



Essex County Small-bore Rifle & Pistol Association
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Essex County Newsletter - Summer 2021

Dear Essex Small-bore Community,

Announcement: We have a new Website, it is: www.essexsra.co.uk
Thank you to **Geoff Webb** of Romford R&PC for stepping up and creating this fantastic new website. This is very much appreciated by us all.

The NSRA's Online Results Portal is now live:
We all can use this tool to see how our competitions are progressing.
The Link: [National Small-bore Rifle Association's Home Page \(nsra.co.uk\)](http://nsra.co.uk)

The Summer edition of the “**On Target**” magazine has recently been published and is packed with information. Of particular interest are the 'Legal Latest', 'For Tokyo' and '**Taking the Lead**' – the last being a must-read as over the next few years changes considered could be a disaster for the shooting sports as a whole! - All NSRA affiliated clubs should have a copy.

The Long-Range Regionals have had a total of 180 entries over 6 venues, and are now under way. The *Denwood* venue will now incorporate the Scottish **Earl Haig** Final.

We wish all our Essex competitors the best of luck.

All International Matches are on track, the **Randal** will be held at *Sywell Ranges* on 12th September 2021.

The Dewar Trials, stage 1 results have been announced, in which there are several Essex shooters competing at *Appleton Ranges* on Saturday 21st August. Live stream: <http://www.appletonrc.co.uk/liveA.htm>

The Bisley plans for 2022 are evolving. Currently work is being undertaken on a special logo for the 100th centenary meeting. Additionally we will be celebrating our Patron **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** year with even more special events planned. We as NSRA supporters and members should do our best to support these meetings.

Bisley 100 dates are **13 August to 20th August 2022.**

The 2019 National meetings were both very enjoyable meetings. Some of us won trophies and prize money but mostly we drank and had decent meals with great company. I thoroughly encourage anyone who has never attended to speak to me or your Club Captain about competing, you will never look back. The **Essex Tent** will be available at both meetings where we can keep sheltered and enjoy Tea, Coffee & Biscuits with the odd bit of banter!

All NSRA meetings of 2020 were cancelled as the whole country was in the grip of multiple lockdowns. The Board did have a plan to hold all meetings in 2021 with contingency plans but to no avail with the last lockdown going on for over 6 months.

For the Scottish meeting the deciding factor was that the land owners were unable to acquire the permit for a large gathering of people at a public event from the Scottish Government.

For the Bisley meeting the deciding factor was the NRA was unable to hire out the Century range for the 10 days required putting their own meetings first, understandable really.

The positive side is that there is a financial saving here as both meetings normally are loss making.

The NSRA's **Benchrest Championships** will be via postal competition. More information will be released soon. A Club Instructors course for Benchrest has been run in Cornwall and was a great success. More are being planned to support clubs in other Counties. Contact *Dave Froggett* of the NSRA for more information.

The NSRA website: www.nsra.co.uk

Essex Matters:

Prone: - *Annabelle Fearn*

The entry forms for the **Greville League** have been sent out to club captains.

The Essex County Small-bore Prone Rifle Championship will be held on 5th September at *Basildon* Ranges, entry forms are now available. Contact *A. Fearn* for an entry form: essexleagues@btinternet.com
There is plenty of space left.

The **Essex Newsletter** was a new concept introduced last year to facilitate better communication to the Small-bore community about what's going on within our sport Nationally and at County level.

Essex County Facebook page has been created and *Geoff Webb* has done the same for the **Romford RPC Facebook page**, Please take a look and like them both and don't forget Basildon's & Colchester's pages. More club Facebook pages are to be encouraged within our County.

Air Leagues: - *Mike Greenslade*

County Winter Air Leagues 2022 entry forms have gone out to the clubs, Mike will do his best to form an Individual league with the entries he receives.

Light Weight Sporting Rifle and Long Barrelled Pistol: - *Patrick Hickie*

Patrick has stepped down from this position, temporarily taking over is **Dave Smith** of Colchester RC. He will be in contact with your LWSR Essex contact.

As the local representative of our National Governing Body, the NSRA, the Committee is anxious to develop disciplines in our sport which have in recent years been overlooked locally. Specifically we would like two members of the Committee to take responsibility for boosting the U21s and Bench-rest in Essex. Having quantified demand and scope within the County each of these two committee members would be expected to support and promote individual U21s and Bench-resters by, for example, initiating a local league, with a view to forming County Teams to participate in National Competitions. As the roles grow the two committee members would be encouraged by the County to acquire relevant professional training and qualifications (RCO, Club Instructor etc.).

To support the majority of our members who currently shoot precision prone and wish to progress we would also like to help them by provision of a County Coach. Such a position requires significant commitment and selection of the right candidate will be key.

To this end the committee seeks three new committee members who would like the opportunity to develop Essex U21s, Essex Bench-rest and Essex Coaching. The creation of specifications for the tasks would be undertaken by the individuals and Committee together.

If these challenges appeal to you then please put yourself forward for the Committee, either now or the near future.

Hopefully now all restrictions have been lifted and the majority of the population has been vaccinated we can get back to some sort of normal life, we can get back to our sport and looking forwards to competing in the Summer & Winter leagues of our various disciplines. In the meantime please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Chris Ingram
Essex County Secretary on behalf of the Essex Committee