



### National 500 yd Rifle Championships



Kim Minshall, National 500 yard Championship Free Rifle match winner

The MLAGB National 500 yard Rifle Championships took place at Bisley on Sunday 29 April. The day before the Association's Long Range Rifles Branch had held their annual 1000 yard championship and the combined weekend of shooting attracted members from throughout mainland UK plus Jersey, France, Holland and the USA.

Despite a tricky three o'clock wind on this sunny spring day the free rifle event was a high scoring competition. There were 9 shooters scoring 40 or over and second and third places were decided on v-bull count, Marc Lavallette on 42.1 beating Phil Senior on 42 for the silver medal. The winner however was the Association's 'Black Powder' newsletter editor Kim Minshall with an outstanding 44, just one point behind the current MLAGB record score.

Phil Senior continues to dominate Enfield rifle shooting and secured a win with 30 points, two points clear of Paul Wolpe in second place on 28.1 The Association's mid and long range match secretary Jerry Womble was third on 28.

The conclusion of the mid and long range matches will be in September when the National 600, 900 and 1000 yard rifle championships will be held.

### Pistol Fest 2007

The pouring rain at the Pistol Fest offered challenges not only to the shooters but the scorers. Bill Horn, who did the scoring, had the dubious pleasure of handling wet targets and looking for that elusive 13th shot. The weather did not however dampen the scores.

Shooters from Wales arose early for the journey to Wedgnock and Cyril Jones won the John Munt trophy with a creditable score of 93. Bill James was on form especially putting up a 50m target during the heaviest rain and then winning the competition.

Jim Greathead again proved that an English revolver can equal the American ones in right hands. The five entries for Percussion Duelling and the four entries for Flintlock Duelling were about the same numbers as last year. It will be a shame to lose these events but it is very time consuming for the number of entries. To keep these events more shooters are needed to participate and more help to set up the range and running it.

The top score of the day went to Dave Spittles with a 97. Bill James and Nick Harvey were also on form both with 96 and David Brigden with a 95.



Schutzen target winners

The finale was the competition for the Schutzen targets where the competitors are randomly split into three teams and fire one shot at the target.

The one nearest the aiming mark keeps the target. This year Shonagh Clark provided a very colourfully set of targets depicting the flags of England, Scotland and Wales. Those who won were very pleased and those who lost said that they are looking forward to next year to try again.

### Pedersoli Challenge

This MLAGB run *open competition* is now well established and is generously sponsored by both **Daive Pedersoli & Co** and **Viking Arms Ltd**. Make the weekend of 7/8 July a date in your diary – where else in the UK do you get opportunity to compete for prizes of such distinction? This year the prizes to be awarded for aggregate competitions are:

- One Pedersoli Le Page International .36 Percussion Pistol
- One Pedersoli Pennsylvania Dixie .32 Flintlock Rifle

Run on the lines of an international match there will be a full program of 25m, 50m and 100m, events catering for matchlock, flintlock and percussion pistol, plus revolvers, and for longarms, matchlock and flintlock musket, flintlock rifle and percussion military and target rifles. Range capacity at Wedgnock is such that all events are self squadded, with the first detail commencing at 10:00am and the last one at 4:00pm each day. Entry forms are distributed to all those that attended the match in the last two years or can be downloaded via the 'Calendar of Events' on the MLAGB web site (at [www.mlagb.com](http://www.mlagb.com)).

### Shotgunning in East Anglia

A newly formed group of muzzle loading shotgunners has been set up to provide the opportunity to shoot black powder muzzle loading guns in East Anglia. The Lakenheath Clay Target Centre (LCTC) Muzzle Loaders welcome both experienced and new people to the sport. The shoots take place between 10.00am and 1.00pm once a month at Lakenheath CTC. Shoots will be 30 birds sporting for double guns and 20 birds for single guns. Dates for shoots this year are:

15th July	28th October
27th August	18th November
16th September	16th December

For more information visit the LCTC ML web site at: [www.lctc.co.uk](http://www.lctc.co.uk) or contact Martin Crix on 01394 386999 or email [martin.crix@tesco.net](mailto:martin.crix@tesco.net) .