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NARPA NEWS

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Scouts Air Rifle Competition at Walton Firs

THE SCOUTS Air Rifle Competition was held for the second year at the National Scout Camp of Walton Firs. The venue is one of the permanent National centres that the scouts operate for the encouragement of character building activities in a camp setting. Walton Firs is about 30 acres of grass and woodland given for scouting use and it forms part of the large estate of Burwood Park.

Preparation of the range this year was completed by the scouts so that when the Webley representative came with his target changers and other equipment it was only a short time before the range was fully operational and the Hawk III were being zeroed by NARPA members and all of the officials were getting a little extra practice.

On Saturday the sun shone and everyone was up early which was just as well. With some 490 competitors on ten firing points it was scheduled to take some 18 hours actual range time over the two days. Hard work even if we did all enjoy it.

The teams came from Troops all over the country - Durham, Yorkshire, Cornwall etc. Forty-one in all. Teams could be any number to shoot with the best four shooters giving the team score. A maximum of two adults scores could be used for the team score although rarely used this would probably be dropped next year as full teams were now easily being completed.

Both days finished within a few minutes of the scheduled time and presentations followed almost immediately. The Webley Shield was presented on behalf of Webley by their representative Mike Pardoe. Dennis Commins, NARPA's Vice President, was requested to present the other awards and before doing so Dennis gave a short address explaining how the event came to be staged - all very much through the effort of Bill Cook the camp warden. Both Bill and Dennis were surely delighted to see such an enthusiastic response and if this is adopted as the Scouts National Championships its continuance will be assured and Air Weapons Shooting will have gained in that a large number of younger people will have been taught the rudiments and safety requirements of target shooting.



Venue of the National Scout Air Rifle Shoot at Walton Firs, Surrey.

Results of the National Scout Air Rifle Shoot

Position for tied scores were decided on highest number of bulls or 9s.

| Name | Troop | Score | Position |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|
| Adult | | | |
| Threlfall, R. | 1st Staines | 89 | 1 |
| Richardson, K. | 1st Burbage | 87 | 2 |
| Worsfold, B. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 84 | 3 |
| Harris, E. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 84 | 4 |
| Smith, J. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 82 | 5 |
| Humphries, B. | 1st Burbage | 81 | 6 |
| Hilberby, J. | South Cave | 79 | 7 |
| Garrett, N. | 8th Ashford | 79 | 8 |
| Hards, I. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 78 | 9 |
| Coker, J. | Penge & Beckenham North | 78 | 10 |
| 17-18 years of age | | | |
| Wilson, R. | 1st Ashted Maitland | 84 | 1 |
| Taylor, D. | 8th Purley | 84 | 2 |
| Owens, D. | 11th Wandsworth | 75 | 3 |
| Brown, A. | 1st Shepperton | 75 | 4 |
| Morris, J. | 4th Walton on Thames | 75 | 5 |
| Fox, R. | 1st Thames Ditton | 68 | 6 |
| Wheeler, N. | 2nd/9th Ruislip | 67 | 7 |
| Wridze, N. | 3rd Sheerwater | 62 | 8 |
| Barnes, P. | 19th Ilford West | 61 | 9 |
| Murphy, P. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 61 | 10 |
| 14-16 years of age | | | |
| Hornusby, R. | 1st Ferryhill | 86 | 1 |
| Ing, M. | Yateley | 85 | 2 |
| Joyce, D. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 83 | 3 |
| Worsfold, T. | 6th Selsdon & Addington | 81 | 4 |
| Alum, P. | 1st Datchett S.S. | 81 | 5 |
| Vaughan, D. | Yateley | 80 | 6 |
| Laker, N. | 1st Brookwood | 80 | 7 |
| Spiller, K. | 8th Ashford | 78 | 8 |
| Lock, R. | 8th Purley | 78 | 9 |
| Williamson, K. | 1st Datchett S.S. | 77 | 10 |
| 11-13 years of age | | | |
| Pascoe, D. | Yateley | 75 | 1 |
| Moure, D. | 1st Burbage | 74 | 2 |
| Sharpe, L. | 1st Burbage | 73 | 3 |
| Phillips, A. | 1st Pelynt | 73 | 4 |
| O'Connell, D. | Lidlington | 71 | 5 |
| Durrant, M. | Yateley | 70 | 6 |
| Cudmore, M. | 1st Pelynt | 65 | 7 |
| Coker, A. | Penge & Beckenham North | 62 | 8 |
| Walters, M. | 14th Aldershot | 62 | 9 |
| Godfrey, M. | 1st Staines | 61 | 10 |

Team Results

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----------------------|-----|
| 6th Selsdon & Addington | | 1st Brookwood | |
| Ernie Harris | 84 | Nigel Laker | 80 |
| Brian Worsfold | 84 | Gregory Scott | 77 |
| David Joyce | 83 | Albert Beamish | 77 |
| Tony Worsfold | 81 | Andrew Tubb | 70 |
| 1st Burbage | | | 304 |
| Keith Richardson | 87 | 8th Purley | |
| Brian Humphries | 81 | David Taylor | 84 |
| David Moore | 74 | Robert Locke | 78 |
| Lee Sharpe | 73 | David Hyde | 69 |
| Yateley | | David Paton | 63 |
| Mark Ing | 85 | 8th Ashford | |
| David Vaughan | 80 | Norman Garrett | 79 |
| David Pascoe | 75 | Kevin Spiller | 78 |
| Simon Foxell | 74 | Colin Porter | 68 |
| | | Jeff Harris | 64 |
| | | | 289 |



Competitors in the National Scout Air Rifle Shoot.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--|-----|
| 1st Shepperton | | 9th Penge & Beckenham North | |
| Graham Turner | 77 | John Coker | 78 |
| Adrian Brown | 75 | Terry Wiles | 76 |
| Alan Clarke | 74 | Andy Wiles | 68 |
| Jonathan Pearce | 60 | Anthony Coker | 62 |
| | 286 | | 284 |
| 1st Staines | | 1st Ferryhill | |
| Robert Trefall | 89 | Robin Hornsby | 86 |
| David Quenault | 72 | Lee Rutherford | 68 |
| Paul Kirkup | 64 | Trevor Allen | 65 |
| Michael Godfrey | 61 | Kevin Barber | 56 |
| | 286 | | 275 |

Marksman Award Scheme Results to 19.9.78

The following awards have been won since the last list.

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------|-------------------|
| J. A. Ballard | UZB026 | Gold 386 | F. W. B. 300s |
| R. Lister | JZB005 | Gold 386 | F. W. B. 300 |
| L. C. Pugh | JZB002 | Gold 382 | Walther L. G. R. |
| G. A. Millership | WWC003 | Gold 381 | F. W. B. 300s |
| D. J. Duckcombe | XZD002 | Silver 379 | Wehrhuth H. W. 55 |
| A. G. Payne | SQC004 | Silver 379 | F. W. B. 300s |
| N. W. Price | KHC011 | Silver 378 | F. W. B. 300s |
| M. R. Simpson | JZB007 | Silver 378 | F. W. B. 300s |
| S. Ross | JZB006 | Silver 372 | F. W. B. 300s |
| R. N. Pratt | JZB020 | Silver 367 | F. W. B. 300s |
| R. Brindle | JZB036 | Silver 367 | F. W. B. 300s |
| N. R. Bennett | JZB016 | Silver 367 | F. W. B. 300s |
| B. A. Shilton | UZB009 | Silver 367 | F. W. B. 300s |
| G. E. Prosee | WYF001 | Silver 365 | "Osprey" Super T. |
| A. G. Mead | T8M002 | Silver 364 | F. W. B. 300s |
| M. J. James | UZA040 | Bronze 358 | Walther L. G. R. |
| J. S. Tebbutt | KZK008 | Bronze 355 | Original 66 |
| Eileen Patten | L8P003 | Bronze 355 | F. W. B. 300s |
| S. E. Hipkins | JZB001 | Bronze 353 | F. W. B. 300s |
| I. Rowland | JZK008 | Bronze 351 | Haelzel 311 |
| Dr. J. S. E. Gilbert | UZB007 | Bronze 349 | Walther L. G. R. |
| Mrs. E. A. Payne | SQC001 | Bronze 348 | F. W. B. 300s |
| Mrs. S. Millership | WWC017 | Bronze 344 | F. W. B. 300s |
| S. P. May | UZA033 | Bronze 342 | Anshultz 335 |
| G. Duckworth | PZA030 | Bronze 341 | Original 66 |
| G. D. Hinton | JZK006 | Blue 333 | Original 65 |
| G. Hunt | SQC039 | Blue 332 | Original 66 |
| E. Maddock | QZF026 | Blue 328 | Anshultz 335 |
| P. H. Annells | UZA039 | Red 316 | Anshultz 335 |

**Letter from J. Gough at the
42nd World Shooting Championships
Sept. 24th-Oct. 5th 1978
Seoul, Korea**

The Air Weapons Events:

THIS IS THE first time the World Championships have been held in Asia. Whatever doubts may have been in the minds of the world's elite soon vanished. At the airport we were received with the minimum of formality, rushed off in buses with a police escort to very comfortable accommodation. Next day we visited the ranges which fully lived up to the description of "the best in the World" in very attractive surroundings - including three swimming pools.

Training was delayed, on advice, in order to "combat jet lag", Korea being nine hours ahead of GMT, and 15 hours flying time away! The Air Weapons range consisted of two halls with 50 electric target changers in each. Most of the team soon settled down, although some of them were slightly troubled by the bright light of the sun!

The only success was that of Barry Dagger who won the Silver Medal, this was a just award for he lost a medal in the European Championship in February on a count out.

Scores

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------------------|
| Air Rifle Teams: | | | |
| 1 | West Germany | | 1531 |
| 2 | USA | | 1511 |
| 3 | Korea | | 1510 |
| 7 | GBR | | 1505(19 Teams) |
| Individual: | | | |
| 1 | W. O. Schliff | GER | 390 |
| 2 | B. Dagger | GBR | 386 |
| 3 | G. Zuevoli | ITA | 385 |
| 15= | M. Cooper | GBR | 379 |
| 24= | R. Joyce | GBR | 377 |
| 74= | J. Churchill | GBR | 360(97 Individuals) |
| Air Pistol Teams MEN: | | | |
| 1 | Finland | | 1531 |
| 2 | Brazil | | 1530 |
| 3 | Sweden | | 1529 |
| 6= | GBR | | 1522(22 Teams) |
| Air Pistol Teams LADIES: | | | |
| 1 | Sweden | | 1129 |
| 2 | Australia | | 1108 |
| 3 | Korea | | 1107 |
| 6= | GBR | | 1092(8 Teams) |
| Individual: | | | |
| 1 | Paiikangas | FIN | 391 |
| 2 | Saarentam | FIN | 390 |
| 3 | Lanego | BRA | 388 |
| 9 | Robinson | GBR | 385 |
| 22= | Antal | GBR | 380 |
| 34= | Jackson | GBR | 379 |
| 39= | Wyatt | GBR | 378 |
| Individual: | | | |
| 1 | Hanson | SWE | 382 |
| 2 | Naaman | SWE | 378 |
| 3 | Moon Yang | KOR | 377 |



Two of the girl scouts taking part at Walton Firs.

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| 5 | Boutlett | GBR | 372 |
| 20 | Edgar | GBR | 361 |
| 25 | Henry | GBR | 359 |

I am sure all NARPA members will be interested in the other winners in the Great Britain Team:-

50M Small Bore Rifle (3 position event): Individual Silver M. Cooper.

300M Free Rifle Standing Event: Individual Gold M. Cooper.

300M Standard Rifle (3 position event): Individual Bronze M. Cooper.

50M Small Bore Rifle Prone: Individual Gold Allan.

50M Running Game Target: Individual Silver J. Gough.

Closing note, it never got hotter than 84!

NOTES FROM THE HILL

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The weather during October was vastly better than that of the two previous years and there were only four days of blinding mist. If anything the weather was a little too mild for the time of year and this I blame for the dearth of stags on my ground. Still, you can't have everything. Towards the latter part of the season a number of days were as fine and warm as any of summer but it seems as though this is definitely gone. On the morning of the 16th the tops of the nearby hills carried their first coating of snow of the winter while on the hills to the north, where they rise to nearly 4,000 feet, the snow was solidly white and well down. I hope it comes no further down for another month or two yet. ◀

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Notes and References:

- Pages 40-43 May 1962 issue of *American Rifleman*.
- "British Automatic Pistol Trials", Parts I to III, by Peter Labbett. August, September and October 1964 *Guns Review*.
- Goodman, as above, - Note 1.
- See Page 166, "The Webley Story" by W. C. Dowell and Plate 62(a) thereof, for a photo of this model with shoulder stock.
- Messrs. Wallis & Wallis called Serial Number 2508 (produced in June 1913) a "Mark I, No. 2 1915", in their catalogue. R. K. Wilson in "Textbook of Automatic Pistols" shows an RHA Model (not cut for shoulder stock) and claims this was the Mark I as used by the Navy. Although the slide designation states Mark I, the Naval model did not have the adjustable rearsight, or the hammer safety catch, both clearly visible in Plate XXXIV of "Textbook of Automatic Pistols", 1943 Edition.
- "Webley's Amazing Autos" by Bob Hill in a *Guns and Ammo* magazine article. Incidentally poor photos hinder confirmation in other articles, and a .455 W & S auto, serial number 3042, claimed as a Naval model, is shown on Page 61 of "World's Guns". Its batch was not included in the Navy totals because of wooden non-standard grips. However, its serial number places it in a batch of 461, produced in December 1913. When this figure is added to that of 5,713 (as shown later in the "Production Figures" paragraph), then total Naval production is 5,634 - which is reasonably close to Hill's figure. Incidentally on the same page of "World's Guns" is another RHA model, as per the Wilson Plate XXIV, and it, too, is claimed as a Mark I, Navy!!