



# Shoot

Bury Rifle Club Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

Dear Member

It's been a quite a while since we had a newsletter, however with the club now getting back to normal, I feel it's time that they restarted.

Over the past several months many of our members have been getting used to coming back and I'm pleased to say that we have now also taken on new members since reopening. Hopefully there will be some more newcomers soon, but it's great to see so many of you back and enjoying what you do.

Sadly, it's still safe to say that covid has not gone away, as I myself found out not long back, therefore we should continue to be vigilant and take care.

Moving on.... many of you will be familiar with these newsletters and their content. For those who have received this for the first time, the newsletter is used to pass on information regarding official club business which is of interest to the members and also advertise any upcoming events, celebrate recent achievements and generally keep members informed about all sorts of stuff which is club related.... and before you ask YES.... "Spot The Error" is back, but this time with a STAR PRIZE.... whoooo I hear you say. In this edition of Shoot, there will be an intentional error.... first to find it and let me know will win either a box of ammunition or tin of pellets (which ever they choose - but limited to cheapest brand 😊)

So, get reading, good luck and enjoy, the winner of "spot the error" will be announced on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, with their name also appearing in the next issue.

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.

# The Lease!

As most of you are aware, we were offered a lengthy lease by Bury council. After taking legal advice it has been decided that the lease, as it stands, is not sufficient enough and requires a little bit of work to get it approved. The committee have been working hard to put together documents expressing our concerns/requests, and these have now been passed back to the council for their attention. Hopefully it won't be long before the council responds, and we can get the lease approved and finalised.

## Ongoing ground works!

The committee are aware that some of our members have raised concerns with the current state of the grounds due to the ongoing works being undertaken on the fields. These concerns are being raised with those involved and hopefully by the time of the next newsletter we will have some news. In the meantime, please hang in there, it's not going to be forever.

## Cumbria Competition!

The club version of Cumbria is now well underway, sadly an administration error (which was beyond our control), prevented us from taking part in the main summer season, however, with a great amount of time, effort and organisation from our resident rifle captain – Brian, we are able to run an in-house version so that our members can keep their fingers and eyes finely tuned. The first few entries were flexible however it has been noted by many that the last few rounds are date restricted – details below. I can also announce that, just like Cumbria, there will be a winners and runners up medal for both rifle and pistol. So as the saying goes.... **Don't drop your last shot..**

Round 6 – to be shot by 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Round 7 – to be shot by 1<sup>st</sup> August  
Round 8 – to be shot by 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Round 9 – to be shot by 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Round 10 – to be shot by 12<sup>st</sup> September

As mentioned, there will be awards for the winners and runners up. These will be awarded at our next Social Evening.... details for this are later on in the newsletter.

## Summer Fun Shoot!

I had planned to organise a fun shoot to take place over summer, but sadly with covid and people now taking their summer holidays, it's doubtful that this will take place. However, all is not lost, there will definitely be a Christmas Fun Shoot, with snacks, traditional jigsaw, and the members all-time favourite – Brians selection of all time Christmas Hits, to keep us all in good festive spirits. Details will be posted on the notice board when the time arrives.

We were also going to award some Cumbria medals at the summer fun shoot, but these will now be awarded at the next Social Evening.... as mentioned – details later on in the newsletter.

# Sadly something a little less cheerful...

Over the past few weeks I've had some feedback which indicates that not everyone is happy with the way our range officers are conducting their duties and after getting some feedback, it is felt that the following needs to be addressed.

Opening times - the current club opening times are:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire 19:00 – 21:00 Airguns 21:00 – 22:00	18:30 – 20:30 Airguns only (times under review)	14:00 – 16:00 .22 rimfire	19:00 – 22:00 .22 rimfire 19:00 – 21:00 Airguns 21:00 – 22:00

We politely request that members do not enter the range until the range officer for that night has given the all clear to do so. Anyone arriving early may be asked to wait.

It is requested that all members please bear in mind that range officers are volunteers who also have other commitments outside of the club and, at times, may be delayed slightly. All services provided by our range officers (which I'm sure we all appreciate) are provided on a best-efforts basis. Please also bear in mind, the number of range officers are lower than what they used to be.

If you feel you can lend a hand and volunteer some time every now and then, please get in touch. Conditions of being a range officer are laid out below.

- 1) A range officer must have a valid FAC in order to possess a full set of keys in order to satisfactorily run a Monday or Friday session.
- 2) A member can be a range officer without a valid FAC but will only be suitable to run Wednesday evenings as only a door key will be provided.
- 3) A range officer must be able to stay at the club until the last person has finished, as the range officer is normally required to ensure everything is secured, switched off and the building locked up and secure.
- 4) Range officers are there to control the range and activities and not to shoot.
- 5) Cover may be required at short notice for other range officers.

A rota would be provided and any night which is not convenient can be swapped on the basis that anyone swapping will normally be expected to repay their night, this keeps it fair for everyone else.

If you want to be part of the team and make a difference, then please let me know 

# Social Evening 🎉

The Bury Rifle Club Social Evening is a great place and time to catch up with all your fellow members that you don't get to see as they may attend on nights you are not there.

We tried to organise an evening this year but at such late notice many members could not attend. Therefore, it's been decided that it will be postponed until the usual time of mid-late February 2023. A notice is on the table at the club, so if you are interested please enter your details.

For those who have not attended one before, this is where we award all the medals and trophies which have been won in the previous year, we have raffles, quizzes, fun/games, bingo.... Basically, lots of fun and a great time.

Thanks to our club captains we will have official Cumbria medals, club Cumbria medals, club awards, club champion awards and many others. There's lots to celebrate.

So why not put your name down, come along and have a great evening, not only will there be all that's mentioned above but we will even feed you - sadly though the bar is not free.

...and finally



Find us on Facebook.

Another great way to keep in touch with all the other members is by joining the Facebook Group. It's a live forum related to the club and all things shooting, but to be honest anything goes as long as it's legal.

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.