



# MLAGB

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## Short Range Championships

The Association's annual Short Range Championships were held at Wedgcock Ranges, near Warwick, on the weekend of 25/26 September. This is the premier MLAGB short range musket and rifle competition and attracts many members with its diverse array of events for both original and reproduction arms. Not only are the usual matchlock and flintlock muskets, flintlock rifles, percussion military (Enfield) rifles and target rifles seen on the ranges, but also less often used percussion muskets and even double-rifles.



*The busy 100m range at Wedgcock*

Phil Senior was undoubtedly the most successful shooter at the event, with no less than six wins to his name and deserves to be congratulated. It was also pleasing to see new competitors in the Short Range Championships, including Paul Wolpe who is making a name for himself as an able Enfield rifle shooter, and who won three matches. The honour for longest distance travelled to compete in the match must go to Jersey members George Arnold and Gareth Callan. Their visit was made all the more worthwhile with each winning musket matches, George winning the percussion event and the Gareth matchlock event.



*The busy car park with 25m range to the left and Association office to the rear*

It was pleasing to see so many shooters still at the range for the prize giving on late Sunday afternoon, prizes being presented by MLAGB President Peter Jacques. Full results can be found on the MLAGB web site.

## Durham Branch Open

The Durham Branch of the MLAGB are holding an Open Black Powder Clay Shoot at Witton Castle, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham on December 12th 2004, starting at 11:00am. This is a thirty bird sporting shoot with muzzle and breech loading classes. Black powder cartridges will be available to Shotgun Certificate holders and refreshments will be provided. Further information can be obtained from Gordon French on telephone 01388 663137 or by email at: [durhammuzzleloaders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:durhammuzzleloaders@yahoo.co.uk).

## MLAIC



The Muzzle Loaders Associations International Committee (MLAIC) is the world governing body for muzzle loading. Amongst the aims stated in the constitution are the encouragement of historical research into antique firearms and their use, and the organisation of matches. The current MLAIC calendar of events is:

- 2005
- 11th European Zone Championship at Pforzheim, Germany
- 11th Pacific Zone Championship, place yet to be confirmed
- 5th Long Range World Championships, Great Britain
- 2006 22nd World Championship at Bordeaux, France

The current 'Constitution and Rules' can be found on the MLAIC web site at: [www.mlaic.org](http://www.mlaic.org). The rules should be read by anyone who shoots, or wishes to shoot, internationally. They are also of relevance to MLAGB competitions, many of which are run to MLAIC rules. The MLAGB's representative to the MLAIC is David Brigden, who also maintains the MLAIC web site. David can be contacted at:

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## International Shooting Events

The Great Britain team for the 2005 MLAIC European Championships in Germany will be selected based on performance in nominated events held this year. Initial selections for the GB Long Range Squad have been made based on performance in the national championship matches and other events. The final team will be selected from the squad following the completion of the 2005 national championship matches in May.

For those readers looking forward to the 2006 World Championships in France, selections will be based on performance in next year's nominated matches. The event calendar will be published early in the New Year so training plans can be prepared to ensure optimum performance when it counts!

Details on the MLAGB policy with regards to international selection have been published in the Black Powder Newsletter and can also be found via the members area of the MLAGB web site.

## MLAGB Competitions

Do you want to shoot in MLAGB competitions? Please remember that entry forms to our competitions are only sent to those on the competition mailing list. If you are not currently on the list and wish to be added, contact the relevant discipline secretary (contact details in the 'Black Powder Newsletter') or alternatively download entry forms via the web site calendar of events.

## Wedgcock

Shooters are reminded that during the Winter months (1 November-31 March) the MLAGB ranges at Wedgcock are closed the 1st and 2nd Saturdays in the Winter. They are also closed on Bank Holiday Mondays and Good Friday. Other than these few days the range opening hours are: 09.00 hours - 18.00 hours for .22 rimfire & airguns; 10.00 hours - 14.00 hours for other firearms.

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