



Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

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Web Site

Please contact Jackie on webmaster@brpc.org.uk if you have any comments on the web site and any thoughts on what you would like to see on it

From the Secretary:

Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, but a lot seems to have happened since the last one, including house moves and the time has just flown by.

Please remember that all Club information including contact details are on the reverse of the membership cards. These cards are to be worn on all range shoots for ease of identifying members and guests. A reminder that on Guest Days, all guests are the responsibility of the Full member who has invited them and they will be under 1-1 supervision in accordance with Home Office regulations.

No-one under the age of 18 is allowed on military ranges nor anyone who isn't attending to shoot (eg wives of shooters).

It is in your interest to ensure that the Secretary is kept up-to-date with your contact details especially telephone (land/mobile) and email addresses. Please see the article on [Contact Details](#) on Page 4.

For those of you who are applying for or have received their first FAC, please could you contact the Secretary advising your FAC Number, Issuing Constabulary, Date of Issue and Expiry, and the condition which is at the bottom of the first page regarding the primary club.

The Committee thanks all those members who have introduced friends/family during 2006 hopes that you all have a great Xmas and Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you on the range in 2007.

Jackie Parker (Secretary)

Club Dinner

We have had 3 excellent Club Dinners at the Duke of Wellington in Bourn and the Committee is sure that 2007 won't be an exception. The meal is for members and partners and gives an ideal location for all to talk in a warm, civilised environment.

The Dinner has been booked for 27 January 2007, 7.30 for 8.00 pm sit-down. The cost will be around the same as last year—£20.00 per head—for a 3 course meal.

If you would like to book your places, please contact the Secretary so that she can contact you with the menu choices when they are available.

Brian Winters—Barton Road Range Warden

Some you may have noticed that Brian hasn't been on range warden duty at Barton Road for a while. Unfortunately cancer took over and he passed away in October. He will be missed by all at BRPC for his great support and assistance.

The Club has made a donation to Cancer Research as requested by his family and our thoughts are with his wife, daughter and son at this sad time.

See us at www.brpc.org.uk

2007 AGM

The 2007 AGM will be held on Thursday 8 February 2007 at the Café 9, Bourne Golf Club in Bourn. It will start at 8 pm prompt with a light buffet available after it.

Please could you confirm your attendance to the Secretary for seating arrangements and numbers for the buffet.

The attendance was great last year, so please make every effort to attend this year.

Please remember that subscriptions are up for renewal at the AGM - hopefully they won't be increased - so please bring your cash/cheque book with you. Any members who are FAC holders who haven't renewed their membership by the end of February 2007 will have their membership terminated and their respective Firearms Licensing Departments will be advised as per the Home Office rules.

If you are unable to make it, please send your apologies either to the Secretary or with another attending member.

It is your Club and the Committee needs to know what you want.

The Committee looks forward to seeing you at the AGM and at the 2007 shoots.

Directions

From London—M11Exit Junction 12 onto A603 Barton Road direction Sandy. Bear right into B1046 New Road, continue through Barton - Comberton and Toft. On leaving Toft the course is another 1/2 mile on right.

From London—A1Exit onto A505 Baldock, continue on A505 bi-passing Baldock direction Royston. At second roundabout exit left towards Huntingdon. Continue through Bassingbourn, Arrington and Longstow. After Longstowe take next right Sign Bourn. Follow road for 1 mile Bourn Golf Club on the left.

From the North—A14Exit onto the A1198 direction Papworth. Continue to through to Papworth and then Caxton. After Caxton take left onto B1046 for 1.1 miles Bourn Golf & Leisure is on the left.

2007 Shooting Dates

Isle Target Sports Club dates are provisional as at 15/12/2006

January

Saturday 20	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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February

Saturday 10	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
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Sunday 18	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
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March

Sunday 11	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200—Pre-1939 / George Clamp Memorial	Guest Day
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Saturday 17	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
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April

Sunday 1	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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Sunday 15	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	300 / 400	
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May

Saturday 5	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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Sunday 13	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	600	
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June

Sunday 10	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
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Sunday 24	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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July

Sunday 8	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	200 / 300—Any Rifle, Any Sights	
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Saturday 21	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
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August

Sunday 5	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30	Guest Day	
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Sunday 12	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200 / 300 Service Rifle	
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September

Sunday 9	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
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Sunday 23	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200—Buffalo	Guest Day
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Saturday 29	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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October

Saturday 13	Barton Road	8.30—3.00	Long Range	
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Sunday 28	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	400 / 500	
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November

Sunday 4	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100 / 200	Guest Day
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Sunday 11	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
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Sunday 25	Isle Target Sports Club	1.30—4.30		Guest Day
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December

Sunday 2	Barton Road	8.30—1.00	100— Xmas Shoot	
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Sunday 9	Bassingbourn Barracks	8.30—1.00		
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For those with internet access, please keep checking the website for up-to-date range bookings.

For those without, please keep checking the Club Information line on 07092 051804.

Contact Details

Due to adverse weather conditions on 3 December, it was decided to cancel the shoot at the Barracks that morning. This proved an interesting challenge for the Secretary on how to contact the members to try and save them from travelling. This was achieved by updating the range information line and a combination of emailing and texting members.

This did raise, to the Secretary, the issue of whether contact details were up-to-date? Have people changed their mobile numbers, or are now in possession of a mobile? Please you ensure that if contact numbers and/or email addresses change, that you let the Secretary know. If you change your vehicle, remember to let the Secretary know this for security personnel at the Barracks

Where there are range cancellations on the day of the shoot, the Secretary will text everyone that she has mobile phone numbers for, so if you have a mobile number, please could you ensure that the Secretary has this. If you have several mobiles, please ensure that she has the main number to contact you on. Alternatively, please call the Range Information line 07092 051804 for up-to-date information, but this may be a problem if you hit the road around 7 am.

Keeping Up-to-Date without Internet Access

If, at anytime, you become an Internet surfer, therefore able to access the Newsletters online, please contact the Secretary so that the Club can save money on postage. You will then receive an email when the latest newsletter is available for reading. Until then, please ensure that you call **07092 051804** to keep up-to-date with the range dates.

Keeping Up-to-Date with Internet Access

The website at www.brpc.org.uk now gives you the opportunity to be automatically informed when pages change.

When you next visit the website, you will find that the Home, Members Only, Shooting Dates and Competitions pages all have links so that you can receive an email when they are changed. This is through a website called ChangeNotes.com.

Other pages can be added to your list by typing in the website address of that particular page (or by selecting it in the address bar, copy and paste it into the ChangeNotes page).

NRA Instructor Course

The Club is looking into the possibility of running a locally-run NRA Instructor Course. It will cost (currently) £20 per person plus a proportion towards the instructor's fees/travel expenses.

The course is designed to enhance an individual's own knowledge of target rifle shooting to enable them to give assistance in the training of new shooters at club level. The course will involve both theory and practical range work. A minimum of 4 people is required to make the running of a course viable.

On completion of the course all candidates will receive a copy of the NRA Target Rifle Coaching Course notes and on successful completion they will receive an NRA Club Instructor's Certificate, a NRA Club Instructor Cloth Badge and their name will be entered on the NRA Club Instructor Register. This is also the starting point to progress to the Club Coach level.

If anyone would be interested in gaining this qualification, please could they contact the Secretary in order that viability can be assessed.

Range Safety and Information

A few reminders on range safety

Clearing of Weapons

Weapons **must** be cleared by an RCO or Assistant **before** weapons are removed from the firing point. Anyone not adhering to Range Safety Procedures will receive a warning.

Live Ammunition

All firers need to ensure that all live rounds are removed from the firing point and where firing takes place at different distances, all ammunition is secured so that none are dropped en route.

Empty Cases

The firing points are to be checked by individual firers at the end of each detail and all empty cases are to be removed. The firing pit must also be checked and empty cases removed.

This is in accordance with Range Orders and the military do have the right to remove Clubs from shooting at the ranges if this is not adhered to.

Range Register—Non-FAC Holders

A reminder to Club members who don't hold their own FACs—please don't complete the calibre column of the range register until you have your own firearms.

Guest Days

It has been agreed by the Committee that non-Guest Days are for BRPC Club members and Isle Target Sports Club members (through Club affiliation) only.

If guests who are either non-FAC holders or hold FACs and/or are members of other Home Office Approved Clubs, they will only be permitted to attend on Guest Days.

This is to protect BRPC Club members so that they have the maximum amount of shooting time.

Electronic targets launched

Following the successful testing of the electronic targets, the NRA (Bisley) is delighted to be able to offer NRA individual members and affiliated clubs the chance to come and try out the new systems.

Targets are available at 900 yards back to 1200 yards on Stickledown. Targets are available by the half day to affiliated clubs.

2006 charges: £10 per person per hour with a maximum of two firers per target or £50 per half day mid week and £55 per half day weekends.

On this basis, there hopefully be a Club-organised shoot on Stickledown for an afternoon in 2007 as we are unable to use electronic targets at Barton Road at this distance. Please let the Secretary know if you would be interested.

Competition Results

Xmas Money Shoot

J I Parker	88.88
G Ellwood	88.85
L Stevens	88.83
J Cleaves	88.82
P Elliott	88.37
C Blower	88.02
A Moncrieff	88.00
J A Parker	87.60
W Westlake	87.52
B Reed	87.30
C Haywood	86.50
J A Parker	86.50
P Elliott	86.10
P Fearon	85.50
L Stevens	85.50
P Elliott	85.50
B Smith	85.00
W Westlake	85.00
T Allen	80.00
G Reed	75.20
K Hart	75.00
G Watts	67.02
C Blower	65.00
G Watts	65.00
B Porteous	36.02
G Sharp	35.51
P Smith	2.82
P Smith	2.00

Any Rifle, Any Sights

Name	Score
J Cleaves	50
J Willmott	50
L Stevens	45
S Battell	45
G Sharp	44
N Pope	43
A Moncrieff	42
D Voak	41
P Cannon	39
J I Parker	39
G Ellwood	38
B Eastwood	38
R Read	38
T Chapman	30
T Brown	29
K Mereden	23
J A Parker	20
P Fearon	14
P Smith	11
B Smith	10
S Andrews	2

Varmint

Name	Score
J I Parker	98
D Parker	92
P Cox	89
R Read	79
J A Parker	61

Service Rifle

Name	Score
S Voak	129
G Ellwood	129
M Davis	117
T Chapman (Jr)	101
M Coombs	98
J I Parker	88
P Farrell	83
J Cleaves	77
T Brown	76
D Voak	72
T Chapman (Sr)	67
C Hart	58
P Fearon	42

Buffalo

Name	Score
L Stevens	40
D Parker	36
A Moncrieff	35
B Porteous	33
D Voak	33
J Cleaves	24
P Cannon	18
S Battell	9

It has been great to see so many members taking part in competitions during 2006 and so many excellent results and, more important, improvements.

Regardless of whether we are target shooters, sporting shooters or both, it is always important to practice and this is, hopefully, a fun way of doing that.

If you have ideas of new competitions, please let one of the Committee members know, and we will see where they can be fitted in. We have found, over the past few years, that it can be very hard work running more than one competition on one day, so you will find that generally, only one competition will be run on each date.

Please keep up the enthusiasm with the competitions and I look forward to seeing you receive the awards at the AGM in February.

Facilities

Barton Road



Bassingbourn Barracks



100 m - 1200 yds

Maximum calibre of .577", and a maximum muzzle velocity of 3275 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft lbs.

100 m

Maximum calibre of .223"/5.56mm, and a maximum muzzle velocity of 3275 ft/sec (1000 m/s), and a maximum muzzle energy of 5160 ft lbs.



Due to refurbishment and upgrading of the range, the range certificate now states a maximum muzzle velocity of 3250 ft/sec and a maximum muzzle energy of 3020 ftlbs —there is no maximum calibre.

Facilities include 8 covered benched lanes at 25m and 2 covered (prone or standing supported eg bipod/bag) at 50m.

Classified Advertisements

Advertisements are accepted in good faith, but Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club takes no responsibility for the accuracy of any statements made by the advertiser. Club members' adverts are free of charge, for trade adverts, please call for current tariffs.

To place private or trade advertisements, please contact John on 07880 733129

D-2MS Night Vision Goggles - For Sale



For Sale—D-2MS Night Vision Goggles in absolute mint condition, very occasionally used (probably less than 15 hours total) as the fixed optical separation does not suit my eye spacing.

Ideal for hands free night vision with the head mount or spotting with a larger IR lamp - at only 430 grams they are the lightest NVG's on the market. They have been used in both situations for foxing/rabbiting, they have fantastic resolution and crisp images and were reviewed in GunMart sometime last year.

They come with D-2MS, carry case, user guide and head mask all in mint condition, I'll even throw in spare

batteries. These are still current and retail for about £586 ([Russian Military](#)) through various suppliers eg in the UK so spares and replacement lenses are easy to get hold of, also these are upgradeable with higher magnification lenses for enhanced spotting etc...



I'm only asking £375 for them to fund another project, fantastic bargain!

No offers please. these are in genuine mint condition and well looked after
Contact John Parker on 07880 733129

Article Submission

If you would like to pen any short stories or humorous incidents please submit them to the editors. We would, of course, prefer that they be in some way shooting related and not cause offence or law suits! The editors' decision as to what may be printed is final. We would prefer that articles are supplied electronically where possible, to cut down on the amount of work involved. However we do appreciate that not all members have access to computers etc so if you submit a hand written article please use legible block capitals to give us a chance! Accompanying photographs are fine so long as they are in a format we can scan, ie No negatives or slides please and maximum size A4.

Barton Rd Sentries Needed

Do you know anyone at a loose end one Sunday morning a month? If so, would they be willing to do sentry duties at Barton Rd Range. All they need to do is to man the sentry post for a few hours and read a book.

Do you know your Committee members?

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| Chairman | Peter Cannon |
| Vice Chairman | Terry Gibney |
| Secretary | Jackie Parker |
| Vice Secretary | John Parker |
| Treasurer | Roger Benson |
| Shooting Captains | Doug and Steven Voak |
| Chief Range Officer | Russell Taylor |
| Ordinary Members | Chris Haywood |
| | Will Westlake |

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