

Communication

The Association publishes a quarterly magazine called Black Powder which is posted to all members. This contains news and reports and of relevance to muzzle loading enthusiasts are the authoritative articles of historical interest.

Of course the website at www.mlagb.com also contains a wealth of information including a password protected members' area.

To complement both the Black Powder and the website members' area, a monthly newsletter called the MLAGB Bulletin is sent to all members who provide an email address. This fills in the gap between quarterly issues and enables members to be quickly notified of rule changes, competitions and important matters as they occur.

Association Resources

The Firearms Act is very complex relating to muzzle loading and this makes the MLAGB the only authority capable of protecting the rights of the muzzle loading enthusiasts. Black powder requires a special authority to acquire in the form of an Explosives Certificate and again the Association understands the users' needs and obligations in relation to the law.

To support this work MLAGB have representation on The British Shooting Sports Council and are Members of the Foundation for European Societies of Arms Collectors.

MLAGB branches are spread throughout the country and provide local contact with muzzle loading enthusiasts.

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Wedgnoek Range Complex

Situated in the heart of England, the MLAGB has its own facility where members have the use of 130 covered firing points on 3 ranges and can purchase NRA targets, lead, percussion caps, ear plugs and eye protection. Regular competitions are held throughout the year.

The Range Manager provides hot drinks and snacks at weekends. Members with disabilities can access all 3 ranges via ramps with assistance and help is available to put up targets where required. The address and phone number are shown below.

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**Muzzle Loaders'
Association of
Great Britain**



The MLAGB was formed in 1952 and is the Governing Body for muzzle loading within the UK. Its objectives are to encourage an interest in muzzle loading firearms, to promote, regulate and safeguard their use and to preserve their freedom of collection.



Check out our website at www.mlagb.com



Why join the MLAGB?

Our Own Range

The Association has its own range complex at Wedgnoek on the outskirts of Warwick. There are 130 covered firing points for rifle/musket and pistol on 3 separate ranges at 25m, 50m and 100m.



50metre range at Wedgnoek in Warwick

Shooting Disciplines

The MLAGB caters for Rifle/Musket, Pistol, Cannon and Shotgun all within one Association. Muskets such as the Brown Bess are usually fired at 50m and can be surprisingly accurate. The ultimate precision percussion target rifles of the 1860- 1880 period are accurate to 1200 yards and appear in their own class of competition.



Training

New members who don't already have a Firearms Certificate (FAC) have a full training programme over a six month probationary period with an experienced member, before they become a full member and can then apply for a FAC if they wish. Some full members who don't have a FAC can use club guns at Wedgnoek where available.

Insurance

Members have £10 million Insurance cover for all shooting authorised by the MLAGB. See the website www.mlagb.com for further details.

International Shooting

World and European Championships for muzzle loading firearms are held and the MLAGB selects and supports a strong GB Team. Every year two fund raising events are held at Wedgnoek to assist with the overseas team costs.



Cannon

Cannon shooting at Wedgnoek has become a popular activity with regular competitions. Not only is this a fun activity but the cannon available now are quite accurate over 25 metres. The MLAGB Secretary started off this new discipline and has seen it grow over the last 3 years. They are shot with black powder and are affordably priced.



Shotgun Shooting

Clay championships are held nationally for flintlock and percussion guns and National Team training takes place at Northampton Gun Club in Sywell.

Many members enjoy game or rough shooting and wildfowling with black powder shotguns.



Musket / Rifle Shooting

Wherever your interest lies, most musket and rifle disciplines are catered for.

These include Brown Bess, Enfield percussion rifle which is prominent on the range and the American long rifle.



Pistol Shooting

Muzzle loading pistol shooting is very popular and there is a huge selection of well made reproduction firearms available. Matchlocks, Flintlocks, percussion target pistols and revolvers are shot at 25 metres and occasionally at longer distances.



Collecting

Specialised knowledge is available and authoritative articles are published in our Black Powder Magazine and on our website at www.mlagb.com MLAGB have display tables at Arms Fairs and Shows. To support and enlarge service for Collectors, we are founder members of the Heritage Arms Study Group in which matters such as conservation, display and co-operation with museums are considered with Societies whose aims are similar to our own and have access to discussions with the Home Office on all things relating to Antiques.

