



Bassingbourn Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

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From the Secretary:

Well, we're coming to the end of another year and our membership figures are looking really strong going into 2006. Many thanks to you all for supporting the Club during 2005 and for your efforts in promoting the sport and encouraging friends/colleagues to become members.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

One more date has been secured in December at Bassingbourn Barracks—18 December—unfortunately we weren't able to get one in November due to operational requirements.

It is hoped that we will be able to run the Varmint Competition (any .22 calibre) on 18 December but please either keep an eye on the website for updates or call the BRPC Information Line on 07092 051804.

The AGM date and venue will be finalised over the next couple of weeks for sometime in February 2006 and notification will be sent out as soon as possible so that you can put it in the diary. It is hoped that with early notification, more of the membership will attend. Over the past years, the attendance figures have been disappointing—maximum of 19 out of over 60.

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

Remember that it is YOUR CLUB and the Committee needs to know what you want.

Personal Shooting Record

It is the year for many FAC Renewals and at the Firearms Licensing Consultation Meeting, it was stressed that FAC holders who are members of Clubs, were requested to keep their own log of range attendances especially if they shoot with Clubs other than their Primary Club.

As Secretary, I keep records of all BRPC range attendances so if you wish to update your records, please contact the Secretary. If you also, through the Club Affiliation with The Isle Target Sports Club, shoot with them, please keep your own records of these visits.

This makes the visits of the Firearms Enquiry Officer a lot easier.

See us at www.brpc.org.uk

Storage guidance for Hazard Type 1 powders

(Summary from ACoP Paragraphs 410 to 420)

1. Black powder must be kept in plastic or cardboard containers (not tins) of not more than 550 grams (approx 1 ¼ lb) of powder per container.
2. The containers of black powder must be kept in a box constructed of plywood of a minimum thickness of 18mm – or other material capable of providing an equal level of fire and physical resistance. **Metal boxes, including ammunition boxes, are not suitable and must not be used.**

NB: That these requirements replace guidance allowing the keeping of black powder in a lacquered or tinned iron, steel trunk or box contained in the HSE publication “Guide to the Control of Explosives Regulations 1991”.

3. Where a box is designed to hold more than one container of gunpowder, each individual container must be separated by a 6mm wooden partition that is securely fixed to the outer walls of the box.
4. Each compartment must allow 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid.
5. The box should be made so that no exposed metal is on the inside. Internal nuts must be covered by a glued wooden liner not less than 6mm. (An image of a suitable box is attached.)
6. **The box must not be kept in any form of metal box, drawer or cupboard.**
7. It is a good idea to place an intumescent* strip around the edges of the lid to provide a good seal. * Intumescent means a substance that swells up, especially when heat is applied (OED)
8. For safety reasons, the box **must not** be located:
 - Under or near any means of access or escape, e.g. under the stairs;
 - In the same room as flammable liquids such as petrol or solvents;
 - In areas where there are risks of fire.
9. Anyone storing black powder must take precautions to prevent unauthorised access to it. If you are not storing your black powder in a secure room or other suitably secure place, the box should meet certain construction requirements. These are as follows:
 - Securely fixed, robust steel hinges and a secure hasp used with a robust padlock.
 - A suitable arrangement to stop the box from being taken away, e.g. by securing its handles to a strong point.



Figure 1 – Example of a Black Powder Storage Box and 550g plastic container

Available from Peter Starley (0845 2266005) or Fenland Rural Sports (01487 841821)

By Courtesy of BASC

Remainder of 2005 Dates

- 🔫 12 November—Barton Road (Long Range) - **Not** a Guest Day unless FAC Holder
- 🔫 20 November—ITSC (Guest Day)
- 🔫 27 November—Barton Road (Buffalo Shoot Competition .40 calibre and over) - 200 / 400m—Guest Day
- 🔫 11 December—Barton Road (Xmas Shoot Competition) - 100 / 200m—**Not** a Guest Day
- 🔫 18 December—Bassingbourn Barracks (proposed Varmint Competition) - max .223/5.56mm

No Guest Days at Bassingbourn Barracks

Isle Target Sports Club

When BRPC members shoot at the Isle Target Sports Club range, please ensure that you report to the 25m range first to sign in and read Range Orders before making your way to the 50m firing point.

2006 Barton Road Dates

Normal Range Dates

Shooting times are 0830-1300

- Sunday 26 March
- Sunday 9 April
- Sunday 14 May
- Sunday 25 June
- Sunday 9 July
- Sunday 13 August
- Sunday 24 September
- Sunday 15 October
- Sunday 19 November
- Sunday 10 December

Long Range Dates

Shooting times are 0830—1500

- Saturday 11 March
- Saturday 3 June
- Saturday 16 September
- Saturday 25 November

Guests

Guests are always welcome on Guest Days, whether they are already shooting or come to try it out. They **must** be invited by a **Full** member of the Club and it is the responsibility of the BRPC Member to always supervise their guests on a 1 to 1 basis. It is one of the rules of the “Approval of Rifle and Pistol Clubs” that this be the case, and has to be strictly adhered to.

Please do not leave your Guests unsupervised.

Guests who are also members of a Home Office Approved Club are more than welcome and must pay the range fee of £25. It may encourage them to also join our Club as opposed to having to part with £25 each visit, bearing in mind that they are only able to visit a maximum of 3 times before we would anticipate them to join us.

Items for Sale

DJS Products 3-gun Gun Safe

- Brand New, not been used
- 1325mm x 201mm x 221mm (HxWxD).
- Built & Tested to BS7558 with 100% Police Acceptance guaranteed.
- Manufactured with a fully welded construction from 2mm Mild Steel, anti-jemmy return
- Interlocking door with full length anti-lever flange, concealed hinges
- 6 fixing holes in back and four in the base
- Powder coated in a durable Hammer Grey finish, fitted with 7 Lever steel locks and supplied with a floor mat and foam gun divider.

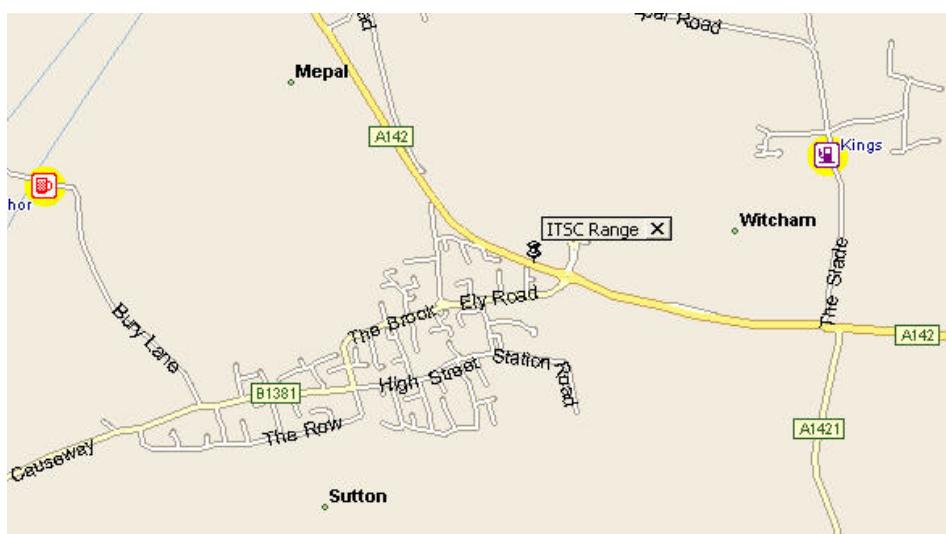


**Originally purchased for £87
Can be brought to a BRPC shoot**

Priced for quick sale at £65.00

Contact Greg on 01440 788677 (evenings) or 07968 129092

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.