at the Bisley Club House on Saturday 6 November. This will also feature the 2004 grand raffle draw. There will be opportunity to purchase additional tickets for the valuable and attractive prizes prior to the afternoon's draw.

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