



Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

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From the Secretary:

Just a short mini-newsletter as the next one isn't due out until October.

Please note information regarding the cancellation of dates at Bassingbourn Barracks (September and October) and a couple of new dates at the Isle Target Sports Club range (Mepal).

One Club member has unfortunately suffered the loss of firearms, more information is on page 3. Please help if you are able to.

Shoots at Bassingbourn Barracks

Unfortunately, the Club has received notification that the 100m range at Bassingbourn Barracks is out of action due to repairs for the next couple of months at least.

This means that both the September and October shoots at the Barrack are cancelled which leaves the following shoots at Barton Road for the remainder of 2005:

- 9 October - 100m and 200m - Guest Day
- 30 October - 100m, 200m and 300m - **NOT** a Guest Day - no visitors please Service Rifle Competition
- 27 November - 200m and 400m - Guest Day
- 11 December - 100m and 200m - **NOT** a Guest Day - no visitors please Xmas Shoot

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

There is a long range shoot on Saturday 24 September at Barton Road, zeroing only at 600m then moving back to 1000, 1100 and 1200 yds. Range fees will be £10 for BRPC members and £25 for FAC non-BRPC members (by invitation only). The times for this will be from 0900—1530, bring lunch etc etc and it would be appreciated if everyone who wants to shoot this arrives early eg 0830 so that we can quickly get set up and start shooting. This is due to the fact that the frames have to be put together which takes time and manpower!!!!

Use of .338s at Barton Road

Please note that for the foreseeable future .338s are not permitted at Bisley or Barton Road, or any other range that has a Range Danger Area of less than 3,700 metres. This is via a notice issued by the Land Ranges Working Party who are responsible for the safety of the ranges in the UK.

The Club is looking into which ranges can be used for this calibre.

See us at www.brpc.org.uk

BRPC—Use of Isle Target Sports Club Range

The ITSC range is now open again and has been refurbished and extended so there are 8 benched firing points at 25m with 2 firing points at 50m (prone or standing supported eg bipod/bag) —all of which are covered. The range is now certified for full-bore shooting not just .22 and black powder!!

Please note that the maximum muzzle velocity is **3250 ft/sec** and the maximum muzzle energy is **3020 ft/lbs**. A chronograph is available for shooters to chronograph their ammunition both for use at ITSC and also so that you don't waste valuable shooting time chrono-ing at Barton Road, where time is at a premium!!!

An important point in the Range Orders regarding the above is:

Any firearm thought to be in excess of this limit must have its ammunition proved by way of the range chronograph. Any abuse of the muzzle energy limit will result in the firer being asked to remove the firearm from the range premises and may be referred to the committee for further disciplinary action.

For anyone who wishes to shoot at ITSC, please contact the Secretary for a copy of the ITSC Range Orders as there have been changes. There is a copy of the Orders at the range—please read carefully before commencing shooting.

An important point in the Range Orders is:-

A minimum of two Members, or one Member and one entitled Guest is present at the range. One Member must be a NRA qualified RCO for shooting to commence.

New Dates at ITSC Range

Two new dates have been booked at the ITSC Range near Mepal. These are:

- ☛ Saturday 15 October—1300—1700 hours (light permitting)
- ☛ Sunday 20 November—1300—1700 hours (light permitting)

Storage of Reloading Powders

Those of you who read the September issue of Shooting Sports, may have read the article on the Health & Safety Executive's (HSE) new regulations on the storage of reloading powders in that all reloading powders had to be stored in plastic containers, with no more than 550 grams of powder per container, in a wooden box constructed of plywood with a minimum thickness of 18mm—or material with an equal or greater fire and physical resistance. If the box holds more than one container, each individual container must be separated by a 6mm wooden partition that is securely fixed to the outer walls of the box allowing 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid. etc etc.

If anyone wants a copy of the document, please contact the Secretary.

Well, in the October issue of Shooting Sports, there is an article that says that Tim Hannam contacted Shooting Sports to advise that the regulations had been changed. This was confirmed by receipt of an official letter from the Essex Firearms Licensing Force Explosive Liaison Officer. It appears that smokeless powders do not have to be stored in a wooden box, however it is a sensible precaution. Again, if anyone would like a copy of this article or a letter from the HSE website—<http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/shooterspawders.pdf>, please contact the Secretary.

Clarification will be sought from Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 22 September when there is a Consultation Meeting with their Firearms and Explosives team. If anyone has any questions for the team, please contact the Secretary (details are on the reverse of your membership cards!!).

Theft of Firearms

On Wednesday 14th September, a Club member's house was broken into and both gun compartments of the main gun safe and a smaller safe (where the rifle bolts were kept) forced. Taken were:

- CZ synthetic .223 with 3-12x40 Leupold scope
- Sako .243 heavy barrel varmint wood stock with mildot 6-24x56 Zeiss Diavari scopes
- Weihrauch HW60J .22 rimfire LR with 3-9x50 scopes
- Weihrauch HW60J .22 rimfire WMR with 3-9x50 A.S.I scopes.
- Beretta 686Special over and under 28" barrelled 12 bore shotgun (G.J.E.Sharp 1984 engraved on the stock plate)

Fortunately the bolt actions were out awaiting a visit from the Firearm Officer regarding a FAC variation that evening and these were not taken!

It is unlikely that anyone will be offered the guns but should anyone be offered the scopes, particularly the Zeiss which is a top-of-the-range tactical scope, be cautious. Equally if anyone enquires about replacement bolts that too should be treated with caution.

Essex CID (Tel. 01245 491491) are understandably very keen to recover the weapons (incident Number 0619-14/9/05).

If anyone hears/sees anything regarding the above, please contact Essex CID.

It may be worthwhile for all firearm holders to check their home security. Whilst bolts are usually kept in a separate safe, might it be time to think about positioning this safe in a different area of the house?

Results for Any Rifle / Any Sights 2005

Name	Total	Name	Total
R Taylor	97	M Pettitt	77
J I Parker	96	R Benson	72
T Gibney	93	S Kiernan	70
J A Parker	86	R Clark	69
D Voak	85	G Sharp	67
S Battell	85	G Tyler	64
P Harvey	85	T Brown	53
A Gibney	85	M Davies	52
S Voak	84	S Griggs	9
P Finlay	80		
B Porteous	77		

Items for Sale

Parker Hale Safari 7 x 57 incl rings

For sale at £300

243 Tikka deluxe in wood stock including mounts

Rifle originally cost £700 new plus mounts, will sell for £500

(Also included all reloading dies, brass and spare bullets)

CZ .17HMR with heavy barrel and T4 moderator with some ammunition

Has only fired 100 rounds—Originally cost £600, will sell with a Simmons Whitetail scope as fitted for £500 ono

Also for sale - a quantity of 7mm Remington Magnum brass and reloading dies – ask the seller for more details if interested

If interested, contact Roger Benson

roger@springers17.fsnet.co.uk

Winchester .357

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

Priced at £350 ono

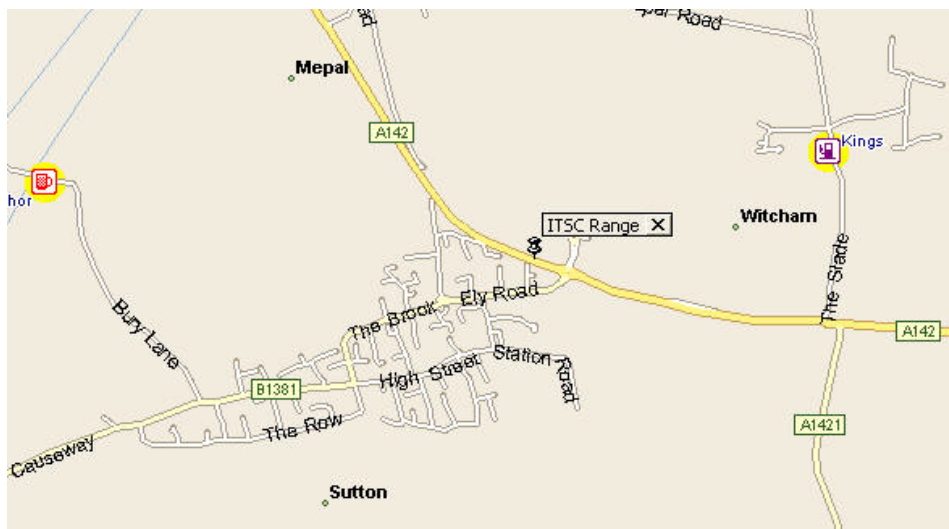
Remington 870

- 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

Isle Target Sports Club (Mepal)



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 3020ftlbs — 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.