



Performance Programme Monthly Report February 2014



Competition Reports

South West Long Range National Championships	
Discipline	Fullbore Rifle
Dates	4 th -9 th February
Venue/Country	Ben Avery Range Complex, Phoenix, AZ, USA
Results	<p>The results are difficult to benchmark accurately, as match winners include those able to use any bullet weight (heavier generally better) and even a telescope (again an advantage over what we use), as long as they are using a sling for support of the rifle. So the match can be won by someone with an inherent advantage over those using "standard" equipment. However, within each competition, there is then a series of subdivisions into classes of standard "Palma" rifle and non- Palma (Telescope) and further divisions by class, e.g. High Master, Master, Expert etc. Because Angus and Mike shot very well last year, they were in the High Master (HM) Class, and Ian only in the Master (M) Class. The results below reflect those shooting broadly with the "standard" set-up (about 60 people).</p> <p>Day 1 Ian won the first shoot at 600 yards with a 200.12 ex 200 and over the 3 shoots finished 13th with 592.28 against Angus on 595.25, who was 4th and Mike 14th.</p> <p>Day 2 We shot as the "London Scottish" in the Team of 4 Palma Match, and finished 2nd to USA on 1779.94 vs 1787.97, out of 12 teams. It should be noted that during this match, Ian Shaw shot 17 consecutive "x"'s at 800 yards – 2 sighters and then 15 to count. At 900 yards, his first 4 to count were also "X"'s, for 19 consecutive counting "X"'s – a very rare feat on such a tight target.</p> <p>Day 3 Palma individual – the wind was quite tricky throughout, but particularly at 1000 yards. Mike was 10th with 441.18. Angus 14th with 440.20 and Ian 20th with 438.18.</p> <p>Day 4 -1000 yds Angus 198.8 1st, Mike 197.11 7th, Ian 193.7 30th -1000 yds Angus 197.8 5th, Mike 194.8 13th, Ian 196.7 8th -Agg Angus 595.16 2nd, Mike 391.19 11th HM, Ian 389.14 15th -Team of 4 Match London Scottish 2nd on 787.34 to USA 793.35 ex 12 teams</p> <p>In this match, the first two firers (Ian/Angus) had by far the more difficult wind conditions and it was noticeable across all the teams that the second pair scored better. It should also be noted that in both team matches, the USA had a dedicated wind coach (top Palma coach on her home range),</p>

	<p>whilst we had each firer coaching his partner, thus having a total of 4 coaches.(However, these matches are being specifically used to practice for the Pairs Event)</p> <p>Day 5 -1000 yards Angus 199.13 3rd , Mike 195.10 20th HM, Ian 200.11 2nd -1000 Yards Angus 197.9 4th , Mike 194.5 17th , Ian 197.6 6th Agg Angus 396.22 3rd , Mike 389.15 14th HM, Ian 397.17 3rd</p> <p>Grand Agg Angus 1231.58 2nd , Mike 1221.52 11th , Ian 1224.49 9th</p> <p>Angus finished 2nd in the Grand Aggregate, as for last year, to Trudie Faye one of the top US shooters and beat several of the expected 2015 US Palma team</p>
<p>Outline of travel and accommodation logistics</p>	<p>Ian Shaw, Angus McLeod and Lindsay Peden (Coach) flew from Heathrow to Phoenix on 30th Jan. Mike Barlow flew from Edinburgh to Phoenix on the 2nd Feb. Flights were arranged by and invoiced by WGT Sports (excellent support at all stages). A single vehicle was rented, again through WGT. Accommodation was booked by the coach in a rental house in Anthem (N Phoenix), under 10 minutes drive from the range. It worked far better than a hotel and was much cheaper. The week before we travelled, the original house that had been booked in November was cancelled and we were lucky to obtain a highly satisfactory replacement at such short notice. Ammunition was ordered from our Texas supplier, as for previous trips to the US and Canada, and proved to be superb.</p>
<p>Outline of Competition logistics</p>	<p>The meeting was attended by around 250 people, of whom slightly more than 50% were shooting “F” class (any bullet weight, calibre, Telescope and rifle rest) and were not competing against us, except for the fact that they shot alongside at the same distance at the same time. Within the competitions for those using a sling for rifle support (i.e. including our group), there are further divisions (see comment under results).</p> <p>Prior to the competition, Ian and Angus shot on the 1st and 2nd Feb alongside the local club, the Desert Sharpshooters. Because there were a number of others who had arrived early also, there were about 50 people shooting both days. Ian and Angus shot as a pair, wind coaching for each other, and shot 15 to count at 800/900/1000 yards on the Saturday and 3 shoots of 20 rounds at 1000 yards on the Sunday . This was excellent practice for the both the subsequent matches as well as general training together for the CG Pairs event.</p> <p>4th Feb - classroom session run by elite US shooters (Palma Team) covering Ballistics, shooting position and wind coaching. 5th Feb - 3 shoots of 20 rounds at 600 yards. 6th Feb - Teams of 4 Match at 800/900/100 (Palma course) We shot as two coached pairs. Ian and Angus were one pair, Mike Barlow and Lindsay Peden the other. During the time that Ian and Angus were shooting, Mike was target marking and Lindsay was observing the pair and gave feedback afterwards. 7th Feb - Palma course – individual – string shooting (i.e. only one person on the firing point, unlike CG or UK shooting where there are 2 or 3 shooting together) 8th Feb – 2 shoots of 20 rounds at 1000 yards - string - Team of four match at 1000 yards – 20 rounds. The format we used</p>

	for conducting this match was as for the previous team match. 9 th Feb – 2 shoots of 20 rounds at 1000 yards, string fire
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Report Submitted By	Lindsay Peden

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Report Submitted By	Sinclair Bruce, John Leighton-Dyson

Qatar Grand Prix	
Discipline	Shotgun
Dates	12 th – 21 st February 2014
Venue/Country	Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar
Results	<p>Skeet Women: Sian Bruce: 23/22/22 – 67 (69 for final) 33 entrants, Sian in 8th position</p> <p>Skeet men: Drew Christie: 25/22/24/22/22 – 115 (121 for final) 54 entrants. Drew in 23rd position Ben Wilson: 22/22/22/22/22 – 110 Ben in 35th position</p> <p>Double Trap: Max Jeffrey: 23/21/23/24/26 – 117 (134 for final) 37 entrants. Max 27th Calum Fraser: 21/22/25/26/23 – 117. Calum 30th Stuart Donaldson: 26/26/21/21/21 – 115. Stuart 33rd Linda Pearson: 20/21/22/19/19 – 102 x150 BUT 82 x 120</p> <p>Trap Women: Shona Marshall: 23/22/21 – 86 + 2 +10 + 11 + 1 – 3rd place 28 entrants 66 for final. Sharon Niven: 22/21/20 – 63 – 15th position Linda Pearson – 13/19/17 – 49 – 24th position. Gun broke after 2 targets on PET Irreparable at that time in Qatar. Shot with borrowed gun.</p> <p>Trap Men: John MacDonald : 25/24/24/22/23 – 118 + 11 5th place. 96 entrants. 118 for final Andrew Addison: 22/23/24/22/22 – 113 – 15th position Jonathan Reid: 21/23/20/18/25 – 107 – 41st position Stuart Donaldson: 20/21/20/23/22 – 106 – 45th position</p>
Outline of travel and accommodation logistics	All organised by WGT travel
Outline of Competition logistics	A good standard competition run under ISSF rules
Coach(es) and Support Staff	Iain MacGregor
Report Submitted By	Iain MacGregor

SSRA Grand Prix, Glenrothes				
Discipline	Rifle			
Dates	16 th February			
Venue/Country	Glenrothes, Scotland			
Results		M 1	M 2	Final
	Jennifer McIntosh	388 406.7		207.6 1st
	Sheena Sharp	361 377.3	382 399.4	DNQ
	Sarah Henderson	385 402.7	385 403.1	DNS
	Sarah Brown	387 403.6	386 405.0	116.1 6 th
	Maria Bexley	372 389.5	381 399.2	137.2 5 th
	Seonaid McIntosh	391 411.2	386 403.9	204.1 2 nd
	Bobby Spence	577 601.8	579 610.0	180.6 3 rd
Outline of travel and accommodation logistics	Domestic competition so all done by the competitors.			
Outline of Competition logistics	Shot on electronic targets to the correct timings for both the Qualification and Final. Good practice for the athletes.			
Coach(es) and Support Staff	Donald McIntosh			
Report Submitted By	Sinclair Bruce			

SPA GP / BPC MONTHLY COMPETITION	
Discipline	Pistol
Dates	16/02/2014
Venue/Country	Glenrothes (SCO) / Bisley, Surrey

Results	Ritchie A – 566; 564 Owen D – 574; 566 Liddon J – 353; 360 Liddon K – 363; 370 Goodall A – 563; 575
Outline of travel and accommodation logistics	Domestic competition so all done by the competitors.
Outline of Competition logistics	Shot on paper targets. No finals.
Coach(es) and Support Staff	None
Report Submitted By	John Leighton-Dyson

British Air Rifle Championships					
Discipline	Rifle & Pistol				
Dates	21 st – 23 rd February				
Venue/Country	Bisley, England				
Results		M 1	M 2	Chmp	Final
	Jennifer McIntosh	394 412.9	395 410.6	391 409.1	204.3 1 st
	Sheena Sharp	377 394.5	378 397.2	378 398.0	DNQ
	Sarah Henderson	389 405.2	386 404.7	380 399.6	DNQ
	Sarah Brown	371 393.1	377 394.7	381 401.1	DNQ
	Maria Bexley	384 398.2	383 398.3	381 398.3	DNQ
	Seonaid McIntosh	388 406.4	380 401.4	387 404.3	181.0 3 rd
	Bobby Spence	570 596.1	575 602.0	573 598.7	DNQ
	Alan Goodall	557	559	549	DNQ
	Alan Ritchie	566	N/A	556	DNQ
	David Owen	571	572	566	152.6 4 th
	Caroline Brownlie	370	N/A	368	93.5 7 th
	Jess Liddon	351	346	359	DNQ
	Kirsty Liddon	359	364	355	DNQ

Outline of travel and accommodation logistics	Domestic competition so arranged by the athletes themselves.
Outline of Competition logistics	There were two aggregate competitions open to the athletes and a Championship Qualification hence the 3 scores recorded above. These Aggregate competitions were 60 shots for men and women so the first 40 shot score is recorded for the women. All matches shot on electronic targets and the final well run on electronics with the correct admin and operational processes surrounding the Final. Big improvement on previous years in this area.
Coach(es) and Support Staff	Sinclair Bruce, Donald McIntosh, John Leighton-Dyson
Report Submitted By	Sinclair Bruce, John Leighton-Dyson

Training Activities

Training Camp	
Discipline	Rifle
Dates	14 th – 17 th February
Venue/Country	Meadowbank, Scotland
Athletes Attending	Bobby Spence, Seonaid McIntosh, Sheena Sharp, Jonty Barron, Sarah Henderson, James Henderson, Dave Caughey.
Coaches & Support Staff	Sinclair Bruce

Domestic Training	
Discipline(s)	Shotgun
Dates/Venues	5 th February – Kippen – half day 6 th February – Auchterhouse – Sian/Drew – half day
Coach(es) & Support Staff	Iain MacGregor

Commonwealth Games 2014

In addition to the eight athletes selected in Phase 1, the following athletes have achieved the Minimum Consideration Standard in one or more events for Glasgow:

- Andrew Addison
- Jonty Barron
- Maria Bexley
- Sarah Brown
- Dave Caughey
- Fiona Crowden
- James Henderson
- Sarah Henderson
- Bruce Logan
- John MacDonald
- Seonaid McIntosh
- Mel Mutch
- David Owen
- Alan Ritchie
- Sheena Sharp
- Bobby Spence
- Matt Thomson

The following athletes have achieved at least one score at least equal to the MCS:

- Drew Christie
- Adam Dove
- Kirsty Liddon
- Linda Pearson
- Jonathan Reid

Coming Up

07-Mar	09-Mar	Rifle	SSRA 10m Championships	Tulliallan
07-Mar	11-Mar	Pistol	Training Camp	Jersey
07-Mar	16-Mar	Shotgun	Kuwait Grand Prix	Kuwait, KUW
14-Mar	17-Mar	Rifle	Training Camp	Meadowbank
15-Mar	16-Mar	Pistol	BPC Meeting	Bisley
16-Mar	16-Mar	Pistol	SPA GP	Carlisle
17-Mar	23-Mar	Rifle	ISAS	Dortmund
17-Mar	24-Mar	Shotgun	Cyprus Grand Prix	Nicosia, CYP
26-Mar	04-Apr	Rifle, Pistol	ISSF World Cup	Fort Benning, USA
29-Mar	30-Mar	Shotgun	BICTSF Selection - Skeet	Beverly

Programme Administration

A moderately busy month dealing with new team uniform in addition to the normal administrative tasks and some annual review meetings with Institute of Sport supported athletes. Keir Worth, the new Performance Director for British Shooting visited Meadowbank to meet with Jen McIntosh and some of her support team.

Donald McIntosh
Performance Manger