



ENGLISH SMALL-BORE SHOOTING UNION

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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007/8

Mick Gault OBE

The Chairman and all members of the ESSU extend their warmest congratulations to Mick Gault on his award of an OBE in the New Year's Honours List. This is very well deserved, being a just and fitting recognition of his fine performances and unfailing services to his sport and country over many years. Over the past 14 Commonwealth Games representing England, Mick has amassed 15 medals spanning all the pistol disciplines – the majority Gold. This is the highest number of medals won by an England athlete in the history of the games. It is this fine achievement coupled with his overall service and commitment to his sport and country that have earned him such recognition. Much of the required effort to make such a significant contribution has come with great personal sacrifice of which we are aware.

Open Meeting 2008 and Confined English Championships.

Competitions this year are again all being held in the Lord Roberts Centre during the weekend May 3/4/5 2008. The meeting is fully squaded on the same lines as last year. Closing date for entries is April 16 and absolutely no more entries will be accepted, as range bookings have to be confirmed. The entry form is on the website

A reminder that these championships are part of our 2009 selection procedure.

ISSF Judges.

Whilst we have had very welcome offers of help from newly qualified 'B' Class Certificate Holders, the secretary would like to hear from any others who are willing to help at the Championships.

Intershoot – February 7/8/9 2008

This year saw another large England entry for Intershoot with 28 competitors, 8 of whom were juniors who travelled in a party under the stewardship of Tom Redhead. Fortunately there were no travel problems this year. Some good results were achieved but there were disappointments. Team Coaches were Tom Redhead and Ken Parr.

Results.

Day 1.

Air Pistol Male Junior – Kristian Callaghan was placed 4th on 634.1 and Edward Graver was 6th with 632.6.

Air Pistol Male – N Baxter 670.4 was 4th, M Gault OBE was 5th with 666.4.

England A Air Pistol Team – Gold – 1686 – N Baxter 573, M Gault OBE 569, P Friend 544.

England A Air Rifle Men – Placed 3rd – 1722 – C Tucker 578, I Hookham 573, I Potts 571.

Air Rifle Female Junior – 5th – R Pidgley – 488.1.

Day 2.

Air Pistol Male – M Gault OBE – 3rd 677.0.

England A Air Pistol Team - Gold – 1704. M Gault OBE 576, N Baxter 566, I Ubhi 562.

England B Air Pistol Team – 3rd – 1676. A Graver 563, P Friend 558, A Ferrara 555.

Air Pistol Male Junior – E Graver – 3rd – 635.0.

Air Rifle Women – 5th - Louise Minett – 498.8.

Day 3.

Air Rifle Women – 7th – Louise Minett – 492.0.

Air Pistol Male – 3rd – M Gault OBE – 675.2.

England A Male Air Pistol Team – 1st – 1693. M Gault OBE 577, N Baxter 563, I Ubhi 553.

England B Male Air Pistol Team – 4th – 1654. A Ferrara 557, A Graver 554, P Friend 543.

Air Pistol Male Junior – 4th – K Callaghan – 634.7.



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Summer Postal Competition.

Your entry forms are on the website. Whilst we appreciate that winter is still with us we hope that this will enable you to plan your summer shooting in advance. Closing date for entries is April 26.

Communicating with the membership.

In our last Newsletter we requested members wishing to receive their Newsletter and other correspondence by email to send us an email so that the correct address was on file.

Unfortunately only 38 members replied with virtually the same number advising us that they still wished to receive hard copy. In future the newsletter will be available on the website and an eMail will be sent out to those requesting it to advise them of the publication.

Emails will save a lot of time and money – postage costs are rising all the while. Please consider this request and email the secretary whose address is on the top of this Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting.

To be held on Saturday May 3 2008 at the London & Middlesex Rifle Association. Formal Notice is enclosed.

Membership Renewal.

Your Membership Renewal was due on February 1 2008. Sorry this is a little late but we have been waiting for the costs of the Lord Roberts Centre to enable us to put out the Entry Form for the Championships at the same time. Our Membership Fee remains the same. Please note that the English Championship is confined to members of the ESSU who are in current membership at the time of entry. A form is on the website.

We shall be advising you later in the year regarding payment by Banker's Order for the year 2009. Please do nothing until you are told what to do.

Nominations For Home Countries Officials.

We shall be pleased to receive nominations for officials for Home Countries Internationals both for Scotland and Bisley. We are looking for persons who are actively working for shooting in their Club or County and who are in membership of the ESSU. Please send your nominations in confidence to the secretary.

New Members.

Recently we have had a small but very welcome influx of new members. If you know anyone interested in joining us Membership Application Forms may be obtained from the secretary or from the website.

ESSU vs Regular Army vs Police Sport UK.

This match will take place on Sunday May 18 2008. Please indicate at our Championships if you wish to be considered for the team to represent the ESSU. Watch our noticeboard.

BRITISH AIRGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS – FEBRUARY 22/23/24 2008.

The following officials have been appointed –

Air Rifle Captain – Mr Ivor French

Air Pistol Captain – Mr Jim Mallows