



Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

Dear Member

Welcome to the 22nd edition of Shoot, Bury Rifle Clubs newsletter.

In this issue we will be discussing the new season for Cumbria Competition, Membership Subscriptions, AGM and much more. We also have important news about the annual Social/Presentation Evening.

There's also a small section giving a brief reminder of range etiquette/rules.

As usual if there's anything you want to know and it isn't covered in this newsletter, please feel free to ask any member of the committee and they will be all too happy to help. Also, if there's anything you wish to be included, then please let me know either by sending me an email or having a word with me next time you are at the club.

In the meantime, happy reading.

With best wishes from not only myself but the rest of the committee

Wayne

Ps: If you do not wish to receive this or have any comments/suggestions or would like something included in the next issue, then please let me know.

REMINDER OF CLUB OPENING TIMES!

<u>Monday</u> 19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire & Airguns	<u>Wednesday</u> 18:30 – 20:30 Airguns only	<u>Thursday</u> 14:00 – 16:00 .22 rimfire	<u>Friday</u> 19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire & Airguns
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It has been observed that members are turning up, in some cases 45 minutes early and expecting to be able to shoot. We are asking that members please observe the opening times above and NOT arrive too early. Arriving early is placing unnecessary stress on the range officers, and it puts extra strain on them as it means spending longer at the club. Turning up early does not necessarily mean early entry or early shooting – this is at the discretion of the range officer if and when present.

Thank you.

CUMBRIA COMPETITIONS!

The summer 2025 season is now well underway, shooting dates for each round are shown below:

Round 1 = 28 th Oct 2024	Round 6 = 13 th Jan 2025
Round 2 = 11 th Nov 2024	Round 7 = 27 th Jan 2025
Round 3 = 25 th Nov 2024	Round 8 = 10 th Feb 2025
Round 4 = 9 th Dec 2024	Round 9 = 24 th Feb 2025
Round 5 = 30 th Dec 2024	Round 10 = 10 th Mar 2025

All cards will soon be available in your pigeonholes and the required shoot by dates will be indicated on the top of each card. As usual Team entries will consist of two cards which must be shot on the same night and individual entries will consist of only a single card.

Should you have any concerns regarding any of the dates shown above, please speak to Brian Fletcher at the club as soon as possible.

Good luck to all those who have entered.



It is recommended that members who have an active Facebook account find and join our group. It's another way of keeping up to date of all news/events and non-urgent notifications. Feel free to make/share posts. It's a live forum related to the club, but to be honest anything shooting related is acceptable as long as it's legal.

Simply find the group "BURY RIFLE CLUB" and hit the join button. A great place to catch up with what's going on and keep in touch.

Note: sales of firearms, airguns & ammunition is not permitted on the group due to Facebook policy. If unsure then please check with the groups Admins.

CLUB ETIQUETTE!

Just a small reminder of club etiquette and strict club/health and safety rules. These are simple things which we ask members to observe so that all members can enjoy the club with no distractions or issues.

- **DO NOT** – under any circumstances shoot alone. There is a strict health and safety requirement that there must be two people onsite at the club for one person to shoot on the range. This applies to both .22 rimfire and airguns. We all know the potential consequences of something going wrong, therefore anyone found to be breaching this rule may be subject to a committee disciplinary hearing and at worst suspension/expulsion from the club.
- We ask that all mobile phones are either switched to silent or left in the club room when in the firing range. Members do not really want to hear constant beeping, buzzing or ringing whilst trying to concentrate.
- Please do not hold conversations when you are in the firing range, members are in there to shoot and some are trying to concentrate on their competitions, therefore they would appreciate complete silence. I appreciate that some of the people shooting may be new to the club and are having 1-2-1 tuition, in that case, you could use hearing protection to reduce the noise or wait until another detail. But if you have completed your shooting, please remain in the position, either sat at your bench or prone and remain silent. Do not start standing up or shuffling around.
- Please do not start grappling round trying to pick up your empty shells when others are still shooting, this is a big distraction. Please wait until all other shooters have confirmed finished.
- If shooting benchrest, please do not be harsh with your movements, it's been noted that all movements can be felt through vibrations in the main support beam. And when finished, please ensure all empty shells are picked up and placed in-front of the firing point to be swept up later on. Rapid firing can also be a large distraction, slow and steady is appreciated – there's no rush.
- Please **DO NOT** throw empty shells halfway down the range, be considerate. People sweeping up at the end of the night do not want to be walking up and down the 25 yards collecting empty shells. Please place them just in front of the firing point.
- Please do not leave mats and scopes on lanes, please remove them, help keep the firing point tidy for the next member. They may have their own equipment. If you have finished with a benchrest, put it away, the next member might want to shoot prone. Please leave the lane as tidy as you would expect to find it.
- This is a controversial subject, but the same rule applies to .22 rimfire rifles and air rifles. All rifles must be removed from the range when target changes take place. Safety first, never assume a gun is safe/clear. We cannot have one rule for .22 and one for airguns. Stands/benches etc can remain in place if returning, just remove the gun. Anyone found to be leaving a rifle on the range with persons changing targets will be asked to remove the gun into the clubroom.
- The range officer on duty will **NOT** be responsible in anyway for cleaning up the range when shooting is finished. Please leave the range as you would expect to find it on the next night.
- On a Wednesday, if members are shooting, please **DO NOT** enter or leave the range, please refrain from talking on the range until all members have completed their shooting. If more than 5 people are shooting then please do not hog a lane, shoot your details and then swap over, let somebody else have a turn, we do not expect the range officer to intervene and ask people to leave their lane so that others can shoot their cards – regardless of what types of cards are being shot.
- As we do with .22 rimfire, we ask that magazine fed rifles are not used, they can be a distraction to others, especially when competition shooting is taking place.

It might sound like these are petty things but put together they will all help to make our experience at the club a safer and more enjoyable one. It's the little things which make a big difference. If you have any other thoughts on this subject, I'd like to hear them.

Thank you for your understanding.

TARGETS!

Again, having recently sorted through the waste target box in the corner of the club room, it was noticed that several targets had been thrown away which were perfectly reusable. There were many cards which had not been completely used, therefore the unused parts were able to be turned into sighters or practice two-spots. There were half used sighters, these have been put back into the sighter box. There have also been pistol cards with only a couple of shots on them, perfectly reusable as practice cards if you highlight the pre-shot holes before reusing them. This is also the same for rifle cards.

For reference targets currently cost:

Pistol = 4.6p per target. Minimum purchase is 3000. £138.80 per 3000.

25yrd prone = 11p per target. Minimum purchase is 1000. £110 per 1000

25yd benchrest = 11.9p per target. Minimum purchase is 1000. £119 per 1000.

The club currently tries to balance the membership fees against running costs. However, if targets continue to be misused, then the committee may be forced into revisiting the discussions around introducing charges for targets.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025!

Starting from October 2024 (the new club year), it is requested that all quarterly payments should be made within 1 month of being due. As always, reminders will be sent out with details of what is due and when.

Please **DO NOT** make your October payment until requested as the end of year books are still in the process of being audited. You will be informed as to when to pay and what is to be paid.

Moving into the 2025 club year (October 2024 - September 2025), we will still accept quarterly payments, the cut off periods for each quarter are detailed below:

Quarter 1: October – December

Do not pay until requested, this is to ensure the final audit of the 2024 accounts can be finalised. Details will be sent out.

Quarter 2: January – March

Payment must be made by 31st January 2025.

Quarter 3: April – June

Payment must be made by 30th April 2025.

Quarter 4: July – September

Payment must be made by 31st July 2025.

Failure to make payments by the dates shown above may result in termination of membership or suspension of membership until payment received (if the member holds a FAC).

The club also reserves the right to request that any outstanding membership fees for the year to be settled in full should payments continue to be missed.

Please also note that as the club now incurs bank charges for certain transactions, payments for membership should be made by bank transfer, details can be provided if requested.

PRESENTATION/SOCIAL EVENING 2025!

After careful consideration and a number of discussions, we have decided that it's time to call an end to the annual social evenings. The decision was made after taking a number of factors into consideration, these include the ever-increasing time and effort being spent on organising and delivering the event and increasing costs.

We've also noticed that whilst some members are quick to offer feedback on how previous events were organised/delivered, there's been very few suggestions given on how to improve them moving forward, which sadly makes it very difficult for us to improve on the previous year, and we just can't think of what to do next.

We did come up with a few possible alternatives:

- 1) Somebody else takes over the reins and organise/hosts the evening, allowing the tradition to continue.
- 2) All certificates/trophies will be made available at the club for collection after a certain date in the new year - members to be notified when they are ready for collection.
- 3) We have a club trip somewhere, here's a few suggestions...
 - a) The Northern Shooting Show in Harrogate. Tickets to be block purchased in advance and transportation organised.
 - b) Point Blank, it's a shooting-based activity based in Manchester City Centre. Food/Drink can be purchased individually whilst there. This has the option of venturing out and about town afterwards.
 - c) Maybe a clay shooting day for those who wish to try it out.
 - d) Periodically have nights out in Bury – starting at The Robert Peel.

Under option number 3, points 'a' and 'b' would require members to commit and pay for tickets etc in advance and would be a strict first come first served event, with limited numbers and tickets would be non-refundable. Point 'c' is limited numbers and pay on the day, suitable hearing protection and outdoor clothing required.

All the above options are designed to get members together, socialising outside of the club room. Any event organised would be published on the notice board and on the club Facebook Group.

None of the above suggestions would be club subsidised.

All that is left for us to say is a huge "thank you" to all of those who have supported the evenings over the past 10 years, they have been fun, with some better than others, but we do honestly feel that our time as organisers/hosts has come to an end. Saying that, it would be good if somebody else took over the reins and found a way of injecting new life and ideas into the event.

Thanks again
Wayne & Carl

2024 AGM!

This years AGM is scheduled to be held on 12th November at the club, starting at 7pm (prompt). Attending numbers over the past few years have slowly dropped to a point where, at a recent meeting, we were unable to vote on items due to the lack of attendees.

We politely request that you make every effort to attend. The AGM is a time where you can voice your opinions and have a say in how the club is run, as they say, “if you don’t vote – you have no voice”.

It is also noted, that at this years AGM we will sadly be losing one of our most valued and committed members of the committee, our Chairperson will be standing down. Not only is this an ideal time to pass on our extreme and heartfelt thanks, it will also be the time to elect a new chairperson. Certain conditions may apply, but if you think you may be interested, please get in touch with the secretary and have a chat.