



Pedersoli Challenge

Once again the MLAGB is indebted to both Davide Pedersoli and Company and Viking Arms Limited for sponsoring this annual open international match. What could be better than two days shooting at an international standard range in the heart of England, competing for desirable and valuable prizes?

Busy throughout the weekend of 7/8 July, the MLAGB's Wedgnoek range complex is admirably suited to holding open competitions and all three ranges were busy throughout the weekend. A steady flow of people also made use of the range office either collecting targets or topping up on refreshments. Pistol, musket and rifle shooters enjoy a spacious environment and relaxed shooting, being able to select details times to suit their preference. Despite the relaxed atmosphere, and perhaps due to many of the national squad being present for a last match prior to their departure to Italy for the European Championships, there was some outstanding shooting. Two special aggregate matches were held for the prizes and the winners were:

- **A Pedersoli Pennsylvania Dixie Flintlock Rifle** in .32 calibre awarded for the aggregate of any 50m offhand score plus 100m prone military rifle was presented to Paul Wolpe

- **A Pedersoli Le Page International Percussion Pistol** in .36 calibre awarded for the aggregate of reproduction percussion pistol and percussion revolver was presented to Nick Harvey

In addition to the above prizes a special Pedersoli plaque was presented to Tony Asker for his excellent score of 92 at 100m with a flintlock rifle.

The individual match winners are listed below and full results can be found on the MLAGB web site.

Results

25m. Matchlock Pistol – N.Harvey 87; Original Flintlock Pistol – N.Harvey 89; Reproduction Flintlock Pistol – T.Clark 92; Original Percussion Pistol – N.Harvey 97; Reproduction Percussion Pistol – S.Pigott 97; Original Revolver – J.Munt 93; Reproduction Percussion Revolver – N.Harvey 97; Free Pistol – S.Pigott 94; Free Revolver – M.Thomas 97.
50m. Matchlock Musket (Standing) – D.Brigden 87; Matchlock Musket (Kneeling) – G.Callan 87; Flintlock Musket – A.Russell 86; Flintlock Rifle – A.Asker 92; Military Rifle – J.Womble 93; Free Rifle – J.Womble 93.
100m. Flintlock Rifle – A.Asker 92; Military Rifle – P.Wolpe 92; Free Rifle – D.Chambers 95; Black Powder Breech Loader – Smith 96; Ladies – O.Lamont 93.

Schutzenfest

The MLAGB's annual celebration of muzzle-loading, the 'Schutzenfest' Meeting, will be held at Bisley from 14th to 16th September. This three day event opens with the MLAGB National 600yd Free Rifle and Military Rifle Championships on the Friday. Saturday will see the 'open' 50m and 100m matches of the Schutzenfest on Short Siberia Range and the Association National 900 and 1000 yards Rifle Championships will conclude the weekends shooting on the Sunday.

Muzzle loading lends itself as a spectator interest more so than many shooting disciplines and the Schutzenfest offers opportunity for the eagle eyed to watch out for original Japanese matchlock muskets, flintlock Baker rifles, Enfield rifles and fine match rifles amongst others being fired. Anyone visiting Bisley can access Short Siberia range by following the service road that runs behind Century Range.

Entry forms can be obtained from the MLAGB web site or by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Allan Whiffin, Lapwing, 6 Bramston Close, Great Braddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7EW.

National Pistol Championships

The National's will be held at Bisley on 22/23 September. Entry forms are posted to the regular competitors and are available via the MLAGB web site. If you do not receive a form and cannot download one, please contact the Association Pistol Secretary, David Spittles (pistol.sec@mlagb.com or contact details in the MLAGB newsletter).

There are a wide variety of competitions to suit originals and reproductions so that shooters can have a full weekend of enjoyment at a very reasonable price. The Clubhouse will be open as a focal point and the prize giving will take place after shooting on Sunday, hopefully on the veranda should weather permit.

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