

ENGLISH SMALL-BORE SHOOTING UNION

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

SUMMER!!! What Summer has nearly passed but we realise that it is past the time at which we normally send out a Newsletter but we wanted to include Bisley results etc. We hope those of you who attended Bisley have dried out by now. Maybe one day we will have a good week.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES BY STANDING ORDER.

Effective February 2009 you will be able to pay your Membership Fee by Standing Order. If you wish to do this please write to Mrs N Hunter MBE, 125 Turnpike Link, Croydon, Surrey CRO 5NU enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and she will send you the necessary form **WHICH YOU MUST SEND TO YOUR BANK.**

EMAILS.

We still have only a small number of members taking their newsletter by email. Please email us if you wish to be included on our email list to receive future correspondence.

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES – PUNE - INDIA – 7-21 OCTOBER 2008.

The following team has been selected to represent England in the above Games:-

RIFLE (MEN) – JAMES HUCKLE

RIFLE (WOMEN) – SHEREE COX

PISTOL (MEN) – KRISTIAN CALLAGHAN

PISTOL (WOMEN) – VICKY MULLINS

Officials travelling with the team are:- Pistol – Tom Redhead and Rifle – Ken Parr.

We wish the team every success.

INTERSHOOT – FEBRUARY 5/6/7 2009

Once again there will be no funding for this event. If you wish to be considered for selection please complete the enclosed form and return by Saturday September 20.

50M RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS – BISLEY – 15-18 JUNE 2008

These Championships saw a win for our Men's 3-Positions Team of James Huckle 1139, Matthew Pill 1125 and Kenneth Parr 1123 – Total 3387. Scotland 3383, Wales 3245.

Women's 50M Prone Rifle – Michelle Smith 593, Hannah Pugsley 587 and Helen Spittles 585 – Total 1765. Scotland 1759, Wales 1747 and Isle of Man 1722.

Women's 50M 3-Positions – **New English Record** – Michelle Smith 571, Louise Minett 565 and Melanie Flowers 550 – Total 1686. Scotland 1676 and Wales 1656.

Captain: Mr Ken Parr

HOME COUNTRIES INTERNATIONALS – DUMFRIES 2008.

The Scottish Championship weather was reasonably kind this year with only a couple of showers but very strong winds. On Friday for the International Matches the wind was strong and variable. Results and team scores are as follows:-

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: M J N Bagot 391, G J Webb 389, M L Ives 389, N J Day 389, Miss M Smith 387, Mrs C M Rees-Lay 383, J V Smith 382, J R W Latimer 381, N L Mullins 381, Mrs J D Norman 380.
Scotland 3878, England 3852.
Team Officials: Captain - B C Norman, Secretary - R Taylor

LADIES INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Miss M Smith 387, Ms A Longbottom 384, Mrs C Rees-Lay 383, Mrs C Scott 381, Mrs J D Norman 380.
England 1915, Scotland 1887
Team Officials: Captain - Ms S Marshall, Secretary - Miss L A Smallbone.

HOME COUNTRIES INTERNATIONALS – BISLEY 2008. SUCCESS ALL THE WAY FOR ENGLAND TEAMS.

Despite dreadful weather on Wednesday afternoon when 'X' Class were shooting at 100 yds and consequently returning 'cricket scores' (though Tony Lincoln showed how it should be done in winning the aggregate) thus making team selection very difficult. However, the whole team came from 'X' Class with two Reserves from 'A' Class. It should be noted that James Huckle who was promoted from 'A' Class in 2007 came 3rd in the Aggregate and shot in both the Main and Junior International Matches as well as the 3-Positions. Our congratulations to him.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: G J Webb 393, N J Day 390, M J Bagot 390, T A Lincoln 389, R V Watchorn 388, M T White 387, J R W Latimer 386, P C Scanlan 385, C Abbs 383, J Huckle 381pp! !.
England 3872, Wales 3855, Scotland 3842.
Team Officials: Captain - D A Goodfellow, Secretary - R V Watchorn.

LADIES INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Miss M Smith 393, Miss A Clancy 392, Mrs Y Edwards 383, Mrs J Hay 382, Mrs S Farmer 379.
England 1929, Scotland 1912, Wales 1889.
Team Officials: Captain – Mrs S Haskett, Secretary – Mrs Y Edwards.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL MATCH: B C Butler 382, R W Shears 382, J C Huckle 381.
England 1145, Scotland 1122, Wales 1108.
Team Official: Captain – P J Turnbull.

3-POSITIONS INTERNATIONAL MATCHES – Shot on Malcolm Cooper Range.

MEN: J Huckle 1140, D Farmer 1133, A French 1103.
England 3376, Scotland 3354, Wales 3343.

LADIES: Miss S Lee 567, Miss H Pugsley 560, Mrs J Hay 544.
England 1671, Wales 1666.

CSF (ED) CHAMPIONSHIPS – GIBRALTAR – SEPTEMBER 26/27/28 2008.

PRONE RIFLE MEN

N Clark, M Dowe, A French,
Dr M Szymankiewicz

DEVELOPMENT
P Lyon, L Webster

PRONE RIFLE WOMEN

Miss M Smith, Mrs J Hay

3 x 40 RIFLE MEN

K Sinclair, M Buttery

DEVELOPMENT

A French, Dr M Szymankiewicz

3 x 20 RIFLE WOMEN

Miss M Smith, Mrs J Hay

AIR RIFLE MEN

M Buttery, A French

DEVELOPMENT

Dr M Szymankiewicz, L Webster

AIR RIFLE WOMEN

Miss M Smith

AIR PISTOL MEN

A Graver, A Robinson

Team Manager: M T White

Academy Annual Assessment 2008.

The annual assessments for the Academy took place over the weekend of 26th/27th July, and unlike last year were extremely well supported by new applicants.

Due to unavoidable prior commitments, 4 of the existing Academy were unable to attend and will be re-assessed in September, however that still left us with 16 athletes to assess. The age range was considerably wider than ever before, however it is the nature of the Academy to assess applicants on their potential ability to represent England at the highest level, irrespective of age. Throughout the weekend the applicants were assessed on their standing air (even those who had never done it before!) their kneeling position, their understanding of the meaning of "Elite Athlete Lifestyle" and (feared by most applicants) a Strength and Conditioning assessment.

As the weekend progressed, it became evident that this year's potential Academians were of an extremely high standard and we were going to be hard pressed to find any who would not be suitable material. Consequently we had to have a serious discussion on the Saturday evening as to whether we were going to be particularly hard on our marking criteria, or whether we would allow a greater number into the Academy. By Sunday lunchtime it was very apparent that it would be wrong to tell any of the applicants that they hadn't made the grade, and so the Academy has grown considerably. Several of the new Academians were given 'Prospect' status, especially the juniors, as this does give them the latitude for exams etc.

We now have a very busy time ahead of us, on the coaching and shooting sides – and I believe a very exciting time. The depth of shooting that we now potentially have within ENG will surely lead to a great deal of success in the near and more distant future.

Steve Downes (Academy Coach).

For further details on the Academy please contact Martyn White on 01494 526874 or email: mtw10.9@btinternet.com.

POSTAL COMPETITIONS – WINTER 2008/9. Entry forms are enclosed – closing date Wednesday September 17.

OPEN/CONFINED ESSU CHAMPIONSHIPS – MAY 2/3/4 2009.

