

The Champion Scouts

A report of the 21st National Scout Air Rifle Championships

Over the weekend of October 17/19, more than 150 competitors from 20 different Scout Groups took part in the 21st National Scout Air Rifle Championships at Walton Firs in Surrey. The event took place in fine weather and a spirit of good sportsmanship.

The competition is sponsored by the NSRA, and features both air rifle and air pistol events for individuals and Group teams. Safety is an essential consideration in target shooting sports and all shooting was supervised by qualified Range Conducting Officers.

Air rifles supplied by the organisers (either CF16 or Cadet Delta depending on the participant's age and size) were used for the main part of the competition which ran throughout Saturday and Sunday morning. Both the Group competition and the Individual classes were decided on this series of targets. A separate series of targets was fired on Saturday evening for those bringing their own rifles. ("Own Rifle" in this context includes those owned by Scout Groups as well as by individuals). All these competitions were fired in a range specially constructed for the weekend in the site's Training hut.

The campsite's permanent air gun range was used on Saturday for the Air Pistol competition, and on Sunday for a "rapid fire" competition fired shoulder to shoulder at targets which fall when hit, allowing each competitor to see how they are doing compared with their opponent. This feature makes this type of shooting a spectator sport and excitement grew as the event

reached the final just before Sunday lunch-time.

Of course, the amount of time actually spent shooting is only a part of the whole weekend and a wide variety of other activities took place to make the event a fun weekend camp for all. These included Archery, Five a side football, Volleyball and Trek Cart competitions. The site's permanent obstacle course was available throughout the weekend and many muddy Scouts were seen happily making their way back to their campsites to change!

The winners of the Group Champion-

main competition.

The 22nd Championships will take place at Walton Firs over the weekend 16th-18th October 1998. The event is open to all Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders, who certainly need not be expert marksmen but who should have received sufficient basic safety instruction beforehand not to distract other shooters by needing constant assistance or correction on the range.

As an Association we have recently affirmed that properly conducted target shooting is a valued and valid feature of our training programme and may continue.

The National Scout Air Rifle Championships exemplify the spirit of the sport within Scouting. To receive an entry pack for the 1998 Championships contact The Warden, Walton Firs Scout Camp, Burwood Park, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1HB, enclosing an A5 stamped addressed envelope.



Scouts with honour

ship were 47th Swansea (Killay) who took the Webley & Scott shield back to Wales for the second successive year. Two Groups from Hampshire's Bramshill District, Yateley and Hartley Wintney, were placed second and third. Notable individual performances included Neil Postlethwaite of 2nd Cuddington Group in Surrey who scored 91 in the Senior Non Recoiling Rifle class, Adrian Smith and David Radford of 47th Swansea (Killay) who scored 87 and 86 respectively in the Junior Recoiling Rifle and Neil Dunn of 9th Bramshill (Yateley) who scored 83 in the age 14-15 section of the

RESULTS

Rifles - Group Championship - The Webley-Scott Shield

1. 47th Swansea (Killay) 303
2. 9th Bramshill (Yateley) 295
3. 4th Bramshill (Hartley Wintney) 283

Individual Classes (Rifle)

Age 10-11

1. Michel White 1st Keynsham 61; 2. Tom Mayes 1st Malden 59; 3. Heather Rennie 1st Malden 51

Age 12 - 13

1. Keir McCumisky 47th Swansea (Killay) 79; 2. Martin White 1st Keynsham 77; 3.

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Daniel Cavill 2nd Norbiton 72

Age 14 - 15

1. Neil Dunn 9th Bramshill (Yateley) 83;
2. Adam Butcher 9th Bramshill (Yateley)
79; 3. Matthew Briggs 4th Bramshill
(Hartley Wintney) 79

Age 16 - 19

1. Joe Smith-Haddon 1st Sedbury &
Tidenham 57; 2. Richard Naylor 1st
Sedbury & Tidenham 57; 3. Paul Harris
7th Bramshill (Hook) 55

Age 20 +

1. Jim Robinson 47th Swansea (Killay) 80;
2. Elise Lambert-Gorwyn 1st Malden 79;
3. Greg Priddy 2nd Cuddington 78

Best female shot

Elise Lambert-Gorwyn 1st Malden 79

Own Rifle Events

Junior Recoiling Rifle

1. Adrian Smith 47th Swansea (Killay) 87;
2. David Radford 47th Swansea (Killay) 86;
3. Adam Butcher 9th Bramshill (Yateley) 82

Junior Non Recoiling Rifle

1. David Radford 47th Swansea (Killay) 83.
2. Adrian Smith 47th Swansea (Killay)
71; 3. Daniel Stannard 1st Sturry 59

Senior Recoiling Rifle

1. Ian (Bill) Gratrix 47th Swansea (Killay)

79; 2. John Dohoo Bramshill District 79; 3.
Jonathan Gratrix 47th Swansea (Killay) 78

Senior Non Recoiling Rifle

1. Neil Postlethwaite 2nd Cuddington 91;
2. Elise Lambert-Gorwyn 1st Malden 80; 3.
Jim Robinson 47th Swansea (Killay) 77

Vintage Rifle (Rifles made no later than 1950)

1. Jonathan Gratrix 47th
Swansea (Killay) 78; 2. John
Dohoo Bramshill District B
76; Jim Robinson 47th
Swansea (Killay) 75

Rapid Fire Rifle Knockout

1. David Radford, 47th
Swansea (Killay); 2. Adrian
Smith, 47th Swansea
(Killay).

Pistol - Team

1. 9th Bramshill (Yateley) 266;
2. 18th Southampton 245;
3. 47th Swansea (Killay) 237

Individual Classes (Pistol)

Junior

1. Adam Butcher 9th
Bramshill 71; 2. Mark Pike
1st Sedbury & Tidenham
68; 3. Neil Dunn 9th

Bramshill 66

Senior

1. Cynthia Stannard 1st Sturry 80; 2. David
Hardingham 9th Bramshill (Yateley) 79.;
3. Ivan Turner 1st Sturry 74.

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- 25 yard x 6 point indoor range with electronic turning targets
- 50/100 yard x 8 point outdoor range
- 10 yard x 6 point indoor range for Air Pistol/Rifle
- Future plans include possible archery, carbine, muzzle loading sections

We have a comfortable club house with refreshment facilities, as well as on-site car parking. The club is operated during the evenings and weekends.

Due to the recent legislation, the club has decided to extend its membership and invite applications from individuals, families, junior shooters. Disabled shooters especially welcome.

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