

# Open Historics Match Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

The annual Open Historics Match will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March and will follow the same format as previous years. It is open to non BSRC members who do not need to be specifically invited on this occasion. Any non-member wishing to participate in the Match will have to confirm that he/she holds a Firearms Certificate permitting them to use the firearms & ammunition concerned on approved ranges & **MUST** fill in their FAC & address details on the back of the attendance register.

Non-members will **NOT** be able to borrow others firearms, but BSRC members may.

Adrian & others offer a selection of suitable loan rifles .22RF, 7x57 & .303 available, with factory ammunition at cost (10 or 12 rounds needed), but please return the empties!

The dateline for eligibility of any rifle/calibre/sight combination is **6<sup>th</sup> February 1952**. In other words, if, hostilities permitting, you could go to a gunsmith prior to that date & order a rifle in that calibre & with that action & sights, it will be eligible even if your example was made more recently. We will not be over scrupulous in trying to date telescopic sights, but participants are asked to respect the 'spirit of the original'. All iron sights will be deemed eligible .577 maximum calibre in all cases.

The Course of fire will be 10 rounds in each case, with 2 non-convertible sighters on the Running Deer & Running Boar. We reserve the right to amalgamate or sub-divide classifications on the day according to the number of entries & type(s) of rifles used with a view to promoting fairness.

1. Running Deer Singles.
  - a) Telescopic sights.
  - b) Iron Sights
  - c) Big Bore (.366" [9.3mm] & above up to .577 Maximum) telescopic sights.
  - d) Big Bore (.366" [9.3mm] & above up to .577 Maximum) iron sights.
2. Running Deer Doubles – Any sight Double rifles ONLY (.577 maximum calibre) 2 shots per run (6 runs in total).
3. Running Boar (Slow).
  - a) .22 rimfire - Telescopic sights.
  - b) .22 rimfire - Iron Sights
  - c) Rook & Rabbit Rifles – any sights.
  - d) Pistol calibres, lever action, restricted to tube mag & iron sights.
4. 100m Sitting Buck.
  - a) Deer Rifles, telescopic sights
  - b) Deer Rifles, iron sights.
5. 100m Standing Fox.
  - a) Any Rifle with telescopic sights.
  - b) Any rifle with iron sights.

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6. 50m Standing (all on Time Limit Range)
- a) Rook Target - .22 rimfire rifles with telescopic sights.
  - b) Rook Target - .22 rimfire rifles with iron sights.
  - c) Rook Target – Rook & rabbit Rifles, any sights.
  - d) Rook Target – Traditional Lever Action (pistol calibres) restricted to tube magazines & Iron sights.
  - e) Buck Target - Traditional Lever Action (pistol calibres) restricted to tube magazines & Iron sights.
  - f) Buck Target - Other pistol & Rook/Rabbit rifles excluding .22rimfire – any sights.
  - g) Buck Target - ‘The Poacher’s Buck’ .22 rimfire an sights.

‘DEER RIFLES’ should be deemed to include not only stalking rifles, but also such calibres as .44-40, .38-40, .300 Sherwood, .22 savage hi power & anything else (within reason i.e. not .22 rimfire or .297/.230 Morris tube) that ‘Grandpa’ might have shot his Deer with. N.B. Maximum M/E is 7000 Joules, but HME procedures must be adhered to above 4500 Joules.

‘ROOK/RABBIT RIFLES’ – the include the following calibres ONLY: .297/.230 (Morris Short & Long), .297/.250 (.250 rook), .25-20, .255 Jeffrey, .275 Jeffery, .298 Minex, .295 (or .300), .300 Sherwood, .305, .310 Cadet, .320, .32-20, .360 No5, .380 Long, .425, .430, .442, any rimfire calibres OVER 6mm (but NOT .22 or 6mm rimfire), and any pinfire, needle-fire or muzzle loading rifles using a bullet of less than .380” diameter. N.B. Maximum M/E 2028 Joules (1496 ft/lbs).

‘TRADITIONAL LEVER ACTION RIFLES - PISTOL CALIBRES’ – These should be deemed to include, as well as .25-20, .32-20, .38-40, .44-40, such calibres as .38/.357, .45 ACP, .45 Colt, but not .22 rimfire (too small), .44 magnum (too late). Calibres such as 45-70 & .30-30 WILL NOT be treated as ‘Pistol Calibres’ even if you used to have a Thompson Contender chambered for them! N.B. Maximum M/E 2028 Joules (1496 ft/lbs).

### **The George Kirk Memorial Trophy.**

The late George Kirk, a long standing member of the BSRC & of the British Deer Society, wished to institute an event for Big Game rifles & was preparing the trophy at the time of his death.

We have decided to include this trophy in the course of fire at our Annual Open Historic Match.

The course of fire will be 12 rounds (6 runs – no sighters) at the Running Deer Doubles target. It will be open to any rifle (bolt action, Lever or Double – not date lined) with a minimum calibre of .366” (9.3mm) & a minimum muzzle energy of 2000 ft/lbs.

It will be shot for in addition to (but if shot with a double can be shot concurrently with) the existing double rifle event.

**Please note that there is an entry fee payable for the Historic Match.**

**The entry fee for one entry in each match for all entrants is £10 (discounted to £5 for BSRC members with an ASP). Please pay your entry fee on arrival when signing in at the office.**

**Pre-entry is not required & re-entries will be permitted on the day (charged at £2.50 per match - payable by all).**

A full set of rules will be posted at the respective firing points on the day.

There may be a BBQ on the day (to be confirmed), but this is not guaranteed.

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