



# MLAGB

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## OTF Fundraiser Match



*Precision pistol shooting events are part of the OTF Match program*

The dates for the Rifle and Pistol Secretary's popular open matches in aid of the Overseas Team Fund (OTF) are the weekend of 14/15 April. This two day competition at the MLAGB's range complex at Wedgnoek, Warwick, has a full program of musket, rifle and pistol events. Coming at the start of the competition season the event offers chance to clear out the cobwebs or evaluate your winter training progress as your fancy dictates!

This is an open competition and as such does not require membership of the MLAGB. New shooters will be welcomed. The spacious range facilities at Wedgnoek mean that events can be self squadded, so once the competition targets have been collected from the office the shooter can compete at a time that suits them. The relaxed atmosphere permits an easy introduction for those new to competitive shooting and the weekend is a good way to renew acquaintances and make new ones. As in the past there will be prizes and not medals for the winners.

Entry forms are distributed to those that have attended MLAGB matches in the last two years, are available via the web site, membership office or discipline secretaries. Please include a stamped addressed envelope if writing for an entry form. The OTF fund exists to contribute towards the substantial costs incurred by shooters who represent Great Britain and the MLAGB in international shooting events. Please support this worthy cause and enjoy a weekend shooting in pleasant company and a friendly atmosphere.

## Trade Fair & Auction

Both collectors and shooters are reminded of the MLAGB trade fair to be held at the Association Club House, the Exhibition Hut, at Bisley on Saturday 10 March. Doors open at 8:30am for dealer set up and to all at 9:30am. There will be a table available free to Association members but the limit is two items only per person. Enquiries and table bookings should be addressed to: John Marsh, tel. 01923 243201.

The MLAGB auction in aid of the Overseas Team Fund will take place at the Exhibition Hut, Bisley, on Saturday 7 April. The auctions are great fun and offer a diverse selection of lots, usually including antique and classic firearms, militaria, books, shooting accessories and more. Doors open at 10am to receive lots, and the auction starts at 2pm prompt. Enquiries should be made to Paul Roberts

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## National Rifle Championship Matches

The first event of the season is the National 200 yard Rifle Championship on 11 March which is followed by National 300 yard Rifle Championship on 1 April. Mid and long range shooting has shown a great growth in interest in recent years, particularly with match rifles and these events regularly draw competitors from throughout mainland UK and other entrants from Jersey and France. Entry forms have been distributed to those who have entered in recent years, are available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the membership office or can be downloaded from the MLAGB web site.



*Japanese matchlock muskets feature in the Schutzenfest*

## CALENDAR UPDATES

### Schutzenfest and National 600, 900 & 1000 yard Rifle Championships

The above events have traditionally been held at Bisley on the end of May Bank Holiday weekend and coinciding with the NRAs 'Phoenix Meeting'. Due to the continuing expansion of the latter event range space cannot now be made available at Bisley for the MLAGB competitions. Failure to be able to accommodate both the short range and long range events on an earlier weekend in May has led to the rescheduling of the entire weekends shooting to 14, 15 and 16 September. Please book these dates in your diaries and continue to support this enjoyable festival of muzzle loading.

The weekend will include the usual full program of events:

- 14 September: National Free and Military Rifle Championships at 600 yards
- 15 September: Schutzenfest with 50m and 100m events for musket and rifle
- 16 September: National Rifle Championships at 900 and 1000 yards

This does however mean that more space will be available on Stickle-down Range and the usual crowded 900 and 1000 yard firing points should be avoided.

### National Pistol Championships

Please note that due to the AGM being scheduled for 2nd June I have had to cancel the Championships at Bisley. I regret that due to the full calendar the earliest replacement date I could get is Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September on the Melville Range. I hope this will not deter you from entering the competitions and it will give you a chance to attend the AGM and see how your Association functions.

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