

THE GALLERY RIFLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are well in to our our preparations for the National Championships and hope to see many of you here again at Bisley, in August.

Don't forget that in addition to the usual events, you also have the opportunity to compete for the honour of being British Champion in some of them.

All you have to do is enter in the usual way. Your score will automatically put you in contention for a championship.

You will soon receive an entry form through your letter box and the online entry system will be up and running very soon.

Championship events in 2008 are

Gallery Rifle Centre Fire

1500

Bianchi

T&P 1 and Multi-Target Aggregate

25m and 50m Precision Aggregate.

Gallery Rifle Small Bore

1500

Bianchi

T&P 1 and Multi-Target Aggregate

25m and 50m Precision Aggregate.

HOME COUNTRIES NATIONAL MATCH

Late on Saturday afternoon, 23rd August, on Melville, teams from England, Wales and possibly Scotland will compete shoulder to shoulder in the Gallery Rifle Home Countries National Match. Previously run as an informal match, this year the teams have full national status awarded by the National Governing Bodies.

This is an annual event, which may well grow in time and this year, teams of four will compete in Timed & Precision One and Multi-Target aggregates in both GRSB and GRCF. If you are around Melville on Saturday afternoon or have finished shooting for the day come and support your country.

MAN v MAN

This increasingly popular event for GRSB shot on electronic targets will be held on Melville D at 1100 on Saturday with the finals just after lunch. All proceeds go to the NRA Overseas Team Fund. If you are free and especially if you know one of the competitors, do come along and offer friendly advice and encouragement – or the reverse!

SECURITY AWAY FROM HOME

On the weekend of 6th/7th July two well known gallery rifle competitors had guns stolen from their car on their way to Derby.

This is a reminder for us all to review our own security arrangements. We are all potentially at risk on journeys to and from the local club and when travelling further a field to meetings around the country.

First of all, you should look at the guidance notes produced by the Home Office: page 116 of Firearms Law – Guidance to the Police 2002 or the first page of Part 7 of the Firearms Security Handbook 2005, which you can download [here](#).

Firearms Law - Guidance to the Police 2002
Security Handbook 2005

You should then check with your local licensing authority's website as some also publish their own guidelines.

It is well worth spending a few minutes thinking about what you do when away from home and if there is anything you could do better.

Both the NRA and BASC offer insurance and support in matters to do with firearms legislation. Members should always contact their association when in difficulty if they are in any doubt as to what action to take.

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

On 11th July the United Kingdom National Team won the first European Team Championship in Ireland. Congratulations to them for their achievement.

The match was put on by Fermoy Rifle Club at their excellent range in County Cork. This will be an annual event held by each participating country in turn under the auspices of the European Gallery Rifle Federation. It may well grow in size but for now teams of four compete in the Gallery Rifle Centre Fire 1500 event.

See you at the National Championships, if not before.

Good shooting and good luck!

Brian Thomas