



Essex County Small-bore Rifle & Pistol Association  
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## Essex County Newsletter - Spring 2022

Dear Essex Small-bore Community,

### Your County Needs You!

We are recruiting a **Light Weight Sporting Rifle Secretary** to facilitate the running of these Leagues and a **Benchrest Secretary** to do the same.

**The NSRA's Online Results Portal** is now live.

We can all 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)

[If your club would like to use this tool then please phone NSRA competitions for more advice. It is easy and a vast improvement on the previous system.](#)

**Bisley 100** dates are **13 August to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.

The Bisley Special Events are a match shot on 1922 style targets, a rapid fire match shot at 50 metres and the Aggregate Champion of Champions match, open to all past Weekend or Championship Aggregates winners.

Scores from the Weekend, Week aggregates, 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Roberts, the 1922 match and the 50m Rapid fire match will create "**The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Championship**".

**Geoff Doe** has come out of retirement to manage Bisley 100.

He has asked for help with a few preparation jobs. Chris Ingram and 3 others from Essex will be travelling down to Bisley to assist on the Century range

which will be closed for de-leading by the NRA. If anyone is free **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** and can help please contact Chris Ingram.

In addition volunteers are required to help setup, run & pack-up Bisley 100. Please contact Geoff Doe or NSRA Competitions if you can help. Thank You.

Our patron **HM Queen Elizabeth II** has written to the NSRA giving her warmest wishes for the event, the letter will be published in the Special Commemorative booklet that will be found in the Bisley 100 welcome envelope.

The **Essex Tent** will be available at Bisley where we can keep sheltered and enjoy tea, coffee & biscuits with the odd bit of banter!

Essex shooters & supporters will be wearing purple this Bisley to help mark the Queens Jubilee event. We are having special purple commemorative **Polo Shirts** produced replacing the word "Shooting Team" with "**Bisley 100**" adding the words "**Platinum Jubilee**" below the shooters/supporters name. Orders will be available at the Essex County Championships, cost of **£15** each.

Shoulder to shoulder County meetings are a staple of the calendar and we in Essex do enjoy competing against our neighbouring Counties.

Essex recently defended the **Six Counties Trophy** by winning at the Doug *Mottram Range* in Cambridgeshire, with a score of 4,509 which tied with Cambridgeshire, we won on count-back using the 100yd aggregate as the decider.

The conditions were windy to say the least, everyone considered themselves having a poor shoot but we somehow managed to outshoot the rest (*just!*)  
Scores: Essex 4,509, Cambridgeshire 4,509, Norfolk 4,473, Bedfordshire 4,478, Suffolk 4,355 and Hertfordshire unable to field a team.

Next on the agenda is the **Marks Shield**, due to be hosted by Kent at *Tunbridge Wells R&PC* on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

**The Inter County Postal's** have finished, Essex A in Division 2 4<sup>th</sup>. Essex C in Division 9 1<sup>st</sup> winning all 10 rounds. Vets team 3 in Division 3 1<sup>st</sup>. Top scorers were Chris Ingram (10), Dan Lake (11) & Geoff Webb (12).

### **Essex Matters:**

**Prone:** - *Annabelle Davis*

The **Greville League** was concluded a few months back.

Division 1 was hotly contested by both **Romford A** & **Colchester A** both on 18 points each with **Romford A** achieving victory with a better gun score by 20 points winning the **Greville Cup**.

Top scorer was *Geoff Webb* 993, an average of 99.3, winning the **Brickles Trophy**. Div 2 winners were Basildon B 3,805.

The **National Service Leagues** are almost finalised, Division 1 results are in with **Romford A** and **Colchester A** again tied on 18 points, both losing a round to each other once with **Romford A** winning on gun score 23 points ahead. Top scorer was *Chris Ingram* 994, an average of 99.4.

The **Essex Individual** Competition results will be out soon. Stage 1, 3 cards at 25yds and stage 2 also 3 cards at 25yds, the winner will win the coveted **Essex Green Medal** only available once per year. *All the above mentioned Essex competitions are shot at 25yds.*

**The Essex County Small-bore Prone Rifle Championship** will be held on **15<sup>th</sup> May** at **Romford Ranges**, entry forms are available now. The Champion will win the coveted **Essex Red Medal** only available at this meeting. Contact *Annabelle Davis* for an entry form: [essexleagues@btinternet.com](mailto:essexleagues@btinternet.com)

### **Air Leagues:** - *Mike Greenslade*

Mike managed to run both Winter Air Pistol & Rifle leagues, both at 50% original capacity. The Summer Leagues are now up and running and thankfully at around 75% of the old entry capacity.

The Summer averages are used to award the Essex County Air Champions from Essex clubs only.

### **Long Barrelled Pistol:** - *Geoff Webb*

*Geoff Webb* of **Romford Rifle & pistol Club** has volunteered his services to run and promote this discipline within the County. Thank You Geoff. *Anyone wanting to participate please contact your club LBP organiser, Geoff or Chris Ingram for more information.*

### **Light Weight Sporting Rifle and Benchrest**

Leagues for these disciplines are currently suspended until we have new league secretary's volunteer for both these roles.

**Tim Oldham** has stepped down after many years service to the association as a committee member. Tim was awarded the rare White Essex Medal at the AGM in March.

We thank you Tim for your many years of service to the association.

**David Mills** of **Mersea Island Royal British Rifle Club** whom is their Hon. Sec. This year achieves the milestone of **50 years** in this position is recognised at a special club awards meal with medal bars and an "NSRA Diploma" Certificate. – *Well done David.*

**Colin Almond** late of Colchester R&PC passed away recently, the NSRA have approved a new trophy in his memory to the winners of the club pairs at the Bisley meeting, sourced by his son Neil Almond.

**Norman Garner** has also recently passed away, well into his 90's was Essex County Chairman for many years, he will be sorely missed.

I must say it's good being back out on the range, competing with postal & shoulder to shoulder competitions alike.

Kind Regards

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**Essex County Secretary on behalf of the Essex Committee**