

N.R.A. ~ HISTORIC ARMS RESOURCE CENTRE ~ N.S.R.A.
WINTER 2007-2008 PRONE & STANDING HISTORIC MINIATURE RIFLE LEAGUES

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PLEASE NOTE THIS IS LAST YEAR'S LETTER.
THIS WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN PASSED A 2008-09
LETTER FROM THE NEW LEAGUE ADMINISTRATORS.

N.B. Please be aware that circumstances dictate that it will NOT be possible to accept late entries. The entry list will categorically close on 31st September and NO exceptions will be made.

THE ENTRY FORM BELOW IS UPDATED THOUGH, AT THEIR REQUEST.
WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE LEAGUE WILL GO AHEAD, BUT BE DELAYED

August 2007

Dear addressee,

Summer has been dry, for a period blisteringly hot, and occasionally very windy. It is fast moving to Autumn, and it is already time to send out the entry forms for the coming Winter Leagues. If you are a previous entrant or have ever expressed an interest, you will find enclosed that entry form, the appropriate information sheets and a poster for your club notice board. Please pass these to your Club Hon.Sec. and feel free to copy the entry form if you have any friends or colleagues who would like to try their hand at the Leagues this Winter. Your club may quite possibly hold eligible rifles for the use of members who do not possess their own.

All certificates awarded for 2006-2007 Leagues are being sent with this letter. The N.S.R.A. "plaquettes" will follow as soon as they are returned from the over-stretched engravers. Medals have again been generously provided by the Lee-Enfield Rifle Association for the winners in the top three divisions of the Service Class shot with a converted or training Enfield rifle. These medals will go out with the Plaquettes. Those winners were:

aggregate

GOLD -	R. Hackshall	(Div. 1) Enfield No.8 -	aggregate 1910
SILVER -	A. Sutherland	(Div. 2) Enfield No.8 -	" 1824
BRONZE -	A. Walker	(Div. 3) 1907 Enfield unspecified	" 1831

We look forward to receiving your entry/entries for next Winter, and remind everyone that the Leagues are intended to provide an opportunity to use and research our many and various historic miniature rifles, whilst at the same time offering a significant degree of pleasure therein. Competitive the events may be between friends (or opponents) shooting similar rifles; but the nature of the shooting, and the many different rifles in use, mean that the results should not be taken too seriously. Additionally, the Match system involves a levelling element of luck! Postage costs are increasing, and we therefore have increased the entry fees, but by only 50p per class.

We are again, this Winter, continuing the extension of the list of rifles eligible for the Post-Veteran Class. It had become apparent that, amongst those rifles having been for some years uncompetitive in modern events, there are a number still held by shooters which could be put to good use. The restriction hitherto on early fully-floating barrelled rifles has been relaxed. We remind you that those rifles now eligible include the BSA International Mk.III, Winchester 52D, later Remington 37s; early Anschutz, Finnish Lion, Walther, Jurek, etc. The new dateline includes any equivalent .22"RF target rifle of 1965 design or earlier.

It has proved impractical to completely split the Service class into separate sections for open sights and aperture battle sights. We therefore intend to award an additional set of medals, at the end of the League, to the top three scores made entirely with open sights. It is thus now particularly necessary to declare specifically if you intend to shoot a No.7, 8 or 9 rifle, or any other type (e.g. Mossberg) using its service issue aperture sights. *N.B. Non-service issue aperture sights, e.g. the PH8/53 target sight adapter with windage adjustment, automatically put a rifle into Veteran Class if pre-1946 or Post-Veteran Class if post 1945:* (Cadet Units and others with rifles so fitted please note - this can easily be unscrewed to compete with issued sights).

There is one further request we would make of you. The setting out of divisions and results sheets is time consuming and complicated. If a competitor fails to complete their cards, it is difficult to adjust divisions satisfactorily (and unfair to other competitors). Whilst no-one can know for certain what might befall them over the Winter months, please consider carefully your ability to fulfil an entry in the light of any other future commitments that you know you may have. The fact that failing to shoot your cards will give a walkover to those against whom you should have shot, is actually disadvantageous to the others in your division.

Notwithstanding, the Leagues' success would not have arisen without you, and we derive considerable satisfaction both in running them and from your support. We are pleased to be able to report that the N.S.R.A. has agreed to continue supplying the "Skirmisher" and "Tin Hat" targets - (and the medals - at the same price). These targets are available from the Lord Roberts Centre. Note that the targets for the Standing competitions are to be obtained from the Dorchester Rifle Club (see information sheets).

P.S. We occasionally receive comment from those shooting that they no longer enter the Service competitions using open sights because of a deteriorating sight picture. It can be possible to become competitive again by dint of the employment of an Orthoptic aperture. Put simply, this is a small disk with an hole of about 1mm in it, fitted behind, or even in front of, your glasses or shooting prescription lens. This can simply be made at home, or an adjustable pistol type iris may also be used. These can be obtained from A.G.Parker of Birmingham for under £10. If you have not done so already, this is really worth a try for both small and full-bore use. For more information, view "Orthoptics" on the website.

Best regards,

from all at HARC-MRL

Enquiries - EMAIL: HARC-MRL@rifleman.org.uk

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ENTRY FORM

SURNAME(Mr/Mrs):	FIRST NAME:	KNOWN AS:
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ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ _____
PostCode: _____
Contact Telephone No: _____ mobile: _____

CLUB:	RANGE to be used: (15, 20, 25 yards) please circle
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	Details of rifle/s you anticipate using:	serial no.
PRONE:		
SERVICE _____		
CLASSIC _____		
VETERAN _____		
POST-VETERAN _____		
STANDING:		
DELIBERATE _____		
RAPID REPEATER _____		
SEMI-AUTO _____		

please show MATCHES TO BE ENTERED below by filling in entry fees	
POSTAL based entries	- Fee £ 7.50 per match
EMAIL based entries*	- Fee £ 6.00 per match *
* EMAIL address: (please enter below CLEARLY in CAPITALS)	

N.B. Discount for one time H.A.R.C. Membership has been discontinued	

ENTRY FEES: please enter figures and total below

PRONE:	SERVICE - _____	STANDING:	DELIBERATE - _____
	CLASSIC - _____		RAPID REPEATER - _____
	VETERAN - _____		SEMI-AUTO - _____
	POST VETERAN - _____		

CHEQUE TOTAL: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE **N.S.R.A.**

SIGNED:	DATE:
ENTRIES <u>will</u> CLOSE at the END of SEPTEMBER 2008 ~ <u>NO</u> late entries will be accepted	

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE **N.S.R.A.**
and return to: **HARC-MRL, 151 Denton Drive, Brighton , BN1 8DL**

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The Postal Leagues recommence in October in the same format as last winter; i.e. in four prone classes and three standing classes. The aim remains the provision of an opportunity for shooters and collectors to enjoy an informal and historically interesting aspect of small-bore rifle shooting. The Leagues are again being run under the auspices of the National Rifle Association's Historic Arms Resource Centre, with the additional support of the N.S.R.A. Please bear in mind our intention that each league should be more than just a competition. It is hoped that it will prove both educational and entertaining whilst providing an opportunity for research. With a considerable variation in rifles used, the end result is not to be taken *too* seriously. Don't let that stop you trying though!

The fourth prone class - described as Post-Veteran was expanded last year. This class was originally conceived to permit the dusting-off of those rifles more recently relegated to the cupboard as being "no longer competitive for modern small-bore shooting". Most rifles in that category are the earlier BSA Martini Internationals, Remington 37s and later Winchester 52s. We look forward to a few more entrants in the class this winter. If you have access to either a .310" Cadet or .297/.230" or similar miniature calibre centre-fire rifle, then please use it in the appropriate class if you wish; they break the monotony for the scorers!

THE PRONE LEAGUES

The four Classes are: **Service** - for military training rifles or classic target rifles with open sights; **Classic** - for rifles with target sights up to and including 1918 (e.g. BSA Model Nos. 4 to 13); **Veteran** - intended largely for Martinis, but also other actions up to and including 1945, although those bolt action rifles more than a match for BSA 12/15's are for use in **Post Veteran** - for the already mentioned early BSA Internationals now up to Mk.III, Remington 37's and Winchester 52's up to and including Model D, early models of Anschutz, Walther, Finnish Lion, Hammerli, etc. We will be using the rules and accepted practices of the H.A.R.C., the N.S.R.A. and the H.B.S.A., with only minor alteration to rifle classification and prone position limitations. We have, for instance, received enquiries from shooters with disabilities preventing them from lying on the ground and from clubs without prone firing points. If you wish to compete and are unable to shoot prone, then cards may be shot sitting at a table provided that no part of the rifle touches the table, and it is supported solely by the firer's arms with elbows only in contact with the table. These adjustments we think fitting for fairness and ease of participation.

EQUIPMENT

In order that the cost of competing can be kept to a minimum, particularly for those not already (or still!) in possession of suitable equipment, then if you only have a state of the art non-stretch sling and heavy shooting jacket, you may use these until you can find an old Tenex or similar jacket and an old sling in the back of someone's cupboard. A self supporting jacket should not be zipped or buttoned up, however. We are attempting to get back to basics here, so please enter into the spirit of the competition.

RIFLES

Earlier rifles can be used in a later class, but certainly not vice-versa. If you have an old Greener or Bonehill converted Martini-Henry with both Service and appropriate aperture sights fitted then, should you rise to the challenge, you *could* shoot it in all four classes.

For **Service Rifle**, any pre - 1946 military training rifle with original battle sights or pre - 1919 target rifle with open sights (blade and "V") is acceptable. We also include Enfields Nos. 5, 7, 8 and 9 with their *SERVICE* sights (no target adapters), these all being of the same basic design.

For **Classic Rifle**, any pre - 1919 military or target rifle; e.g. Bonehill, Greener or BSA models up to 12 (a Model 13, which is technically out of class, is really a lightweight 12 and will be allowed). Aperture rear sights of the appropriate age may be used with blade or barleycorn foresight.

For **Veteran Rifle**, any pre - 1946 service or target rifle; e.g. BSA's up to model 12/15 or Vickers Standard / Empire, Winchester 52's below s/n 16,036, etc. The BSA Century is again technically out of class but we will allow this to be used since it would be outclassed in Post Veteran. Aperture sights of the appropriate age may be used both front and rear: (no perspex foresight elements for instance).

For **Post Veteran**, any Mk. I, II, or III BSA Martini International. Any Remington 37, or Winchester 52 including Model D. The class "upper" limit is *no longer* set so that no rifle with a fully-floating barrel is eligible. Thus you may now use early models of Anschutz, Walther, Finnish Lion, Hammerli, etc. The rifle design dateline has been moved to encompass these and equivalent rifles up to and including 1965. Perspex foresight elements are here in order.

COURSES OF FIRE

Service Rifle: One card deliberate and one time limit - 10 shots in 2 minutes on N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" target. Original service iron sights on military trainers or open sights on pre-1919 target rifles. Note: NO target rear sights, including the PH 8/53 target rear sight adapter, which is NOT eligible for Rifles nos. 5, 7, 8 & 9. A jacket with elbow and shoulder pads may be used, and a basic two point sling, but NO glove.

Classic Rifle: One card deliberate and one time limit - 10 shots in 90 seconds on N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" target. A rear aperture sight may be used. Blade fore sight only. A *thin* glove (not a modern heavy one) on the supporting hand, and a basic two point sling are permissible along with a jacket as for Service.

Veteran Rifle: One card deliberate on N.S.R.A. "Cadets & Schools" target and one card timed on the N.S.R.A. "Skirmisher" target - as many scoring shots in a minute. These are not available from the N.S.R.A. for 15 yard ranges. We can supply accurately scaled down items on request. Single shot loading only, magazines NOT to be used. Jacket and glove as Classic. Basic single point classic webbing or leather sling permissible.

Post Veteran: As Veteran rifle, but using the current NSRA 1989 ten diagram target for the deliberate card.

Note that some of the above targets have five aiming marks and obviously require two shots per aiming mark; 15 yard tin hat targets have ten diagrams.

Each competition will consist of ten rounds. Cards for each two consecutive rounds are to be shot at six-weekly intervals starting at the beginning of October. In fairness to the majority of competitors we will in future be obliged to tighten up on 'shoot by' dates. The first two rounds should be completed and returned together by the 15th. November. Rounds 3 & 4 **MUST** be returned by the end of December to prevent any delay in the necessary setting of classes into divisions and dissemination of results. *Failure to do so may result in exclusion.*

The entry fee will be £5.50 per match for those willing to accept the results by email and £7.00 for all others requiring results and communications by Royal Mail. The price of a "snail-mail" entry includes stationery and postage costs. Reduced rates previously available to those who have, in the past, subscribed to the HARC will no longer apply. Costs have risen even though the league is run as a non-profit making operation by unpaid volunteers. All monies go towards medals, certificates, printing and postage, etc. The N.S.R.A. has again kindly undertaken to assist with the provision of plaquettes at a favourable rate.

N.B. Entry fee cheques are now to be made payable to the **N.S.R.A.**

Please do NOT supply stamps or S.A.E's.

Any one round must be shot with the same rifle (i.e. both the deliberate and timed cards), but those fortunate enough to possess more than one rifle suitable for a given class are encouraged to shoot different rifles throughout the competition. As a final thought, may we reiterate the informality and equitable spirit that we hope the League will engender. The divisions will, as usual, be set by the results from the first four rounds. Any competitor whose scores subsequently show exceptional signs of improvement could be moved into a higher division.

We welcome any enquiries relating to these prone & standing 15 to 25 yard leagues,
e.g. entries, equipment or suitable rifles.

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THE STANDING COMPETITIONS

There are three classes on offer here.

ALL rifles must be of pre - 1946 design.

1) DELIBERATE ~ Iron sights

For any .22" rifle of pre - 1946 design to be used with blade or barleycorn front sight and tangent or "in the spirit of the original" aperture rear sight.
No ring fore sights or optical sights.

2) RAPID REPEATER (not semi-automatic) - or single shot if you like a challenge! ~ any sights.

Time limit 20 seconds per diagram (i.e. 80 seconds for 20 shots; five shots in each of four diagrams)

3) RAPID SEMI-AUTOMATIC ~ any sights.

Time limit 10 seconds per diagram (i.e. 40 seconds for 20 shots; five shots on each of four diagrams)

Telescopic sights may be used for classes 2 and 3, ideally of a type that might have originally been used on your rifle – Max: 8 x power

COURSE OF FIRE

In each class, in each of ten rounds, competitors will fire 20 shots at two, two-bull targets, five shots in each diagram. All cards are to be shot at 15, 20 or 25 yards standing unsupported. *No slings, palm rests or gloves.* If standing presents a problem, the course of fire may be shot sitting on a stool, providing that no part of the arms, shoulders or torso is supported.

TARGETS

These are the same for all three classes. *Be aware – these were changed as from 2000-2001*

We are now using the “**Tin Hat**” **American** decimal historic targets
reprinted by the Dorchester Rifle & Pistol Club for their 50 yard Summer League

(these have one more scoring ring than the full round black target – and will permit better scores)

They are available as usual from: D. Hannam
email: dhannam@waitrose.com

*N.B. If you wish to shoot at 15 or 20 yards, then acquire a target and photocopy reduce it onto suitable paper.
The diameter of the **BLACK** should be reduced from 3.875” (3 7/8”) on the original target
to 3.056” (3 1/20”) for use at 20 yards – or to 2.237” (2 1/4”) for use at 15 yards*

In all other respects, the standing competition is the same as the prone.

i.e. Shooting dates, match system, scoring, etc.

We welcome any enquiries relating to the Standing 15 to 25 yard league,
e.g. re: entries, equipment or suitable rifles.

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