



ENGLISH SMALL-BORE SHOOTING UNION

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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

This Newsletter is going out only to those members who have renewed their membership as at this date. Our thanks for being so prompt.

At the time of writing entries for our Open & Confined Championships are coming in extremely well. Please remember the closing date is April 15.

Membership Fees.

At a Committee Meeting held at Bisley on March 14 it was unanimously agreed that Membership Fees should be increased from £10 to £12. These have not been increased since 2005. A major reason for this increase is a dramatic rise in our Affiliation Fee to the English Target Shooting Federation to which we must belong to be able to compete in Commonwealth and CSF Championships. Also to cover increases in postage and cost of medals. **For those of you who pay by Standing Order, will you please advise your bank of this increase in plenty of time for the banks to carry out their administration duties which these days seems to take a long while.**

If you wish to pay your Membership Fee by Standing Order you must obtain a form from Mrs Hunter to send to your bank.

Annual General Meeting of the ESSU.

This will be held on Saturday May 2 at the London & Middlesex Rifle Association.

Intershoot – February 2009

This Championship was attended by a large contingent of English shooters who came away with no less than 39 Olympic Final Certificates (these were a new innovation from Intershoot to make an award for those achieving the Olympic Finals). The main successes were as follows:-

Day 1 – Air Pistol Men – M Gault OBE – Gold 577 (673.7)
Air Pistol Male Junior – K Callaghan – Bronze 541 (634.0)
Air Pistol Female Junior – V Mullin – Silver 367 (463.0)
Air Rifle Male Junior – J Huckle – Gold 593 (697.2)
Air Rifle Female Junior – S Cox – Gold 391 (491.0)
Air Pistol Men Team – Gold – 1698 M Gault OBE 577, I Ubhi 567, A Graver 554
Air Pistol Women Team – Gold- 1116 K Pearson 372, J Lydall 372, G Geike 372
Air Rifle Men Team – Bronze – 1751 K Parr 588, C Hector 585, C Tucker 578

Day 2 - Air Pistol Male Junior – E Graver – Bronze 542 (636.9)
Air Rifle Male Junior – J Huckle – Gold 590 (691.4)
Air Rifle Female Junior – S Cox – Gold 392 (494.9)
Air Pistol Men Team – Silver – 1701 M Gault OBE 572, I Ubhi 567, A Graver 562
Air Pistol Women Team – Gold – 1101 J Lydall 376, K Pearson 365, G Geike 360

A special mention of 13 year old Anna Rehfisch who was shooting in her first Intershoot and qualified for the Olympic Final in Air Pistol Female Junior and finished 8th with 350 (439.0)

Day 3 – Air Pistol Men – M Gault OBE – Bronze 571 (671.1)
Air Pistol Male Junior – K Callaghan – Silver 546 (643.4)
Air Pistol Female Junior – Anna Rehfisch once again making the Olympic Final only this time finishing 5th with 363 (455.3)

Air Rifle Male Junior – J Huckle – Silver 592 (694.0)
Air Rifle Female Junior – S Cox – Gold 396 (498.7)
Air Pistol Men Team – Gold – 1695 M Gault OBE 571, I Ubhi 565, A Graver 559
Air Pistol Women Team-Gold – 1111 G Geike 374, J Lydall 369, K Pearson 368
Air Rifle Men Team – Bronze – 1749 K Parr 593, C Hector 583, C Tucker 573

Team Officials: Pistol Coach – A T Redhead Rifle Coach – K A J Parr
Our sincere thanks go to Norah Hunter for accompanying the team and dealing with all the administration.

NSRA Airgun Championships – February 2009

We had a resounding success in both Air Pistol and Air Rifle with all Home Countries Teams winning their matches. Summary of scores given below:-

Open Air Rifle Team – England 1770, Scotland 1742, Wales 1721.
Miss M Smith 592, K Parr Jnr 591, C Hector 587

Air Rifle Women's Team – England 1173, Wales 1149
Miss M Smith 396, Miss S Cox 390, Miss R Pidgley 387

Air Rifle Junior Team – England 1553, Wales 1134
Miss R Pidgley 583, Miss H Pugsley 580, Miss S Cox 390 (did not complete due to injury)

Team Captain: L Webster

Air Pistol Men Team – England 1698, Scotland 1685, Wales 1638
N Baxter 570, M Gault OBE 567, I Ubhi 561

Air Pistol Women's Team – England 1090, Wales 1088, Scotland 734
J Lydall 373, K Hector 364, H Polak 353

Air Pistol Junior Team – England 1604, Wales 1100
K Callaghan 549, C Reedman 529, E Graver 526
Team Captain: A T Redhead

Winter Postal Competitions

Rifle: Class 1 – 1st M Szymankiewicz, 2nd D Chick
Class 2 – 1st M Buttery, 2nd F Haskett
Air Pistol: Div. 1 – S Cooke, Div. 2 – L Hickey, Div. 3 – Mrs H Platts.

LSR Postal Competition.

At our last Committee Meeting it was suggested that there could be interest in the ESSU running such a competition for our members. Please let the secretary have your views on this subject.

REMINDER:

**ESSU 2009 OPEN MEETING
& CONFINED ENGLISH SHOOTING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
RIFLE - PISTOL & AIRGUNS
WILL BE HELD AT THE LORD ROBERTS CENTRE
BISLEY
ON
2/3/4 MAY 2009**