



Surrey County Small-Bore Rifle Association

News from the Chairman

27 August 2011

Dear All

I am honoured, if not a little daunted to take on the role of County Chairman from John Menard, who I would like to thank for all his commitment and hard work over many years.

My first priority has been to start learning about the many aspects of the County's organisation and activities, which are many and varied, not least due to all the disciplines covered by the association.

In the coming months we are hoping to gather and publish more detailed information about County clubs and also to ask shooters in all disciplines about what you want the County to do for you (and, to coin a phrase, what you can do for your County...). As a first step we are trying to ensure that up-to-date news items and information appear on the revamped website and that we gather individuals' email addresses, so that communication can be improved.

We also have plans to review some of the County roles and to look at opportunities for co-operation in areas such as coaching, with a priority on trying to maintain and encourage participation across all the disciplines, at all levels and ages.

To that end, I would encourage entries for the County prone rifle open at Worplesdon on 10 & 11 September, air open on 27 & 28 November and County leagues (see website and below). We have also been offered a unique opportunity of coaching with Olympic prone finalist Mike Babb, details of which are at the end of this letter.

Committee news

Andy McGarty has bravely taken on the role of webmaster from David Goodfellow, who I am relieved to say continues as Vice Chairman, but who is now also heavily committed in his roles with the ISSF and 2012 Olympics. Andy has not only designed the new website but has also been elected Lightweight Sport Rifle Captain, taking over from Colin Campbell-Salmon, who has done much to establish and promote the section and who continues to support Andy.

As you may know, Lina Jones (no relation, honest ;-)) has taken over from Stephanie Postlethwaite as County Rifle Captain. Stephanie is due thanks for her years of hard work and for her continuing support for Lina and also congratulations for leading the County team to victory in the Queen Alexandra Cup at Bisley this year.

Last, but by no means least, current County prone rifle champion David Crispin has volunteered to take over from Denise Deroy-Parker as organiser of the County dinner and prize giving, which this year will be at the Army Target Rifle Club at Bisley on Saturday 27 November 2011. Thanks to Denise for making the event such a success in the past and good luck to David... please put the date in your diaries. Booking information will be circulated shortly.

New website and registration

As you may already know, the shiny new County website is up and running at: www.surreysbra.org. We're hoping that you're making use of it, but for those who are interested in maintaining access to the password protected areas and obtaining email news updates, please do register for personalised password access and your email address, if

possible during September 2011, so that we can retire the old universal password.

Also, if you have any news of your own or articles or club profiles and pictures to submit (see the Caterham 'Focus On' and other example articles on the website), please send them in, in the first instance to me (chairman@surreysbra.org) and we will do our best to publish them.

Competition entries

Please note that this is the **last call for entries for the Surrey prone open rifle meeting at Worplesdon on 10 & 11 September 2011**. The event is open to all and shot in 4 classes, with minors, junior, veteran, ladies, any sights, club team and even club secretaries and treasurers competitions, so there's plenty of opportunity for prizes for beginners upwards. It is also a chance to shoot at a sociable shoulder to shoulder and meet shooters from other clubs and counties. Entry forms can be downloaded and printed at:

<http://www.surreysbra.org/documents/Open%20Prog11.pdf>.

Please post your entry forms and cheques to Colin Powell as soon as possible.

Postal league entries are due by 10 September 2011 and the County **air meeting is at Bisley on 27 & 28 November 2011**. Details and entry forms for these are accessible from the front page of the website.

Dinner and Prize giving

As mentioned, the annual prize giving and dinner will be at the Army Target Rifle Club at Bisley on 27 November 2011, so please do put it in your diary.

Bisley 2011

I'm also pleased to report that Surrey shooters achieved some impressive results at the Bisley championships this year and that details can be found at:

http://www.surreysbra.org/news_national_2011. There's also an article on the website about the Scottish championship.

Coaching opportunities

For prone shooters in search of new experience, an exciting opportunity has arisen for the County to organise some one-to-one coaching with Olympic prone rifle finalist and Commonwealth gold medallist Mike Babb during autumn and possibly winter 2011/2012. This is part of an initiative to provide interesting opportunities by pooling resources and to add to the sterling work done by coaches in County clubs, week in, week out. I would also be happy to hear from coaches who feel that they have a talk or coaching opportunity to offer and from shooters from all disciplines about what they might be interested in knowing more about.

We need to gauge the level of interest for the Mike Babb sessions and find the necessary range space, so please email me expressions of interest **by 10 September**. The coaching is suitable for enthusiastic shooters of all ages and abilities (sufficient competence is required so as not to risk shooting out the Noptel prism!) and is at an estimated cost of £30 per person, depending on demand.

Rotterdam shoot

Finally, a quick note that I and some other Surrey shooters are planning to travel to Rotterdam for a 60 shot prone match on electronic targets in early October. If you're interested in the trip, more information can be found at: http://www.surreysbra.org/news_Rotterdam_open_2011.

I hope we'll be in touch with more news shortly and will be posting updates on the website, but if you would like to be on the direct email list, please do remember to register.

Kind regards and enjoyable shooting

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