



MLAGB

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MLAGB AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 51st Annual General Meeting of the MLAGB, a Company Limited by Guarantee, will be held at the Association Club House, 'The Exhibition Hut', Bisley on Saturday 11th June 2005 commencing at 2.30pm. All members are encouraged to attend and to exercise their voting rights in directing the policies of the Association.

Schutzenfest



Japanese matchlock at the Schutzenfest

The MLAGB's annual celebration of muzzle-loading, the open 'Schutzenfest' Meeting, will be held at Bisley from 27 to 29 May. Shooting commences with the 600yd Free Rifle and Military Rifle matches on the Friday. Saturday will see the 50m and 100m matches on Short Siberia Range. 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. There are also additional matches including Enfield three man team and a Schutzen event. The weekend is concluded with long range matches at 900 and 1,000 yards on the Sunday. Entry forms will be distributed to all those who attended the event in either of the last two years, are available on the MLAGB web site or alternatively can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Allan Whiffin, Lapwing, 6 Bramston Close, Great Braddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7EW.

Clay Pigeon Shooting: National & Regional Sporting Shoots

Piers Helps has been appointed to the post of National Clay Pigeon Shooting Secretary, which has the responsibility for all aspects of the discipline except for the International (DTL) which remains

firmly in the hands of Jane Capewell. Jane will continue to administer the team operations using in the main the excellent facilities at Sywell near Northampton.

Piers is keen to regenerate sporting clay shooting within the Association, both for muzzle and black powder breech loading shotguns, and will be assisted by Dave Marland and Mike Munnerley. The use of black powder shotguns across the Association at both National and Branch level will be encouraged, and because clay shooting is not bound by the requirements of a fixed approved rifle and pistol range it does lend itself to a much more flexible regional structure.

The next shoot will be the National, hosted and run by the Yorkshire Powder Burners on Sunday, 15th May, at Tower Farm, Steeton, West Yorkshire. The shoot starts at 10:00am, with last entries at 2:30pm. Maximum loads for muzzle loading competitions (except Small Bore and Big Bore Competitions) 1.25oz shot and 3.5 drams powder. Maximum shot size, English No.6. For more information contact Piers Helps on 01926 624142.

Range Finder: Where do you shoot?



The MLAGB's range at Wedgnock:
where do you shoot?

The MLAGB receives enquiries from those seeking to get into the black powder arts and wishing to locate their nearest range. The Association has a network of Branches and affiliated clubs, but the present database gives no information as to the whereabouts of ranges suitable and approved for muzzle loading. Some clubs, particularly in the Bisley catchment, have no suitable range of their own but regularly hire Bisley or MOD ranges.

Paul Robert, of Surrey Branch, has been co-ordinating the collection of

information for a database (probably just a list, but database sounds better!) of black powder ranges. Clearly such a database could also be of interest to existing black powder shooters looking for new shooting opportunities and certainly benefit Clubs looking to attract new members or increase range usage.

1. MLAGB Wedgnock, near Warwick.
2. NRA Bisley Camp, Bisley, Surrey.
3. Basildon Rifle and Pistol Club, Basildon Essex.
4. Stourport on Severn Pistol and Rifle Club, between Kidderminster and Stourport.
5. North Wales MLA, Moel Tryfan Quarry, near Caernarfon, Gwynedd, North Wales.
6. The Alde Black Powder Club, Gt Glemham, Suffolk.
7. Lingfield and Dormansland Rifle and Pistol Club, Lingfield, Surrey.
8. North Walsham Rifle and Pistol Club, North Walsham, Norfolk
9. Aldershot Rifle and Pistol Club, Badshot Lea near Farnham, Surrey.
10. Weybridge Rifle and Pistol Club, Walton on Thames, Surrey
11. Chinnor Rifle and Pistol Club, Chinnor Oxfordshire.
12. Cheshunt Rifle and Pistol Club, Waltham Cross, Herts.
13. Havant Rifle and Pistol Club, near Portsmouth.
14. Ham and Petersham Rifle and Pistol Club, Ham, Richmond, Surrey
15. North East Lincolnshire Target Club, Bradley, Grimsby, North East Lincs.
16. Monmouth and District Rifle Club, Monmouth.
17. Hurn Rifle and Pistol Club, Bournemouth Airport, Dorset.
18. Dorchester Rifle and Pistol Club, Dorchester, Dorset.
19. Leek and District Shooting Centre, Blackshaw Moor, nr Leek, Staffs.
20. Northampton Target Sports Club, Sywell, Northampton.
21. Haverfordwest Target Shooting Club, Withybush, Haverfordwest.
22. Tondu Target Shooting Club, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.
23. Springfield (Ancaster) Rifle and Pistol Club, near Grantham.
24. Hinderclay Pits (Suffolk and Norfolk Branch) Wattisford.
25. West Wales Muzzleloaders & Rifle Association, Llandyfan.

If interested in shooting at any of the ranges listed please contact Paul Roberts, MLAGB, PO Box 779, West End, Woking, Surrey GU24 9WA
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