

BSRC Update February 2018

Despite the weather I hope that you are enjoying your shooting and looking forward to the formal matches that commence next month with the annual Stalkers Match.

Now that the new website is in place we intend this to be the main source of club information and the format of the newsletter has been changed to reflect this. Both the Newsletter, and any documents referenced within, will be stored in the downloads area of the website. In this way, anything that you may wish to reference in the future will be available from the website. By emailing the link to the newsletter and having links from within the newsletter to other documents, we can also hopefully resolve any of the format problems that some members have experienced with the newsletter emails in the past.

Where a subject does not have its own area on the website the document will be placed in the downloads area. If you are looking for information please try the website first and, if you think there is something missing let myself or one of the other committee members know.

We still need to upload some of the match rules and I am currently in discussion with the site designers on how best to do this and make it easily accessible. In the interim, they are still available from the old manual in the club house.

MB status

Having received the repaired measurement module for the Mid Boar target trolley, this has been installed and the target recalibrated so, Mid Boar range is now fully functional again. As you can imagine this has been a rather frustrating exercise for all involved. Thank you for your patience.

RD Target Damage

Not finger pointing at anyone but have a look at the picture below.



It appears that someone has run out the Deer target and used it to check a zero. It also looks as if it has been done by two rifles as there are different sized holes. Thankfully it looks like shots were taken from the deer hut and not at an angle from the static benches, nevertheless we take a pretty dim view of this.

These targets are pasted up from 7 different sections and take nearly all day to make up. Also, we don't currently know where we can get any more supplies so they are a wasting asset, and using them for plinking is not amusing, particularly when the static range is conveniently next door. In addition, some of our better Running Deer shooters use the eye as an aiming point with the rifle shooting low and of course this will now be a problem. The damage has been done since the Christmas break when we fitted a brand new target but we don't know precisely when. As I said no finger pointing, but the Committee have asked me to pass on that those caught doing this sort damage deliberately can say goodbye to their BSRC membership. A similar message has been sent to affiliated clubs.

New NRA Ammunition accounting system

There is a new NRA (H & S inspired) accounting system for ammo which the NRA have signed up to which means that every round of ammo is to be accounted for, not for security purposes, but for Net Explosive Quantity purposes now required for the benefit of the Fire Services.

These consist of orange tally sheets for each calibre in each location. The impact on RO's will be through use of the 5 boxes we have in the Armoury. We have 1 box with .22HV, another with .22 Standard, another with a mixture of .308 and .223 and another with just .223 and finally the ready use box which contains a supply of all calibres for Club rifles.

These tally sheets will need to be updated as ammo is used. This will add to the time taken when closing the range, so you may find that the RO has to close the range earlier to allow time for this. Obviously, if members offer to help close down at the end of day the need for early closure may be avoided.

RO Training material on the Website

All the RO training module material required for those wishing to become BSRC Range Officers is now on the website under the training tab [here](#). The idea of this online material is that you study in your own time and are then assessed on each module when you feel ready.

Have a look at the documents and, if you would like to qualify and help out at club events, contact Tim Goddard timgoddard@live.co.uk or John Rossiter john.rossiter6@btinternet.com.

Tim will be the mentor for the training material if necessary and John will conduct any practical training required on the target equipment.

Online membership renewals

Many members have asked in the past about renewing club membership online. I mentioned at the last AGM that we were looking at setting this up. This is currently being tested by the committee members and will be enabled ready for this years renewals. The details will be sent to all members in a separate mailing later this month.

Junior Air Rifle Section

We were pleasantly surprised by the number of children who attended our last family day back in August. We feel that it might be productive to run some evening air rifle shoots for members children during the Summer after the main event of the day has finished. We have NRA agreement that we can continue after hours with air rifle (under 12 ft lb only) shooting where hopefully we can welcome youngsters into our sport. We plan to cater for children under the age of 14 and the only stipulation on younger children is that they are able to support the weight of a rifle unaided. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to provide necessary supervision and to fulfil Child Protection legislation requirements.

Shooting will take place on the BSRC ranges between 1700 and 19.30/20.00 hrs and we will be acquiring some knock down and zero targets for this purpose. What we are short of is air rifles and we would hope that parents could bring their own as well as any additional targets. The first two dates we have in mind are Saturday 7 April and Saturday 28 April.

The driving force behind this initiative is Mike Deakin who will be organiser and Range Conducting Officer.

Could members who feel that they would like to participate in these events please email Mike at mdeakin3@sky.com and copy to john.rossiter6@btinternet.com so that we can keep tabs on numbers."

PSSA Invitation

After opening up the Chamois shoot to a wider audience last year, The Pennine Shooting Sports Association made arrangements to hold their own shoot the same weekend at Diggle, using the same targets and courses of fire. By all accounts they enjoyed the shoot and Kristof Seaton, who organises the sporting rifle events, have invited BSRC members to attend some of their shoots at Diggle. Please see the invitation below and contact them directly if you are interested. I should point out that Diggle Range is on moors NE of Oldham!

'I wonder whether you or any of your members might be interested in joining us guest-wise for a shoot or two at Diggle?

It is likely to depend on where they're based, I guess - but the idea might appeal to more Northerly residents? In any case, they'd be most welcome to drop me a line at pssasporting@gmail.com to make arrangements. Guest's range-fee is £15, the targetry fee £2, and we'd need sight of their FAC.

Aside from the static shoots scheduled below, there are moving-target shoots on the calendar here <http://www.digglerranges.com/index.php/disciplines/calendar>

The moving shoots are subject to confirmation by email because of the need not to exceed a certain number of Rifles, so anyone fancying those would need to drop me a line on pssasporting@gmail.com get themselves on the emailing list.

Aside from that, we have a whole day of both the 300yd and 100yd/moving ranges booked on Saturday 21st April. At the moment, the plan is to shoot running boar and/or buck in the morning, and then have a repeat of your Fox and Chamois course of fire in the afternoon. Exact details will depend on numbers attending - but again guests welcome by prior arrangement!'

International Events

Norway

As you know we have an annual competition with our Norwegian friends and this year it is our turn to travel to Norway. There is a calling notice in the downloads area of the website [here](#).

Waldorf

We have also received an invitation for members to compete in an 50m and 10m running target event held in Waldorf Germany. Both John Maddison and Paul Ben-nathan have

competed in this event over the past couple of years so can give you some information if required. Unfortunately, the dates conflict with the Norway trip so you would not be able to attend both. The invitation is in the downloads area of the website [here](#).

Spionkop Lodge Tour

Last July Philip Mackworth-Praed published details in the newsletter of a tour in Spetember this year, based at Spionkop Lodge SA. Some members have expressed interest but if any others are interested please contact Philip as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised. Details are in the downloads area of the [website here](#). Philip can be contacted on 01425 403339 or email budgiepmp@talktalk.net .

Match Results

I am currently discussing changes to the website to allow match results to be uploaded to the competitions area of the website more easily. In the interim the results will be held in the downloads section of the website. The link to the latest is below.

[January club match results](#)

2018 Schedule

The BSRC range dates for 2018 were include in the last mailing and are also in the [calendar on the website](#). This currently has dates up to the end of March. The rest will be added shortly. You do not have to login to access the calendar, simply click on 'Events Calendar' and then click on 'See Calendar' when it come up below.

Events for the Next Month

Range Days on Feb 14th and 25th (this includes mini McQueen), March 4th & 14th.

BSRC Historics on March 11th (calling notice on the [website here](#))

BSRC Stalkers Match on March 18th (calling notice on the [website here](#))

With Best Wishes

David