

# Copper Jacket

## Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

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### From the Editor:

Well, not too much in this newsletter, so please could you think about what you could write for the next one?

Remember that we are always receiving new members, some of whom have never shot before, some have but don't have FACs. What information did you find useful when you either started shooting or joined the Club? Let the rest of the membership know.

The turn-out for the AGM back on 24 February was again, unfortunately very poor, only 19 attended out of over 60. You are reminded that is a requirement of your membership that you attend the AGM. I know that with some other Clubs, if members don't attend the AGM, it is believed that they will not be renewing their membership, and the respective Firearms Licensing Authorities are informed of their non-renewal. We don't do this at the moment and we don't want to have to, so please support the AGM. It is, after all your Club, surely you want your say in how it is run and put your suggestions forward?

Members and potential members are still calling the Secretary's home number. Please only call the mobile 07880 720810 and by all means give this number out to serious potential members. The home number is ex-directory—for security reasons.

### Web Site

Please contact Jackie on [webmaster@brpc.org.uk](mailto: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

Long range dates are now available, starting on Saturday 7 May. See page 4 for further details.

## IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER, YOUR SPORT, YOUR VOICE

### Obituary—George Clamp



George Clamp sadly passed away in October 2004. George was a long term active member of the Club joining in December 1979, and used to be a regular with his son Jonathan.

Jonathan has offered the Club a George Clamp Memorial Trophy—details of this and the competition will be in the next newsletter.

See us at [www.brpc.org.uk](http://www.brpc.org.uk)

31 May 2005 is the Deadline for July 2005 issue

## Review of the 2005 Annual General Meeting

The 2005 Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 24 February in the Corporal's Mess at Bassingbourn Barracks.

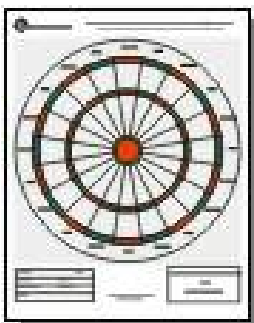
Despite having an excellent membership of 64, unfortunately only 19 members attended the AGM and 25 sent their apologies. You are reminded that is a **requirement** of your membership that you attend the AGM. Please make every effort to attend next year.

If you didn't attend the AGM, would there be anything that would make it easier for you to do so eg change of location, day or time? Please let the Secretary have your thoughts. We need to increase the numbers of attendees as there is a minimum number of attendees required in order the AGM to go ahead.

To summarise the main points:

1. A Club logo is still required. If anyone has any thoughts on a design, please pass to a Committee member.
2. Finances—healthy but still need more members as expenses are always increasing due to increased range licence, range warden and NRA Affiliation fees.
3. More RCOs are needed especially for black powder. The Club only has 7 RCOs and they are already doing at least 4 RCO duties this year.
4. Range attendances are increasing, generally around 30 (half the membership).
5. It would be good to see an increase in competition participation. There will be a couple of new competitions during 2005—sniper team and smallest group.
6. Membership cards must be carried whilst on all ranges that the Club uses. The Club has been advised that if cards aren't carried, individuals will be turned away.
7. No more bookings will be made on the 25m range at the Barracks, only the 100m range. The ITSC range at Mepal will be booked for .22, pistol calibre carbines and black powder.
8. As the Club is now using the 100m range at the Barracks, shooting distances have been allocated against dates at Barton Road, therefore there will be no shooting at 100m at Barton Road
9. All home-loaders need to ensure that their loads are chronographed in accordance with range orders at Barton Road and Bassingbourn Barracks.
10. The only changes in the Committee are:
  - Alan Brown has stood down as Treasurer and Ed Walters has been voted on as Treasurer
  - Alan Brown has remained on the Committee as an Ordinary Member for a further year
12. Two membership categories—TA and Service have been discontinued
13. A Club summer BBQ was suggested and those present showed a positive interest. The Committee will discuss this further and an entry will be in the next newsletter.

## Targets



It has been noticed that many of the Club members are arriving on the range without any targets. With this in mind, the Club is now selling targets on range dates, but if you are able to purchase or download (if you have access to the internet) targets of your own, it will be more fun on the range and more of a challenge. Swapping targets will be interesting as well.

For those with internet access, there are links on the BRPC website ([www.brpc.org.uk/targets.html](http://www.brpc.org.uk/targets.html)).



## RCOs

RCOs, please could you ensure that you do your Range Recces and don't rely on the Chief RCO or Secretary.

Where there are two of you allocated, please let the other one know if you do it. They should be done a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the range date especially for Bassingbourn Barracks.

## Assistance at Shoots

It has been noticed that many members are leaving the shoots early and at the last shoot 6 people were left to clear up at the end including putting away the majority of the target frames.

If you need to leave the range early, please could you stay until the end of the detail and put away your target frame? As well as putting away the frames, all the sand and the gravel have to be raked. We are also currently having to deploy the safety barriers before shooting and bring back in all the safety flags at the end.

We all attending the shoots because we enjoy shooting, but assistance with the setting-up and clearing up would be gratefully appreciated.

If you arrive at the range early, please don't wait for someone to arrive at the range and ask you to sort out target frames etc. Please leave someone in the car park who knows who is down the butts and just do it. This will save a lot of time and enable us to start shooting earlier, therefore getting more shooting done.

The same applies to Barton Road.

## Pre-1939 Competition Results

Name	Score
S Voak	95
D Voak	90
S Griggs	85
P Cannon	76
W Westlake	75
J I Parker	70
C Haywood	70
A Moncrieff	67
P Cox	66
D Griggs	65
C Griggs	62
J A Parker	60
D Parker	54

## New Sniper Team Competition for 2005

Russell Taylor is organising a new sniper team competition which will start at Barton Road on 10 April 2005 so bring your favourite rifle!!!! The competition will be run throughout the year.

The idea is that shooters compete in pairs—one shooting and one spotting. As shooter you will use the same rifle (any rifle, any sights) throughout the competition on one card. Various tasks will be given, the distance and task will not be known in advance and there will be various styles of shooting involved.

Please support Russell in this competition.

## Long Range Shooting Dates

Following the success of the long range shoot last September, the following Saturdays have booked at Barton Road for 2005:

- 🔫 Saturday 7 May
- 🔫 Saturday 24 September
- 🔫 Saturday 12 November

The times will be from 0900 to 1530 (bring lunch). Zeroing will take place first at 600m before moving back to ensure everyone is on the target.

You will need to know your muzzle velocity so that your drops can be calculated. Please arrange for this to be done at the Barracks prior to shooting. Several members have chronographs that you can borrow.



1000 yds in September 2004

If you are interested in coming along with or without a rifle, please contact Jackie Parker by email ([jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk](mailto:jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk)) or mobile (07880 720810).

It is hoped that the range fees will be the same as September, that is BRPC members £10 and non-BRPC members £15. If there are any changes to this, the Secretary will advise.

## Shooting Dates for 2005

### Barton Road

(Shooting times are 0830-1230—Open Days)

- 🔫 10 April—200 & 400 m
- 🔫 12 June—300 & 500 m
- 🔫 31 July—600 m
- 🔫 30 October—100, 200, 300 m
- 🔫 27 November—200 & 400 m
- 🔫 11 December—200 m

### Bassingbourn Barracks

(Shooting times are 0830-1230—Club members only)

- 🔫 22 May
- 🔫 25 September
- 🔫 21 August
- 🔫 16 October

## Competitions for 2005

### Barton Road

30 October—Service Rifle  
11 December—Buffalo

### Bassingbourn Barracks

22 May—Any Rifle, Any Sights  
25 September—Varmint  
18 December—Xmas Shoot

## Items for Sale

### Bushnell 3-9x40 Mil-dot Scope

- Mil-dot reticule
- Multicoated Amber-bright Optics Waterproof/fogproof/shockproof
- Wide angle field of view / Fast focus eyepiece
- 1/4" fingertip audible/resettable windage/elevation adjustments
- Easy-grip, oversized power change ring



**As New, mint condition,** Priced for quick sale - £125

**Contact Jackie Parker on Email: [jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk](mailto:jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk) or Call: 07880 720810**

### Remington 700 .308

- Remington Mod 700 ADL .308
- Black Synthetic Stock and all weather barrel
- Tasco Titan 3-9\*40 scope with standard 30/30 duplex reticule and Hilver mounts.
- Fired less than 600 rounds



Can be sold separately, if necessary—Rifle £200, Scope £100

**Contact Jackie Parker on behalf of the seller**

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### Ruger 10/22

An excellent condition and well cared for Ruger 10/22 for sale, customised with:

- Hogue stock
- Tasco 4\*40 Golden Antler tv view scope
- Volquartsen
  - auto bolt release / exact edge extractor
  - extended magazine release / recoil buffer
- Butler Creeks
- 2 x 30 + 2 x 10 round magazines
- Speed loader for magazines
- Rimfire Magic magazine service kit and Sling



Priced for quick sale at £300.00

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### Schults & Larsen Otterup, Model 98 .308

- Heavy barrel with Tasco Golden Antler 2.6/10 x 44 scope
- Shoots half inch groups with factory ammo

Priced for quick sale - £225

**Contact Jackie Parker on behalf of the seller**

**Email: [jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk](mailto:jackie.parker@brpc.org.uk)**

### Winchester .357

- Standard Winchester
- Will supply weaver sight mounts and telescopic 3-9x40

Priced at £350 ono

### Remington 870

- Volley sights (slug sights) /Poly choke
- Hand guard for speed loading
- Sling and sling swivels
- 12 rnd mag tube and 5 rnd mag tube with short and long springs
- New ejector / Wooden stock

Priced at £200

**Contact Richard Larman on 07950 254731 regarding either rifle**

## Facilities

### Barton Road



### Bassingbourn Barracks



100 m - 1200 m

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

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### Isle Target Sports Club (Mepal)



Firearms that can be used on the Mepal Range are:

- ☛ All black powder firearms of any calibre (within reason).
- ☛ .22RF rifles.
- ☛ Rifles of a pistol calibre (0.44, 0.45, 0.38/0.357 etc) commonly called gallery rifles.

All firearms may be used from 25m down to 10m.

**Full bore rifles cannot be used.**

## 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?

Chairman	Peter Cannon
Secretary	Jackie Parker
Vice Secretary	John Parker
Treasurer	Ed Walters
Shooting Captains	Doug and Steven Voak
Chief Range Officer	Russell Taylor
Ordinary Members	Chris Whistler
	Terry Gibney
	Alan Brown

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