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National 200 yd Rifle Championships



Shooters enjoying the spring sunshine on Bisley's Short Siberia Range

There was an excellent turn out for the first of the National Rifle Championship meetings at Bisley on 13 March. Many took advantage of a weekend of shooting and arrived at Bisley for a Long Range Rifles Branch training shoot at 900 yards on Saturday, followed by the MLAGB 200 yard competition on Sunday. Four shooters even came from France, although due to ferry problems two had to leave early on Sunday and were not able to compete in the championship match.

The early spring sunshine made for a pleasant time on Bisley's Short Siberia range, shooting free and military rifles. Entrants have a morning or afternoon to shoot and may enter one or both events. If only competing in one match (which must be shot first) there is ample time available for training within the session. With their 3.5" diameter bull's eye, the 200 yard NRA targets are quite a challenge for today's muzzle loader.

The 200 yard free rifle match for the Jacques Cup was a very close run affair. The top three scored 40, and v-bulls and 'count-back' had to be used to decide the medal placing. Dennis Chambers' day trip to Bisley from Yorkshire was made all the more worthwhile by his being awarded first place ahead of Marc Lavalette and Charles Higginbottom.

Resolving placing for the Military Rifle Cup proved to be a little easier, where John Hollis was a clear winner scoring 34. John won most of the mid-range military rifle matches last year and obviously seems intent on the same this year! MLAGB Rifle Secretary Allan Whiffin was second and John Maddieson third.



Shane Hicks competing in the 200 yard free rifle match

Mention must go to newcomer, 16 year old Shane Hicks. His grounding of just over a year shooting small-bore rifle at March Rifle Club has obviously served him well. After around three visits to the MLAGB's ranges at Wedgnock to learn something of muzzle loading under the tutelage of his grandfather Martin Tebbs, he entered his first MLAGB Championship meeting. Scoring 28 in the free rifle match, Shane beat several experienced riflemen and managed to tie with Martin. A similar performance in the military rifle match demonstrated his aptitude for the sport. Well done Shane!

Results:

National 200 yard Free Rifle Championship for the Jacques Cup

1st D.Chambers	40.2
2nd M.Lavalette	40.1
3rd C.Higginbottom	40.1

National 200 yard Military Rifle Championship for the Military Rifle Cup

1st J.Hollis	34
2nd A.Whiffin	31
3rd J.Maddieson	29.2

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.

Pistol Fest 2005

The MLAGB's annual Pistol Fest will be held at Wedgnock Range, Warwick, on the weekend of 30 April / 1 May. With a sixteen competitions for matchlock, flintlock and percussion pistol plus revolvers there is plenty enough shooting to make a weekend of it! So if you want to compete with your original flintlock duelling pistol or your 'Old Army' Ruger there are matches for all. Note that the Pistol Fest is not an open shoot, but confined to MLAGB members.

The OTF Match held in April opened an MLAGB program of pistol competitions running on a monthly basis through to the end of season OTF match in October. Along with the Pistol Fest other matches are the National Pistol Championships, Pedersoli Challenge and English Pistol Championships. In addition there are muzzle loading pistol events at the NRA's Phoenix Meeting and Trafalgar Meetings, plus the Pembrokeshire Open in June and the Welsh Open in July. For the keen pistol shooter there is certainly an abundance of opportunities to compete!

Annual Postal Competitions

Do you enjoy competition? Are you confident you can better other skilled shooters? Is your training suffering from lack of motivation? If you answered yes to any of the questions, then why not enter the MLAGB annual postal competitions? They offer the opportunity to enjoy competition or to 'spice up' your training with a little added pressure from the comfort of your own range, all with a large variety of muzzle loading firearms. Give them a go! Competitions available are:

25 metres: Flint Smoothbore, Revolver (spirit of original), Percussion, Any pistol

50 metres/yards: Flintlock, Percussion, Any rifle, Patch ball, Offhand flint rifle, 3-man team (1 Flint Musket, 1 Percussion Musket, 1 Military Rifle)

100 metres/yards: Military rifle, Free rifle, Flintlock, 3 man Military rifle team

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